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Bryce's Color of the Publisher... Fostering ideas, conversations and arguments.

Facts matter. So let's skip the rhetoric and get to the indisputable realities. Let's talk about public education.

How often are we hearing, "Before the Department of Education, the U.S. was number one! Now we rank 31st. We spend more than anyone and 28% of grads can't even read. The DOE failed. Let the states handle it again."

Sounds bold, right? Too bad most of it is dead wrong. Let's break it down. Slowly. Loudly.

1. "We were number one before the Department of Education."

Oh? Says who?

The U.S. Department of Education was created in 1980. The PISA test (the gold standard for comparing education across countries) didn't even exist until 2000. There were no international rankings before that. No standardized tests between nations. No way to compare performance.

So where's the proof we were "number one"?

There isn't any. Because it didn't exist. That's not a fact; it's nostalgia. You weren't first in a race that hadn't started yet.

2. "Now we rank 31st."

In what, exactly?

Because there are two kinds of education rankings, and people love to smash them together like they mean the same thing.

A. PISA = actual test scores from real kids.

This tests 15-year-olds around the world in reading, math, and science.

The U.S. PISA 2022 (it's done every 3 years) results: 6th in reading, 13th in science, and 28th in math.

We're not failing. We're holding our own, without training our kids for it, by the way (more on that later).

And remember: In 2000, PISA had 30 countries. Now it's 80-plus. So yes, the ranking shifted. That doesn't mean we tanked. It means the field grew.

B. Education systems (like WPR) indes how the system looks on paper.

This is where the "31st" stat comes from. These rankings measure enrollment, literacy, spending, teacher ratios, graduation rates, and system efficiency. That's not about how smart our students are; it's about how effective our bureaucracy is.

And yeah, ours is a hot mess. But that's a systems problem because we are decentralized. It's not a student problem.

3. "We spend more than anyone!"

We do. Because we're massive, we are the size of an entire continent, unequal, and decentralized to the point of dysfunction. Want to compare to other top countries. South Korea (51M) is equal to California plus part of Texas. Denmark (6M) equals Wisconsin. The Netherlands (17.5M) equals New York. Get it?

These countries have one national curriculum, one funding system, and one set of laws.

We have 50 state systems, more than 13,000 school districts, no national standards, and local property tax funding so rich zip codes thrive and poor ones drown. Think 3D printers and solar panels versus leaking ceilings and no library. Same country. Same flag. Two different worlds. Of course we spend more. We're funding chaos.

4. "28% of grads can't read past a fifth-grade level."

That number is totally made up. We do have literacy issues, but they're not because kids are lazy or dumb. They're because early childhood education is optional—not guaranteed. Schools in low-income areas don't get the same resources. Reading specialists are being cut, not hired. Lids come to school hungry, sick, or scared. So let's stop blaming kids for failing systems. They can't read when the school can't even afford books.

5. "The Department of Education is a failure."

Or maybe... you just don't understand what it does. Let's be clear. Despite what you've heard, here's what it does NOT do: Choose your kid's curriculum, write textbooks, approve lesson plans, invent common core, control what your school teaches. All of those are under state and local control.

What the DOE actually DOES: enforces civil rights in education (Title IX, IDEA, disability rights, racial equity); sends federal funding to underfunded schools; provides support for English learners, special education, and rural students; administers Pell Grants and federal student loans; and gathers data so we know what's working (and what's not).

So, if you kill the DOE, you cut support for kids with disabilities, protections



for non-English speakers, funding for rural schools (that's you, much of lowa!), grants for low-income students, and accountability for states that are actively failing children.

6. "Let the states decide."

Newsflash: They already do. There is no national curriculum. There is no federal standard for what kids learn. That's why evolution is taught in some states and questioned in others; black history is expanded in some districts and banned in others; some states offer world-class public education... and for others, barely the basics.

So, if you're mad about what your kid is learning or not learning, don't blame the DOE, blame your state. Blame your local school board because that's who's in charge.

The problem isn't about too much federal control, it's not enough support for the states that are failing their students.

7. "Other countries prep for PISA. We don't."

Top performing countries like Singapore and South Korea train for PISA. They build their curriculum around it. They do mock tests. They align teaching methods with the skills the test measures. Our kids show up and take it cold, then go back to class like nothing happened. No one even explains what the test is. And guess what? We still came in 6th in reading. Imagine what we could do if we actually prepared.

The real reason they want to abolish the DOE is not because it failed but because it

does things they don't like such as protecting marginalized kids, enforces civil rights, and sends money where states don't want to and holds people accountable.

Getting rid of it won't hurt your wealthy district with robotics clubs and parent-funded libraries. It will hurt disabled students, low-income schools, rural districts with no tax base, immigrant kids (you know, the boogeyman!), English learners, and students who rely on someone—anyone—to fight for them.

This isn't about shrinking government, it's about shrinking opportunity, shrinking equity, and letting kids fall through the cracks on purpose. In case you wonder if it would ruin lowa, consider what our voucher program is already doing. It's already purposefully diverting millions of dollars from public schools to wealthy, almost exclusively Christian families, for private schools. Do you think we're magically going to start diverting funds to poor farm kids, special needs, and ethnically diverse kids when it becomes wholly our responsibility? We can't even agree to give all human beings in Iowa the same civil rights, and that should been a chip shot.

So next time someone says, "We were better off before the Department of Education," ask them for data. They won't have it.

I've borrowed most of these researched words as they evoke my feelings on the issue. Everything in this post is based on real data: PISA 2022, Department of Education records, NCES, and education policy research. ■

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Dubuque County Reads

WHAT MY BONES KNOW BY STEPHANIE FOO

NOW THROUGH APRIL 14 VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE COUNTY

Now in its third year, the Dubuque County Reads program returns this spring with a new book selection, community discussions, and special events. The 2025 selected title is What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma by New York Times best selling author Stephanie Foo. Copies of the book are available to borrow now from participating Dubuque County libraries.

Book discussions will take place throughout Dubuque County from April 1 to 14. Prior to the book discussions, the University of Dubuque will host a kick-off event with a panel of

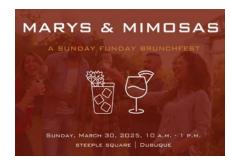
local mental health experts on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center Black Box Theater. The highlight of this year's lineup is a meet and greet with the author, Stephanie Foo, on Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the third-floor commons at Loras College. All Dubuque County Reads events are free and open to the public.

What My Bones Know (2022) is a powerful, enlightening, and hopeful memoir by acclaimed journalist Stephanie Foo. This brave narrative reckons with the hold of the past over the present, the mind over the body, and examines one woman's ability to reclaim agency from her trauma.

Author Stephanie Foo is a writer, radio producer, a noted speaker, and instructor. Her work has aired on several National Public Radio programs including This American Life, Snap Judgment, and Radiolab. Her writing has been published in Vox and The New York Times.

Dubuque County Reads is a countywide initiative that encourages community members to read a common book and come together for productive conversation. This annual initiative is organized by nine Dubuque County libraries-Cascade Public Library, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Clarke University Library, Divine Word College Library, Dubuque County Library District, James Kennedy Public Library, Loras College Library, University of Dubuque Library, and Wartburg Theological Seminary Library. For more information, visit

bit.ly/DubCoReads25.



3RD ANNUAL

Marys & **Mimosas: A Sunday Funday Brunchfest**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 @ 10 AM-1 PM STEEPLE SQUARE (101 E 15TH ST)

Join for our 3rd Annual Marys & Mimosas: A Sunday Funday Brunchfest. Enjoy drinks, food samples, live music by Kristina Marie Castañeda, and

shopping at Steeple Square on Sunday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets include three mimosas, Bloody Marys, or mocktails; a souvenir glass; and food samples from the vendors.

All proceeds go to Steeple Square, a nonprofit organization that's restoring economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and social and cultural vibrancy to the Dubuque community. They focus on training, education and job-readiness in partnership with local organizations: arts, culture and tourism in downtown Dubuque; high-quality, downtown childcare; and campus sustainability and historic preservation

Come enjoy a fun Sunday with your squad as you feast on a variety of brunch delights. Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity to unwind, have fun and support a good cause!

Limited to 200 people, tickets are \$45 in advance or \$55 door if tickets remain. Cash, check, and credit are accepted. For more information, call 563-235-3584 or visit steeplesquare.com.

CLARKE University

is thrilled to host some of your favorite long-standing summer activities and introduce a few new ones for 2025! Programs cover a wide range of ages and interests, each proudly led by Clarke faculty and staff with the help of area professionals and alumni.



SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER LITERACY CAMP AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

JUNE 10-JULY 2 | Students entering grades 1-6 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays Cost: \$150 | Scholarships are available!

Led by Clarke University's Education Department, and open to ALL students entering grades 1-6 regardless of the school they attend. This camp uses fun and effective strategies to build the reading skills of emerging and reluctant readers, as well as those with a love for books.

WELLNESS CAMP

JUNE 19 | Students ages 8-11 | 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. | Cost: \$25
This day allows your child to explore a future in medicine while also performing fun, age-appropriate activities that cover nutrition, exercise, brain health, and more. Students even get to try out Clarke's Simulation Lab, which mimics a real hospital.

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STRING CAMP

JUNE 23-29 | Students entering grades 7-12

Encourage your growing musician to build their confidence and sharpen their skills with support from professional musicians from across the Midwest. The camp culminates in a performance at the DSO's Summer Melodies concert at the Alliant Ampitheater.

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP

JUNE 23-29 | Students entering grades 10-12

Perfect for advanced string players wanting to take their skills to the next level. Students spend the week exploring new repertoire and the diverse world of small ensemble playing before closing out camp with a public performance. An audition is required, with a submission deadline of April 15, 2025.

SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

Cost: FREE | Application required | Selection is competitive, see website to learn more.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

JULY 21-26 Students entering grades 10-12

10 a.m.–Noon | Students will explore writing genres, use them for inspiration, and participate in workshops to give feedback and revise their work.

GAME DEVELOPMENT WITH VIRTUAL REALITY

JULY 28-AUGUST 1 Students entering grades 10-12 Noon-4 p.m. | This experience will teach game development and VR user experience, with the team creating and testing virtual environments before final delivery.

SPECIAL DISSECTION: HEAD AND NECK

AUGUST 4-8 Students entering grades 11-12
10 a.m.-Noon | Perform head and neck dissections in
Clarke University's cadaver lab, focusing on key structures
like the muscles of mastication, external carotid artery
branches, and suprahyoid muscles.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

CHEER & DANCE CAMP

APRIL 12 | Students in grades PreK-8 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Cost :\$50

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS JUNE 4-JULY 30

High School and Club Teams | Cost: \$350 per team

WOMEN'S ELITE ID SOCCER CAMP

AUGUST 7 | Open to High School/Transfers | Cost: \$75

YOUTH GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 21-23 | 9 a.m.-Noon | Students entering grades 3-8

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS LED BY MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

JULY 24-25

- Cuttie Camp: Boys & girls entering grades 1-5 8-10:30 a.m. | Cost: \$50
- Pride Blue Camp: Boys & girls entering grades 6-8 with 1 year or less experience (beginner skills) Noon-2:30 p.m. | Cost: \$60
- Pride Gold Camp: Boys & girls entering grades 6-8 with 2+ years of experience (position-specific & competitive play) 3-5:30 p.m. | Cost: \$70







MACKIN-MAILANDER LECTURE SERIES

Chrissy Bartels

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 @ 7 PM **CLARKE UNIVERSITY JANSEN** MUSIC HALL (1550 CLARKE DR)

The Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series at Clarke University features Chrissy Bartels on Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. Titled "Crucial Conversations: Turning Pain Into Purpose And Setbacks Into Success," the lecture takes place in Jansen Music Hall.

Assistant Professor of Communication Chrissy Hogue Bartels will share her powerful experiences as an actor, educator, filmmaker, and more. Chrissy has been featured on Chicago PD and recently won the Best Supporting Actor Award

from the Iowa Motion Picture Association for her role in A Swan's Song, written and directed by her fellow Clarke faculty member and sister Jen Hogue. Additionally, she has been heavily involved in the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival, as well as local live productions such as The Vagina Monologues.

"I'm sharing my story—one filled with unexpected twists, painful losses, and hard-won victories," Chrissy said. "From a rough start in life and a brush with fate on 9/11 to chasing a Hollywood dream for decades and wrestling with personal demons. I've learned that it's often the toughest conversations that shape who we become. I'm not just here to share my story. I want to give the audience practical tools for tackling life's toughest conversations, whether they're with others or the voice in your own head."

The Clarke University Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series was established in 1997 after Clarke received gifts from two alumnae, Mary Mackin '34 and Verna Slattery-Mailander '20, to establish an endowed lecture series. The annual series consists of three lectures, including a prominent outside speaker, a faculty lecture, and an alumni lecture.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit clarke.edu.

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Climate Action Festival

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 @ 4-6 PM **LORAS COLLEGE ALUMNI CAMPUS CENTER (754 LORAS COLLEGE PKWY)**

The Dubuque Colleges Sustainability Coalition hosts the Climate Action Festival from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at the Loras College Alumni Campus Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The Climate Action Festival features short informational sessions on the relationship between human health and climate, communicating and understanding science information, and the intersection of climate change and spirituality, as well as celebrating nature through

dance and arts and crafts. Each session will be led by faculty, staff, and student volunteers. Additionally, there will be exhibits from student artists from the area colleges whose works explore these topics in various forms.

"Climate change is this huge concept and at times that can feel overwhelming. This event and the presenters involved are focused on resources and behavior changes that anyone can implement," said Ashlev Noonan, Sustainability Coordinator for the University of Dubuque and the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency. "This free event offers a first step for anyone to make a difference in our community."

The Dubuque Colleges Sustainability Coalition is composed of eight institutions of higher learning in the Dubuque area: Capri College, Clarke University, Divine Word College, Emmaus Bible College, Loras College, Northeast Iowa Community College, University of Dubuque, and Wartburg Theological Seminary. Through shared resources and collaborative thinking, they strive to bring sustainable practices and ideas to our campuses and the greater community.

For more information, visit

DBQsustainability.org.

THU 3/27



Tri-State Martini Shake Off

5:30-9 PM @ STEEPLE SQUARE Sip on dozens of martinis and nosh on delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by local bars and restaurants, join in the fun on a silent auction, and enjoy music from The Danny Parker Project 2.0. At the end of the night, awards will be presented in several categories. All proceeds go to the HAVIife Foundation, which works to prevent lost potential in today's youth by providing grants for participation in music, arts and athletics. The HAVlife Foundation was established in 2007 to honor Hunter Aaron Vondran, who passed away at the young age of 13

due to injuries sustained in a tragic accident. \$50. 101 E 15th St. **tristates.havlife.org**.

SUN 3/30



The Living Last Supper

3 PM @ CROSSROADS CHURCH (PEOSTA, IA) 3/30 @ Crossroads Church (Peosta, IA); 4/5 @ Connections Church (Dyersville, IA); 4/13 @ St. Peter Lutheran Church; 4/17 @ Grand Opera House. The Living Last Supper Ministry is a group of men, women, and children, that present the Gospel through the dramatization of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The 40-plus people participating in the ministry come from many Christian denominations in and around

the Dubuque area. Each event includes an introduction to each of the disciples, foot washing, the Lord's Supper, the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, music selections, children's presentation, and audience participation. This year's theme is: Never Alone and is based on Matthew 28:20. facebook.com/
LivingLastSupperDBQ.

Broad Ideas Spoken Word Closing

3-5 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL) Experience the amazing performances from multiple poets, storytellers. and writers. Champagne and chocolate toast immediately after. Broad Ideas is a community arts show committed to inclusion by dismantling patriarchy and misogyny through the telling of our stories. Broad Ideas purposely includes a wide range of ideas, artists, abilities, and events. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. Broadideas.org.

MON 3/31



Transgender Day of Visibility: The People's Joker Screening

6 PM @ THE LACY MANSION In the absurdist autobiographically-inspired dark comedy, a painfully unfunny aspiring clown (Vera Drew as Joker the Harlequin) grapples with her gender identity while unsuccessfully attempting to join the ranks of Gotham City's sole comedy program in a world where comedy has been outlawed. Uniting with a ragtag team of rejects and misfits, Joker the Harlequin forms an illegal anti-comedy troupe that puts her on a collision course with the devious caped crusader controlling the city. Each year on March 31, the world

observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces. Free. 1640 Main St.

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TUE 4/1



Growing Sustainable Communities Conference

GRAND RIVER CENTER
4/1–4/2. The Growing
Sustainable Communities
Conference offers innovation, education, inspiration, and collaboration on growing sustainable communities.

Sessions feature presenters with a wide range of expertise, including representatives from federal, state, and local governments, along with business and academic leaders from across the country. In addition to learning sessions, the conference includes two keynote luncheons, mobile workshops, a breakfast plenary session, and more. Featured speakers include Rozina Kanchwala. founder and executive director of Eco.Logic; Jeremy Hoffmann, director of climate justice and impact at Groundworks USA; and Lil Milagro Henriquez, founder and executive director of the Mycelium Youth Network, which provides highquality science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) programming to low-income youth. 500 Bell St. cityofdubuque.org/gscc.

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Evening of Light: Kevin Mulcahy

GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)
Riverview Center's Evening of Light is an empowering event giving voice to the resilience of survivors. Keynote speaker Kevin Mulcahy is a former federal prosecutor and survivor of childhood sexual abuse. Hear his story on Thursday, April 10 at 5 p.m. at the Grand River Center.

Kevin Mulcahy has had a distinguished career as a federal prosecutor handling a broad range of criminal cases including those involving firearms, drugs, terrorism, and bank robberies. However, his primary

focus was on prosecuting cases related to child exploitation, including the production of child pornography, trafficking, and other significant crimes against children.

New this year, in addition to his keynote address at the gala, Mulcahy will offer specialized training the day after for law enforcement professionals, sexual assault nurse examiners, sexual and domestic assault advocates, mental health professionals, military victim advocates, child protection center staff and others who work across Riverview Center's 16-county service area in lowa and Illinois. The training will provide vital resources and knowledge to those who work on the frontlines of supporting survivors of sexual and domestic violence. The training will be free for participants.

The Evening of Light Gala includes a formal dinner, a silent auction featuring exclusive items donated by local businesses, a raffle, and inspiring stories from and about survivors whose lives have been transformed through the organization's services. Hear Kevin discuss how we—individually and through the systems of which we are a part—can do better in preventing harm done to children.

Tickets are \$100. For tickets and more information, call the River View Center at **563-557-0310** or visit **riverviewcenter.org/events**. ■



Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

APRIL 21-27 VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE AND GALENA, IL

The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival (JDIFF) will be celebrating its 14th year of showing the best in independent feature films, documentaries, and shorts on April 21–27 in Dubuque and Galena, IL.

The first two days, April 21 and 22, sees film screenings in Galena, IL at the DeSoto House Hotel, Galena Center for the Arts, and Country Inn & Suites Galena. The

remaining five days, April 23–27, boasts full screenings in Dubuque in venues throughout downtown and at Phoenix Theatres. JDIFF is excited to screen in both Galena and Dubuque this year!

Tickets and film selections go on sale on April 1 at **JulienFilmFest.com**. Many evening events, panels, and workshops also take place during the week along with Q&A with filmmakers following the films, documentaries, and even the short films.

Directors, producers, actors, and more embark on Dubuque for this great week of film. It's an event you do not want to miss.

For all details, check out our next issue of *365ink Magazine* or visit **JulienFilmFest.com**. ■

THU **4/3**

Empowering Immigrants and Refugees

8-11:30 AM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY ATRIUM

Clarke University Social Work
Department Conference,
Empowering Immigrants
and Refugees, will focus
on the current laws, local
enforcement practices, and
support services specific to
immigrants and refugees.
Registration and information
and resource booths begin at
8 a.m. followed by the conference at 8:30 a.m. Free. 1550
Clarke Dr. 563-588-6516.
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Museum Xtra: Renovation Tour

5:30-7:30 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

This program showcases the William Woodward Mississippi River Center renovations, highlighting completed work and upcoming projects. It also provides an inside look at the design and development of exhibits and signage, followed by a guided tour. Members: Free; non-members: \$10. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. **RiverMuseum.org**.

Nickel Boys Movie Screening

6-9 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM Based on the Pulitzer-Prize winning novel by Colson Whitehead, and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture, the historical drama Nickel Boys (2024) follows the friendship between two Black teens as they struggle to survive at a brutal reform school in the Jim Crow South. This 2 hour 20 minute movie is rated PG-13. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

YoGala

6-9 PM @ HOTEL

JULIEN DUBUQUE YoGala is a celebration of yoga and mindfulness helping to support mindful education and brain health. Join for a night of live music, a cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and more. This year's theme, Kindness in the Community, honors individuals who have made a meaningful impact through acts of generosity and compassion. The Kindness Innovator Award will be presented to one outstanding individual, while all nominees will receive a certificate of recognition. Your attendance helps support Mindful Minutes in its mission to bring mindfulness, education, and community well-being programs to those who need them most. Sponsorship opportunities are available. \$75. 200

FRI **4/4**

Main St. 815-718-5353.

mindfulmins com



Introduction to Silverpoint and Egg Tempera

9 AM-4 PM @ BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER

4/4-4/6. Renaissance artists used silver wire to create delicate underdrawings in panel paintings as well as fine, finished drawings. Join artist E E Kono in this threeday workshop to explore the materials and techniques she uses to create egg tempera paintings. The class covers the essentials of developing silverpoint rendering, image transfer, pigments, making paint, a variety of brushwork as well as historical context. Partially supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Iowa Arts Council. Ages 18+. Workshop: \$340; Materials: \$70. 1201 Locust St. 563-239-9377. bluffstrokes.org.

Cooking Class: Asian Spring Rolls & Egg Rolls

6-7:30 PM @ GALENA
ARC (GALENA, IL)
Lynn Kaufman of Lynnie's'
Kitchen will teach you how
to create spring rolls, egg
rolls, crab rangoons, and one
dipping sauce. Make and take
home to bake class. \$45/
team. 11084 W US HWY 20,
Galena, IL. 815-777-2248.
galenaarc.org.

Frankenstein Slept Here

7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY TERENCE DONAGHOE THEATRE 4/4-4/5 at 7 p.m., 4/6 at 2 p.m. Baroness Frankenstein has opened her castle to all those who can't cope with the outside world, including a descendant of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Medusa, Vampira, the Mummy, the mad Igor, a Phantom Bride and the Invisible Man. When an American society matron comes to visit, what can she do but have the creatures pose as servants? 1550 Clarke $\label{eq:decomposition} \mbox{Dr. clarke.edu/artsatclarke}.$



Haunted Galena Conference

DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)

4/4-4/6. Embrace the darkness for the fourth annual Haunted Galena Conference with features speakers and workshops on hauntings, dark history, folklore, ghosts, psychic mediumship, and various aspects of the paranormal. There are also optional special after hours events (additional registration required), including paranormal investigations with Spirit Society Paranormal, workshops and performances. Browse vendors offering books, art and other paranormal-themed items. \$75. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. 815-990-7203. hauntedgalenatour company.com.

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SAT 4/5



Celebrate Africa

NOON-3 PM@ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

The MFC showcases the culture and vibes of Africa. Enjoy African food, dancing, fashion show, and African drumming. Free. 1157 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. mfcdbq.org.



Dubuque Riverboat Gamblers Rugby vs Oshkosh

1 PM @ OFFSIDE BAR AND GRILL

Reloaded and re-energized, the Dubuque Riverboat Gamblers begin their fourth year of spring rugby. Catch them for their home game against Oshkosh. All participants are welcome at practice where you will find high school boys and girls teams intermixing practice with the men's club. Soon there will be a women's senior side team to enjoy as well. 16963 Rooster Ln.

facebook.com/ DubuqueRugby.

5th Annual Slow

Art Day 1-2:30 PM @ PLATTEVILLE **COMMUNITY ARBORETUM** TRAIL (PLATTEVILLE, WI) Taking cues from other galleries around the world, Rountree Gallery volunteer Heidi Dyas-McBeth chose to utilize a few sculptural pieces of art along the Platteville Community Arboretum (PCA) trail. Participants will receive a slow looking guide with prompts to consider as they spend time with each work of art. Rain site: Rountree Gallery. 994 Valley Rd, Platteville, Wl. rountreegallery.org.

Oscar Mireles Poetry Reading and Discussion

2-4 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY **April is National Poetry** Month, a time to celebrate the creative expression of poetry and its importance in our culture. Join Wisconsin-based poet, artist, educator, and advocate Oscar Mireles for a poetry reading and discussion of his three anthologies featuring the work of Hispanic poets and writers. Mireles is a published poet and editor of three anthologies titled "I Didn't Know There Were Latinos In Wisconsin." Mireles was selected to serve as the Madison Poet Laureate from 2015 to 2020, an honorary position that nurtures poetry in Madison, WI. Free. 360 W 11th St. carnegiestout.org.



Galena Shakespeare **Festival Presents Nathaniel Hawthorne's Greek** Myths... Served **American Style** 6:30 PM @ CHARLIE'S

PLACE (GALENA, IL) Charlie's Place and the Galena Shakespeare Festival have teamed up to bring you a brand-new immersive experience that shows you just how much of a sitcom Greek myths really are. Inspired by Nathaniel Hawthorne's modern takes on timeless tales, the performance will take place in Charlie's Place, a real, classic American diner on Main Street USA These Greek myths may be thousands of years old, but you can experience them in a living, breathing, contemporary world where we're reminded that whether you're a mortal, a god, or somewhere in-between, we're all human, and ultimately our stories are all the same. Pre-show cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., performance at 6:30 p.m. \$15. 200 N Main St, Galena, IL. GalenaShakes.com/tickets.

WED 4/9

AMP Conference

NOON-4 PM @ STEEPLE SQUARE Does everything marketing, advertising, and design get you amped? Are you looking to take your career to the next level and connect with like-minded professionals and creatives? Join AAF Dubuque for the first annual AMP Conference, a half-day conference at Steeple Square to ignite innovative ideas and strategies to help elevate your brand or business. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just beginning your journey, this event offers the perfect opportunity to learn, collaborate, and elevate your approach to marketing and branding locally. The afternoon of professional

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community together to

engage in an afternoon of

all things advertising, media

and partnerships. RSVP by

member): \$60; Professional

(member): \$50; Student: \$30.

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101 E 15th St. **aafdbq.org**.



George Washington Middle School **Presents Willy Wonka**

7 PM @ GEORGE

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ROLING AUDITORIUM 4/10-4/12 at 7 p.m., 4/13 at 2 p.m. More than 150 middle school students are performing on-stage and working behind the scenes to produce Willy Wonka. The show is approximately 2 hours in length and will include one 15-minute intermission. Accessible seating is available upon request (please call ahead). \$12. 51 N Grandview Ave. 563-543-6024. seatyourself.biz/gwms.

SAT **4/12**



Baby & Toddler Fair

10 AM-1 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

Families with kids ages 0 to 5 years old and expecting parents are invited to connect with community resources and enjoy activities for toddlers, childhood screenings, toddler prizes, and refreshments. Also available are door prizes for expecting and new parents (babies 0-12 months) including strollers, pack n plays, high chairs, baby swings, and car seats. Hosted by Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, Multicultural Family Center, and Let's Connect for Dubuque County Children. Free. 1157 Central Ave. ggdeming@icloud.com.



Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt

10 AM @ HOLY CROSS PARK (HOLY CROSS, IA) Bring your own bag or basket for the hunt, and children will be separated into age groups. Also enjoy the bake sale. Hosted by the Holy Cross Hometown Pride Committee.



Platteville Mac & Cheese Fest

2-9 PM @ LEGION
PARK BROSKE CENTER
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
The Platteville Dairy Days
Committee brings back Mac
& Cheese Fest, the primary
fundraiser for the 3-day Platteville Dairy Days celebration
held each September. Enter

your mac & cheese recipe in the cook-off. A panel of judges will score each entry, but attendees will have an opportunity to select the "People's Choice" winner. Members of the public can purchase admission tickets for unlimited samples of the mac & cheese entries (while supplies last; children entry does not include samples). In addition to the cook-off, the event will feature music by Beats by Byrnes, raffle prizes. beer stand and an additional food stand. Following the cook-off competition, the fun will continue with live music by the Adam Bartels Band. \$30 ADV/\$40 door, \$5 ages 10 and younger (no samples). 400 Pitt St, Platteville, WI. plattevilledairydays.com.



Dubuque Fighting Saints VS Cedar Rapids RoughRiders

7:05 PM @ IMON ARENA
The Dubuque Fighting
Saints's final home game in
the regular season before
the Clark Cup Playoffs. The
junior hockey team has won
the Clark Cup five times and
is the four-time defending
Cowbell Cup Champions.
Cheer them on at the ImOn
Arena as they celebrate
their 15th anniversary season
as a Tier-1 franchise. \$13+.
1800 Admiral Sheehy Dr.
DubuqueFightingSaints.com.

SUN 4/13



Peosta Easter Egg Hunt

1 PM @ PEOSTA COMMUNITY CENTRE LOWER LEVEL (PEOSTA, IA) Join the city's Easter egg hunt. 7896 Burds Rd, Peosta, IA. cityofpeosta.org.

WED **4/16**

Poetry Slam

5:30 PM @ MISS KITTY'S GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL)

Join host Ted Williams, Galena's Poet Laureate, for an evening filled with powerful words, emotions, and imagination. Poets ages 18 and older compete for cash prizes by performing their original poetry. Judges Ron Jenkins, Jenna Goldsmith. and Angela Trudell Vasquez will evaluate each poet's performance based on skill, stage presence, and creativity. The audience will also have the opportunity to hear poetry from the judges and host. RSVP. Free. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. 815-777-0200. galenapoetryslam. eventbrite.com.

She Unites: The Art of Delighting

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

This month's speaker is Katie Bailey. Through her work both as an advisor in higher education and as a yoga teacher, Katie challenges those that she connects with to foster purposeful lives that are reflective of the incredible gift it is to be here on this earth. Especially when the world feels formidable, taking joy and delight are a vital act of resistance—one that can be learned and actively practiced. Learn why the art of delighting matters—to our bodies, our mental health. our communities, and our world-and walk away with tangible ways to incorporate more pleasure into our daily lives. Free. 210 Jones St.

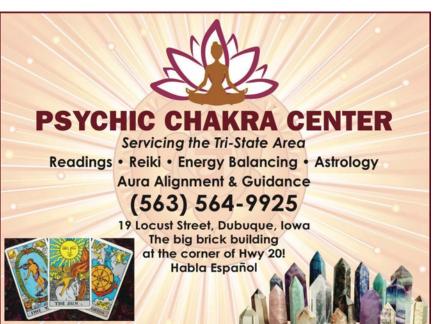
SheUnitesIowa.com/events.



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Ongoing & Recurring Events

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM **TUE & 1*T 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. **SheUniteslowa.com/events**.

FRIDAY

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series

NOON-12:30 PM @ ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ONLINE THROUGH 3/28 This week features Dr. Keisy

This week features Dr. Keis Peyerl-Xavier, piano. The popular season began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's. Over the years, these informal downtown performances have grown to include hundreds of locally and nationally recognized artists. Enjoy time together after the performances in the church's South Hall where coffee and desserts are available Raising funds for People In Need(PIN) and the church's Jesus Fund. Free. 1199 Main St. 563-582-4543. stlukesdbq.org/ fabulousfridays.

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE 1ST FRI

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

SATURDAY

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10–10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

2ND SAT THROUGH 4/12

Northeast lowa 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
15T TUE & 15T SAT THROUGH 5/6

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 4/26 555 JFK Rd.

wintermarketdbq.com.

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

SAT: 9 AM-NOON @
ROUNTREE GALLERY
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)

15^T & 3RD SAT THROUGH 4/19
120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374.

PlattevilleFarmers
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Dirty Dancing in Concert

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Immerse yourself in the timeless romance of *Dirty Dancing* with the film's first-ever live film-to-concert experience. Have the time of your life at the Five Flags Arena on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Watch the digitally remastered movie on a full-size cinema screen while a live band and singers bring the unforgettable soundtrack to life. Following the film, keep the energy going with an encore party, singing and dancing along to your favorite *Dirty Dancing* hits. Experience one of the most beloved movies of the past 35 years in a thrilling, unique way—now live!

Tickets are \$38-\$68. ■



FLY-BY-NIGHT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

American Son

MARCH 28 AND 29 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Fly-By-Night Productions closes out *American Son* at the Five Flags Bijou Room on March 28–29 at 7:30 p.m.

An estranged married black-white biracial couple confront their feelings about race and bias. Desperate to locate their son, they come to the police station. Demanding answers, they content with

an inexperienced white police officer and a more experienced black career police officer. Tension builds to the end, when what occurred finally comes to light.

Join for a talk back following the March 28 performance facilitated by Ernest Jackson with cast and directors.

The subject matter of American Son is mature and recommended for ages 17 and older. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at **FlyByNightDubuque.com**. For more information, call Fly-By-Night Productions at **563-599-9486**. ■

Bands & Bites

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 @ 6 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Mark your calendar for March 29, and join Five Flags Center for an evening filled with great music, delicious food, and plenty of fun at Bands & Bites. Doors open at 5 p.m., and music starts at 6 p.m.

The music lineup features headliners The LoveMonkeys, along with local favorites RatchetJaw, Brushfire Bandits, and Boogie Monster. From rock to funk, these bands will have you dancing and singing along all night.

As the music plays, enjoy some fantastic eats from local food trucks. Whether you're in the mood for smoky barbecue from Downtown BBQ, hearty meals from Hangry Hobo, flavorful tacos from Pulido's Tacos, or sweet treats from Daisy Mae's Cookies and Bakery, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



Presented in partnership with Townsquare Media, featuring 107.5, Eagle 102.3, WJOD, and Y105, and with Adam Zalaznik – Zalaznik Creative/Apparel selling his Dubuque apparel, this event is set to be one of the highlights of the season.

Tickets are \$10. ■

Tay Tay Dance Party w/ DJ Swiftie

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

This Reputation-themed dance party will immerse Taylor Swift fans in an unforgettable night of music, energy, and excitement at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

DJ Swiftie captivates audiences with electrifying mixes that seamlessly blend Taylor's iconic hits. With a unique ability to read the crowd and create unforgettable experiences, DJ Swiftie transforms every event into



a celebration of music and nostalgia. His passion for Taylor's artistry shines through, making each performance a magical journey for fans. VIP includes early entry, early access to merch, a glow wand, and a signed DJ Swiftie poster.

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

Sesame Street Live! Say Hello

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 6 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Cookie Monster, and their friends from Sesame Street are coming to the Five Flags Arena to say hello on Friday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

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



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

Tickets are \$30-\$70. ■

ARTS

First Fridays

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

NOON-8 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE) NOON-8 PM @ WIDDERSHINS ARTISAN GALLERY (2204 CENTRAL AVE) 4:30-7:30 PM @ OUTSIDE THE LINES ART GALLERY (1101 MAIN ST) 5-7 PM @ BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER (1201 LOCUST ST)

5-7 PM @ THE STU (1533 CENTRAL AVE)

5:30-7:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)

5:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS

6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST) 7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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

Stoned Art Studio and Gallery showcases the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III. Stoned Art will also celebrate the art of K Kriesel with an artist reception from 4-7 p.m. Blues and Jazz music and refreshments will be on hand. See Art! Talk Art! Touch your Artist within! 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 hosts Amber Carlin who will be demonstrating her jewelry making process. Join on Friday night as well as the following morning. ShopOTLAG.com.

Bluff Strokes Art Center opens its doors for art making and registering for upcoming events. At 5:30-6 p.m., join for a discussion about how learning to observe through art helps in so many areas: medicine, law enforcement, and more. BluffStrokes.org.

The Stu debuts their first kids exhibit featuring Bella. Celebrate and support young talent in our community. facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library highlights The Arboretum Artists during their Art @ your Library reception. Featured artists include Kim Daykin, Rose Ann Derks, Donna Gibson, Joann Hackbarth, Ellen Henkels, Alda Kaufman, Sharon Krapfl, Sue Lemon, and Rita Persian, On display through May. CarnegieStout.org.

Voices Studios presents the simultaneous opening of two powerful art exhibits: Fresh Steele by Iowa artist Priscilla Steele and Delusion of Choice by the Fatherless Print Posse. Both exhibitions will share an opening reception on April 4, inviting visitors to experience a spectrum of artistic expression-from Steele's intimate explorations of the human condition through drawing and printmaking to Fatherless's bold, provocative critiques of societal structures through collaborative, resistance-driven prints. Together, these exhibits promise a compelling evening of art that bridges personal introspection with collective consciousness. Founded in 2010, Fatherless brings together the dynamic creative minds of Javier Jimenez, Greg Lang, Dave Menard, and Londoner Ben Rider. VoicesStudios.org.

The Planted. Gallery features Key City Creations, recent works by Key City Creative Center Member Artists including Sandra Beisker, Gail Chavenelle, Brian Graham, Richard Lammer, David Olson, Kurt Stierman, and Susan Tollefson. This group show will highlight the variety of

skills of the Key City membership. Artists, entrepreneurs, craftsmen, and hobbyists share our creative space. Members design, sculpt, engrave, paint, repurpose, sew, print, weld, restore, and build. On display April 4-29. planteddbq.com.

Dubuque Area Arts Collective celebrates the rich diversity and stories of immigrant communities with Threads of Belonging: Immigrant Stories and Art Party. Featured artists include Miriam Alarcón Avila, Colectivo Luchart (Jose Marentes aka Seso Marentes, Ariel Balderas aka Charro Balderas, Tiara Young, and Ashley Guzmán), and Inti Ocon, LOUD Wisconsin brings music from Cumbia Cachaca. Miriam Alarcón Avila is from the Iowa City area, and the colorful Luchadores series of immigrants wearing customized lucha libre masks and black-and-white photography, enriched with vibrant paint and embroidery, reflect the complex journey of belonging while honoring the resilience and pride of immigrant communities. Inti Ocon is an independent photographer from Nicaragua, whose portrait photography highlights the people and traditions of Indigenous communities in Nicaragu with a focus on documentary and portraiture. LOUD Wisconsin brings artists and creatives together in Madison. Led by Oscar Mireles, co-founder of Art Party Madison, LOUD's Art Party in Dubuque features Cumbia Cachaca, blending traditional Colombian rhythms with modern electronic sounds for a fresh twist on Caribbean music. **DubuqueArts.com**.

VOICES STUDIOS PRESENTS

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FIRST FRIDAYS OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, April 4 @ 5:30 PM Exhibitions continue through May 31

VOICES STUDIOS

1585 Central Ave, Dubuque, IA VoicesStudios.org (@VoicesGallery @@voices_productions

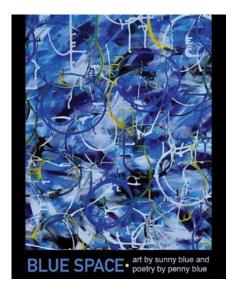
BLUE SPACE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 @ 6-8 PM THE GREAT RIVER GALLERY (309 S RIVERVIEW, BELLEVUE, IA)

The Bellevue Iowa Arts Council hosts a magical event in honor of National Poetry Month in The Great River Gallery on Saturday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Located in the lower level of a restored historic clam button factory building, the riverside gallery is set to be transformed into a lovely poetic space.

BLUE SPACE is a unique collaboration of two talented women: Sunny Blue and Penny Blue (North). This event pairs the art of Grinnell College BFA graduate, Sunny, who is currently based in Omaha, NE, with her multi-talented mother, who is a founding member of BAC and resides in Bellevue. Penny is a songwriter, composer, author, playwright, and poet, with a MFA in Creative Writing from National University.

During the opening reception, Penny will be reading selections of her poetry in the gallery while her daughter,



Sunny, will be showing her abstract paintings, on display through April.

The opening reception is free, though donations are encouraged. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. For more information, visit

facebook.com/BellevueArtsCouncil or call **563-249-5500**.







Where You Are

A Comedy by Kristen Da Silva

March 28-29 & April 3-5 and 10-11 @ 7:30 PM March 30 & April 6 and 12-13 @ 2 PM Bell Tower Theater (2728 Asbury Rd)

Sisters Glenda and Suzanne have lived together since Suzanne arrived single, penniless and pregnant 33 years earlier, moving in with Glenda and her late husband. When Suzanne's daughter Beth arrives for a visit, things get complicated. Amid a busy week that includes a wild wedding, medicinal experimentation and a budding romance, the sisters are eventually forced to confront truths that will change their lives forever. Where You Are is a hilarious and heart-warming exploration of family, forgiveness and falling in love.

Where You Are is the 10th play by Toronto area native Kristen Da Silva. "For me the joy and fun of writing plays is like solving a puzzle. Starting a new piece, some of the pieces fall in place but the rest is like solving a mystery, and I just enjoy the process of discovering what the story is and who the people are and

being able to sculpt it over time into something I can share with others."

The play was suggested to Bell Tower Theater's play-reading group by Sue Flogel, who had retired from the theater staff in 2023. "I was thrilled when they selected it and excited as I had been the one who found it. I read it and just truly fell in love with it. It is a beautifully written script, and the characters are just so genuine, and they make things so real that you look like you are getting a view into how a family, a real family, might have dealt with a crisis like this. And then a month later was asked to direct it and I'm so happy to be involved with this production."

The cast features Cindy Camptonlwasaki, Gerarda Lahey-Keppler, Jessica Demaria, and Tom Eckermann.

Playwright Da Silva describes the work as "a mix of heartfelt moments and humor, loosely based on some true events that happened in my life. Some of the stories go to a place where there's some tragedy, but there's quite a lot of comedy to keep it buoyant so when the audience leaves I don't think they're going to feel anything but hopeful like they've had a cathartic experience at the theater."

Bell Tower is well-known for its dedication to staging fun comedies. "They know their patrons, and they know what's going to be appealing to patrons. And while definitely a comedy, this show is a little bit different," Sue Flogel explained.

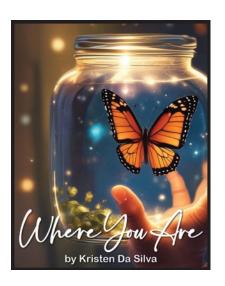
"It is not a farce at all. I might call it a comedy drama. There are some, well, there are moments that are just hilarious, but you also have some very serious things that happen during the course of the show. So prepare to laugh but people may mist up a little bit too."

If you're a longtime lover of Bell Tower Theater performances, you already know that you're in for a fantastic performance with great technical support. "There's not a bad seat," Flogel assures us. "It doesn't matter where in the theater you are. It's a very well-constructed theater, and it's also an intimate setting at just 170 seats. We have a fantastic tech crew. The lights and the sound and the set design are excellent."

If this would be your first visit to Bell Tower, consider the little things that put a visit over the top, like plenty of free parking, and the theater is fully accessible to all patrons. They have a hearing loop system for hard-of-hearing patrons.

"We have a nice concession stand, and it's just a nice, laid-back, very well-run, efficient organization, and it's apparent in everything that we do there," promised Flogel.

And we'll add that it's a nice affordable ticket, too. Even more so, with tickets at just \$26, consider that for every show they produce, the first two nights always offer a half-priced ticket at only \$13. The show opens on Friday,



March 28, then runs Thursdays through Sundays until April 13. Thursday and Friday shows are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays March 28 and April 5 are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12 is at 2 p.m.; and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. This production is sponsored by ImOn Communications.

Pick your night and your seats in advance online at **BellTowerTheater.net** (or call **563-588-3377**). And while you are there, check out the rest of the shows in this season's subscription series including *The Kitchen Witches* coming in August, *The Second-to-Last Change Ladies League* in October, and just in time for the holidays comes *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!)*.

COVER STORY 365







Noises Off

March 28-29 & April 4-5 @ 7:30 PM March 30 & April 6 @ 2 PM Grand Opera House (135 W 8th St)

Written by Michael Frayn, Noises Off is called "the funniest farce ever written."

This side-splitting play features a theater company desperately trying to get their act together. Watch as they blunder from a bad dress rehearsal to a wonderfully disastrous performance full of flubbed lines, missed cues, slammed doors, technical difficulties, fallen trousers, and, of course, the ever-important sardines. An uproarious love letter to the theater, Noises Off is a peek behind the curtain—where everything that can go wrong, does! In fact, if you are a fan of BBC's The Goes Wrong Show, this show is right up your alley!

The show's director, Jacob Herrmann, has actually participated as an actor in this production multiple times over the last decade. "It is one of my all-time favorite shows, so it was an opportunity that I could not pass up as my first professional directing experience." And while he has a number of experiences in how the production can go, he learned while studying directing in college to be a collaborative director and let his cast and crew members have input to make it the best possible production.

Writer Michael Frayn conceived the idea in 1970 while watching from the

wings a performance of *The Two of Us*, a farce that he had written for Lynn Redgrave. He said, "It was funnier from behind than in front, and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind." It takes its title from the theatrical stage direction indicating sounds coming from off stage which is so appropriate. If stage direction and timing are important in any staged play, for *Noises Off*, those elements are exponentially so.

"This is a farce, Hermann reminds us. It's going to have a lot of physical comedy in it as well as written jokes. The audience will be laughing through a majority of the show. It's all about timing and memory, making sure that everything is timed correctly to go wrong at the right moment and working with the actors on remembering what to forget. Your natural inclination is to do the right thing, especially if you've been in theater for a long time. So a lot of dealing with this show is just the ability to remember to forget things."

Follow the antics of Lloyd Dallas, the director of a play-within-the-play, *Nothing On.* He is temperamental, exacting, and sarcastic. Oh, and he's involved with both Brooke and Poppy. Dotty Otley is a middle-aged television star who is not only the top-billed star but also one of the play's principal investors who is dating the much younger Garry. Garry Lejeune is the play's leading man, a solid actor who is completely incapable of finishing a sentence unless it is dialogue.

Brooke Ashton is a young, inexperienced actress who pays no attention to others, either in performance or backstage, and persists in her role as scripted regardless of any interruption or mayhem. Dimwitted Freddie Fellowes has serious fear of violence and blood, both of which give him nosebleeds. Belinda Blair is cheerful and sensible, the company's de facto peacemaker if a gossip, and a bit two-faced.

Selsdon Mowbray is the elderly, half-deaf "pro" with a long, storied career and a drinking problem. Assistant Stage Manager Poppy Norton-Taylor is the emotional, skittish, and over-sensitive understudy to the female roles and part of the love-triangle with the Director. And Tim Allgood is the over-worked and easily flustered Stage Manager, who must understudy, fix the set and run Lloyd's errands on top of his usual duties.

Jacob Herrmann promises that this show is a great first foray into live, local theatre for anyone who loves to laugh but has not been a theater goer in the past. "I think this really embodies a majority of what theater is about, which is to just sit back, relax, and enjoy something for a few hours. You don't have to think too hard about anything. It's not too political. It is just meant for your pure enjoyment. There is a little bit of schadenfreude in all of us that we really appreciate seeing somebody slip on the banana peel. This show definitely is jam-packed full of those moments. That is definitely appealing to the audience."



And as the show comes together, ready to fall apart just right for you to witness first had, Jacob took time to put credit where it is due. "I want to tell you just how hard the actors are working on this show. Because it is such a physical show, they are putting their blood, sweat, and tears into it. And because of the critical timing elements, it is an incredibly difficult show for the show's technicians as well. This is actually the largest set that our set designer has ever built. It is a huge undertaking for technicians just because of all the fine details in this show and everything that has to go right and wrong."

So let the chaos begin...

This production is recommended for audiences ages 12 and above and runs about 2 hours and 30 minutes including intermission. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for those under 18 for all performances. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



envision2030

Let's Build a Strong Future for Dubuque Together

A new campaign facilitated by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce—Envision 2030—is an opportunity for people to share their ideas for strengthening the place they call home.

Twenty years ago, Dubuque residents envisioned a future with amenities that would transform the community, including a revitalized Millwork District, a community health center, and riverfront improvements. Today, after many of these big ideas have come to fruition, the community is being asked once again:

"What does Dubuque's future look like to you?"
That is the main question behind Envision 2030, a
grassroots community visioning campaign that kicks off
this month. It is an opportunity for residents to share
their ideas for Dubuque's future and help shape the
direction of the region for years to come. By sharing
ideas and voting on their favorites, residents will help
identify the next 10 great projects for the community.

Facilitated by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, Envision 2030 reboots the successful Envision 2010 campaign, which the two organizations led 20 years ago, for a new generation.

How to participate

Anyone and everyone is invited to participate in Envision 2030. Input from people of different ages, with different backgrounds, and who have had different life

Every person in the community is invited to share their big ideas for Dubuque's future online or in person.

- March: Envision 2030 begins; online idea submission form opens
- April: Night of Ideas—A public opportunity for people to come together in person and share ideas; everyone is invited
- May: Online idea submission form closes May 31
- June: Town Hall Meetings—
 A series of gatherings for community members to vote on their favorite ideas, narrowing the list to 30
- July-September: Committee reviews the list of 30 ideas and votes on the 10 best
- October: Finale—The last community event of the visioning process, when the final list of 10 ideas is unveiled; Community Engagement Event—Action groups will form to work on accomplishing each idea





What does Dubuque's future look like to you?

That's the ultimate question ENVISION 2030 will answer – and we need YOUR ideas!

WHAT IS IT?

ENVISION 2030 is a grassroots effort presented by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce that engages everyone in our community to generate ideas for local development and improvement.

All ideas are welcomed and encouraged!

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Sharing ideas is easy! Here are 6 ways to do it.

- 1. **Submit them in writing.** Fill out the online form at envision2030.org. There's no limit to the number of ideas you can submit!
- Submit a video. The <u>online form</u> includes an option for uploading a file.
 Just take a quick video with your phone and drop it into the upload space.
- Tag us on social media. The Community Foundation and the Chamber are active on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Share a video, photo or other post with the hash tag #envision2030, and we'll add it to the list of ideas.
- 4. Email your ideas. Send them to envision2030@dbqfoundation.org.
- 5. Text us. Send ideas to 563-292-0202.
- Do it the old fashioned way. Bring us your list of ideas in person or send it to the Community Foundation via snail mail.

Now it's time to dream big again!

For more information, contact us at envision2030@dbqfoundation.org or visit envision2030.org.







experiences is what makes the process so powerful. These are ideas generated by the people, for the people.

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 Just take a quick video with a phone and drop it into the upload space.
- Use the hashtag on social media. The Community Foundation and the Chamber are active on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Share a video, photo, or other post with the hashtag #envision2030, and it will be added to the list of ideas.
- Email them. Send ideas to envision2030@dbqfoundation.org.
- Text them. Send ideas to 563-292-0202.
- Mail them or drop them off. Send or bring a list of ideas to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, 700 Locust St., Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001.

"No idea is too small, too ambitious, or too outrageous," says Nancy Van Milligen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation.

In April, the Community Foundation and the Chamber will host the Night of Ideas, an opportunity for the entire community to gather and share in person. Details will be shared publicly soon.

The entire submission period runs through May 31.

After the submission period closes, a selection committee will whittle down the ideas to a list of 100 semi-finalists. In June, the Foundation and the Chamber will host a day of town hall gatherings across the community where people can vote on their favorites out of the 100 and narrow the list even further to 30 ideas.

Over the subsequent months, the selection committee will review the finalists and vote on the 10 best ideas, which will be announced at an event in October and published in local media and a booklet.

A community approach

The final list is more than just ideas on paper. It is a way for all community members to rally around initiatives that will enhance the quality of life in the Dubuque region for generations to come.

After the Community Foundation and the Chamber published their Envision 2010 list 20 years ago, many people stepped forward to generously help bring the ideas to fruition. Among those people were the members of the Schmid family, who took notice of the idea for a community health center that would specialize in providing high-quality, affordable health care, particularly for uninsured patients. The Schmid family's \$1.3 million gift created an endowment that

continues to provide annual operating funds for the center. Opened in 2007, Crescent Community Health Center now annually sees more than 16,000 medical visits, 18,000 dental visits, and 7,000 brain health visits.

Listening and learning

Perhaps the most valuable aspect of the Envision process is the camaraderie it brings out in the community.

"This is truly a people-driven process," Van Milligen says. "Listening to our neighbors about their needs, their hopes for the future, and their dreams for the community their children and grandchildren will inherit is the best way to ensure that the investments we all make in Dubuque today will make it stronger for tomorrow."

This is why the 10 ideas that came out of Envision 2010 have all been realized to some extent. (The idea for passenger rail service hinges on decisions that need to be made across the state line in Illinois.) Even ideas that did not make the top 10 have been implemented through the work of neighborhood groups, nonprofits, and other passionate community advocates.

With the launch of Envision 2030, a new generation has the opportunity to shape the future of the Dubuque region. Like establishing a community health center or revitalizing a historic neighborhood, the next big ideas are out there. The first step toward making them reality is sharing them.

Envision 2030 is presented by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce with support from Presenting Sponsor TH Media and Platinum Sponsor Radio Dubuque.

WHAT DUBUQUE SAID THEN...

During Envision 2010, community members identified 10 ways to make Dubuque stronger.

- 1. America's River Phase II
- 2. Bilingual Education
 Curriculum
- 3. Community-Wide Wireless
- 4. Community Health Center
- 5. Indoor/Outdoor Performing Arts Center
- 6. Integrated Walking, Biking and Hiking Trail System
- 7. Library Expansion Services
- 8. Brain Health and Substance
 Abuse Services
- 9. Passenger Train Service
- 10. Warehouse District Revitalization

Crescent Community Health Center: A Beacon of Success from Envision 2010

As Dubuque embarks on the ambitious Envision 2030 campaign to shape the future of our community, it's the perfect moment to reflect on the transformative impact of one of Envision 2010's most significant achievements: Crescent Community Health Center. Since opening its doors in October 2006, Crescent has become a cornerstone of healthcare in the Tri-State area, proving that community-driven vision can lead to lasting change.

Crescent was born out of a critical need identified during Envision 2010—access to affordable healthcare for underserved populations. A group of dedicated community members, supported by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, rallied around this idea. The Schmid family's original \$1.3 million endowment gift was a catalyst, ensuring annual operating funds for the center. By 2006, Crescent was operational, and today, it stands as a testament to what collaboration and forward-thinking can achieve.

The numbers tell a powerful story. Crescent now serves more than 11,000 patients annually, with over 41,000 clinic visits, including 16,733 medical visits, 18,118 dental visits, and 7,090 brain health visits in 2024 alone. These figures reflect a health center that has grown to meet the diverse needs of our community, from primary medical and dental care to integrated brain health services. Crescent's philosophy of patient-centered care ensures that every individual—regardless of insurance status, income, or background—has a healthcare home. For uninsured patients, a sliding fee scale based on household income and size makes care accessible, embodying the center's vision of quality care for all resulting in healthy communities.

Beyond the numbers, Crescent's impact is deeply personal. It has empowered the Pacific Islander community through culturally appropriate health education, partnered with Dubuque schools for on-site clinics, and partnered with the Dubuque Racing Association to expand wellness center accessibility. The center's expansion into a renovated space at 1690 Elm St. in 2019, complete with new dental operatories, an on-site wellness center, and acquisition of a new retail pharmacy, reflects its commitment to meeting growing demand. Crescent has also earned recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Center for Quality Assurance, a testament to its high-quality, coordinated care.

Financially, Crescent has enjoyed support from the federal government at as Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), the reason why they receive this funding is because they are a "safety net" healthcare organization for Dubuque and nine surrounding counties. Additionally, Crescent relies heavily on generous donor support, as well as revenues generated from the care they provide. These funds, often bolstered by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, ensure Crescent's sustainability.

As we look to Envision 2030, Crescent reminds us of the power of collective vision. It's a model for what Dubuque can achieve when we dream big and work together. Let's draw inspiration from Crescent's success to imagine new ways to strengthen our community—whether through education, infrastructure, or equity initiatives. The future of Dubuque is ours to shape, and with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Dubuque Chamber of Commerce leading the charge, the possibilities are endless.













THU **3/27**

The DZ Combo 5:30 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Faith & Four Letter Words 6 PM @ Off Shore Inn & Suites (Bellevue, IA)

Dirty Dancing in Concert 7 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Sea Shanty Singalong 7 PM @ The Lift

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

Dan Hess 7 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dyersville, IA)

Corey Jenny 7:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **3/28**

Fabulous Fridays: The Americana Band Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Between Howls 5:30 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Step Brothers Trivia Night 5:30 PM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

Musical Menus 6 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards 6 PM @ The OtherSide (East DBQ, IL)

Danny McDade 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Adam Bartels Band 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Steve Kalmes 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA) Adam Keith 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Trivia 7 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Greg Garing 8 PM @ First Reserve

Bob Log 3, Riff Worm, Husky Martinez 8 PM @ The Lift

The Nadas 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Steel Panther 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Lojo Russo 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT **3/29**

Abby Spencer 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

The Instigators 1 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)

Tony Walker 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Mississippi Band 3 PM @ Southend Tap

RJ Fisher 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Danny Parker 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

Bands & Bites: The LoveMonkeys, RatchetJaw, Brushfire Bandits, Boogie Monster 6 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Bri Bagwell & Austin Plaine 6 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Danny McDade 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL) Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

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

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Meghan Davis 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ Chubz Pub (Warren, IL)

Tay Tay Dance Party w/ DJ Swiftie 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus
7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

PeostaVille 7:30 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dyersville, IA)

Yellow Brick Road 8 PM @ First Reserve

Casey Donahew 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Rooster, Fresh Fighters 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Kampfire Kings Duo 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Nick Dittmeier and the Sawdusters, Marzipan Mailbox 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN **3/30**

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

Daniel Eric 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Tony Walker 2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery (Guttenberg, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jams: Willie & The Buzzhounds 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Jacquie Miller 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery University of Wisconsin Russian Folk Orchestra 3 PM @ UD Blades Chapel

Jeff Theisen 3 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Tangle Creek 3 PM @ Riverbend Pub & Grill (Manchester, IA)

Shekinah King 7 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

THU **4/3**

Stonehill Trivia Night Fundraiser: NCAA Tournament 6 PM @ Steeple Square

Yellow Brick Road 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Corey Jenny 7:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **4/4**

Lexi Healey 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Roy Schroedl 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

2 Carls Band 6 PM @ The OtherSide (East DBQ, IL)

Celtic Rovers 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

First Fridays: Cumbia Cachaca 7 PM @ Smokestack

Johnny Blue & The Neptunes 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Steve & Kurt 8 PM @ First Reserve

Jabberbox 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Too Hype Crew 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Brushfire Bandits Trio 8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Danny Parker Project Trio 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT **4/5**

Travis Busch 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI) Common Chord 1 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)

Shekinah King 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Theresa Rosetta 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Elizabeth Mary 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Tapestry 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Celtic Rovers 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Doug Green 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

JJ Schmitz 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Massey Road 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Daniel Eric 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ The Mine Shaft (Mineral Point, WI)

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 8 PM @ First Reserve

Hardwired: A Tribute to Metallica 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Rocking Dead 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Source, Autumn Reverie, Hashman & the Carpet Surfers 8 PM @ Smokestack

Music Trivia 8 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

Kampfire Kings Trio 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SLiD, Vile Bees, Toaster Ghost 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 4/6

The DZ Combo Noon @ Coffee Lab

Cal Coohey Noon @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL) Celtic Rovers 1PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, II.)

Mark Zalaznik 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Rollo w/ Terry Bradley 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Elizabeth Mary 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jams: Rocktail 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Tony Walker 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Todd Ellis 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy 7 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

David Briggs 8 PM @ UD Heritage Center

WED **4/9**

RJ Fisher 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

THU **4/10**

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

The Guthries 7:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **4/11**

Sam Day 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Brushfire Bandits 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tangle Creek 6 PM @ The OtherSide (East DBQ, IL)

Shannon Woulfe 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

UD Spring Band Concert 7 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Steve & Randy 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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Dan Hess 7 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dyersville, IA)

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

Cal Coohey 8 PM @ First Reserve

Smells Like Nirvana 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Elizabeth Mary Band 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Boogie Monster 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Garrett Hillary 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Steppin' Up Karaoke w/ Jay Heim 9 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

SAT **4/12**

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

Dungeon Dayz:
Patient Wolf @ 1 PM
Lizzy Kremer @ 2 PM
Lexi Healy @ 3 PM
Marzipan Mailbox @ 4:15 PM
Riff & The Heist @ 6 PM
Skinny & The Shakes @ 7:45 PM
Pure Service @ 9:30 PM
3rd & Locust St

Adam Bartels 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

Platteville Mac & Cheese Fest: Beats by Byrnes, Adam Bartels Band 2 PM @ Legion Park Broske Center (Platteville, WI)

Beau Timmerman 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Mississippi Band 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

BJ McAndrew 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA) Shannon Woulfe 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Loud @ the Library: The Plucky Strummers, Prairie Lights String Band 6 PM @ Platteville Public Library (Platteville, WI)

Darrell, Jacque & Connie 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Michael Breitbach 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Dan Hess 7 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dyersville, IA)

Arch Allies 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Gimikk 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Enemies of Confusion 8 PM @ Smokestack

Back Booth Alley 8 PM @ The Yardarm

X-Rated Bingo 8 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

Tony Walker 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Ash Redhorse & The Midnight Suns, Rosebay, TV Cop 9 PM @ The Lift

<u>SUN 4/13</u>

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

Dale Glaudell 1 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)

JJ Schmitz 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Sam Day 2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Jesse Bauman 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

River Glen, Old Oaks 2:30 PM @ The Goose Sunday Afternoon Jams: Big Mojo 3 PM @ Northside Bar

John Moran 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tangle Creek 3:30 PM @ Dirty Ernie's (Farley, IA)

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

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

TUE **4/15**

Bob Mould Band, Craig Finn 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

WED **4/16**

Poetry Slam w/ Ted Williams 5:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

In Bed by 9 PM Dance Party NAMI Fundraiser 6 PM @ The Goose

THU **4/17**

Captains of the Cocktail: DJ Dan Broz 6 PM @ 7 Hills Ballroom & Event Center

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Music Bingo 6 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Meghan Davis 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Songwriters Showcase: Big Blue Sky 7 PM @ Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL)

Jay Vonn 7:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **4/18**

Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Jimmy Welty Band 6 PM @ The OtherSide (East DBQ, IL)

lan Gould & Lukas Jaeger 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL) Wayne Cook 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Lexi Healey 8 PM @ First Reserve

Boogie Monster 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Ratchet Jaw 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Blue Green 8:30 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

Mark Zalaznik 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

RICHIE, Marzipan Mailbox 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **4/19**

Henry Labelle 10 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead

Danny Whitson 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI) Massey Road 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

The Guthries 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band 3 PM @ Son Chasers Social Club (Cassville, WI)

Simple Company 4:30 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

The DZ Combo 5 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Roy Schroedl 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Mark Zalaznik 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

lan Gould & Lukas Jaeger 6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL) Triple Threat 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

The Pork Tornadoes 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Unicorn Fist 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Jordan Danielsen 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Dylan Doyle Band 9 PM @ The Lift



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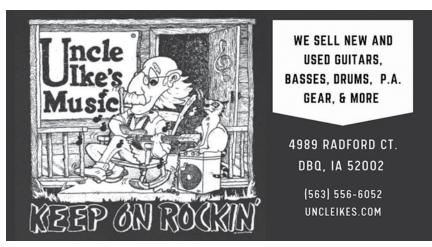


Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

SUNDAY

Disco Brunch w/ DJ SaladSpinner 9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead 2nd Sun through 12/14

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





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

Acoustic Jam 1 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)

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

MONDAY

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA) Ft & 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

Trivia w/ Think & Drink 7 PM @ Southend Tap *Ist.* 3rd & 5th Tue

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Open Mic w/ Pennyroyal 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

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

Group Therapy: Comedy & Variety Open Mic Show 7 PM @ Dubuque Eagles Club 2nd & 4th Wed

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

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

Jukebox Bingo 6:30 PM @ Off Shore Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA) 3rd Thu through 4/17

The Wayback Machine: Rock 'n' Soul All-Vinyl Dance Party 7 PM @ The Goose 2nd Thu

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Songwriters Showcase 7 PM @ Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL) 3rd Thu

XTREME Bar Bingo 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)

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

Silly Goose Thursdays Comedy Open Mic 8 PM @ The Goose Ist & 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

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series Noon @ St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Online Through 3/28

Country Dancing Fridays 6 PM @ 7 Hills Ballroom & Event Center *Fri through 5/2 Trivia Night 6 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing (Maquoketa, IA) **Fri

Karaoke w/ Denise 7 PM @ Northside Bar

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

Club Nights 9 PM @ The Goose

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

SATURDAY

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers 10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library 2nd Sat through 4/12

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

Bluegrass Jam 2:30 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI) 2nd Sat

Karaoke 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena II.)

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

Afro Caribbean Night w/ DJ Papi 9 PM @ The Goose Ft Sat

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

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

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

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Upcoming Entertainment



Arch Allies

APRIL 12 @ 8 PM

Arch Allies is known as the sing-along band for playing all the top classics everyone loves to sing along to. Kevin Todd is back with some of the old members of Arch Allies and some new ones, recreating what made Arch Allies a favorite from coast-to-coast. They perform songs from the big six bands: Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Boston, Bon Jovi, and Def Leppard. Then there's the chaser! Depending on the night, Arch Allies will feature a female vocalist for some songs or they will have two male vocalists. Close your eyes and sing along to the songs you love with no more tracks but a real keyboard!



The Nadas

MARCH 28 @ 8 PM

Celebrated folk-Americana act The Nadas blend twangy, Stones-era "country honk" with raw, alt-rock energy and wistful, folk-leaning melodies. They've also developed a laid-back, narrative approach to songwriting, drawing inspiration from acts like The Head and the Heart, Avett Brothers, Indigo Girls, and Tom Petty.



Casey Donahew

MARCH 29 @ 8 PM

Lone Star native Casey Donahew's hometown of Fort Worth, TX has designated Oct.22 "Casey Donahew Day" and has adopted his song "Stockyards" as the official song. He's had several songs on TV drama Yellowstone plus the Taylor Sheridan drama Tulsa King and 2022 B.J. Novak/Ashton Kutcher film Vengeance.

Additional Entertainment

JABBERBOX

APRIL 4 @ 8 PM

HARDWIRED:
A TRIBUTE TO METALLICA

APRIL 5 @ 8 PM

SMELLS LIKE NIRVANA: TRIBUTE TO NIRVANA & KURT COBAIN

APRIL 11 @ 8 PM

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APRIL 26 @ 8 PM

JEFF DYE MAY 28 @ 8 PM

DIAMOND JO

Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar is located at 301 Bell St. in the Port of Dubuque. All shows are 21+. For tickets and more information about the upcoming entertainment, call Diamond Jo Casino at 563-690-4800 or visit Diamond Jo Dubuque.com. NIGHTLIFE 365



LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus Concert

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 @ 7:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

Experience the U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus, one of nation's premier and internationally acclaimed military ensembles, at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus are the oldest and largest of the U.S. Army Field Band's performing components. Founded in 1946 and 1957 respectively, these two ensembles combine to present joint concerts on their national tours. They have performed in all 50 states and 30 foreign

countries for audiences totaling hundreds of millions. The joining of these two ensembles allows them to offer unparalleled versatility of programming, ranging from orchestral masterworks and operatic arias to Sousa marches, jazz classics, and Broadway musicals.

In addition to their national tours, formal concerts, chamber recitals, and educational outreach, members of the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus frequently represent the Army at formal and ceremonial functions including the presidential inaugural parade, presidential funerals, the Army All-American Bowl, and diplomatic efforts oversees. More than six decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title of The Musical Ambassadors of the Army.

Tickets are free but required and can be reserved at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office, by phone at **563-585-7469**, or online at **www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**. ■

Dungeon Dayz SATURDAY, APRIL 12 @ 1-11 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 @ 1-11 PM THE DUNGEON (302 LOCUST ST)

Get ready for Dungeon Dayz, an all-day, all-ages outdoor music festival packed with live bands, food, drinks, and more! on Saturday, April 12, from 1 to 11 p.m., the Dugeon is shutting down 3rd St between Locust St. and The Dugeon alley to bring you an epic lineup of music artists, a dedicated food and drink zone, and a skate/BMX demo area hosted by Olliewood Action Sports.

Hope for a beautiful day as the following musicians take the stage:

- 1-1:55 PM: Patient Wolf
- 2-2:55 PM: Lizzy Kremer
- 3–3:55 PM: Lexi Healy
- 4:15-5:45 PM: Marzipan Mailbox
- 6-7:30 PM: Riff & The Heist
- 7:45-9:15 PM: Skinny & The Shakes
- 9:30-11 PM: Pure Service



Enjoy delicious eats from top food vendors and cold drinks served at The Dungeon and an outdoor beer trailer. Plus, Olliewood Action Sports will be hosting a demo and contest in the lot—don't miss the tricks!

Admissions is free, and the festival is open to all ages. Head to The Dungeon for an unforgettable day of music, food, and fun! For more information, visit

facebook.com/TheDungeonLTD.



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI **3/28**



Steel Panther: Feel the Steel 15th Anniversary Tour

8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD) TICKETS: \$40

For the uninitiated, Steel Panther was formed in 2000. Hailing from Los Angeles, the epicenter for rock 'n' roll in all its debauchery and glamour, Steel Panther has established themselves as the world's premier party band, melding hard rock virtuosity with parody and criminally good looks. Steel Panther is a global phenomenon with four fulllength albums, touring across the world, platinum-level YouTube status and high-profile television appearances such as Jimmy Kimmel Live!, Larry King Now, and FOX NFL Sunday. Rolling Stone avowed, "There's a reason Steel Panther have transcended their origins as a cover band playing the Sunset Strip," while Metal Sucks declared, "Steel Panther's concept is genius ... their songwriting is ... preposterously snappy—and relatable." qcasinoandresort.com.

SAT **3/29**



Bri Bagwell & Austin Plaine 6 PM @ PJ'S PUB (3670 COUNTY RD HHH, KIELER, WI) COVER:\$25

Texas Female Artist of the Decade and reigning Female Vocalist of the Year, Bri Bagwell, is a force to be reckoned with on the Texas Country scene. Playing over 100 shows in back-to-back years, Bagwell is no stranger when it comes to hard work. When asked about life on the road. Bri responds, "It's in my blood." While on the road, she has shared the stage with some of the best: Willie Nelson, Miranda Lambert, Gary Alan, Dwight Yoakam, Randy Rogers, Robert Earl Keen and Wade Bowen just to name a few. Like only the most insightful songwriters, Austin Plaine draws intense emotion from the subtlest moments. On his sophomore album, Stratford, the Minnesota-bred, Nashville-based musician shapes his lyrical storytelling with both precision and pure feeling, capturing every nuance of lost love and longing and fractured innocence. And while Stratford is steeped in a warm nostalgia, Plaine instills each song with a guiet optimism that speaks to bravely moving forward, even in troubled times. Doors at 5:30 p.m. BriBagwell.com.

SAT **4/5**



SLID, Vile Bees, Toaster Ghost 9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: FREE

SLiD is a high-energy, four-piece powerhouse delivering raw, guitar-driven indie garage rock with an electrifying edge. Fueled by riffs, infectious hooks, and a no-nonsense rock 'n' roll attitude, they hit hard and leave a lasting impact. Vile Bees writes tightly wound punk numbers swallowed by drippy fuzz and mental decay. Toaster Ghost

uses their supersonic rays to defy eardrums, gravity, and conventional genre classification. Consumption of supernatural breakfast food allows them to appear as people of earth, but in reality they are Toaster Ghost. Doors at 9 p.m., music at 9:30 p.m. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

SUN 4/6



Celtic Rovers

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

Get ready for an afternoon of Irish music, laughter, and unforgettable fun with the Celtic Rovers, the quirkiest Irish duo in town, bringing their high-energy traditional Irish pub songs to the stage. From toe-tapping jigs to heartfelt ballads, these musicians know how to get the crowd singing along and stomping their feet. But it's not just about the music-the Celtic Rovers have a sharp-witted sense of humor that will keep you laughing between every tune. Their quick banter and cheeky remarks make every performance feel like you're hanging out with old friends in a cozy Irish pub.

SUN 4/13



River Glen Album Release Show

2:30 PM @ THE GOOSE (920 MAIN ST)
TICKETS: \$15; FREE AGES 12 AND YOUNGER
River Glen's new album, Poignant FolkPop, releases on April 1. Everyone who
attends this album release show gets a
FREE copy of the new album! River will

be supported by his dear friends Alex Flesher (banjo), Sam Stover (upright bass), and Élan Seven Thunders (hand drums). Old Oaks from Madison, WI join as special guests. River Glen writes poignant folk-pop. His lyricism is evocative, intellectual, and cleverly rhythmic. He sings with powerful and dexterous vocals. His songs have "something to say," and they're also darn tasty. River's no slouch playing instruments either. A natural entertainer, helping create a sense of connection. Old Oaks encompasses the chill-yet-funky acoustic music of singer-songwriter Frank Laufenberg. Their music ranges from 12-string renditions of classic tunes like "Heart of Gold" and "What's My Age Again" to melodious acoustic indie originals. The songwriting floats between peaceful and gripping while carrying consistently emotive vibes. Frank's vocals and guitar interludes are complemented by the harmonious saxophone solos and alto flute riffs of Daniel Haschke. They can also be seen playing with Madison's award-winning funk-fusion band Wurk. Doors at 2 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. RiverGlenMusic.com.

THU **4/17**



Songwriter Showcase: Big Blue Sky
7 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
(971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)
COVER: FREE

Formed by Jon Stravers, Big Blue Sky ties together two of his passions: music and the natural world. The group also includes Sophia Landis, Folko Landvogt, and Jason McCullick. You can find them performing during the summer months on the Mississippi River aboard the Maiden Voyage River Cruise Boat. Songwriter Showcase encourages the creation and sharing of original music by regional singer songwriters. Refreshments available. GalenaCenterForTheArts.com.

OTHERSIDE LUNCH SPECIALS MARCH

27 Tacos 28 Lent Buffet 31 Soup & Sandwiches

APRIL

1 Spaghetti 2 O.S. Chicken

3 Chicken Pot Pie

4 Lent Buffet

7 Open Faced Pork

8 Chicken Alfredo

9 O.S. Chicken

10 Wedge Salad

11 Lent Buffet

14 Open Faced Beef

15 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

16 O.S. Chicken

17 Corned Beef, of course!

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Jumpers Sports Bar & Grill

By Danny Fairchild

Now... when I pulled into the back area of the Plaza 20 parking lot, well away from Aldi and Starbucks and Dunkin'... and there still wasn't any place to park, I started to get curious. What business in this part of the plaza could be generating such traffic long about lunchtime? The only thing I could think was that it had to be all for Jumpers Sports Bar & Grill, but I didn't think there was any way that Jumpers could handle that many people.

Well... apparently Jumpers is like a TARDIS—larger on the inside. Because while Jumpers was jumping, nobody was crowded, and we still got a large-top table at noon on a Friday. Ah, Friday! It all started to make sense! I'm not Catholic, but I'm not blind to how big Lent is around these parts. It was Friday, and the big chalkboard touting the daily specials heralded fried haddock, cod, or shrimp. Not that Jumpers doesn't deserve a full parking lot EVERY day of the calendar, but suddenly it made sense: The Catholics.

We'll get into that fish and even that shrimp, but to really get a feel for the food at Jumpers, I'd like you to ponder this statement:

America's favorite flavor is crunch.
I don't know who was the first to say

that, but if you think about it, it's true. How many people don't like the taste of pickles or lettuce but like the crunch they add to a sandwich or burger? Why don't we serve ALL our fries soggy and flimsy? Why don't we serve ALL wings with a rubbery skin? Why are they fish FRYS and not fish BAKES, which would probably be easier?

It's the same reason New Yorkers are such jerks about their style of pizza crust: Because of crunch, baby! Crunch!

Now, going one step further: What kind of cuisine encompasses burgers, sandwiches, fries, wings, pizza, and fried fish? Bar food, yo. Guess what Jumpers is? Yup! A bar! You got it!

True, the fact that it's Lent AND March Madness might have something to do with a sports bar doing so well with their fish specials, but anyway.

Let's dig in.

Jumpers is really what you make of it. Sure, you might pass judgment with the handwritten "No vaping inside restaurant" sign. But like... there's a vape store nearby, so I can see how that would come up even more often than at other bars. I like the chill captain's chairs at the far side of the bar. It's always a treat when I get one of those. From there, it's pretty much where I want to hang out for the night. Being a bar, there's absolutely a pay-to-play dart board but also a cobbled together hoops shooting range that you don't gotta pay to use. Very don't-start-nuthin-won't-be-nuthin.

And the food. There's a reason I went on and on about crunch. Now... you don't HAVE to have the best-tasting bar food around, so long as you can bring the crunch. But it just so happens that in addition to bringing the crunch, Jumpers DOES have some of the best-tasting bar food around.

Let's start with that Friday lunch special: Fried haddock, cod, or shrimp, THAT is what people of the Tri-States were doing at Jumpers at noon on a Friday during Lent. Taking advantage of one of the BEST Lenten specials around. Why is it one of the best Lenten specials around? Because ESPECIALLY when it comes to fish and shrimp, Jumpers knows how to bring that crunch. It doesn't seem like it should be that hard, but how many disappointing fried fish platters have you had in your life? I bet none of them were at Jumpers. So crispy, you can eat everything with your hands and it'll all stay together. But once you crack through that crispy batter, you got that yummy sweet flakiness of delicious Lenten fish. The kind you just pick up and dip into your ramekin of tartar or cocktail sauce (or both) and go to town.

As for the shrimp, the crispiness even rang true when we ordered it on a taco. Now... tacos are priced per taco, but don't go thinking you're going to get a bunch of small street-style tacos, friends. Oh, no. These are American soft shell tacos and therefore take up a plate all by themselves. Flour tortilla instead of corn. And, as you can see from the pictures, they come absolutely loaded. So, like... order two tacos and see where that gets you. You can always order more.

Getting a bit more heathen on a Friday afternoon, we also got the munchie basket and some wings. The munchie basket, as you can probably guess, is Jumpers' appetizer sampler basket. And yes, everything from the chicky fingers to the onion rings brought the crunch. Ugh. I hate soggy onion rings. It's a safe order. But I want to talk more about the wings.

Now, I know from experience that it is NOT always easy to get a nice crispy skin on chicken wings. I mean... how CAN it be, when we immediately toss them in sauce? Even if you try to be sneaky and order the sauce on the side, there's no guarantee you aren't going to sink your teeth into chicken skin like a popped balloon. There







are places I love to go to get wings, and there are places I hate to go to get wings. There's no in-between. I don't know if I've just overlooked Jumpers or forgot about their wings, or just got set in a pattern, but if you want some wings that kick arse? Jumpers, yo. And since they're fairly centrally located with strong road access, if you take these wings home, the crunch will survive—no kidding!

One of our party ordered a pizza burger. No, they weren't 10 years old. But damned if this pizza burger didn't remind me of why kids (but also my partner, Annie) order them so often. And I needed the reminder because these things are a mystery. Take a burger, in this case one that's got a crispy breaded and country-fried. Then you pizza-fy it with mozz and sauce so that it no longer tastes like a burger and it sure as hell doesn't taste like a pizza. It tastes nothing like pizza and is only SHAPED like a burger, but it still tastes good. It scratches neither a pizza itch nor a burger itch, but long live the pizza burger.

But if you WANT a burger, then dammit you deserve one of those

goody-good burgers from Jumpers. I ordered a Carmichael. Now... I know that Jumpers isn't the Dubuque bar you usually associate with a Carmichael burger. I'm not here to start a rivalry or anything. I'm just saying that at this point, the Carmichael belongs to Dubuque as a whole, not a single bar. Not when Jumpers brings such good flavor to their burgers. What is a Carmichael, you say? Short answer: a burger made with seasoned ground beef and both American and Swiss cheese. From there, it gets complicated, and I don't want to start a fight.

The quarter-pound chili dog. Okay, I admit. This one isn't all about the crunch. Not unless you're pro-onion. I mean, look at that thing. There's something delightfully obscene about a chili dog you have NO hope of eating with your hands. You're going to need tools for that.

So yeah! I learned that Jumpers brings some awesome bar food that's closer to my house, and I need to rotate them in on my wing nights. And if I ever somehow decide to be Catholic, I know where a lot of my Friday fish is coming from.

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Spring Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette SERVES 6

All You Need:

Raspberry Vinaigrette:

- ½ c. Hy-Vee Select olive oil
- 3 tbsp. Hy-Vee white distilled vinegar
- 3 tbsp. Hy-Vee red raspberry preserves
- 1½ tsp. Hy-Vee stone ground Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp. Hy-Vee salt
- 1/8 tsp. Hy-Vee ground black pepper

Salad:

- 1 (5-oz.) bag Dole spring
- 2 c. fresh green beans, cleaned & cut
- 1 c. fresh broccoli florets, chopped
- 4 medium tomatoes on the vine, sliced
- 1 medium yellow bell pepper, sliced
- 1 medium orange bell pepper, sliced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 c. radishes, sliced



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All You Do:

- 1. To make Raspberry Vinaigrette, combine olive oil, vinegar, raspberry preserves, mustard, salt and pepper in a small bowl; set aside.
- 2. 2. For salad: arrange Spring mix, green beans, broccoli, tomatoes and carrots on a large platter. Top with bell pepper strips and radishes. Serve with raspberry vinaigrette.

Recipe Source: hy-vee.com

Go for the Greens this Spring

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

You've heard April showers bring May flowers, but for dietitians, spring is all about fresh, vibrant salad greens! After a long winter, nothing beats crisp, peakseason produce, which offers some of the freshest and best-tasting items—all while helping you save on your grocery bill.

The many lettuce varieties include Green Leaf, Red Leaf, Romaine, Bibb, Iceberg, Arugula, Escarole, Spinach and Kale. Dive in and review three luscious leafy greens to add to your cart this season:

1. Romaine

The Crunch Champion: This springtime classic is fiber-packed to keep you full longer and it's perfect for salads or grilling. Available in full romaine heads or pre-washed and cut, romaine provides vitamins C, K, and A, calcium, folate, magnesium, and potassium.

2. Arugula

The Peppery Powerhouse: There is no better time than Spring to give arugula a shot! Arugula is a dark green, peppery, leafy green related to broccoli, kale, and cabbage. A variety you might see in the supermarket is "baby arugula," an early harvest plant. Arugula is rich in calcium, iron, Vitamin A, K, folate

and magnesium. Arugula also contains antioxidants and protective compounds that can help with cell maintenance, and disease prevention. Enjoy this intensely flavorful green as a sandwich topper, in pasta, mixed salads, soups or sauces.

3. Spring Mix

The All-Star Blend: When you think of spring, the obvious is Spring Mix Greens which is a mixture of a variety of lettuces including baby spinach, red leaf, green leaf, mustard greens, arugula and endive. You can purchase Spring Mix ready to go in the produce department.

For the best results when washing greens, use a salad spinner. This removes excess liquid and results in a crisp and refreshing salad. Enjoy the spring season and refresh your lettuce options with Romaine, Arugula and Spring Mix!

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What My Bones Know

By John McAndrew

"You have complex PTSD from your childhood, and it manifests as persistent depression and anxiety."

"The difficulty regulating my emotions. The tendency to overshare and trust the wrong people. The dismal self-loathing. The trouble I have maintaining relationships."

"Every villain's redemption arc begins with their origin story."

Stephanie Foo's bestselling memoir, What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma, tells of childhood abuse, neglect, and abandonment, and her quest to heal. The book has been chosen for this year's Dubuque County Reads. Loras College will host the author in person on April 10. Schools and libraries will hold panels and related events to focus on mental health in our community. You can find all related events at bit.ly/DubCoReads25 or in the ad next to this article.

lowa has one-tenth as many psychiatric beds per capita as the national average. We have the fewest psychiatric resources in the country. *The Des Moines Register* reported a year ago that 84,000 lowans live with *severe* mental illness; we have exactly 64 in-patient spots for them. The good news is, if you have a mental illness in lowa, you still have a better chance of getting in-patient care than you have of winning the lottery. I guess that's something.

Ms. Foo tells an affecting story of a childhood without love, support, affection, or guidance from her parents. They beat her, verbally abused her, threw her down the stairs, and threatened to kill her in a deliberate near-car crash. Repeatedly. It's the repetition that makes the PTSD complex and intractable. The unrelenting nature of it, and the survival skills she developed, are... a lot.

Almost everyone will recognize parts of this story, even if your family of origin

did not have similar patterns of abuse or neglect. Foo asks how the Chinese-Malaysian culture from which her family comes deals with trauma differently than Western/Ameri-



can culture. She goes back to her school in California to interview classmates and teachers, and finds a widespread—but largely concealed—culture of abuse pervading the Asian immigrant community.

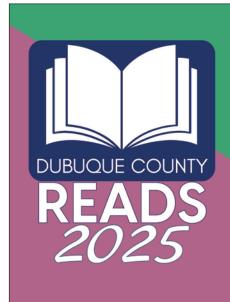
Foo describes modalities and treatment options that interested readers might consider for their own use. She details her own journey, including her deliberate estrangement from her father and her embrace of love in a new family. There is no one way to be abusive and no one way to heal the abuse we have suffered. Ms. Foo blazes the trail and shows that there is healing, if the abuse is faced head on, and persistent love accompanies us.

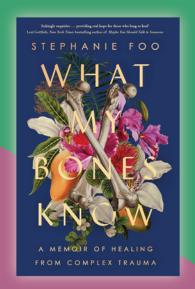
This book is not an objective review of scientific data. It is a personal story. The author is frank about her own successes and struggles, and her good fortune to have the resources to pursue healing in a country that makes it a challenge. As she says at the start, there IS a happy ending, which may sustain the reader. If you "look for the helpers," they are here, especially her boyfriend, Joey, and Dr. Jacob Ham, the psychologist. Ms. Foo becomes, in Henri Nouwen's evocative phrase, a "wounded healer." Evidence of healing appears as a new capacity for attentive, responsive listening. Stephanie Foo is a reminder that. whatever we've endured, we need not pass it along to subsequent generations. We can't heal alone. An excellent choice for this year's countywide book club.

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PIONE MOVIE NEWS

Coming Soon

DEATH OF A UNICORN (R)

FRIDAY, MARCH 28
A father (Paul Rudd) and daughter (Jenna Ortega) accidentally hit and kill a unicorn while en route to a weekend retreat where his billionaire boss (Richard E. Grant) seeks to exploit the creature's miraculous curative properties.



FRIDAY, MARCH 28
Ramona, crippled by grief

Ramona, crippled by grief after she survives a car accident that takes her husband, must care for their son and daughter in

her rural farmhouse. Then one day, the woman takes form in their yard. Ramona assumes the woman is lost or demented, but as the woman creeps nearer to the house, it becomes clear she is no ordinary figure, and her intentions are anything but peaceful. Now Ramona must rally to protect herself and her children from the grasp of the woman who simply won't leave them alone.

A WORKING MAN (R)

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Levon Cade left a decorated military career in the black ops to live a simple life working construction. But when his boss's daughter, who is like

family to him, is taken by human traffickers, his search to bring her home uncovers a world of corruption far greater than he imagined.

A MINECRAFT MOVIE (PG)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Four misfits (Jason Momoa, Sebastian Eugene Hansen, Emma Myers and Danielle Brooks) are suddenly pulled through a portal

into the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected expert crafter (Jack Black). Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative—the very skills they need to thrive back in the real world.

Movie Buzz

Deadline has confirmed that a new Starship Troopers is happening at Sony with District 9



filmmaker Neill Blomkamp writing and directing. The new movie will go back to the 1959 source material by Robert A. Heinlein and not be based on the 1997 Paul Verhoeven movie—thank God! Blomkamp has a long history with Sony, having made sci-fi opuses *District 9, Chappie*, and *Elysium*.

The next Star Wars movie, The Mandalorian & Grogu, officially has the lowest budget of any

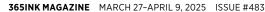


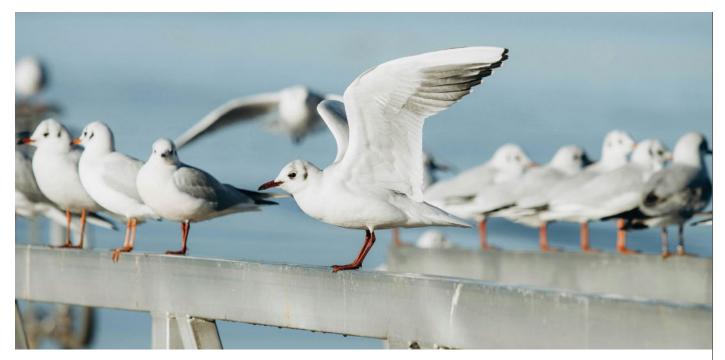
Disney Star Wars film to date. Filmed in California, The Mandalorian & Grogu took advantage of ILM's latest innovations—notably StageCraft, also known as "The Volume" technology, which uses high-definition LED video walls to generate virtual sceneries. It was first used for The Mandalorian TV series. According to the California Film Commission (via Collider), The Mandalorian & Grogu had an overall production budget of just \$166.4 million. It received tax credits of \$21.75 million, which will have further helped. This is unusual for Disney, which has frequently struggled to keep costs under control when it comes to Star Wars.

Young Guns 3 star Emilio Estevez finally revealed the long-awaited sequel's filming start window



and shooting location after announcing the existence of the project in 2021. The film will shoot this fall in New Mexico, and Emilio is expected to direct under the working title *Young Guns 3: Alias Billy the Kid.* In 2023,Lou Diamond Phillips seemed to staunch sequel talk, saying, "It was chugging along there for a minute, but then I think they got into a rights situation... It's not dead, but it's not happening right now." Well, it looks like it time for the Regulators to mount up!







The Do Matters

By Matt Booth

In today's digital age, we have access to more information than ever before. With just a few taps on a phone, we can learn how to get in shape, improve our finances, or build a new skill. But as my greatgrandpa used to say, "Do something! Right or wrong, I don't care but do something."

Knowing is not the same as doing. We don't get results from what we *know*—we get results from what we *do*.

The Knowing-Doing Gap

Despite having all this knowledge at our fingertips, many people struggle to turn what they *know* into what they *do*. A classic example of this is gym memberships. At the start of each year, millions of people sign up for gym memberships with good intentions. They *know* that exercise is important for their health. But by March, more than half of them have stopped going. A 2023 study found that while 67% of Americans say they want to

be healthier, only 23% exercise regularly. The gap between knowing and doing is real, and it affects every area of our lives.

Real-Life Examples

It's easy to see this principle in everyday life. Our two boys *know* how to make their beds. They've been shown how to smooth the sheets, fluff the pillows, and pull up the blanket. But knowing how to make the bed is not the same as making the bed. The *do* matters.

They also *know* how to shovel the sidewalk when it snows. They've done it before, they understand how to push the snow off to the side. But that knowledge means nothing if they don't step outside, pick up the shovel, and start clearing a path. The *do* matters.

It's no different for adults. I know how to lose five pounds. I know that skipping the donut and eating healthier will help. But knowing I shouldn't eat the donut is not the same as not eating the donut. The do matters.

Taking Action at Life's Crossroads

We all come to forks in the road—moments of decision where we have to choose a path. Yogi Berra once said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." It's simple but profound advice. Too often,

people freeze at decision points, unsure of the "right" choice. But here's the truth: The worst decision is not choosing at all.

Think about your own life. Maybe you've been considering a career change, but you're waiting for the "perfect time." Maybe you want to start a new business, but you're afraid of failing. Maybe you need to have a tough conversation, but you keep putting it off. The reality is, you don't need to know *everything* before you move forward. Just take the next step. When you go down the road a little further, you'll find another fork in the road—and then another. But you won't get anywhere if you don't start walking.

Stop Kicking the Can— Start Kicking Butt

Procrastination and hesitation lead to missed opportunities. We've all seen people who dream big but never take action. It's like the old story of the seagulls. There are five seagulls sitting on a dock. One of them decides to fly away. How many seagulls are left?

You said four, didn't you? Here's the catch—deciding to fly away is not the same as actually flying. That seagull can write it down in his goals, put it on a vision board, and tell all his seagull friends about his grand plan to soar into the sky. But until he flaps his wings and lifts off, he's still sitting on the dock. The do matters.

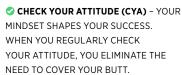
So, what's something you *know* you should do but haven't done yet? Call that prospect. Sign up for that class. Have that conversation. Take that fork in the road.

Because in the end, the *do* is what makes the difference. The *do* is what changes your life.

The do matters. ■

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—Matt Booth



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DIY ADVICE

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BY SARA CARPENTER

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Spring has SPRUNG!

As I visit homes for landscaping, it's so refreshing to see daffodils blooming and perennials coming to life. Many people call me each spring wondering what they should be doing in their garden while it's still too early to do a lot of new plantings. Now is a great time to apply pre-emergent herbicides to your shrub and perennial beds to prevent weed seeds from taking

over. Preen can be applied using a giant salt shaker like container every 4 months. Corn gluten is a natural option that should be applied every 6 weeks which can also be used in vegetable gardens.

Another one of my favorite early spring activities is planting pansies, snapdragons, and alyssum along with pussywillow branches in my pots.

Nothing is more satisfying than seeing these charming flowers continue to bloom, even if we get some cold weather or dare I say snow, yet this spring.

Here are a few things you should do to get a jump start on your yardwork:

Ornamental Grasses

Now is the time to cut all ornamental grasses back to the ground. Depending





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on the size and variety, that usually means about 3 inches off the ground. Also note that there are two different kinds of grasses: warm season and cool season. Cool season grasses like Karl Forester Grass or Overdam Grass are likely already showing green growth. Don't see any new growth yet? You likely have a warm season grass like Maiden Grass or Shenandoah Switch Grass which takes lon- ger to get going. Be patient, and when it does start to grow, it will go quick!

Perennials

Remove any remaining "dead" looking growth still left from last year and allow the new green growth coming up from the roots to shine. Woodier perennials like Russian Sage and Butterfly bush will need to be cut back to where new buds are forming, often quite low near the base.

Roses

During the winter, roses die back to varying degrees based on the winter's severity. Many roses may need to be cut back more than in years past with this tough winter. You will see the stems are black near the tops and become greener near the base. Remove at least all of the black and then decide if you want to shape them further from there.

Early Bloomers

Wait to prune plants that bloom early in the season like Lilacs and Weigela otherwise you will cut off their blossoms. Once they have initially bloomed, shape the plants as needed, and they will often rebloom!

Late Bloomer

Prune to shape as needed in the early spring. One plant that can be particularly confusing are Hydrangeas. If you have a shade loving blue/pink round blooming hydrangea, be patient in the spring for the new growth to come. Wait until late May to prune any remaining twigs that have yet to bud with new leaves. If you have a cone shaped late summer/fall blooming variety. Go ahead and prune spent blooms now so that they can be quickly replaced by new lush growth.

Evergreens

If your evergreens are looking rough from the winter, pruning lightly to remove some of the brown will help the plants look better when the new growth comes.

Turf Grass

Now is a great time to begin fertilizing your lawn. However, remember if you plan to overseed your lawn, be sure to not use a product that prevents crabgrass otherwise you will have to wait until fall to seed. Concerned about crabgrass and need to thicken up your lawn? Consider using a smart fertilizer like Scotts Step 1 for seeding which knows the difference between weed seeds and grass seeds. If you plan to use a grub control product, wait a few weeks before applying it to get the most bang for your buck.

YardRX

For many folks, choosing proper lawncare products can be incredibly overwhelming. This year, we are proud to announce a new program designed to make the process much less complex. YardRX was designed to let us help you choose the best products for your specific home needs based on a simple set of questions. Visit acehardware.com/yardrx, and we will even deliver these items to your home at the appropriate time for you to apply them so you are not left storing them all summer!

Look What I Found at the Library!

By Pam Kress-Dunn



War

This week in my volunteer shelfreading adventure at Carnegie-Stout Public Library, I have, inevitably, come to war. But this is interesting—the books on the Civil War, the Battle of Britain, and the Vietnam War are shelved with the histories of those countries. Books on war itself are back in the 300s, under Social Science—including the warfare of Foot Forces, Mounted Forces, Air Forces, and Sea Forces in the 350s. If you want the "how-to" of war, go there, but for the "what happened," seek out the 900s.



959.7043 ASS: Vietnam: The Real War, by the Associated Press

Shelved with books about the history of Southeast Asia, this is a big book full of black-and-white photos, most of which appeared in newspapers and magazines like *Life* during the long siege of North vs. South, Communism vs. Democracy. The statistics are staggering-58,220 Americans dead, plus 3 million Vietnamese—and the photos are devastating. A few have so-called happy endings that girl running naked after a napalm attack? She survived, as well as the baby in the box-but this book mostly bears witness to war's horror, fear, and pointlessness. Just one photo of a medic desperately trying to revive his comrade is enough to put you right there.

I learned that the last two Americans to die on Vietnamese soil, on April 29, 1975, included Marine Corporal Darwin Judge—of Marshalltown, IA. He was 19.



940.53492 TEN: The Hiding Place, by Corrie Ten Boom

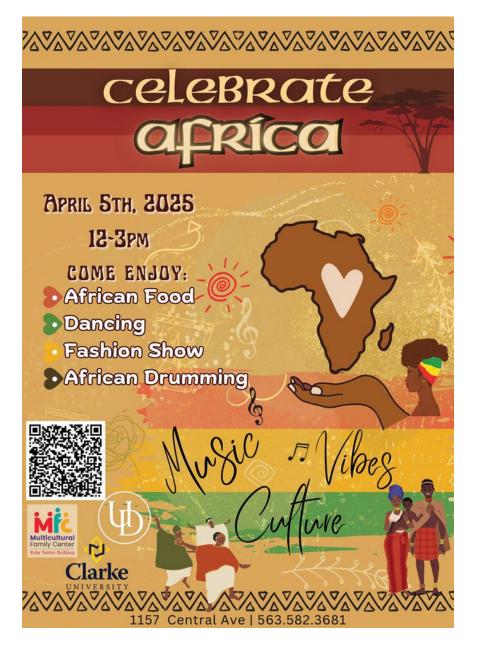
A quieter but no less shattering book is shelved with the history of Europe, this one a memoir by a Dutchwoman. Ten Boom and her family hid their terrified Jewish neighbors in rooms above their jewelry shop until someone outed them. Most of the people they hid escaped the roundup, but Corrie's father and sister died in concentration camps. Corrie herself only survived when a clerical error put her name on a list of women to be released from Ravensbrück in late 1944. She blesses the Germans who showed some pity—a guard pointing her to a chair when her legs gave out, a nurse who whispered her into a last visit with her dying sister. The detail here is astounding; the story is both inspiring and horrifying. The world vowed "never again" after World War I and yet there we were—again, and again, and again.

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By Dave Green

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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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If you were looking for some real traditional Irish Music over St. Patrick's Day weekend, Frank O'Dowd's Pub at the Irish Cottage is all the further you had to look as the Bog Bodies and Andreas Transo lit up the stage.



The Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Dubuque group at the Iowa State Capitol Building for State Government Day to advocate for Dubuque.



365ink's Bryce Parks got to spend a bit of his St. Patrick's Day reading to 2nd Grade students at Prescott Elementary School in downtown Dubuque. He was one of many Dubuquers who did so with numerous classes at the school for Read Across America Week.



Love the shirt! These young ladies participated in a Hershey Chocolate Bridge STEM challenge at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque with many of the other older members of the great downtown youth advocacy organization.



A familiar sight from a loftier angle, as the venerable Dyersville makes its way up 1st Ave. with the familiar Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in the background. Photo by Manueo Cayro.



Audience members talk with performer Judie Chalmers following her performance of "Nano Nagle, Path Through the Dark," at Clarke University's Jansen Music Hall. It was presented by the Sisters of the Presentation who are celebrating their 150th year of "Tending the Light."



It's a real thing! One Sound Meditation Studio led one of the most unique uses of the Dubuque Community Y's pool that they'd have seen in awhile! She's generating a tone in the foreground as they float!



Sports loving Dubuque Schools pals, Kent Coleman, Curt Deutsch, Susan Swift and Chad Parkin take in some NCAA Tourney action at Island Social at Q Casino.



Skidd Marks (yep, that's their name... think farm implements), took home 3rd place for their Wicked-themed float in the Dyersville St. Patrick's Day Parade this year.



Women's Leadership Network of Dubuque Members Book Club dove into Let Them by Mel Robbins during their recent meeting hosted by Pigott Furniture at the Caradco Building in downtown Dubuque's Millwork District.

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It could be any old Cubs game at the Otherside in East Dubuque, except that this season opener was happening in Japan and it's about 5:30 AM for these die-hards to come out for the game, and a stellar breakfast, of course. The Cubs lost to the Yankees. 565INK

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ANGELA,

Love your column. I'm an aspiring nudist. I hang out naked at home all the time. Now that spring is here, I'd like to expand my nude options. You seem to be knowledgeable about the Dubuque area. Is there a local place to practice social nudity? A park, a club, an organization? Anywhere to "let it all hang out" (literally) in a social situation.

Would love to meet local naked people. I've tried the usual meet-up sites on the web, but I only meet on-line folks lookin for a quickie hook-up. That's NOT my intention. Can you help me?

—Naked on Nightingale Lane
P.S. - Viva au Naturale!

DEAR NAKED,

First off, thank you for your typed and snail-mailed letter. Readers, the way to this girl's heart is by sending in these hard-hitting questions AND supporting the post office. However, I'm afraid I can't help you with this one. Oh. don't get me wrong, I do KNOW all the best places to go. I've got the best skinny dipping spot. I have watched countless matches of the DBQ chapter of the NSVBL (the Naked Sand Volleyball League). Let me tell you, they are some of the toughest athletes I know. Just thinking about where that sand goes gives me nightmares. But honestly, half the fun is in finding the community. Kinda like how Jeep owners seek out each other and put ducks on their mirrors, or how really friendly folks decorate with pineapples as a sign of welcome—you just need to be a little more observant while you're out having fun this summer. There is a phrase that

all nudists know that can really help you identify like-minded individuals. During a conversation, if you're getting that "nudist vibe" from someone, say the phrase, "Don't you just love it when the sun shines there?" If they respond by saying, "Here, there, and everywhere," you'll know you're at the beginning of a beautiful, clothing-free friendship.

DEAR ANGELA,

My throat hurts a little and I've got a stuffy nose? I think I'm sick but my wife says it's just the weather. Can you let me know which it is? —Sick, maybe? on Central

DEAR SICK, MAYBE?

Yeah, it's both. Sorry to say it, but you've got a spring cold AND allergies. I'll be sending you the bill for this diagnosis. Please pay within 30 days to avoid late fees.

DEAR ANGELA,

I am rather verbose and tend to use my rich vocabulary when I'm writing or confabulating. I recently wrote an email to a coworker, asking if it was too self-aggrandizing to promote a personal project at our upcoming staff meeting. This got me thinking. Is it too self-aggrandizing to use self-aggrandizing in an email to a coworker when I could have used braggadocious, pompous, or supercilious?
—Scrutinizing Sesquipedalian on Shawondasse Drive

DEAR SESQUATCH,

Look, it's clear that everything you do is due to an overabundance of pompousness. You already know that everyone is rolling their eyes at you because they know everything you say is altogether too much. And look, we all get the IDEA of what you mean because we learned about context clues in school (it's weird, more kids don't say they want to be detectives when they grow up with all the mysteries they are asked to solve). Next time you want to say something, just try and get it out using four-letter words. That will be really effective.

ANGELA VENTRIS

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO..

By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos

ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13) The good news? Now is a good time to reinvent yourself. The bad news? Your new self will already be patented by someone else.



TAURUS

(MAY 14-JUNE 19) The bad news? You'll suffer some serious FOMO when your friends make plans without you. The good news? You won't

GEMINI

be implicated in the charges.

(JUNE 20-JULY 20)

The bad news? You'll suffer an embarrassment that will follow you for the rest of your life. The good news? Cosmically speaking, life is short. It won't be long before nobody remembers anything you ever did.



LEO

(AUG 10-SEP 15)

You'll forget to teach it how to love.

The good news? You'll finally find the strength to take that leap of faith. The bad news? You'll put your faith in the wrong deity and plunge to your unsung death.



VIRGO

(SEP 16-OCT 30)

The bad news? You'll lose your moral compass. The good news? Mars is technically considered international waters, and compasses don't work on that planet anyway.

LIBRA

(OCT 31-NOV 22) The good news? You'll

finally see the world through rosecolored glasses. The bad news? You still have to put together the REST of your Cyclops cosplay, and the con is only a few weeks away.

SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29)

The good news? It's finally time to end that long conflict. The bad news? It will require your total surrender and that you be brought to The Hague to answer for your war crimes.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30-DEC 17)

The good news? Spring has SPRUNG! The bad news? You'll wanna pull up tough cuz you noticed that butt was stuffed deep in the jeans she's wearin'. You're hooked and you can't stop starin'.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18-JAN 8) The good news? Spring will be buzzing with lots of pointed

interactions. The bad news? Your beekeeping suit got lost in the move.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9-FEB 15)

The bad news? You'll really put your foot in your mouth this time. The worse news? With these newfound bootlicking skills, you're well on your way to being a future in politics.



AQUARIUS (FEB 16-MAR 11)

The bad news? So much is going on that you'll just feel completely inundated with information. The good news? You know what? Never mind about the good news. You've got enough to remember already.



PISCES

(MAR 12-APR 18)

The bad news? This retrograde will make it difficult for you to express yourself. The good news? Nobody wants to hear what you have to say, anyway.

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