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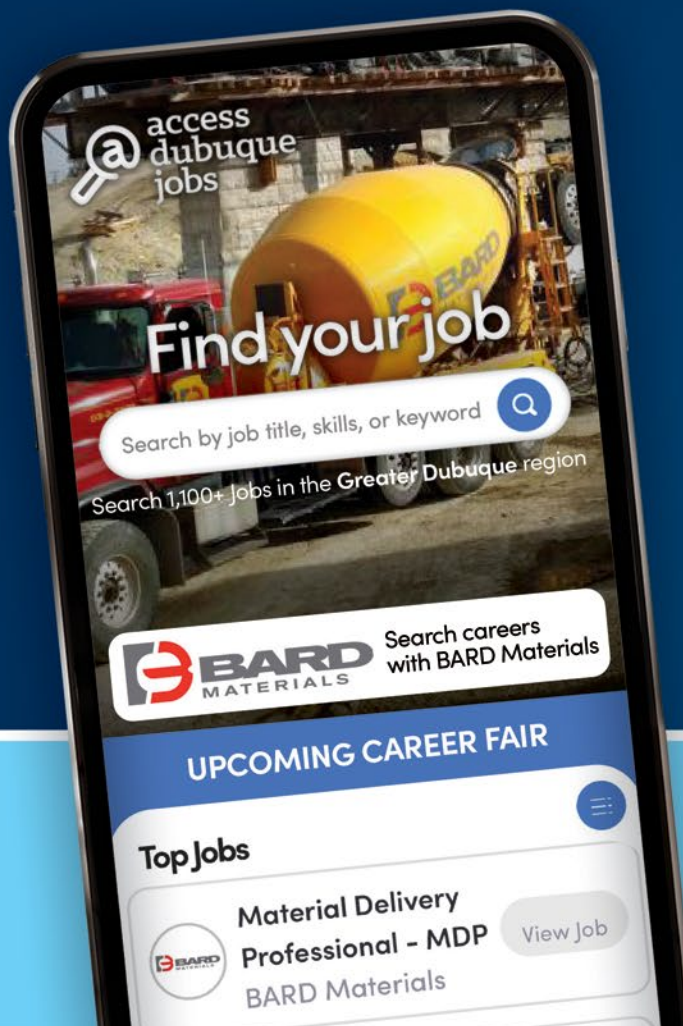
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What's my role?

What do I say, what do I not say? I'm sure so many people would say that I've not held back in the past on political and social issues, but I assure you—I have. Less so on social issues. If you can't figure out on your own that all human beings are all equally worthy of life and happiness, then I don't really worry at all about making you angry. But I do bite my tongue way more than you might think on politics.

First of all, I know that a lot of what I might say here is happening in an echo chamber. I'm preaching to the choir with most of what I'd say anyway. But I have lashed out a couple of times, not recently, and I regret doing that. Mainly because when you have truth, justice, and the American way on your side, you should just be able to let the facts do the fighting for you. But some people don't like facts, and that can tend to get in your craw after a while.

I've also been threatened a couple of times. Not physically, but kind of that, "I'm going to call all of your advertisers and get you canceled for saying that", kind of thing. But then I go back and read what made those triggered individuals angry, and I think, "Go ahead. I

can back up what I wrote or defend my position." Especially when the other side of the argument is so often, well, just sad and embarrassing. And should they have to explain what they mean when they say that, it's not going to end well.

And then there is the fact that, well, to be blunt, this is my publication. I try to appeal to everyone with the events and culture we cover, but at the end of the day, I'm not going to publish things that I think will be harmful or discriminatory. But on the flip side, I decided I also didn't want to print things that were just spiteful or cheap shots, even if they were arguments with which I agree. As much as I want to show them Greener's Law in action, temperance seems the virtuous path.

I have had requests to run some ads recently that were decidedly politically motivated, and I anguished over them. In the end, I decided that if they simply made a point or defended an ideology that I find worthy, then I'm okay with it. But if the message is just a cheap shot at Trump or a mean-spirited argument, I won't run it but will ask if they'd like to rework the goal of the ad to make it a positive statement instead of a lash-out, as much as I do want to lash out at times. It's also not my job to offer up my paper's reputation for other people to launch their missiles.

I do realize that it's not people just like me who are reading my pages, and if I'm

going to sway any mindsets, the only way to do that is by presenting valid, logical arguments and not with insults. Yes, at this point I also know I'm not changing mindsets. Only a 401k going in the tank or ICE coming for your own family can do that now. So I hope I don't have such things in *365ink*. I don't mean to. If someone thinks a quote from a famous and revered historical thinker about the role of a leader in a society is an attack, then I guess that's on them to break down and solve. If I say someone is doing something wrong, I'll try to say why I feel that is. Maybe it's passive-aggressive or something, but it's not just an angry job.

For example, if I quote Marquis de Condorcet who said, "A free press and free education are the guardians of liberty," I would hope everyone reading that would be like, "Well, duh!" But if you read that and feel attacked, then I think some soul-searching is in your future. Does that make sense?

I gave Kristina, who lays out the paper, a few "filler" ads to pop into those little gaps that come up in the paper here and there during the layout process. No angry attack ads but some bedrock statements of kindness, logical thought, and democracy that I hope we can all look at and say, "Duh!"

Meanwhile, like you, I'm rolling with the punches as they come. I do know that the costs for me to give you all free copies

of this paper are going up immediately because of tariffs against Canada. My paper is printed in Janesville, WI, but the paper it is printed on comes from Canada. So if that paper costs 25% more for my printer to buy and they pass that cost on to me (because that IS how tariffs work, they are a tax paid by us, the American consumer of those tariffed goods), then the overall bill from the printer is going up about 8%. I don't like that idea at all. What do I do now? Charge every great advertiser we have 3% more for their ad? Do I just eat the cost increase? Hey, does anyone out there want to start running a quarter-page ad in *365ink* for a while? That would make up for my losses!

Mostly, I just hope you are all doing okay and somehow we come out on the other end of this thing without too much damage. I don't know if we can ever heal the damage that has been done to relations with our absolute best friends in the world such as Canada and Western Europe. And with literally no one in the entire world outside of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. seeing a beneficial exit strategy to our current predicament, I just have to hold on tight and hope for a miracle. Mitch McConnell came out against it already. That's almost a miracle. But it's going to take a lot more people to decide that there is more than one man who makes the gears of our nation work and retake control of the ship. ■

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Evening of Light: Kevin Mulcahy

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 @ 5 PM
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 Iowa 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, silent auction, and more information, call the Riverview Center at **563-557-0310** or visit riverviewcenter.org/events. ■



DUBUQUE COUNTY READS

Stephanie Foo Author Event

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 @ 6:30 PM
LORAS COLLEGE LIBRARY
(1450 ALTA VISTA ST)

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.

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. at Loras College Library. All Dubuque County Reads events are free and open to the public. Book

discussions will take place throughout Dubuque County through April 14.

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 county-wide 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.

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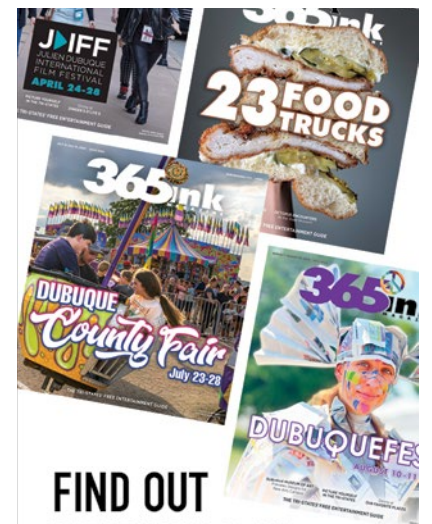
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Envision 2030 Night of Ideas

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 @ 5:30-7:30 PM
Q CASINO + RESORT REFLECTION
ROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

Ever brainstorm ideas by spinning a roulette wheel? How about with a March Madness-style bracket?

Those are just a couple of ways community members can dream big for the Dubuque region at the Envision 2030 Night of Ideas. Everyone is invited to this fun, interactive brainstorming extravaganza, which will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in Q Casino + Resort's Reflection Room.

The Night of Ideas is an opportunity for neighbors to come together and generate ideas that could strengthen the Dubuque region. Attendees can play mock-casino games, use the app Kahoot, or take part in other activities designed to inspire ideas and push the brainstorming process forward. Children are welcome to attend, and they will be able to come up with ideas of their own at a drawing and coloring station.

All ideas from the event will be submitted to the Envision 2030 campaign, a community visioning



process that will help determine the next 10 great ideas for Dubuque.

Envision 2030, facilitated by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, builds on the success of Envision 2010, which led to projects like the Millwork District revitalization, Crescent Community Health Center and riverfront improvements.

"When it comes to building a strong future for our community, everyone's voice matters," says Nancy Van Milligen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation.

Can't make it to the Night of Ideas? There are many more ways to submit your ideas for Dubuque.

- **Submit them in writing.** Fill out the online form at envision2030.org. There's no limit to the number of ideas that can be submitted.
- **Submit a video.** The online form includes an option for uploading a file. 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.

The submission period runs through June.

After the submission period closes, a selection committee will whittle down the ideas to a list of 100 semi-finalists. This summer, the Foundation and the Chamber will host town hall gatherings 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.

"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."

For more information, visit

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THU 4/10

High School Art Exhibit Opening Celebration

4:30-6:30 PM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART

Area high school artists take center stage in this exhibition of artwork by Dubuque's youth. Swing by to celebrate their accomplishments and toast the future of art in our area. Free. 701 Locust St. **563-557-1851. DBQart.org.**

Dubuque Audubon: Capturing Moments in Nature

6:45-8 PM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Have you ever wondered how the wildlife photos you see in stores or magazines are taken and where they come from? The National Wildlife Refuge system is made up of wonderful places around our country that are often the sites for the pictures you see. In his program "Capturing Moments in Nature," Stan

Bousson will share photos that have been taken in many locations along the Mississippi River near his home in Illinois. Also included are photos taken at wildlife refuges and national parks from other areas of the country. He will discuss photographic equipment and techniques used to shoot those images and share information about where to look for wildlife you may want to observe or photograph. Social sharing time at 6:45 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. **audubondubuque.org.**

SAT 4/12

Legislative Education Forum/Town Hall: Discuss Iowa's Education Policies

10 AM @ KEYSTONE AEA

Rep. Lindsay James and Sen. Tom Townsend, in coordination with the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA), host a 10-15 minute

presentation highlighting key education policies currently being considered by the Iowa legislature. Following the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of education in Iowa. "We want to ensure that every voice is heard when it comes to shaping the policies affecting our students and educators," said Rep. Lindsay James. "This forum is a chance for members of the community to directly interact with their elected representatives." All Dubuque area legislators have been invited to attend. Bring your questions and concerns. Free. 2310 Chaney Rd. **563-235-4278.**

**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.**

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Party For The Planet

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 10 AM-3 PM
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MUSEUM & AQUARIUM (350 E 3RD ST)**

Join the River Museum and its conservation partners to celebrate our amazing Earth at Party For The Planet on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendor booths will be set up around campus with various interactives and information about local and regional conservation efforts.

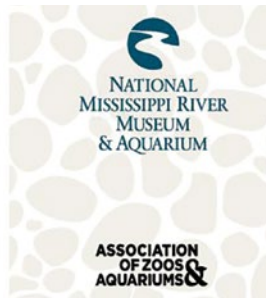
Vendors and a fishing presentation kick things off at 10 a.m. The Ocean Odyssey Shark Touch Tank opens at noon along with a second fishing presentation at 1 p.m.

Members of the River Museum's Living Collections team will host special keeper

chats about the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE) programs for Freshwater Mussels at 10:30 a.m. and Wyoming Toads at 1 p.m., highlighting the conservation work happening here in Dubuque to save species.

Guests can also bring home yellow birch saplings, courtesy of Wagner Nursery, and enter for their chance to win an octopus encounter, alligator feeding experience, or greenhouse tour with native plant consultation.

Activities are included in general admission, and regular add-on daily activities are still available. Bring in a canned food item for \$5 off your total ticket purchase! The food drive benefits the Dubuque Food Pantry. For tickets and more information, call the River Museum at **563-557-9545** or visit RiverMuseum.org. ■



SUN 4/13

Blue Ribbon Breakfast

8 AM-NOON @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUND GRAND BALLROOM

The Dubuque County Fair Association's Annual Blue Ribbon Breakfast raises funds to help support improvements to the Grand Ballroom. The meal includes eggs, ham, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, toast, pancakes, coffee, juice, and milk. There will be coloring pages for the kids, and the Easter Bunny will be paying a visit! Live/silent auction begins at 11 a.m. and 50/50 drawings. \$12 Adults, \$6 ages 5-11. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. DBQfair.com.

Tree Rings

11 AM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Discover how tree rings are made and what they can tell

us about the life and history of the tree. Look at different species, sizes, and learn how to identify different types of trees. Finish with a tree-based craft to take home. Grades K-5. RSVP required. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.

2nd Annual Easter Skate

1-3 PM @ IMON ARENA
Enjoy a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, best bunny ears contest, and crafts. Regular admission and skate rental apply. 1800 Admiral Sheehy Dr. **563-583-4949**. ImOnArena.com.

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.

The Living Last Supper

3 PM @ ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
4/13 at 3 p.m., St. Peter Lutheran Church.; 4/17 at 6:30 p.m., 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.

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TUE 4/15**Summit Street Singers Open Rehearsal and Sing-a-Long**

7 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL) Summit Street Singers, an all-ages welcome community chorus, invites you to enjoy music and refreshments, meet fellow music lovers, and learn more about the chorus. This program is

partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. galenacenterforthearts.com.

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.

In Bed by 9pm Dance Party

6-9 PM @ THE GOOSE This high-energy fundraiser for NAMI Dubuque features the best hits from the '80s, '90s, and '00s. Dance your heart out and be home in time to be productive in the morning. Come as you are—rock a T-shirt, go glam, or throw on your favorite throw-back fit. All proceeds go to

support mental illness locally with NAMI Dubuque. \$15. 920 Main St. [facebook.com/NAMIDubuque](https://www.facebook.com/NAMIDubuque).

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](https://www.sheunitesiowa.com/events).

THU 4/17**Lower Your Cholesterol... Naturally**

5-6:30 PM @ STATERA What does living well mean to you? At Statera, they focus on the importance of integrative health, considering each person as a whole: mind, body and spirit. \$35. 3375 Lake Ridge Dr. **563-207-8932**. stateraintegrated.com.

Are You Dead Yet?: Movie Screening

6-8 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY The locally produced horror movie *Are You Dead Yet?* (2024) is an homage to low-budget, VHS-era horror movies. It follows a group of thrill seekers who fight to survive in the woods against a maniac with a mallet and a taste for blood. The movie was written and directed by Jayme Schmitt. The showing will include an exclusive teaser for the movie's sequel. This 1 hour 40 minute movie is not rated,

but it is intended for adult audiences. It contains bloody violence and terror, disturbing images, strong language, and sexual content. English subtitles will be turned on. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.

Captains of the Cocktail

6 PM @ 7 HILLS BALLROOM & EVENT CENTER Enjoy unique and delicious cocktails created by bartenders from 12 local establishments. They will compete to impress both you and a panel of professional judges in five categories. Join United Way Campaign Captains, Joie Wales, and John Gartner for cocktails, music by DJ Dan Broz, dancing and plenty of nautical nonsense. This boat/yacht rock themed event will also include awards for the best decorated booth and best dressed participant. All proceeds benefit United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States. \$40. 333 E 10th St. dbqunitedway.org.

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Clarke Fest

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 4 PM
CLARKE UNIVERSITY (1550 CLARKE DR)
Everyone is invited to the 5th annual Clarke Fest, a free outdoor festival celebrating the end of the year at Clarke University on Saturday, April 26 at 4 p.m. If it rains, the party will move indoors to the Robert and Ruhl Kehl Center on the Clarke University campus.

Guests can enjoy family-friendly games, crafts and entertainment, including free performances from local musicians. Some of Clarke's fantastic student work will also be on display, from musical performances and artwork for sale, to short films from communication students.

The art sale begins at 4 p.m. View and purchase student work including screen prints, pottery, sculptures, and more. Proceeds will benefit student artists as well as department initiatives.

Clarke Jazz and Melos perform at 4:15-4:45 p.m. Clarke Jazz is a student ensemble that focuses on jazz styles and some pop-rock music. Clarke Melos prepares contemporary vocal literature, focusing on popular, jazz, and Broadway styles.

At 5-5:45 p.m., Adam's Dance Connection showcases international dance styles with fun and flair. You won't want to miss this interactive performance! Adam's Dance Connection has been entertaining the Tri-States with award-winning moves since 2015.

In addition, some of Dubuque's best-loved food trucks will be parked on Clarke Drive including Versus, Vesperman's Ice Cream, and more to be announced soon.

The event is co-sponsored by Arts at Clarke, Clarke Activities Board, and Clarke Student Association.

Clarke Fest is free and open to the public. For more information, visit clarke.edu/clarkefest.

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FRI 4/18

Southwestern Little Wildcat Center EasterFest

NOON-3 PM @ SOUTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
Hop into the spirit of spring with an Easter egg and scavenger hunt, wheel barrow and potato sack races, face painting, 50/50 raffle, and more. Help support growth and improvements to the playground equipment and indoor gross motor supplies. \$5. 1415 Fairplay St, Hazel Green, WI. [facebook.com/southwesternlittlewildcatcenter](https://www.facebook.com/southwesternlittlewildcatcenter).

Fundraiser Line Dancing Night

6-7:30 PM @ POSH LOUNGE
Come out and learn "Country Girls," a new line dance that is bringing all types of people together around the world. This dance is fun, energetic, and easy to learn. Chelsea Middendorf, Business Development Director at Eagle Pointe Place, is raising money for Hills & Dales through the Dubuque Chamber's Dances with the Stars with help from dance coach and host Renee Dunn. \$5 of each donation goes to Hills & Dales, plus help TURN KIDZ-TK get closer to the stars! Ages 21+. \$20. 900 Central Ave.

SAT 4/19

Community Easter Egg Hunt

10 AM @ ALLISON HENDERSON PARK
Join hundreds of Dubuque kids for a morning of family fun as thousands of Easter eggs fill the field at the park awaiting the little hunters to do their thing. [facebook.com/TheAuthenticConnectionDBQ](https://www.facebook.com/TheAuthenticConnectionDBQ).

10th Annual Dubuque Psychic & Paranormal Expo

10 AM-6 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
More than 40 vendors boast merchandise, readings,

treatments (reiki, reflexology, etc), and more. Plus presentations and speakers with past topics including ghost hunters, gallery readings, crystals, angels, past lives, and haunted locations. \$5. 14569 Old Highway Rd. TravelersMoonPara.com.

Country Easter

10 AM-NOON @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL) Hop on over to Shenandoah Riding Center for wagon rides, crafts, a hot chocolate bar with cookies, and of course, an Easter egg hunt! The Easter Bunny will be hiding more than 500 eggs on the property for kids to find at 10:30 a.m. Limited lead lines can be reserved online. RSVP. \$5 Ages 12 and younger; Free for adults. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. **815-777-9550**. shenandoahridingcenter.com.

Myson's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

1-6 PM @ COMISKEY PARK The Easter egg hunt also hosts kids' activities, bounce houses, face painting, food vendors with free food, photos with the Easter Bunny, free haircuts, and a job fair with nine businesses and the Iowa Works Department. The Red Cross will offer CPR training. Hosted by Myson's Tacos and Burritos. Free. 255 E 24th St. **563-231-6363**.

Alone/Together

2:30-4 PM @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI) This captivating interpretative dance performance by Minnesota-based artist Mary Mailand Schlichting explores themes of isolation, resilience, and human connection through expressive movement. A seasoned artist known for her evocative performances, Mailand Schlichting has presented work across the Midwest, using dance as a means to communicate complex human emotions and societal themes. The event serves as the closing event for The DRIFT



ALONE/TOGETHER ON APRIL 19

and Sneak Peek art exhibits. Free. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **773-415-8215**. RountreeGallery.org.

MON 4/21

Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL AND DUBUQUE 4/21-4/27. See more on page 24. JulienFilmFest.com.

THU 4/24

Tenth Muse Volume 15 Launch Party

5:30-7:30 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY MARY FRANCES HALL SOLARIUM Enjoy live readings from authors and contributors to this year's literary magazine, along with light refreshments and good company. 1550 Clarke Dr. clarke.edu/artsatclarke.

Peosta City-Wide Garage Sales

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FRI 4/25

The Shimmering Lights Adult Prom

6-11 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GRAND BALLROOM Buffet dinner at 7-8:30 p.m., live auction, and DJ playing all genres of music. Hosted by Clarees Peoples. Some proceeds benefit the Multicultural Family Center. \$65/person. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. dbqfair.com.

Dubuque Days of Caring

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE This annual event is pivotal in mobilizing community members to engage in one-time service projects that significantly enhance participating organizations' operational capabilities and futures. In an impressive display of community spirit, the 2024 saw more than 1,400 volunteers generously dedicating over 4,600 hours to successfully complete 71 projects for 44 local nonprofits. dbqdaysofcaring.org.

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Live Like Mark Memorial Run

SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 8-11 AM
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Honor, celebrate, and remember the life of former Dubuque Police Chief Mark Dalsing. Keep his goal alive of making Dubuque the best it could be at the 3rd Annual Live Like Mark Memorial 5K fun-run/walk starting at Heritage Pond on Saturday, May 3 at 8-11 a.m.

Mark Dalsing served the City of Dubuque, IA as both a police officer and Chief of Police before his retirement in September 2021. From there he joined the Affordable Housing

Department at Catholic Charities until his unexpected death in April 2022.

Mark was known for lighting up rooms, being a jokester, a shoulder to lean on and the best husband, father, family member and friend anyone could wish for. Outside of his 20+ years of service on the police department, Mark loved participating in 5K running events throughout the Tri-State area. Although, self-admittedly, he wasn't the fastest runner, he ran for joy. Crossing the finish line and getting a T-Shirt were the two best things about running to him, regardless of what the clock said.

Mark and his wife, Jennie, raised two children, Benjamin, and Emilie, together. He is missed and thought of every day. Although the grief of losing him doesn't go away, his memory and smile lives on in our hearts.

In 2023, the Live Like Mark Memorial Run raised over \$4,000 for the Avery Foundation; a foundation committed to helping aid those with cancer. In 2024, the Live Like Mark Memorial Run raised over \$5,000 for St. Mark's Youth Enrichment, a program offering educational and enrichment based programming to local families. This year, money will be raised for Special Spaces Dubuque. This organization creates dream bedrooms for children with cancer.

Entry is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. To sign up and for more information, visit [LiveLikeMark.org](https://www.LiveLikeMark.org). ■

SAT 4/26

Grant's Home Front Reenactment & Encampment

**9 AM-4 PM @ DEPOT
PARK (GALENA, IL)**
4/26-4/27. Experience life in the 1860s through a Living History Encampment and Civil War Battle, returning to beautiful Galena, for the seventh year. Enjoy the Sanitary Fair (a Civil War Ladies Bazaar supporting our troops) with beautiful handmade items for sale. This is a family-friendly event with the chance to interact with re-enactors portraying both military and civilians in the 1860's during the war. Meet General Grant and his staff, see a medical demonstration, and have your child "drill" with the troops. Battles each day: Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Sunday at

1:30 p.m. All ages. \$5 ages 12 and older. 91 Bouthillier St, Galena, IL. **630-768-2705**. [tristatehistoricalpresentations.blogspot.com](https://www.tristatehistoricalpresentations.blogspot.com).

The Law & Your Community

**10 AM-1 PM @
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY
CENTER**
Join Dubuque Police Officers Wilkens Dieujuste, Billy Dieujuste, and Brianna Marzette, along with other members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, for this hands-on interactive training program. Learn about citizenship, law literacy, and law enforcement engagement with a focus on education on proper and safe ways to interact with police, your rights during traffic stops or police contact, and how to handle police misconduct during

and after the time misconduct takes place. Includes lunch. All ages. Space is limited. RSVP required. Free. 1157 Central Ave. **563-582-3681**. [MFCdbq.org](https://www.MFCdbq.org).

Uncle Ike's Free Restraining Clinic

10 AM-5 PM @ UNCLE IKE'S
Bring in your electric or acoustic guitar for a free restring from Uncle Ikes. Bass guitars are \$15 while 12 strings are \$10. Register to win a guitar giveaway. One restring per customer. 4989 Radford Ct. **563-556-6052**. [UncleIkes.com](https://www.UncleIkes.com).

Food Preservation: Canning

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM @
SWISS VALLEY NATURE
CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)**
An interest in living off the land and food preservation through canning continues



GRANT'S HOME FRONT REENACTMENT & ENCAMPMENT ON APRIL 24 AND 27

to grow. Learn how to make triple-berry jam. Once you're done with this class you will have some of the fundamental skills to extend the life of some of your fruits and veggies all year long. Friends of Dubuque County

Conservation member Julie Kirschbaum will be leading the class. Julie has a Culinary Degree and decades of training crafting foods. With assistance from Iowa State University, Julie will be providing you with lots of

resources and information about food preservation. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Dubuque County Conservation. RSVP required. \$15 Suggested donation. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.**

Arbor Day Celebration

NOON-2:30 PM @ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS
Welcome, spring! With the first blooms of the season, Rech Family Gardens' Bloom Bar will feature vibrant tulips and daffodils, ready for you to handpick or choose from stunning pre-made bouquets. Stop by and bring home a touch of spring. There will also be a tree planting ceremony, tree identification walk, tree-themed storytime with special guest readers, and more. 3800 Arboretum Dr. **563-556-2100. dubuquearboretum.net.**

SUN 4/27

Self-Defense for People with Mobility Issues

9:30-11 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Martial arts and self-defense instructor Eryka Cook will lead a self-defense class for adults with mobility issues. This hands-on class will take participants through various self-defense exercises with modifications to suit individual needs and abilities. Cook has a black belt in karate and decades of experience teaching self-defense. Attendees will leave feeling empowered and more confident in their ability to protect themselves. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225 x2224. carnegiestout.org/events.**

Old 20 Market Spring Edition

10 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Jodi & KT Invite You to shop 100 Tri-State area makers,

artisans, crafters, upcyclers, bakers, and antiquers. Admission gets you into all three buildings plus the outdoor market. \$5. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406. facebook.com/JodiandKT.**

Meet the Artist: Lyndall Anthony & Joan Overhouse

1-3 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)
Lyndall Anthony has been woodturning for almost 20 years, and his beautiful vases and bowls have earned him plenty of praise for their design and craftsmanship. Joan Overhouse's attention to detail and patience have helped her become an outstanding pyrographer, earning her a place at a Figge Museum art show. Lyndall and Joan will be present to share their experiences and answer questions. Lyndall will lead a discussion at 2 p.m. Free, donations appreciated. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. **815-402-3111. galenacenterforthearts.com.**

Afriwell Hub, Inc Workshop & Concert

3-6 PM 2 BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER
Experience the vibrant fusion of East African culture like never before! Participate in a workshop, enjoy a concert, and taste foods from East Africa. Workshop at 3 p.m., concert at 4 p.m. Bring a blanket or mat. RSVP by 4/25. Free. 1201 Locust St. **563-239-9377. bluffstrokes.org.**

"The Place I'm In" Pop-Up Art Show

3-7 PM @ 168 E 10TH ST
Local artist Erin Weirup showcases more than 50 paintings of places she has been throughout the Midwest plus abstract paintings inspired by places of mind she has been in over the last few years. Doors at 3 p.m., reception at 7 p.m. Free.

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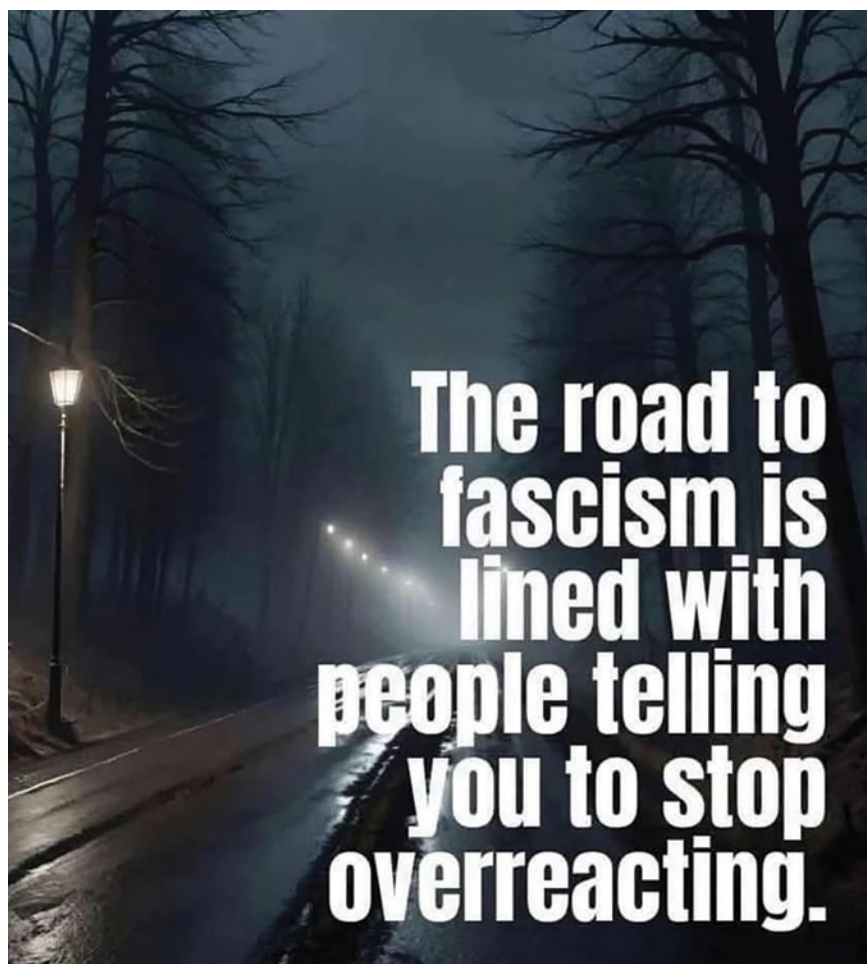
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**Readings Under
the Influence: April
Showers Bring...**

7 PM @ SMOKESTACK

RUI is a themed, interactive live and local arts showcase. Sometimes it's edgy, sometimes sweet, sometimes controversial, sometimes downright vicious, but always artful. RUI also loves audience participation, and they love giving away their infamous "Burden Prizes," so prepare for nerdy, wordy trivia outbursts between readings as well as a shots-infused, volunteerish interactive audience participation game. Feeling chill and inspired? Sit a while in the Writer's/Artist's Corner, wherein you may dump those inspired musings onto paper. Doors at 6:30 p.m. Additional 2025 dates are 8/26 and 10/29. Free. 62 E 7th St. facebook.com/RUIDBQ.

THU 5/1

**City of Asbury
Garage Sale**

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS
IN ASBURY, IA**
5/1-5/3. Since last year, the City of Asbury has been embracing the new electronic format for the city-wide garage sales. Now sellers can showcase their treasures on an interactive map and buyers can easily search for specific items! cityofasbury.com.



VINTAGE TORQUE FEST ON MAY 2 AND 3

FRI 5/2

**Midwest Pride In
Your Ride Truck
and Tractor Show**

8 AM @ TRI-SATE RACEWAY
(EARLVILLE, IA)

5/2-5/3. The show will feature working class show trucks (semis) and antique farm tractors from our area, as well as many from across the Midwest. There will be a truck pull and light show Friday night. Saturday hosts the live auction, kids activities, and truck drag racing. Vendors both days. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society. \$10/day, free ages under 12 and cancer survivors with a purple survivor shirt. 2217 270th Ave, Earlville, IA. **563-580-8200**. MidwestPrideInYourRide.org.

**Vintage Torque Fest
DUBUQUE COUNTY**

FAIRGROUNDS
5/2-5/3. This is a vintage lifestyle event. The purpose is to raise money for kids with congenital heart defects. Join for THE kick off event of the season with good music, swap meet, mini bike races, vintage cycle exhibition, dirt drag racing, demo derby action, vendors from around the country, camping, good food, and lots of classic cars and motorcycles. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **VintageTorqueFest.com**.

SAT 5/3

**World Labyrinth
Day Festival**

11:30 AM-2 PM @ SHALOM
SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Join with thousands of people around the world by participating in this moving meditation for peace. Enjoy a short educational movie followed by discussion and opportunities to walk two different labyrinths as local musician Kristina Marie Castañeda offers meditative sounds and song. Finally, there will be an opportunity to walk a nature-themed labyrinth dedicated to St. Francis. Includes lunch. RSVP by 5/1. \$15. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.

SUN 5/4

**Nurses Week
5K Run/Walk**

12:30 PM @ SOUTHWEST
HEALTH (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Bring your kids, your dogs, and whoever you'd like to cheer you on. Check in at noon. RSVP by 4/18. \$30. 1400 Eastside Rd, Platteville, WI. **608-342-0941**. SouthwestHealth.org/nurses-week-5k.



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Ongoing & Recurring Events

MONDAY

Free Line Dance Lessons

5 PM @ ADAMS'S DANCE CONNECTION
3RD MON THROUGH 10/20
Local dance instructor Adam Kieffer guides participants through the basics of line dancing, including fundamental steps and popular routines set to the rhythms of country, pop, and R&B music. No experience necessary. Partnered with Carnegie-Stout Public Library. Age 18+. RSVP required. Free. 900 Jackson St STE 108A. **563-589-4225 x2224.** carnegiestout.org.

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
1ST TUE & 1ST SAT THROUGH 5/6
Discover the ABCs of the world around us through hands-on and active activities including a craft and game. Ages 2-5 with parent/care-giver. RSVP suggested. Free. 350 E 3RD St. **563-557-9545.** RiverMuseum.org/early-explorers.

WEDNESDAY

She Unites

6:30-7:30 PM
@ THE INNOVATION LAB
3RD WED
Come together for an evening of socialization and education. Featuring rotating speakers talking about anything and everything pertaining to women in a chill environment. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.



NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

THURSDAY

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

5-9 PM @ SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DBQ, IL
THU: 5/1-9/25
7/3 MOVED TO 7/2
Open to all years of classic, muscle, and unique cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Great food, closed street, open containers, and live music. Free. facebook.com/eastdubuquecarshow.

FRIDAY

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE
1ST FRI
First Friday is a free downtown monthly community arts event with open galleries, artists' studios, and live entertainment, fostering community and celebrating arts in Dubuque. Free. FirstFridaysDubuque.org.

SATURDAY

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
2ND SAT THROUGH 4/12
Northeast Iowa School of Music introduces children and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Come prepared to sing, play instruments, and dance. Children leave with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop. All

ages. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-690-0151.** nisom.com.

Early Explorers

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1ST TUE & 1ST SAT THROUGH 5/6

FARMERS' MARKETS

Dubuque Farmers' Market

SAT 5/3-9/27: 7 AM-NOON
SAT 10/4-10/25: 8 AM-NOON
NEAR 12TH AND IOWA ST.
563-588-4400.
DubuqueFarmersMarket.org.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

SAT 5/3-10/25: 8 AM-NOON
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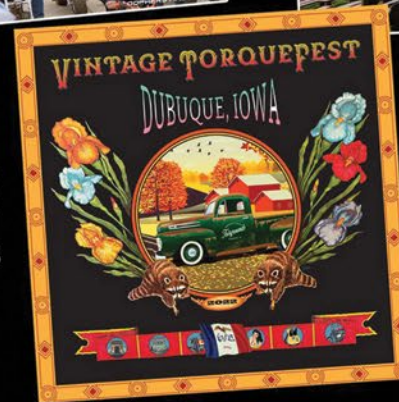
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Sesame Street Live! Say Hello

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. ■



Reza Edge of Illusion

SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 7:30 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Reza takes the art of illusion to a new level, delivering his rock concert-style magic show to audiences across the globe. Experience the magic at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Don't expect rabbits out of hats! Reza's show merges Las Vegas-caliber production with the most incredible

cutting-edge magic in existence today. Reza has garnered a world-wide buzz and loyal fan base with his passion for creating signature grand-scale illusions such as making motorcycles and helicopters materialize out of thin air!

More than a magic show, Reza infuses state-of-the-art production elements, masterful comedic timing, and numerous interactive and inspirational moments, allowing the audience to experience the magic first hand. Perhaps Reza's greatest secret is his uncanny ability to communicate his performance art on such a personal level.

Reza's unique brand of illusion has landed him on popular reality shows across 31 countries including TV appearances on A&E's *Duck Dynasty* and The CW's *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*.

Young and fresh, Reza Edge of Illusion has earned him various awards including "Magician of the Year." Reza is intriguing, engaging, and captivating. He isn't just a magician; he is a world-class entertainer.

Tickets are \$33-\$48. ■

Spring Spectacular Vendor & Fashion Show

SUNDAY, MAY 4 @ 11 AM

FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Enjoy a day of vibrant shopping, stylish finds, and entertainment, all while celebrating the fresh spirit of spring at the Five Flags Arena on Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m.

This exciting event will feature a curated selection of local vendors offering everything from unique handmade goods to the latest fashion trends. Don't miss the



highlight of the day—a live fashion show showcasing the hottest spring styles, perfect for refreshing your wardrobe, home, and more. Hosted by Five Flags Center and Classy & Chic Boutique. ■

Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO

FRIDAY, MAY 9 @ 7 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Turn to Stone brings the magic of Electric Light Orchestra to the Five Flags Theater on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

Relive Electric Light Orchestra's greatest hits such as "Don't Bring Me Down," "Mr. Blue Sky," and more, complete with a live string section, light show, and vintage '70s vibe. Formed in 2021, Turn to Stone has quickly become a top



ELO tribute band, dedicated to bringing the iconic sound to fans nationwide.

Tickets are \$32-\$48. ■

Riverdance

TUESDAY, MAY 13 @ 7 PM

FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Experience the breathtaking energy and passion of Riverdance: The Next Generation at the Five Flags Arena on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

This revamped production features a talented new cast, innovative lighting, and updated staging, while still celebrating the timeless Irish music and dance that have captivated audiences worldwide for over 25 years. Don't miss the chance to witness this iconic show, filled with mesmerizing choreography, enchanting melodies, and the signature high-energy Irish step dancing that has made Riverdance a global phenomenon.



VIP tickets include a seat in the first two rows, early access to watch cast warm ups, VIP laminate, and a short Q&A with select members prior to the performance. Tickets are \$45-\$185. ■

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The Falb Family and Kendall Hunt Publishing Company Higher Education's investment in the Dubuque Community School District music program has allowed more students, like these from Prescott Elementary School, to connect to music, learn a new skill, and build relationships with staff and peers.



Cumbia Cachaca performs as part of the First Friday art opening at the Smokestack in downtown Dubuque. Photo by Craig Reber.



Collegiate Jazz Night with Loras College, Clarke University and University of Dubuque Jazz Bands performing at Voices Studios, one of downtown Dubuque's hubs for experiencing great art and music. Photo by Dubuque Main Street.



The 30-strong Dubuque Nordstrom crew spent time volunteering to clean up the landscaping that welcomes visitors to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque in downtown Dubuque. Does that mean Spring has sprung?



The Dubuque-hosted Growing Sustainable Communities Conference offered innovation, education, inspiration, and collaboration with representatives from federal, state, and local governments, along with business and academic leaders from across the country. Photo by Hilari Varnadore.



Steel Panther, the comedic throwback glam metal band from Los Angeles, brought their naughty and humorous salute to the '80s music scene to the stage at the Q Casino Showroom. Photo by Teri Noel.



Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh recently returned from Quebec, Canada, where he spoke to a group of over 100 about Dubuque's Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.



The Envision 2030 campaign, led by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, kicked off with a special event held at Crescent Community Health Center.



Hundreds of Dubuquers joined millions of Americans and more worldwide as part of a historic "Hand Off" protest of public resistance against the actions of the current American Presidential administration.



A malnourished "Walter" came to the Dubuque Regional Humane Society fighting for his life. Their work along with lifesavers over at Colonial Terrace Animal Hospital brought him back from the edge and today he's been adopted!



Kids came out in force over the weekend to take in the much anticipated Minecraft Movie at Phoenix Theatres at Kennedy Mall. Dad's lookin' good in that mask too!

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Events at Heritage Center



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Spring Band Concert

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 @ 7 PM
HERITAGE CENTER

The University of Dubuque Spring Band Concert takes the Heritage Center stage on Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy music from a variety of genres and time periods as well as timeless jazz standards. The performance will include *Pirates of the Caribbean*, performed by the UD Brass Ensemble; selections from *Black Panther*, performed by the UD Woodwind Ensemble; highlights from *Wicked* and *The Lion King*, performed by the UD Concert Band; jazz standards from Freddie Green and Wayne Shorter, performed by the UD Jazz Band; and more. The UD Concert Band will be joined by alumni and incoming students.

The Spring Band Concert will be under the direction of Nolan Hauta, DMA, director of concert bands and associate professor of instrumental music at UD, and Evan Glickman, DMA, director of jazz and athletic bands and assistant professor of music at UD. ■

Treble Fest

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 @ 1:30 PM
HERITAGE CENTER

Designed to empower and encourage lifelong singing, Treble Fest welcomes all high school, college, and adult treble-voiced singers to Heritage Center on Sunday, April 13. The festival includes a workshop at 1:30–4:30 p.m. and a public concert at 4:30 p.m.

Participants will have an opportunity to work with music professionals Kristen Eby, MM, head of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, director of choral activities, and associate professor of music at UD; Jill Klinebriel, adjunct music instructor at UD; and Terry Slade, MM, adjunct music instructor at UD, vocal instructor with NISOM, and director of Heartland Harmony. Participants will also be able to collaborate with Heartland Harmony and University of Dubuque Treble Singers.

Treble Fest will conclude with a free public concert presentation by Heartland Harmony and University of Dubuque Treble Singers and collaborative performances featuring Treble Fest participants singing in massed chorus with the choral groups.

No formal musical training is necessary to participate. Hosted by University of Dubuque and Northeast Iowa School of Music.

Treble Fest participation is \$10; the concert is free. For more information, visit www.dbq.edu/treblefest. ■



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
AND HEARTLAND BALLET PRESENT

Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake

SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 4 @ 2 PM
HERITAGE CENTER

For more than a century, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* has enchanted audiences worldwide with its mesmerizing ballet and hauntingly beautiful score. This spring, the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is partnering with the Heartland Ballet to present this iconic masterpiece in a fully staged production at Heritage Center. The performances are scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. in John & Alice Butler Hall.

It has been over nine years since the DSO last staged a full ballet production, making this collaboration a rare and highly anticipated event for both longtime supporters and new audiences alike. Under the direction of Music Director and Conductor William Intriligator, the DSO will join forces with the Heartland Ballet, led by Artistic Director Marina O'Rourke and choreographer Megan MacLeod, to deliver a breathtaking performance that combines the power of live orchestral music with the grace and emotion of live ballet.

"This collaboration is not just about presenting *Swan Lake* as it was meant to be experienced," states Intriligator. "It's also a celebration

of the strong ties between the DSO and Heartland Ballet, both of which have long been cornerstones of the cultural landscape in Dubuque."

"We look forward to bringing a fresh vision to this timeless work," Intriligator added. "This is an experience that will leave a lasting impression on all who attend. It's an opportunity to witness the intersection of music and dance in its most captivating form!"

Swan Lake tells the tragic and enchanting tale of Princess Odette, who is cursed by an evil sorcerer to live as a swan. The ballet follows her journey to find love, which may hold the key to breaking the curse. The lush and evocative score serves as the emotional backbone of the story, guiding audiences through its themes of love, betrayal, and redemption.

The production will feature guest artists Leah McFadden, who will perform the dual role of Odile/Odette, and Patrick Mihm, a Dubuque native, who will perform the lead role of Prince Siegfried. Mihm began his ballet training at the Dubuque Academy of Ballet at age 11 before continuing his studies at the HARID Conservatory in Florida at age 14 and finishing at Ellison Ballet in New York City. Both McFadden and Mihm currently perform as soloists with the Colorado Ballet in Denver.

Tickets start at \$27, offering an opportunity to experience a world-class production right in Dubuque's own backyard. For more information, visit DubuqueSymphony.org. ■



LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Neil Berg's 104 Years of Broadway

FRIDAY, MAY 9 @ 7:30 PM
HERITAGE CENTER

Producer, pianist, and composer Neil Berg returns to Heritage Center with Neil Berg's 104 Years of Broadway, presented by the Dubuque Arts Council, on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in John and Alice Butler Hall.

Direct from New York and featuring Dubuque native Rita Harvey, *104*

Years of Broadway recreates the greatest moments from the finest shows of the past century. Berg will share the songs and stories behind the music that has defined Broadway and changed the world. This performance serves as a sequel to Berg's previous Broadway revue and brings together a talented cast of stars from some of Broadway's greatest musicals. Harvey performs as the principal soprano in the show.

"We are excited to have Neil Berg return to again bring Broadway excellence to Dubuque. He and his wife, Rita Harvey, are local favorites and always share their musical talents and knowledge of the history of the great American composers



My Grandparents Fell in Love, which will premiere this July at The NJ Rep Theater. He is also the composer of the well-known musical adaptation of *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical*, inspired by the Warner Brothers classic starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.

Rita Harvey, a Broadway actress and singer, brings her incredible voice and presence to *104 Years of Broadway*. She starred in the role of Christine Daae in both the Broadway and National Touring productions of *The Phantom of the Opera*. Harvey also played Hodel in the Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, where she starred alongside Rosie O'Donnell, Harvey Fierstein, and Alfred Molina. Additionally, she has a one-woman show, *Heart Like a Wheel: The Music of Linda Ronstadt*, which celebrates the music of one of the most beloved and versatile pop singers of the past five decades.

Founded in 1969, the Dubuque Arts Council has been a cultural pillar in the community, dedicated to educating and entertaining. Through diverse, multi-disciplinary, artistic, and educational opportunities, the council continues to enrich the lives of residents and elevate the cultural landscape in the Dubuque area.

Tickets are \$43-\$49. For more information, visit DubuqueArtsCouncil.com. ■

that made Broadway shine," said Dr. Hunter Fuerste, vice president of the Dubuque Arts Council Board of Directors.

Neil Berg is the composer and lyricist of the musical *The 12*, which had a successful pre-Broadway tryout at the Goodspeed Opera House and earned both critical and audience acclaim. The musical is set to open on Broadway in the 2025-2026 season. Berg is also working as the composer for the Broadway-bound musical adaptation of *My Cousin Vinny*, based on the iconic movie. His most recent musical, *The Sabbath Girl: The Musical*, ran for several weeks Off-Broadway at 59 East 59th Theaters. Additionally, Berg has a new commissioned musical, *How*

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Where You Are

APRIL 10-11 @ 7:30 PM

APRIL 12-13 @ 2 PM

BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Where You Are closes its run at the Bell Tower Theater on April 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.

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.

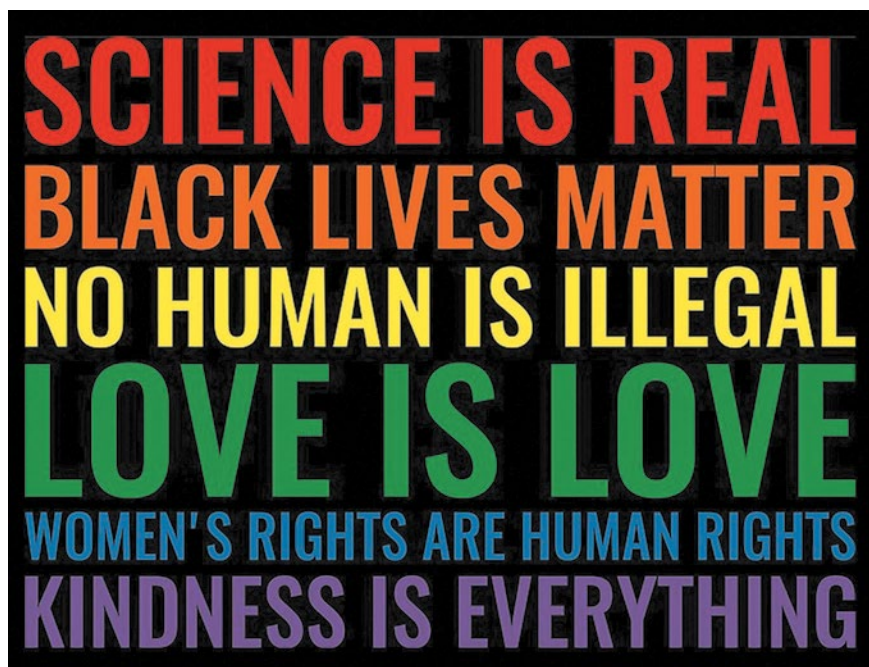
Where You Are is the 10th play by Toronto area native Kristen Da Silva. "For me the joy and fun of writing plays is like solving a puzzle. Starting a new piece, some of the pieces fall in place but the rest is like solving a mystery, and I just enjoy the process of discovering what the story is and who the people are and being able to sculpt it over time into something I can share with others."

The cast features Cindy Campton-Iwasaki, 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."

The play was suggested to Bell Tower Theater's play-reading group by Sue Fogel, who had retired from the theater staff in 2023. "While definitely a comedy, this show is a little bit different," Fogel 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."

Tickets are \$26. Thursdays are Girls Night Out; all audience members get a free glass of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



DUBUQUE CHORALE PRESENTS

Books & Ballads

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 @ 2 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(2155 UNIVERSITY AVE)

Experience the magic of storytelling with the Dubuque Chorale. Books & Ballads performances will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

In celebration of the power of music and literature to inspire, connect, and transport us, the Chorale, their chamber choir Cadenza and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs are proud to present their spring concert.



Hear songs based on beloved works of literature, like Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, and Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. The concert will also feature the musical storytelling of ballads including traditional folk songs like "John Henry" and modern classics like Gordon Lightfoot's "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

Freewill donations are appreciated. For more information, visit DubuqueChorale.org. ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, MAY 2

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

6-7:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)

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

6-7 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE (1098 MAIN 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.

Outside the Lines features artist Lori Biver-Stewart who will be demonstrating her linocut printmaking techniques throughout the evening and again the following morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a relaxed, family-friendly opportunity to visit with the artists of our community and learn a little about how they make their art. ShopOTLAG.com.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Music @ your library hosts local acts Ben Dunegan and Marzipan Mailbox. Ben Dunegan is a singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, gardener, troubadour, 9-5 steady jobber, dreamer, optimist, and creative. He will perform music from his latest album, *Wither on the Vine*, and other original songs. Marzipan Mailbox is fronted by singer-songwriter Addison Aronson on guitar and vocals. He is joined by Shannon Williams on bass, and Jonathon Purvis on drums. Their music is influenced by a variety of styles including psyche, blues, and folk. For this more intimate concert, they will perform acoustic versions of their songs. Music @ your library is a First Fridays concert series that features local and regional musicians. Doors at 5:30 p.m. Adults age 21+ may bring their own wine or beer. CarnegieStout.org.

Planted. Gallery showcases *Becoming*, an exhibit of recent works by Rachel Daack. Becoming a whole person involves examining oneself emotionally, physically, and

socially. This body of work samples Daack's journey becoming more whole. Through figurative works and object installation, Daack explores both her personal emotional and cognitive reactions in moments of making as well as more intentional explorations of larger social relationships. Rachel Daack first found safety in art during high school. She has returned to art after a 20 year hiatus, using art to help heal as she journeys with traumatic brain injury and chronic pain. During her hiatus, Daack used her time to gather life experiences, practice research skills, explore conceptual ideas, and develop a complete willingness to be a beginner. On display May 2-June 2. PlantedDBQ.com.

River Lights Bookstore welcomes Wisconsin Poet Laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton for conversation and readings from the new poetry release *A Line Meant*. Dasha Kelly Hamilton has solicited cosmopolitan voices from across the state of Wisconsin, gathering work from established poets to farmers, retirees, inmates, and more. Starting with single lines of existing poetry, participants have not only crafted their own unique works but have also shared their poems and insights with each other as a form of connective tissue. Like a tree from many roots, this collection threads together both the professional and hobbyist poet, growing new, powerful art from the margins between. Dasha Kelly Hamilton is a writer, performance artist, and creative change agent. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University and has authored award-winning poetry, essays, and fiction. Seating is limited. RSVP recommended. RiverLights.com. ■



Mother's Day Iron Pour

SATURDAY, MAY 10 @ 11 AM-5 PM
DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART
(701 LOCUST ST)

Heat things up this Mother's Day with an Iron Pour at the Dubuque Museum of Art on Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind event, conducted by Tamsie Ringler, features

a team of local and visiting artists melting iron to 2800° and casting sculptures in DuMA's parking lot.

Twenty relief molds will be available for visitors to carve on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 11 a.m.. The Mother's Day Iron Pour is a rare chance to see molten iron—and ancient practices—in action.

For more information, call the Dubuque Museum of Art at **563-557-1851** or visit **DBQart.org**. ■

Say It Lout Art Contest Deadline

FRIDAY, MAY 16 @ 4:30 PM
SOUTHWEST HEALTH
(1450 EASTSIDE RD, PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Say It Out Loud is an annual art competition open to Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette County, WI residents. Artwork is accepted now through Friday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. Winning artwork and selected entries may be displayed in the Southwest Health Behavioral Services (SBS) lobby gallery or selected for the *Say It Out Loud* art exhibit with the Rountree Gallery at the Platteville Public Library in the fall. Winners will also receive a gift basket or cash prizes.

One in four adults have experienced mental illness, and one in 10 children lives with a mental or emotional disorder. Despite growing rates of mental illness, there's still a stigma around mental health, resulting in people facing discrimination, feeling shame, and believing they must suffer in silence.

Southwest Health has provided mental health services since 1998. Southwest Health Behavioral Services of Platteville, the behavioral health department of Southwest Health, is working to break



the silence in their *Say It Out Loud* campaign to dispel the stigma and connect people with the help they need.

The *Say It Out Loud* theme is a research-based slogan, dispelling the common misperceptions about mental illness and creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue.

Accepted art media includes original posters (pencil, oil, pastel, canvas, computer-generated, or other medium), original photography, sculpture, video, short essay, or poetry. AI generated art will not be accepted. Entry form and artwork deadline is Friday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m., delivered to SBS.

For full submission details and more information, visit **SouthwestHealth.org/say-it-out-loud-art-contest**. ■



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This tribute always delivers an entertaining trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of rock and roll music, from early '60s to the British Invasion, Psychedelic, Pop, Girl Groups, Woodstock and more. Featuring songs by The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Monkees, The Rolling Stones, The Supremes, Herman's Hermits, Cryan' Shames, The Mamas and the Papas, Sonny and Cher with "true to the originals" renditions of every song and a period look of the band leaving you immersed in the '60s music scene!

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





Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

Story By Nicole Welsh

Photos By Ron Tigges—DigitalDubuque.com

It's that time of year again—filmmakers, actors, and producers are packing their bags. Destination: Dubuque, IA. Hundreds of recently-made independent films are about to make their way onto local screens for the first time ever, and an army of volunteers alongside dozens of area businesses combine forces to put on the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival (JDIFF).

Director Susan Gorrell and her team of more than 100 volunteers have been hard at work putting together the 2025 event with great things in store for attendees. Since submissions opened in July of 2024, JDIFF received around 1,200 films for consideration from filmmakers around the world, a number which was eventually narrowed down to closer to 200 films to be shown.

Like every year for the past 14 years, the festival curates a wide variety of independent films from around the world, giving every type of audience member something they can look forward to watching on the big screen. Movie selections, of course, are dependent upon the submissions sent in by filmmakers each year, but Gorrell does her best to ensure a well-rounded selection of the best submissions from each genre are viewed and scored by volunteers. This ultimately results in a schedule of films that offers Dubuquers not only the best indie films to see locally but also provides options that appeal to a range of tastes.

Of these selections are films that will be making their world, national, or state premieres. World premiere films are those that are showing for the first time



anywhere in the world, while national premieres are showing for the first time in the United States, and Iowa premieres are showing for the first time in our state.

Potential moviegoers can expect to find options in classic genres such as comedy, fantasy, horror/thriller, drama, documentary, family, and animation, to name a few. The JDIFF website also breaks the movies down into special interest categories such as 16mm, environment, LGBTQ+, satire, student, and young filmmaker. Because the festival accepts films of various lengths, showings are also subcategorized as feature-length films or short films.

This year, lovers of laughter have several movies to choose from in the comedy and dark comedy categories. The feature-length film *5683* is one of these comedy films audiences can see during the festival. The movie, directed by Brittany Benedict, was filmed right here in Iowa and centers around the main character Vanessa and her friends who hold an intervention in hopes that she will start dating more seriously. After texting a number on a billboard that promises her the name of her true love, Vanessa and her friends go on a journey to find the man who promised to be her dream guy. *5683* will be shown at the Grand Opera House on April 26 at 6:45 p.m.

Some other comedy options include the short films *A Woman is Many Things (Just Fine Isn't One of Them)*, about a divorced woman attending her ex-husband's engagement party; *Burned*, a story within a story about the burnings of women accused of witchcraft; and *Sick Day*, about how one employee's plan to leave work early is foiled by an invasion of locusts.

When speaking with Gorrell about this year's films, she was particularly enthused about this year's strong selection of sci-fi films, which is more prominent than in years past. One of these films, *Motherland*, will be bringing some familiar faces to

Dubuque screens; the movie cast includes Nestor Carbonell, best known for his roles in *The Dark Knight* films, *Lost*, and *Bates Motel*, Holland Taylor, known for her roles in *Legally Blonde* and *Two and a Half Men*, and Miriam Silverman, who you may have seen in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. The film is set in a world where parents no longer raise their own children and tells the story of the person responsible for starting a rebellion. *Motherland* will be making its Iowa premiere at JDIFF, and audiences will have two opportunities to see the feature-length film at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium's Journey Theater at 4 p.m. on April 23 and at Phoenix Theatres on April 26 at 1:45 p.m.

A few other sci-fi showings include the short films *Jump Cut*, about an actor whose life takes a disturbing turn after accepting a role in a mysterious film; *Anwar*, about a mother who has chosen to live forever and her son who wants to die someday; and *Kind Mother*, about the strange occurrences between a mother and daughter at a silent retreat.

This year's selection of horror/thrillers includes a selection of feature and short films that are sure to appeal to fans of the genre. *Holiday Seasoning* is one of this year's Young Filmmaker films and therefore included in Short Block 21. The film, directed by Lindsey Erin, centers around four students trapped in detention who are willing to survive by any means necessary. Short Block 21 will be shown in Galena, IL at the DeSoto House Hotel Parker Room on April 21 and in Dubuque in the Five Flags Center Bijou Room on April 26.

Some of the other horror/thriller short films being presented by JDIFF this year are *Neither Donkey Nor Horse*, about a young doctor during the 1910 Manchurian Plague and his quest to help; *Nebuchadnezzar*, about a stage manager who begins to think something is terribly off about the talk show she works on; and *Brett Was a*



F*ck, about the not-so-straightforward investigation into the murder of Brett at a college secret society alum reunion.

Always a popular genre at the festival, this year's documentary category includes approximately three dozen films to choose from, on topics ranging from street dancing to circus elephants to wild buffalo and environmental efforts. In one film, *Tinker*, University of Iowa graduate Braden Dexter, who currently lives in Des Moines, shares a variety of objects he has created. This short film, directed by Ryan Adams, is a part of the Made in Iowa block, also known as Short Block 19. There are multiple opportunities to see this short including at the Galena Center for the Arts, Five Flags Bijou Room, and Grand Opera House.

For anyone hoping to bring their kids to a showing, there are a handful of films in the family category to choose from including both feature films and shorts. *Piggy Duster* is a feature film directed by Jesse Stewart about a family camping in a Rocky Mountain Valley, looking to recapture memories of the past while also facing truths of the future. Amidst the family drama, the family finds themselves in the company of a grizzly bear.

These films, along with the many others not mentioned, will be shown at one or more of the locations in Dubuque and Galena that have agreed to host films for the festival. This year, Galena showings, which have expanded since previous years, will be held both at the DeSoto House Hotel Parker Room as well as the Galena Center for the Arts. Dubuque locations include those who have hosted showings in recent years: Phoenix Theatres, Five Flags Center, Grand Opera House, Hotel Julien Dubuque, and Journey Theater at the Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. The specific location for each screening can be viewed at JulienFilmFest.com.

Users can search for showings by dates, locations, and the earlier mentioned

movie genres and categories, making it the easiest way to purchase tickets with showtime and location information right there. Tickets can be purchased online and in person at the Hotel Julien Dubuque box office; it should be noted that anyone wishing to receive a student discount—a \$6 savings for general screenings—will need to purchase their tickets at the box office with a valid student ID as student discounts cannot be received with online ticket purchases.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library cardholders can also receive a free voucher for a ticket to one of the showings by presenting their card to library staff and requesting a voucher. These vouchers are in limited supply, so time is of the essence for anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer. Once again, Runde Auto Group is generously hosting Runde Free Day at the festival, making all general screenings on Thursday, April 24 free! Similarly, GreenState Credit Union will be hosting Student Free Day on Friday, April 25 wherein students can pick up a wristband at the box office and enjoy free general screenings all day.

But the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival is more than just films. The event also includes a variety of other get-togethers intended to encourage participants to meet new people and learn new skills and information. These include welcome gatherings, coffee talks, panels and workshops, after parties, special screenings, and last-chance gatherings. Coffee talks will be held every morning at 10 a.m. in the Hotel Julien Dubuque River Room on Tuesday, April 22 through Sunday, April 27.

Most of the panels and workshops will be held at the same location, and this year will include Balancing Business with Authenticity, The Heart of Networking, The Efforts and Risks of Documentary Filmmaking with Meital Cohen-Navarro, Film is Dead Long Live Film: The Importance

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TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

MUSIC AND MOVIE TRIVIA
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5:00PM - 7:00PM, FIVE FLAGS PROMENADE

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7:30PM, FIVE FLAGS THEATER - SHOWING OF "SINGING BACK THE BUFFALO"

CELEBRATE CANADA AFTER-PARTY SUPPORTED BY 
9:30PM, EJ'S WINE SHOP, 955 WASHINGTON ST, MUSIC BY JOIE WAILS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT SPONSORED BY BOB AND BETH WOODWARD
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Q&A AFTER FILM WITH DIRECTOR & CREW

INTERNATIONAL AFTER-PARTY
9:30PM, THE RIVERBOAT LOUNGE, MUSIC BY BOOGIE MONSTER

"THE SPEAKEASY SHOW" ON 16MM

7:00PM, FIVE FLAGS ORPHEUM ROOM
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Q&A AFTERWARDS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

WORLD PREMIERE SPONSORED BY  
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Q&A AFTER FILM WITH DIRECTOR & CREW

90S GLO AFTER-PARTY
9:30PM - 12:00AM, HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE BALLROOM \$5

"PSYCHOTRONIC AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL" ON 16MM

7:00PM, FIVE FLAGS ORPHEUM ROOM
HOSTED BY FILM CURATOR/CREATOR GREG HAMILTON
Q&A AFTERWARDS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

"THE SPEAKEASY SHOW" ON 16MM

9:30PM, FIVE FLAGS ORPHEUM ROOM
HOSTED BY FILM CURATOR/CREATOR GARRETT SCHROEDER
Q&A AFTERWARDS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**"PSYCHOTRONIC AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL" ON 16MM**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH**CLOSING FILM - SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING "TAINTED LOVE"**

7:30PM, FIVE FLAGS THEATER
Q&A AFTER THE FILM WITH DIRECTOR LOUIE PSIHAYOS

LAST CHANCE GATHERING

9:00PM, THE LIFT
MUSIC BY KRISTINA CASTAÑEDA



of Film Preservation with Director Peter Flynn and Film Archivist Greg Hamilton, World of Production Design with Marco Niro, TV vs Film Pitch and Distribution with Shannon Hamm and Producer Randy Tat, Cinestruct, and What Makes it a Great Film with Fipresci Jury.

For those less interested in learning the ins and outs of the industry and more interested in meeting some of the people JDIFF brings in from not only around the country but around the world, the event also hosts multiple after parties throughout the week. First up is the Celebrate Canada after party, held on Wednesday, April 23 at 9:30 p.m. at EJ's Wine Shop. Thursday night will bring the International Night after party held at the Riverboat Lounge at 9:30 p.m., while Friday night will be the Glo after party held at the Hotel Julien Dubuque Ballroom, also at 9:30 p.m. Saturday's party, sponsored by the Joey B. McNamer Foundation, will be held at Five Flags immediately following the awards ceremony. And lastly, the after party of the entire event: The Last Chance Gathering at The Lift on Sunday evening at 9 p.m.

All of this, of course, would not be possible without the many Dubuque businesses and sponsors who donate their money and resources to enable such a

wonderful event to be held within our city. Their efforts have not only allowed Dubuque to be home to a reputable and ever-growing creative cultural event that supports young and up-and-coming filmmakers in succeeding in their craft, but also brings valued, multicultural tourism to our area that results in more than half a million dollars of revenue for Dubuque businesses annually, and provides locals with the opportunity to expand their own worlds a little through meeting new and interesting people from around the world.

There are many sponsors responsible for this feat, the entirety of which can be found at JulienFilmFest.com/sponsors. The event's title sponsors include TH Media, Rotten Love, and Hotel Julien Dubuque. Executive sponsors include The Joey B. McNamer Foundation and Runde Auto Group, while producer sponsors include GreenState Credit Union, Phoenix Theatres, Ann and Brian Cooper, Key City Vision Center, Beth Gilbreath at Century 21, DeSoto House, and Country Inn & Suites. The festival also has a great deal of destination marketing fee sponsors, director sponsors, principal sponsors, signature sponsors, contributing sponsors, and food donors, all listed individually on the website, who are equally responsible for making the event such a success.



The other side of the coin that makes JDIFF a possibility is the many volunteers and board of directors involved in the event. Without the approximately 100 volunteers who help with the scoring of films and planning of the event, alongside the nearly 100 volunteers who perform essential tasks at the event itself including those such as taking tickets, the film festival could not possibly be what it is today.

Gorrell expressed a great deal of gratitude for each and every individual volunteer who donates their time as well as every sponsor who makes any type of contribution as it all comes together to create the big picture which is the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival.

Despite all that goes into putting on JDIFF each year, the year-round work conducted by Gorrell and her crew of volunteers, the hard-earned money contributed by sponsors, and countless hours of creativity poured into each short or feature submitted by filmmakers, the festival comes but only once a year. Don't miss your opportunity to support a significant local event, show your appreciation for the arts by checking out a new film, or make a new friend from a different country. Get yourself to JDIFF 2025 on April 21-27. For more information, visit JulienFilmFest.com. ■

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FRI 4/11

Sam Day
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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(East DBQ, IL)

Shannon Woulfe
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

UD Spring Band Concert
7 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Tony Schmitt & Robbie Bahr
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Music Bingo
7 PM @ O So Good Winery
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Cal Coohy
8 PM @ First Reserve

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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)

Eric Weimerskirch
3 PM @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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)

Cass Magpie
6 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

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

Yellow Brick Road
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Gypsy
7 PM @ Mid-Town Marina
(East DBQ, IL)

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

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

Cal Coohy
8 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

SUN 4/13

Fat Daddys
Noon @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

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

Ron Lubbers, Brody Cooper, Kyle Crist, Sammy Turpin
1:30 PM @ Driver Opera House (Darlington, 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)

Treble Fest
4:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

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 (SOLD OUT)
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 w/ Think & Drink
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 CFA (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 4/18
Shannon Woulfe
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Line Dancing Night
6 PM @ Posh Lounge

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Ian Gould & Lukas Jaeger
6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Wayne Cook
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Lexi Healey
8 PM @ First Reserve
Rose & The Rivets
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Boogie Monster
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Driftmore Presents STACKED:
Sami Knox, Dumpling, The Boatman
8 PM @ Smokestack

RatchetJaw
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

Ian Gould & Lukas Jaeger
6 & 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

MiniMonster
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Chris Lewis
7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

LynSkynyrd
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Pork Tornadoes
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Unicorn Fist
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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Hunter Reed, Subdermal Sound, Subhaven, Hoax
9 PM @ The Goose

Dylan Doyle Band
9 PM @ The Lift

Cirque du Buque Drag Cabaret
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 4/20
Shannon Woulfe
2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

RJ Fisher
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Wendy Lynn Markus
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

TUE 4/22
Improvisational Piano Concert:
Ora Uzel
7:30 PM @ St. Luke's UMC

JDIFF Trivia Night
8 PM @ The Lift

WED 4/23
Jukebox Bingo
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Clarke Studio & New Music Recital
7 PM @ Voices Studios

THU 4/24
Spring Fling:
Kristina Marie Castañeda
5:30 PM @ The Health Spa (Peosta, IA)

Jazz on the Lawn:
Loras Bands and Choirs
6 PM @ Loras College
Hoffmann Lawn

Lou Shields & Denny Garcia
7 PM @ Smokestack

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

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

FRI 4/25
Steve Davis
5:30 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielson
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Back Booth Alley
6 PM @ The OtherSide (East DBQ, IL)

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

Ozzy & Bon JoeB
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Barefoot & Sunshine
8 PM @ First Reserve

The Old School
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

TJ the DJ
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Rock Steady
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

The BellRays, Good Morning
Midnight, Pure Service
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 4/26
River Ridge Challenge:
Pat Kettmann
Noon @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Jesse Bauman
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

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

Adam Beck
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Clarke Fest: Clarke Jazz & Melos
4 PM @ Clarke University

One Headlight
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Cole Thomas
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

DR Band
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

The Mighty MudCats
6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Dubuque Chorale:
Books & Ballads
7 PM @ Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

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

Elizabeth Mary
7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

2 Grand Acoustic
7 PM @ BAR-tell (Hazel Green, WI)

SHiNDIG!
7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)

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

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

Greg Garing
8 PM @ The Lift

RaeLynn
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Firehouse
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Ten Gallon Hat
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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

Subcyst, Cervine, If I Could Just
Get Some Sleep
9 PM @ The Goose

Mello Buckzz
9 PM @ Posh Lounge

SUN 4/27
Lexi Healey
Noon @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

Julien Winds And Clarke Wind Ensemble: Journey Home
2 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Elizabeth Mary
2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Dubuque Chorale:
Books & Ballads
2 PM @ Westminster Presbyterian Church

James Canaan
2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Jacob Hemenway
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Keith Scott
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Burn Cruise
2 PM @ Highway 20 Brewing Co (Elizabeth, IL)

Sunday Afternoon Jams:
Massey Road
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Roy Schroedl
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Afriwell Hub, Inc Concert
4:30 PM @ Bluff Strokes Art Center

Tiger Kings
6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Steve McIntyre
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

WED 4/30
Tapestry
5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

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

Spring String Orchestra
7 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Moonshroom
8 PM @ The Lift

THU 5/1
The Mighty MudCats
5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Tangle Creek
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Teresa Rosetta
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

High on Stress, Enemies of Confusion Duo
8 PM @ The Lift

FRI 5/2
John Gay
5:30 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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- 5/4 Casey Klein

- 4/12 Beau Timmerman
- 4/13 Jesse Bauman
- 4/19 Simple Company Band 4:30 - 8:30 PM
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Upcoming Entertainment



RaeLynn

APRIL 26 @ 8 PM

Two-time ACM New Female Vocalist nominee RaeLynn continues to make waves in country music with her distinctive storytelling and vibrant personality. With more than 2.8 million followers across her social media platforms, RaeLynn boasts both Gold (“Love Triangle” and “Lonely Call”) and Platinum (“God Made Girls”) singles while amassing over 1 billion career streams. Her devotion to her family and her faith, along with her passion for her values and her country, run deep with her husband and brother formerly being in the military as Green Berets.



Arch Allies

APRIL 12 @ 8 PM

Kevin Todd is back with some of the old members of Arch Allies and some new ones. They perform songs from the big six bands: Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Boston, Bon Jovi, and Def Leppard. Depending on the night, they will feature a female vocalist for some songs or they will have two male vocalists.



Rosie & The Rivets

APRIL 18 @ 8 PM

Rosie & The Rivets perform your favorite rock and soul smash hits from the 1960's along with some contemporary music with a retro twist. It's a fresh and fun show for all age groups. Audiences have a hard time staying in their seats and concerts often turn into dance parties!

Additional Entertainment

SMELLS LIKE NIRVANA

APRIL 11 @ 8 PM

LYNSKYNYRD

APRIL 19 @ 8 PM

THE OLD SCHOOL

APRIL 25 @ 8 PM

RAE LYNN

APRIL 26 @ 8 PM

RHINO

MAY 2 @ 8 PM

STRANGE DAZE

MAY 10 @ 8 PM

BACK BOOTH ALLEY

MAY 16 @ 8 PM

REBEL QUEENS

MAY 23 @ 8 PM

CHRIS FRANJOLA

MAY 24 @ 8 PM

JEFF DYE

MAY 28 @ 8 PM

WALKING MOLLY

MAY 31 @ 8 PM

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9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead
2nd Sun through 12/14

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

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

Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)
3rd Sun

Open Mic & Sketch Group w/ Addison Aronson
4 PM @ Smokestack
1st Sun

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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 @ Monk's
1st Wed

Music Bingo
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

Cruisin' Thursdays
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL
Thu: 5/1-9/25

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
1st & 3rd Thu

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

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Country Dancing Fridays
6 PM @ 7 Hills Ballroom & Event Center
1st Fri through 5/2

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

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

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

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, IL)

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

Afro Caribbean Night w/ DJ Papi
9 PM @ The Goose
1st 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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5/9 @ Rhythm City Casino

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6/7 @ Rhythm City Casino

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MOLINE, IL

Tom Segura
5/8 @ Vibrant Arena

Alice Cooper
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5/25 @ The Rust Belt

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Jeff Dunham
4/11 @ Alliant Energy
PowerHouse

Rob Schneider
4/17 @ Paramount Theatre

Steve Trevino
5/4 @ Paramount Theatre

Seether
5/7 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

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6/13 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

The Wallflowers
6/13 @ Paramount Theatre

IOWA CITY, IA

The Tallest Man On Earth,
The Still Tide
4/17 @ Englert Theatre

Paul F. Tompkins
4/23 @ Englert Theatre

Lucius, Victoria Canal
5/7 @ Englert Theatre

The Magnetic Fields
5/16-5/17 @ Englert Theatre

Valerie June, Jess Nolan
6/1 @ Englert Theatre

A.J. Croce
6/12 @ Englert Theatre

RIVERSIDE, IA

Night Ranger
4/24 @ Riverside Casino

Charlie Crockett
5/2 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

Brett Young, Ryan & Rory
4/10 @ The Orpheum

Jason Wade
4/11 @ The Majestic

Tom Papa
4/12 @ The Orpheum

Danae Hays
4/12 @ Overture Center

G-Eazy, Marc E. Bassy,
Goody Grace
4/12 @ The Sylvee

Sam Morril
4/14 @ The Orpheum

Alton Brown
4/16 @ Overture Center

Tom Segura
4/19 @ Alliant Energy Center

Half Alive, The Waters, Mehro
4/19 @ The Sylvee

Iron & Wine, Jobi Riccio
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Paul F. Tompkins
4/25 @ Barrymore Theatre

Trevor Wallace
4/25 @ The Orpheum

Steve Treviño
4/26 @ Overture Center

Newsboys
4/27 @ Overture Center

Save Ferris, Keep Flying,
Something to Do
4/28 @ High Noon Saloon

L.S. Dunes, From Indian
Lakes, Plague Vendor
4/29 @ The Majestic

Turnover, Balance and
Composure, Tigers Jaw
4/29 @ The Sylvee

Jesse Cook
4/30 @ Barrymore Theatre

Nick Swardson
4/30 @ The Orpheum

Asking Alexandria w/ From
Ashes To New, Royale Lynn,
What Lies Below
4/30 @ The Sylvee

Dweezil Zappa
5/1 @ Barrymore Theatre

Filter
5/1 @ The Majestic

Stella Cole
5/1 @ Overture Center

Yung Bae
5/2 @ High Noon Saloon

Reggie Watts
5/2 @ The Majestic

Sharon Van Etten & The Attach-
ment Theory, Love Spells
5/8 @ The Sylvee

Electric Six, Messer Chups,
The Flavor That Kills
5/23 @ High Noon Saloon

Wiz Khalifa, Chevy Woods,
Fedd The God, DJ Bonics
5/23 @ The Majestic

Valerie June, Chastity Brown
5/30 @ The Majestic

Jerry Seinfeld
5/30 @ Overture Center

Megan Moroney, Clint Black
6/20 @ Breese Stevens Field

Evolution of a Snake
6/6 @ The Majestic

I'm With Her
5/30 @ Overture Center

OTHERSIDE LUNCH SPECIALS

APRIL

- 10 Wedge Salad
- 11 Lent Buffet
- 14 Open Faced Beef
- 15 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
- 16 O.S. Chicken
- 17 Corned Beef, of course!
- 18 Lent Buffet
- 21 Pork Chops
- 22 Beef Tips and Noodles
- 23 O.S. Chicken
- 24 Liver & Onions / Chicken of the Gods
- 25 BBQ.... YESSSSS!!!
- 28 Meatloaf
- 29 Lasagna
- 30 O.S. Chicken

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CARDINALS vs CUBS
7.4.25, 7.5.25, 7.6.25
WRIGLEY FIELD, CHICAGO, IL

RED SOX vs CUBS
7.18.25, 7.19.25, 7.20.25
WRIGLEY FIELD, CHICAGO, IL

PIRATES vs CUBS
8.15.25, 8.16.25, 8.17.25
WRIGLEY FIELD, CHICAGO, IL

MUSICALS

WICKED
7.26.25, 7.27.25
OVERTURE CENTER, MADISON, WI

Dungeon Dayz

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. ■



SHINDIG!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 7 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

SHINDIG! A Tribute to the '60s delivers an entertaining trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of rock and roll music to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

Covering more than 90 different bands from when music told the story of an entire generation—early '60s, British Invasion, psychedelic, pop, girl groups, and Woodstock are all part of the show.

Featuring songs by The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Monkees, The Rolling Stones, The Supremes, Herman's Hermits, Cryan' Shames, The Mamas and the Papas, Sonny and Cher, and the best "girl groups," Shindig! recreates "true to the originals" renditions of the 45s played on AM radio during this decade of great music. And the unique, period look of the band mirrors each set of music that

they deliver adding to that feeling of being immersed in the '60s music scene.

SHINDIG! was formed over 10 years ago with a simple goal of taking their audiences back to the highly diverse and fun music scene of the 1960s. Their song selection, dress, and even instrumentation are all geared to help immerse everyone in that time period. With five vocalists, the band chooses songs that are familiar from top artists as well as some not so well know bands that may have been "one hit wonders."

Although the band's home base is Chicago, SHINDIG! has performed at events including theaters and outdoor festivals in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa with artists from Herman's Hermits, Jay and the Americans, The Shadows of Night, and The Buckingham.

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



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 4/11



Boogie Monster

8 PM @ THE YARDARM (1201 SHIRAS AVE EXT)
COVER: FREE

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

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.

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 Folk-Pop*, 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.

FRI 4/18

**Richie, Marzipan Mailbox**9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL)
COVER: FREE

The man, the myth, Richie Kirkpatrick is back with his band of ultra rock, southern glam, boot shaking players. He has played with Kesha, Band of Horses, Langhorne Slim, and many more. Local rock n rollers Marzipan Mailbox warm us up. [facebook.com/theliftdubuque](https://www.facebook.com/theliftdubuque).

SAT 4/19

**The Pork Tornadoes**8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM
(1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)
COVER: \$10

The Pork Tornadoes are a powerful party band that has played all around the Midwest at the best and biggest bars, festivals, corporate events and weddings. Having played more than 600+ shows in the last 12 years, this band has perfected their live show into an experience you won't find anywhere else. With more than 20 years of live performance, studio recording and nationwide touring per member, the musical talent is off the charts, rivaled only by their attention to detail on sound quality and gear. The band is led by singer Mason Greve, whose is arguably one of the best vocalists in the state and was one of 100 finalists on NBC's *The Voice* in 2014. Putting their own spin on an eclectic mix of songs from Justin Timberlake, One Direction, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift to Kings of Leon, The Killers, Third Eye Blind and Coolio, they are truly one of the most versatile bands around. Regularly helping bars and events sell out of alcohol, this band is a force like no other, creating a party wherever they go for their ravenous fan base, who sings along and begs for more. [QCasinoAndResort.com](https://www.QCasinoAndResort.com).

SUN 4/27

**Canaan James**2 PM @ BEER IN THE BARN BREWERY
(101 MAIN ST, ST. DONATUS, IA)

COVER: FREE

North Carolina-based Canaan James is a 5x award nominated singer-songwriter originally from Syracuse, NY. Currently recording in Nashville, the Seagull Guitars endorsed artist was selected for a front of the line pass to audition for *American Idol* and twice for *America's Got Talent* and *The Voice*. His new album, *Worth The Dirt*, is coming out this month. "Canaan has a jaw-dropping voice that allows him to sing with a raw, country edge, but also subtle hints of his R&B roots" —CJL fan. [GehlenHouseAndBarn.com](https://www.GehlenHouseAndBarn.com).

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The Moracco Supper Club

By Rich Belmont
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I suppose most people in Dubuque are familiar with The Moracco, one of the few remaining supper clubs in Iowa. But I wonder how many know the main dining room was once a couple of service bays for large trucks!

When the Moracco Truck Stop opened in 1945 in the Grandview Heights district of Dubuque, Rockdale Road was Old Route 151, a major truck route. It was a 24-hour diner and truck repair center. It was nearly destroyed by a devastating fire in the early 1950s but was rebuilt and continued operating as a truck stop until 1958.

The original owner was stationed in the Kingdom of Morocco in North Africa while in the US Army. When he returned, he decided to open a truck center and named it in remembrance of his time in that country. However, he apparently didn't remember how to spell Morocco!

In 1958, The Moracco was sold to Armin (Butch) and Genevive (Whitey) Herbst who operated it as a successful supper club. Butch passed away in 1966. One of his regular customers was Bert Hillary, who farmed about 5 miles south of Dubuque along Highway 52. He figured

he would help Butch's widow out, so he drove his tractor over to The Moracco and offered Whitey half the purchase price she was asking. To his surprise, she accepted, so Bert suddenly found himself in the restaurant business. He figured he could learn how to be a bartender, and his wife Hazel had some experience as a waitress at Leiser's Supper Club north of Dubuque. Besides, Hazel loved to cook, and he knew their five daughters could take care of the kitchen.

Jeanne was one of those daughters. When her parents purchased The Moracco in 1966, she was only 11 years old. She was just a kid but soon found she was cooking alongside her mother and sisters.

Jeanne and her husband Garry Heiar, who also grew up on a farm, became partners in The Moracco in 1976. They still use Hazel Hillary's legacy recipes with her handwritten notes on them.

And just as Jeanne grew up in the restaurant business, so have Garry and Jeanne's children. Tim is now business partner and general manager of The Moracco. His two brothers and sister still help out when they have the time. Greg is Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Wichita State University. Nick is a Financial Advisor at Honkamp Krueger Financial Services. Hillary

is Epicor Eclipse Integration Trainer/Consultant (whatever that is), at Crescent Electric Supply. Even Tim's wife, Anne, is involved in the restaurant.

Garry and Jeanne are obviously doing all the right things. They have now been operating one of the most successful restaurants in Dubuque for over 39 years. They continue all the traditions of the supper club by serving excellent American cuisine in a fine dining environment. The staff, including servers Christy, Meagan, Scott, and Terry who served me or my tasting crew, is friendly and knowledgeable; the menu offers a delightful variety of steaks and seafood; and the ambience including linen tablecloths is a bit classy. (Fun fact: Moracco has over 1,000 linen napkins dry cleaned every week).

Recently, a third dining room was added so now at least 160 people can be seated comfortably. Free Wifi is also available: the password is "1413 Rockdale Road".

The Iowa Restaurant Association recognized Garry and Jeanne Heiar as their 2006 Restaurateurs of the Year. This award only goes to restaurant owners who exhibit originality, quality and exceptional service to their customers.

The Moracco was one of the 24 Supper Clubs featured in *The Supper Club Book* written by Dave Hoekstra and published in

2013 (TheSupperClubBook.com). If you would like one of these books, they are available for purchase at The Moracco.

For years, the relish tray on your table was one of the indicators you were in a supper club. Only a very few clubs still provide this because the kitchen staff must get rid of all the celery, carrots, radishes, cheese, and meat spreads left over from each table (86d in restaurant lingo). So while The Moracco can no longer offer the vegetables, they still serve you homemade ham salad, chicken salad, liver pâté, and their own homemade cheese spread. All of these are superb. The cheese spread is especially creamy. It is made with sour cream, cheddar cheese and a little cream cheese whipped for 45 minutes.

You will enjoy all these spreads on crackers from the unusually large assortment in the basket brought to your table. You will find saltines, bread sticks, Ritz, and wheat and Club crackers.

The Moracco is well known for Tuesday special chicken dinners. The chicken is hand coated with a proprietary flour breading and then fried in a high pressure Broaster. The chicken is moist, and the skin is delicious and not the least bit greasy. On Tuesday chicken dinner night, pickled chicken gizzards are also served. These are one of those foods

you either love or hate. But I can tell you, The Moracco's gizzards are quite tasty.

Gizzards, by the way, are muscular organs found in the digestive tracts of all birds and some other animals as well. Since birds don't have teeth they eat their food whole. Many birds also swallow small stones or sand that finds its way to their gizzards where the food they have eaten gets ground up.

A Moracco platter is an excellent way to sample a variety of the appetizers. You will notice there are a couple of unusual ones: the steak bites is an 8 oz. filet cut into cubes and fried; the fish bites are pieces of cod prepared to your liking: fried, broiled or grilled.

All beef is USDA Choice. It is hand cut and cooked on a flat top. The New York Strip, T-bone and ribeye steaks are all outstanding. I particularly enjoy the beef tenderloin. I recommend you always order this delicious piece of meat wrapped in bacon. The tenderloin is the tenderest cut of beef but since it doesn't contain much fat marbling it is not as flavorful as other steaks. So a good restaurant either wraps it in good quality bacon or serves it with a sauce.

Now, the prime rib Saturday night special is full of rich beefy flavor all by itself. It is seasoned for two days and then slow roasted for three and a half hours.

The roast beef is also splendid. It is usually offered for private party family-style dinners. However, so many regular customers insist on ordering it so you can get it as the Monday special. Inside round cuts of beef are slow roasted for three and a half hours then served with homemade gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and salad.

Do you recall I mentioned Hazel Hillary's legacy recipes she first used in 1966 and Jeanne still cooks from today? Well here are a few of them:

- Homemade Onion Rings—hand dipped in a special batter
- Beef Tips—tenderloin tips browned, then simmered for two hours in tomato sauce, beef base, sherry wine, garlic, sautéed celery and onions, mushrooms, butter, and brown sugar
- Salisbury Steak—super fresh 85/15 ground beef mixed with finely ground onions and garlic and hand shaped into a patty
- Swiss Steak—pounded and marinated round steak dredged in flour and browned, then cooked in a sauce of tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, onions, celery, bay leaves, margarine, thyme, garlic powder, and brown sugar

The list of Seafood Specialties is impressive. You can order the seafood dinner: a sampler of scallops, shrimp, lobster, and

cod. Or feast on lobster tail, crab legs, frog legs, scallops, Atlantic salmon, or catfish.

My favorite was the splendid shrimp: I have had them as a shrimp cocktail and in scampi, and this week, I will have them fried. I call these no muss, no fuss shrimp. The kitchen staff devine and removes all the tails, so all I have to do is pop them in my mouth!

Speaking of seafood, Friday is always busy because of the cod fish special. OK, and Saturday is always busy because of the prime rib special. But I know many of the regulars visit on Friday and Saturday nights for one of my all-time favorites not available anywhere else. I am talking about the broasted Iowa chop! It is a sumptuous, magnificent, thick center-cut pork chop coated with a special breading then deep fried under high pressure. In my opinion, you haven't had the best Iowa chop until you have tasted The Moracco's!

After your excellent dinner, continue the supper club tradition by enjoying one of The Moracco's fabulous ice cream drinks. I recently sampled a Brandy Alexander (cognac and Crème de Cacao) and a Grasshopper (Crème de menthe and Crème de Cacao). Or perhaps you would prefer a Charlie Brown, Pink Squirrel or Golden Cadillac! ■

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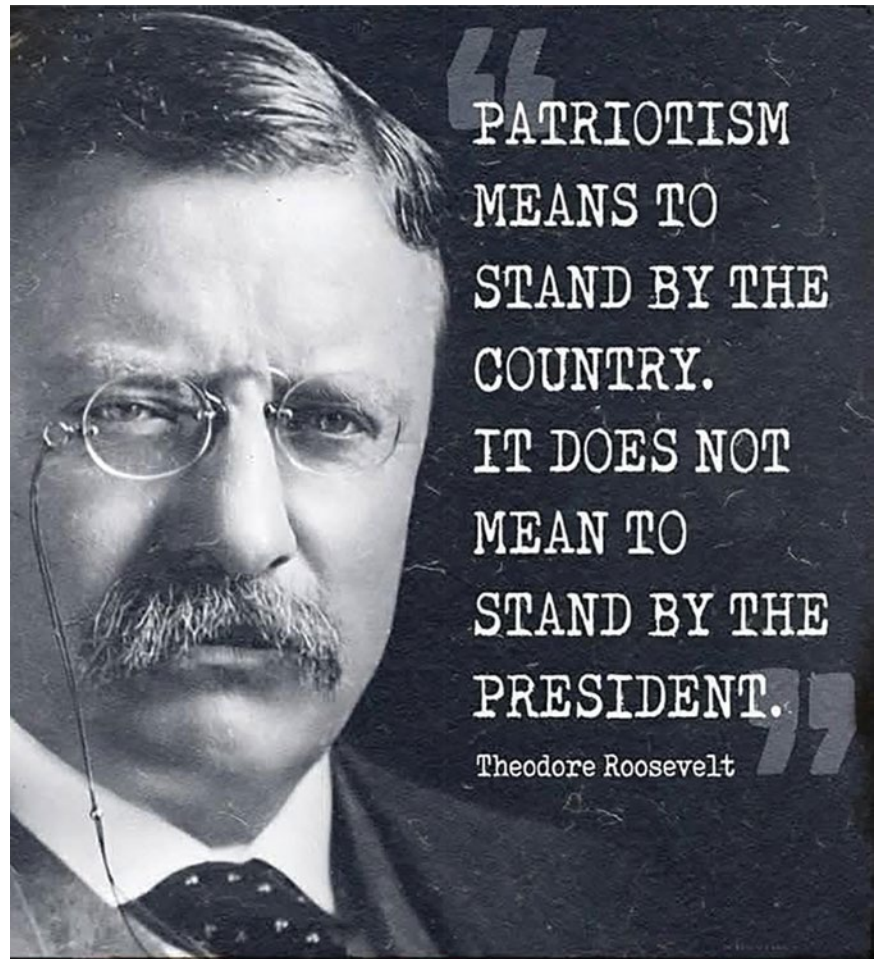
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Hoppy and Healthy Easter Basket Ideas



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By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Easter baskets filled with chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks, and jelly beans may be the tradition, but let's face it—too much sugar can leave kids (and adults) bouncing around like the Easter Bunny! The good news? You don't have to cut out sweets completely. Instead, balance the basket with fun and flavorful options that bring joy without the sugar overload.

Rather than using candy as filler (that's what Easter grass is for!) try these dietitian-approved swaps to make this year's basket egg-stra special:

Better-For-You Treats

- **Catalina Crunch Cereal:** This cereal has the same delicious taste and crunch as your favorite cinnamon toast cereal—without the sugar. It contains a plant-based blend of pea protein and fiber and is sweetened naturally with allulose and stevia.
- **GOODLES':** GOODLES' mac and cheese is delicious and nutrient-packed! It contains 14g of protein, 7g of fiber, and is enriched with 21 vitamins and minerals sourced from plants. It's a cheesy win!
- **Fruit Leather Strips:** Naturally sweet and full of fruity goodness, fruit

leather strips provide vitamins and fiber without added sugars or artificial flavors. Look for varieties made from real fruit in our Hy-Vee Health-Market for a tasty, guilt-free treat.

- **Miniature Bags of Air-Popped Popcorn:** A light and crunchy whole-grain snack, air-popped popcorn is a delightful addition to any Easter basket. Jazz it up with a sprinkle of cinnamon or Parmesan cheese for extra flavor fun.

Non-Food Fun

- **Activity-Based Gifts:** Coloring books, card games, and sidewalk chalk keep kids entertained long after the egg hunt ends.
- **Outdoor Play Items:** Jump ropes, bubbles, or small sports balls encourage movement and active fun.
- **Spring-Themed Accessories:** Seasonal items like bunny ears, pastel socks, sunglasses, or reusable water bottles add a festive touch.
- **Gardening Fun:** To spark interest in planting, include small flowerpots, seed packets, or child-sized gardening tools.
- **Easter Treasure:** Coins or small bills for an exciting, sugar-free surprise.

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- Zevia Kidz fizzy apple

Fun Extras

1. Easter Bunny stuffed animal
2. Hot Wheels toy car
3. Bubbles
4. Jump Rope
5. Chalk
6. Coloring book

Teen & Adult-Friendly Easter Basket

All You Need:

- Zoet dark chocolate with sea salt 100-calorie bars
- Boom Chicka Pop light kettle corn
- Fresh fruits (clementines, kiwi, apples)
- GOODLES' Mac & Cheese
- Good Measure snack bar
- Catalina Crunch cinnamon toast cereal
- That's It. Fruit Bars

Fun non-food extras:

1. Bath bombs
2. Re-usable water bottle
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This American Ex-Wife

By John McAndrew

“We are afraid of dying alone, but no one really knows lonely better than a married woman sitting next to her silent husband.”

Lyz Lenz may not be a household name yet, but her newest book, *This American Ex-Wife*, now out in paperback, should change that. It’s also available in digital and audio formats, in case you need not to reveal to someone that you’re reading a book on divorce.

Forty to fifty percent of first marriages in the US end in divorce. About two thirds of second marriages come to that end. Even so, the US divorce rate has dropped precipitously since 1990—perhaps because fewer people have been getting married, and they’ve been marrying later.

Given how common divorce is, you’d think it would be considered a commonplace by now, accepted as a fact of life, and made easy—especially since some marriages end because of violence or threats of violence, usually against a female partner.

Lenz makes a compelling, and compellingly readable, case for a wholesale reevaluation of the institutions of marriage and divorce. Our society and government make getting out of a marriage look like a hero’s journey. Lenz has written two previous books (*God Land* and *Belabored*). Her gift for weaving stats and trends into the anecdotes from her own experience shows her mastery of narrative. She uses data, not to dazzle, but to show how common are problems in marriage. One suspects marriage may be a flawed model for intimacy and parenting.

“...the project of this book is to examine the failure of the institution of heterosexual marriage—the institution that pastors laud from the pulpit, and politicians declare will save our country and our children.”

Her own marriage was marked by loneliness, her husband’s unwillingness to

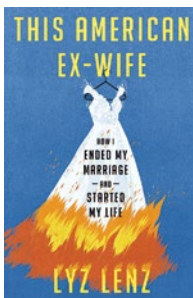
pull his weight in household chores, and his unexamined and misplaced self-confidence in fields that were not his area of expertise. To be diplomatic. Now, Lenz is a proud liberal. Her husband was not. If you think she just needs to meet some nice liberal feminist man... well, she has. It didn’t go well. Those are some of the most jaw-dropping tales in the book.

Lenz shows how marriage is portrayed in history, law, culture, literature, and religion. But this is not a sociology book. The cumulative effect is that a woman may finally see *why* it is that she feels trapped, deprived of better options, and why understanding and empathy are hard to find. This book will be a lifeline for women who feel caught in a maze.

Some friends and family, in her experience and research, rise to the challenge and support women trying to bring about a new, better, happier future for themselves. If you think of your marriage in terms of endurance, this book may be the alternate path you’ve been looking for—or avoiding because you know it won’t be easy.

“Whatever brokenness waited for me, I suddenly wanted. Because this wholeness, this version of home, marriage, and family, would ruin me.”

Marriage doesn’t work for a ton of people. It’s okay if that includes you. This is a book for the married, those who plan to marry, the divorced, and friends of married and divorced people. Lyz Lenz may be the guide to lead you through—and out of—the Inferno. She makes no promise that Paradise awaits. But there are stars in the darkness. Enough to navigate by. ■



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Runtime is 1 hour 40 minutes. This film is not rated, but is intended for adult audiences.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Violet, a widowed mother on her first date in years, is relieved that her date, Henry, is more charming and handsome than she expected. Then Violet is terrorized by a series of anonymous drops to her phone, instructed to tell nobody and follow instructions or the hooded figure she sees on her home security cameras will kill Violet's young son and babysitting sister. Her unseen tormentor's final directive? Kill Henry.



THE AMATEUR (PG-13)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Charlie Heller (Rami Malek) is a brilliant, but deeply introverted decoder for the CIA working out of a basement office at headquarters in Langley whose life is turned upside down when his wife is killed in a London terrorist attack. When his supervisors refuse to take action, he takes matters into his own hands, embarking on a dangerous trek across the globe to track down those responsible, his intelligence serving as the ultimate weapon for eluding his pursuers and achieving his revenge.



SINNERS (R)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers (Michael B. Jordan) return to their hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back.



Movie Buzz

The Avengers: Doomsday cast announcement revealed a mixture of characters from all phases of the MCU—and even actors from other franchises. This makes sense since the current three phases of the MCU, 4–6, are titled *The Multiverse Saga* which seems set to culminate in both *Doomsday* and the sixth *Avengers* movie, *Secret Wars*. Many of the stars of Marvel's new releases were part of the announcement, including multiple characters from upcoming films *Thunderbolts** and *The Fantastic Four: First Steps*. It would certainly make sense for the *Fantastic Four* to be a major part of *Doomsday*, since Doctor Doom is primarily a villain for that team. The reason for including so many *Thunderbolts** characters is less obvious.



Another notable inclusion is Kelsey Grammer, who made his MCU debut in *The Marvels* post-credits scene, where he reprised his role as Hank McCoy, aka Beast, from the Fox *X-Men* universe. Along with the number of other returning original *X-Men* cast members, this indicates that the *X-Men* universe will be important to *Avengers: Doomsday*. It will be the first chance for Channing Tatum's Gambit, who originated in last summer's *Deadpool & Wolverine*, to appear alongside major *X-Men* characters like Professor X and Magneto.

The cast includes Robert Downey Jr. as Dr. Doom, Ian McKellen as Magneto, Patrick Stewart as Professor X, Tom Hiddleston as Loki, Simu Liu as Shang-Chi, Paul Rudd as Ant-Man, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Anthony Mackie as Captain America, and more familiar faces from series-past.

Coyote vs. Acme has officially been saved by Ketchup Entertainment after Warner Bros. axed its release in 2023 to use it as a tax write-off. They did the same to *Batgirl* in 2022, and that remains on the shelf. Though the sale has not closed, the price tag is reportedly in the \$50 million range, according to *Deadline*. Ketchup Entertainment, an independent distributor, recently spearheaded the theatrical release of *The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie* after Warner Bros. Discovery decided to shop that film as well.





Apples to Apples

By Matt Booth

We've all heard it before: "That's not an apples-to-apples comparison."

What it means is simple—the comparison isn't fair, valid, or helpful because the things being compared aren't truly similar. You're not lining up two equal things, and trying to pretend you are makes the whole conversation misleading.

Let's break it down.

An apples-to-apples comparison is what we *want* when we're trying to be fair. For example, comparing two high school math teachers with the same experience and workload? That's apples to apples. But comparing a cashier's hourly pay to a surgeon's salary? Not even close. Different education, training, hours, and stakes. That's why people say, "It's more like apples to oranges."

And that phrase—apples to oranges—has become our fallback. It means things aren't exactly the same but at least they're in the same category. You're still comparing fruit. You're still comparing

living things that grow on trees, have seeds, can be peeled, feed us, and contain natural sugars and nutrients.

But here's my point: I wish most of today's conversations were even that close.

Often, in daily conversations, we're not comparing apples to apples. We're not even close to apples to oranges. It's more like apples to moon rocks.

Let's look at some real-life examples:

1. Politics

Turn on any news channel or scroll through your feed. One person is talking about economic policy and the other is yelling about conspiracy theories. A Pew Research Center study found that 72% of Americans believe people in the other political party are "close-minded." That's not disagreement. That's a total disconnect.

We used to argue over *how* to fix a problem. Now we can't even agree on whether the problem is real.

2. Parenting

One parent has their kid in private school, with tutors, travel sports, and fresh meals daily. Another is a single parent working two jobs trying to keep the lights on and food in the fridge. They're both raising kids—but their realities? Incomparable. Not apples to apples. Not even apples to oranges.

3. Morals and Beliefs

For some people, right and wrong come from a higher power such as scripture.

For others, it comes from whatever's trending online or how they feel. So when people argue about morality, it's not just different views—it's *completely different sources of truth*. That's not just a gap in opinion. That's a canyon.

So What Now?

Let's not pretend we're all making apples-to-apples comparisons. We're not.

Most of the time it's not apples to oranges, either—because even *that* would mean we're operating in the same world, with some shared assumptions.

Instead of always trying to win or prove you are right, maybe we should first stop and ask: What orchard are you coming from? What experiences shaped your view? What values drive your decisions?

We probably still won't agree. That's okay. But at least we'll know *why* we see things so differently.

When everything feels this divided—when every conversation turns into a debate and every headline leads to a fight—just remember: We *need* shared ground to have meaningful conversations.

Because if we could get back to apples to oranges, at least we'd both be holding fruit.

Right now, it feels like one of us is holding fruit...

...and the other is holding a flamethrower.

Let's start simpler. Listen first. Ask more questions.

Then maybe, just maybe, we can at least *get back to fruit*. ■

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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.

SAT 4/26



The Lead Miner's Daughter

11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
4/26 & 5/3 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.; 4/27 & 5/4 at 2 p.m. The Fever River Puppeteers take images of local history and turn them into a fairy tale. This marionette show was the debut production for the puppet company more than 30 years ago. It tells the story of a hardscrabble miner trapped underground by an evil goblin and the daughter who sets out to save him, with comic relief from a hapless farmer and his wandering cow. The 45-minute performance is suitable for all ages. After the curtain, the puppeteers bring out the puppets for selfies and questions from the audience. Doors open a half hour before each performance. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-6404**. hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.

FRI 5/2

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7 PM @ GRAND OPERA HOUSE
5/2-5/3 at 7 p.m.; 5/3-5/4 at 2 p.m. Master showman Harold Hill is in town and he's got "76 trombones" in tow. Can upright, uptight Marian, the town librarian, resist his powerful allure? The story follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, IA, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize. The catch? He doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, whose belief in Harold's power just might help him succeed in the end in spite of himself. Adults: \$17, Under 18: \$15. 135 W 8th St. **563-588-1305**. thegrandoperahouse.com.

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Wait a Minute, Mr. Postman

I'm in shock. Denmark's state-run postal service, PostNord, will end all letter deliveries at the end of 2025, citing a 90% decline in letter volumes since the start of the century. Soon, their 1,500 cute red post boxes will disappear. Is the U.S. far behind?

Letters mean a lot to me. Witness my four-drawer file cabinet stuffed with letters both to and from me, starting with my 1960s Camp Conestoga postcards full of news about games, campfires, and flag-raising ceremonies. I signed one, "From your mosquito-bitten daughter."

The bottom drawer holds printed-out emails, mainly from my dear husband, as well as published letters to the editor of the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald*, *Des Moines Register*, even *The New York Times Book Review*. Next up are missives dated 1985 to infinity, while drawer two houses those from 1960 to 1984. Most treasured are those in the top drawer—every letter to and from my mom right up until 2001, when Alzheimer's stole her beautiful language. She saved my letters, I saved hers.

I have letters from college roommates, work friends, and my BFF since junior high, including some that I wrote to them and they handed back. College profs, my sister, even some famous people—they're all there.

Sorting them was a Snow Day project, a full week when I felt forced into Getting Things Done mode. I knew how to do this. Back in graduate school, I worked at the State Historical Society of Iowa, sorting letters dating back to World War II and the Civil War. Those took forever to arrive but were a lifeline between soldiers and their loved ones. Reading my own letters is another kind of lifeline, like following a rope after a blizzard to find my way home.

Let's start with a folder marked "Boys." Here's one from Gary, the guy I dated in Iowa City. It's the largest letter I've ever received, two hand-delivered pages from an 11-by-9-inch

drawing pad. Gary was a difficult boyfriend. He wrote, "My mother was a loony tune!" And then, to me, he declared, "You can be a very considerate, giving person. I haven't been letting myself see that." Gosh, Gary, thanks.

Long before Gary was John, my first high school crush. He sent a charming letter when I traveled with my family to a lake in Minnesota for two weeks of fun in the sun. He wrote, in his perfect printing, "God, I'm rather depressed without ya this week, so at least write," and signed off, "With love, John." His name was in cursive and he noted, "You told me to sign my name." John was sweet, kind, funny, and talented, and this letter reminds me I was an idiot to break up with him.

The boy I met in college spelled his name "Jon," and we lived together for about a year, adopting a dog he left to me. (Thanks, honey.) From him, I have a few lines on a torn-out notebook reading, "Pam, My True Love and the woman of whom I am fondest, I is studying in da library. I luf you aought." Then a P.S., "Called about the jobs, making donuts at Dunkin Donuts from either 12 a.m. - 4 a.m. or 4 a.m. - 8 a.m., is that worth doing for \$1.25 an hour?!!??" This letter reminds me how ridiculously low wages could be back then and how poor we were.

Another boyfriend, Bill, rates a folder of his own from our Dubuque-Austin romance, which, like most long-distance affairs, was doomed. His last letter began, "This is going to be the hardest letter for me to write." Ouch.

These letters may seem trivial, not worth saving, but I'm glad I did. I wish I knew what I wrote back to those guys. I do have letters I wrote to my other high school boyfriend, Chris, the one I ended up marrying and then having to divorce after things got violent. It didn't start out that way, of course. So it's good to have some proof of that.

I have a small collection of cards he wrote me. One has a pink clown on the front, and

inside, my husband's words: "With love from the clown you married and because I sometimes forget what you mean to me." He also wrote this, in a plain, tiny card: "Can't think of anything bright to say. Thanks for staying. Love, Chris." And finally, a goofy greeting card with this on the front: "There are two sides to a divorce," and inside, "Yours and the sh*thead's." Under that, he wrote, "Truer words were never spoken, right?" These reveal little about the man who wrote them, except to show how complicated love (and divorce) can be. For that, I am grateful to have these 40-year-old notes.

Letters can bring back the reality of people we once knew and have lost either to death or to a parting of the ways, often in bright, specific detail. Things that might have seemed mundane at the time—the cost of a 1972 movie ticket, the name of the ballfield you went to with your dad—can light up your spirit now.

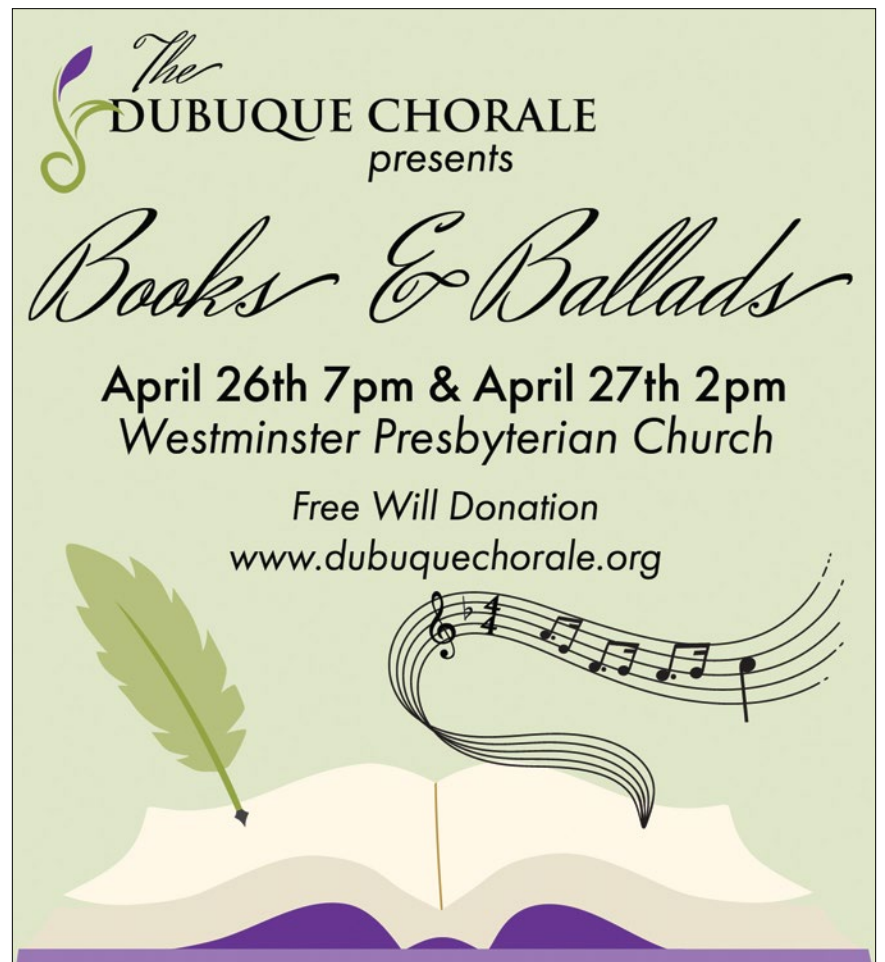
And if you're lucky enough to have letters you sent to someone else, you can see just how worried, overjoyed, lazy, busy, or ditzy you once were. Some of these reminders are cringeworthy, like my way-too-many letters asking Mom and Dad for more money, but some are lovely, like my letters giving adorable details of my daughter's and son's earliest days—what they said, how they looked, how it felt to hold them. The postman brought documentation of my life, an epistolary autobiography. Let's keep writing letters, and let's save them. ■



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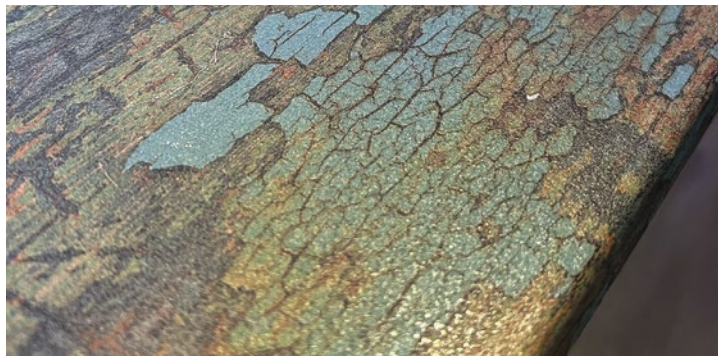
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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

TOSS ACROSS

- ACROSS
- 1 Bitter ill will
 - 6 African plains
 - 14 Body trunks
 - 20 Point toward
 - 21 Sci-fi battle station
 - 22 Declaration
 - 23 Toss, to a group of actors?
 - 25 Tebaldi or Scotto of opera
 - 26 Ancient Dead Sea ascetic
 - 27 Sign before Virgo
 - 28 Perp nabbers
 - 30 Japanese noodle dish
 - 31 "— see that coming!"
 - 33 Toss, to May partygoers?
 - 35 Former auto executive Lee
 - 38 Univ. URL ender
 - 40 Got misty-eyed, with "up"
 - 41 R-W linkup
 - 42 Leave hastily and secretly
 - 45 Rep on the street
 - 46 That woman
 - 49 Toss, to a peddler?
 - 51 "Rumour Has It" singer
 - 53 Small earring
 - 54 Part of UV
 - 55 Haul to court
 - 56 Pigpen
 - 57 Declaring
 - 59 High railways
 - 60 Popular rec center
 - 62 — yarn (do some storytelling)
 - 64 Strength
 - 65 Toss, to an interior designer?
 - 68 Esteem
 - 71 — Haute, Indiana
 - 72 Bird's home
 - 73 Buddy
 - 76 Moniker for Ireland, with "the"
 - 78 Singer Des'—
 - 79 Male tyke
 - 80 Material for slacks
 - 82 Virtuosos
 - 83 Fictional mariner and animated fish
 - 85 Toss, to a soil scientist?
 - 87 Boar's mate
 - 88 "Toodles!"
 - 89 Rel. patron of France
 - 91 57, in Roman numerals
 - 92 Early rival of Atari
 - 94 Toothed tool
 - 95 Start on again, as a word at a bee
 - 97 Toss, to a butcher?
 - 101 Ticks' cousins
 - 102 Day divisions
 - 103 One of the Jackson 5

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- 104 Free TV spot, for short
- 106 Arenas' cousins
- 110 Really attack
- 112 Toss, to a bartender?
- 115 Irritate
- 116 Health program for seniors
- 118 Evaluate
- 119 Classic Italian song
- 120 Playful aquatic critter
- 18 Like muesli or granola
- 19 Street lingo
- 24 Baggage handler
- 29 Mad dogs' sounds
- 32 Ritz maker
- 33 Earth warmer
- 34 People saying "hello"
- 35 Debate topic
- 36 Even a bit
- 37 Niche religious sects
- 38 Nero's "Lo!"
- 39 Klutz's cry
- 43 — Little (kid-lit mouse)
- 44 Noun case in some languages
- 46 Move slightly
- 47 Chilled (out)
- 48 Skittish
- 50 Football great Gale
- 52 Unit of force
- 53 Goulash, e.g.
- 56 Steeple topper
- 58 Just slightly
- 61 See 16-Down
- 62 Tension
- 63 When it's 12 p.m.
- 65 Papas
- 66 Sleek, in car lingo
- 67 Activation phrase for Apple's virtual assistant
- 68 Performs like Jay-Z
- 69 Irish coin
- 70 Radiate
- 73 Italian cheese or river
- 74 Blacksmith's block
- 75 Trompe — (visual illusion)
- 77 Pick up on
- 79 Tea or coffee
- 81 Is really beneficial
- 84 Excessive show of virility
- 85 Rx safety gp.
- 86 African fly
- 88 Lumps in throats
- 90 "For shame!"
- 92 Oversee, as an art exhibit
- 93 Convex bellybuttons
- 96 Begins, as work
- 97 African nation
- 98 Wooing gifts
- 99 Evicts
- 100 Owned apartment
- 101 New Zealand native
- 104 Single step
- 105 Cyberjunk
- 107 Gossipers dish it
- 108 Pertaining to
- 109 Golden — (senior)
- 111 The, in Paris
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The Newest Colorful Annuals for 2025 at Steve's Ace Home & Garden

A Burst of Vibrant Blooms

As we step into 2025, Steve's Ace Home & Garden is excited to present an exceptional selection of vibrant, eye-catching annuals to elevate your garden this season. Whether you're a seasoned gardening enthusiast or a newcomer looking to add a splash of color to your outdoor space, the latest additions to their plant lineup will surely inspire. Let's take a closer look at the brightest and most captivating annuals available this year!

ColorBlaze Mini Me Chartreuse: This unique addition is sure to steal the spotlight with its radiant chartreuse foliage. ColorBlaze Mini Me Chartreuse is the perfect contrast to flowering plants, offering a bold, citrusy pop of color that demands attention. Its compact size makes it perfect for containers, hanging baskets, or small garden spaces. The vibrant color will brighten up any area, and its low-maintenance care ensures that it's a hassle-free beauty in your garden.

Angelface Wedgwood Pink Angelonia: If you're looking for a plant that exudes elegance and grace, the Angelface Wedgwood Pink Angelonia is an absolute must-have. With delicate, soft pink blooms and tall, slender spikes, this angelonia creates a stunning, upright display. Known for its long-lasting flowers and tolerance to heat, this variety will bring a touch of sophistication to your garden, all while attracting pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Superbells Double Smitten Pink Double Calibrachoa: Double the blooms, double the beauty! The Superbells Double Smitten Pink Double Calibrachoa takes the classic calibrachoa to the next level with stunning double blooms in a rich pink hue. These compact plants are perfect for hanging baskets, window

boxes, or container gardens. Their vibrant color and trailing habit make them an ideal choice for creating cascading floral displays.

Superbells Double Vintage Coral Double Calibrachoa: For a more muted yet equally beautiful tone, the Superbells Double Vintage Coral is a perfect choice. This double-flowered calibrachoa boasts a lovely coral-pink shade that creates a soft, romantic atmosphere in your garden. Its compact growth habit and trailing vines make it ideal for containers or hanging baskets, adding a touch of vintage charm to any space.

Totally Tempted Richly Red Cuphea: Looking for a fiery, bold touch? The Totally Tempted Richly Red Cuphea brings vibrant, red blooms with a slightly tropical feel to your garden. This annual produces an abundance of tubular flowers throughout the season and thrives in both sun and partial shade. It's perfect for attracting hummingbirds and butterflies, making it a lively addition to any garden.

Totally Tempted Frosted Violets Cuphea: For something a bit more delicate, the Totally Tempted Frosted Violets offers a cool, lavender hue with a touch of frost-like sheen. This stunning variety pairs beautifully with both warm-toned plants and other cool-colored blooms, creating an elegant and balanced floral display. Its compact habit makes it an excellent choice for containers or as a border plant.

SUPERTUNIA TIARA Blue Petunia: The SUPERTUNIA TIARA Blue Petunia adds a rich, royal blue color that is simply breathtaking. This petunia variety features velvety blooms that are perfect for creating a dramatic focal point in any garden. Known for its disease resistance and impressive

heat tolerance, it's a hardy plant that delivers stunning color throughout the summer.

Space Age Europa Rex Begonia: Bring a touch of the exotic to your garden with the Space Age Europa Rex Begonia. This foliage plant is known for its unique, intricate leaf patterns and bold colors, featuring a stunning combination of silver, green, and red hues. Space Age Europa adds a dramatic effect to shaded areas, making it an ideal companion for other shade-loving plants in your garden.

Waterfall Magenta Lobelia: The Waterfall Magenta Lobelia is a showstopper for anyone looking to add a cascade of vibrant, purple-magenta blooms to their garden. This trailing lobelia variety is perfect for hanging baskets, containers, or as a ground cover, adding a splash of bold color that flows elegantly over edges. Its long-lasting blooms will continue to delight well into the fall.

Yellow Sunshine Bidens: Yellow Sunshine Bidens is an absolute delight for anyone looking to brighten up their garden with cheerful yellow blooms. This low-maintenance annual is perfect for sunny spots, providing an abundance of daisy-like flowers that attract pollinators and create a cheerful ambiance in your outdoor space. It's an ideal choice for containers, hanging baskets, or as a ground cover.

Crazytunia Gingersnap Petunia: For a unique twist on the classic petunia, look

no further than the Crazytunia Gingersnap Petunia. This variety features ruffled, slightly curly petals in a warm, coppery orange hue with darker veins. Its unique, spiky blooms are sure to grab attention and add texture and drama to any garden. Plus, it thrives in both full sun and containers, making it a versatile addition to your plant collection.

Firefly Bioluminescent Petunias: The Firefly Bioluminescent Petunias are truly one-of-a-kind, offering a glowing effect that adds a magical touch to your garden. These groundbreaking petunias feature bioluminescent properties that make them appear to glow in the dark. Perfect for evening garden strolls or to add a touch of whimsy, these unique blooms will surely spark conversations and awe anyone who sees them.

Steve's Ace Home & Garden is committed to offering the latest and greatest in plant varieties, and the colorful annuals for 2025 are no exception. From the striking chartreuse foliage of ColorBlaze Mini Me to the glowing petals of Firefly Bioluminescent Petunias, these plants promise to infuse your garden with vibrant colors, delightful textures, and mesmerizing blooms. Visit Steve's Ace Home & Garden today to discover these new arrivals and start planning your most colorful garden yet! ■

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DEAR ANGELA,

I recently had to go without technology or the internet for a whole school day and it was awful. I complained about it to my mom who reminded me that she NEVER had that stuff at school, or any other time. I asked her what it was like back in the old days, but she just got mad at me and

left the room. Can you fill me in on how you managed to get through a whole day without technology?
—Curious on Cleveland Ave.

DEAR CURIOUS,

Well kiddo, back in the old days, we didn't know any different. We just woke up, got out of bed, and left the house and everyone just had to assume we'd get to our destination. We also had to churn our own milk into butter. I wore bread as shoes—the real crusty kind, not white bread, so it held up a bit better through snow. Then we ate the bread for lunch, which was actually really annoying because that left me shoeless for the walk home. Which was longer than the walk to school and directly up a sheer cliff, which I had to climb one handed. Oh! We also wrote words on paper and set them to random people we didn't know halfway across the world, and somehow, they made it there. Weeks or sometimes even months later, we'd get papers back from these people. Honestly, I told Tanja from Germany way too much about my life just to get a letter back that basically said "Its nice to meet you, do you like to travel to Germany some day?" I realized

quickly that Tanja was not taking the school assignment as seriously as I was.

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm in a *Big* situation right now and I don't know what to do. And yes I mean *Big* with a capital B, the 1988 comedy starring Tom Hanks. Last month was my 15th birthday and it made me sad. None of my friends came to my party and my parents really didn't care. They didn't even buy me a new tablet, which was the only thing I wanted. So I snuck out and went to the arcade. At the very back of the arcade in this weird alcove was a video game that just said "play as you or play as you 20 years from now" that sounded pretty good so I put my money in. The next morning I woke up and was 35. The thing is, I've always been told I'm an "old soul" and now I understand why. I fit in so much more now than as a kid. I've got this great job in marketing, a couple guys from work and I have started a podcast where we break down really cool stuff about dinosaurs, and I can spend money on whatever I want like eating Mac and Cheese for breakfast. I don't want to go back, do I have to?
—15 to 35 on Barbaralee Drive

DEAR 15 TO 35,

I hear this time and time again, and you know what? Sure, you'll have some fun in your 30s partying, making podcasts, and "marketing" stuff, but then you'll hit 40. You'll start to get tired. Instead of staying up all night and going in to work the next morning, you'll have one drink and feel like crap for days. Everyone will be too busy with their kids' soccer games or dance competition to record another episode of that podcast, and your boss will start to get on your nerves. That new house you bought will need a new roof, and suddenly being 15 will start to be pretty appealing. If that happens, just turn counter clockwise 20 times fast while saying, "I'm tired of responsibilities." You won't go back to being 15, but it might feel like being a kid again, and that's the important thing!

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treat

All STIs, including HIV, are treatable. If you test positive for an STI, work with your healthcare provider to get the right treatment.

Ask about partner services to get your partner tested and treated. Avoid having sex until you and your sex partner both complete treatment.

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO... COMPLETELY NOT FAKE Horoscopes

By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos



ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

Don't take it personally if you seem to trigger a surprising reaction. Erections can happen for any reason at all, or no reason whatsoever.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

Attending a family gathering will give you perspective on where you want to go. Like back to the family store to buy a new family.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

The quality of your work will depend on the amount of time you spend on it, so don't cut any corners. Unless you're a lathe worker, aka a woodturner. Then, yes. Those corners need to go.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

Try not to hide your latest developments from family members. True, they're going to be really condescending and negative about it, but being condescending and negative towards you makes them so happy. And who are you to deny them that?



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

Frustration will cause you to declare some major changes to your life. Saying them aloud to people may seem like it'll add a level of accountability, but like... nobody really cares if you succeed or fail.



VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

With Saturn capitulating, you will have a lot of compassionate energy to reeeeeeeally annoy people with. Oh, God. You're going to be insufferable, aren't you?



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

Venus will move from justified to right aligned, which means a team-related success is on the way. This may sound like good news, but you'll be stuck doing all the work. Again.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

You will find the peace you seek. Oops. That was a typo. You will find the PIECE you seek. You gon' get laaaaaaid, yo.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

With Jupiter clapping back, you'll want to find time to take yourself out to eat. Make it a nice restaurant. You deserve it. But wait. Who is that stealing glances from behind their 365ink? His name is Justin, and he's been hired to kill you. Fate has brought you here. But only your training can get you out. Good luck.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

The moon is settling down with a good book, which means every joke you hear is just going to go way over your head like an offended flumph with advantage.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

Mercury is whining, so don't let your confidence waiver. You're going to fail no matter what you do, so you can at least be confident in that.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

Pluto is writing its tell-all so make sure you put your best foot forward. In case you're wondering which foot is your best foot, it's the left one.



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

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