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One fine day, Kristina at 365 forwarded me an email from our group health insurance company. It stated that this was our last warning to submit information to the government, as the Consolidated Appropriations Act mandates that health insurers and group health plans submit detailed reports on prescription drug spending and healthcare costs. Note: As far as I can find, this is also the FIRST warning I've seen about this. And this one didn't even go to me, the group plan manager. So begins my journey down a rabbit hole of government bureaucracy paperwork that is... well, it's worthy of this column.

First, I called my insurance agent to make sure this was real. It was. She sent a super long link to a page with instructions to find a manual on the page and click the third drop-down, and click a link to go to the portal. Well, turns out the link I was sent was not right, so the info I was looking for on the page was not there because this was the wrong page. I eventually just Googled the name of the portal I need to complete. It was literally, portal.cms.gov/portal. She could have sent that link. It's THAT short, but instead I got that long-ass link and instructions to find a heading on the page and a drop-down list of links to find the link to that simple URL. Little did I know, this would be the easy part.

Note here that all I have to do is give them my company's EIN, the total annual health insurance premiums paid by me (the employer)—which is all of it—and total premiums paid by my one employee on the plan (Kristina)—which is none of it (because I'm an awesome boss!) That's it. If only I could call a person, right?

So, I go to the portal. It says to log in with a username and password. What username and password? I didn't forget it. I don't have one. I have to register as a new user. I have to find which application I want to register under. There are about 30 in a drop-down. I figured it out. Then I need to follow a manual to get through the new user process. I've picked a password at least 25 characters long and typed in my favorite movie quote as a security question. It's from *Real Genius*, want to guess it? Now let me in!

I need to start a new data submission. There is a PDF manual for this process. The RxDC HIOS Module User Manual... it rolls right off the tongue! The manual is 17 pages long. Oh, but wait, I can't do that. Our company does not yet exist in this new government reporting system. So I need to hold off on that manual and go to a different manual to create a new CMS Enterprise Portal Account, AKA a "New HIOS User." What is HIOS? I haven't a freaking clue. But hell, I don't even know what CMS.gov stands for either.

Apparently the insurance carriers will do the reporting for me if it's submitted to them

within their time frame, but again, this is the first time I've heard of any of this, to my knowledge. So since I'm too close to the May 30 deadline, I now have to do it all myself. Eventually I'm going to go back and find out why I didn't know about this sooner. Grrr...

So this second PDF manual, not to submit my info, but to get 365ink in the system to be recognized so that I can eventually report that into this manual is 27 pages long. It's the HIOS Access Guide for RxDC Users. Oh, goodie! I dive in. I create an account with multifactor authentication and register an authentication device. I request access, verify my identity, "Create a Role" for myself and enter details, create an "Organization" for myself (my company info), and then request a submitter role.

The manual shows screenshots for creating the Organization before creating the Role, but the website I'm on is wanting to do the Role first. This is where, some minutes later, I've discovered that only after I proceed halfway through the Role creation step, when it asks what my Organization is, that I don't have one. Only at this point does the site say, "Do you need to create an Organization?" Why yes, I do... jerk! I figured out that the instructions for the Role did eventually come next in the manual. So they were flip-flopped, at least as far as they are of use to me, the new confused signer-upperguy! So I click "Create an Organization," which means when that's done, I eventually have to come back here and start this Role creation section over from the beginning.

Okay, are you with me? I've created the Organization. So, I can go back and create the role, now right? Oh, but slow your role, partner! Once I've created the Organization, I now have to wait up to two days for authentication to come via email. Only then can I log in again and proceed to step VIII, "Request a Submitter Role," and then an "Organization Approver Role" (both are me). And only then can I make an attempt at following the first manual, where I theoretically actually submit my three lines of information to the government.

A day later, I got the approval. I logged back in, but I'm stuck on Part VIII because the drop-down list that the manual says to choose from does not appear where it says it is. Fifteen minutes later, I find a link to view my account role, and it says it's still "PENDING." So I'm guessing this is why I still can't finish. And that's where I sit now. This sad and mind-numbing story is far from over. It's a cliffhanger. I wish I could jump off of this cliff!

I'm so sorry I just made you relive that terrible part of my life with me, but in case you were wondering what is wrong with the government, aside from the whole fascism thing and publicly taking bribes of used luxury jets from the people who back-rolled 9/11, I guess it's this: I have an easy answer to a simple question, but in order to answer it, I need a law degree, a week of free time and a REALLY strong 25 character password.



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Ice Dinosaurs Exhibition

THE LOST WORLD OF THE ALASKAN ARCTIC EXHIBITION

MAY 24-SEPTEMBER 14 NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM (350 E 3RD ST)

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium hosts the newly-designed exhibition *Ice Dinosaurs: The Lost World of the Alaskan Arctic* beginning May 24.

Additionally, Paleontologist Dr.
Greg Erickson explores Frozen in Time:
Dinosaurs of the Arctic on Saturday,
June 14 at 10 a.m.-1 p.m., a never-before
seen presentation about his discoveries of Arctic-dwelling dinosaurs.
The presentation is 30 minutes and
geared for all ages. Tickets are \$5
and general admission must be purchased. Seating is limited so visit
rivermuseum.org/events to RSVP today!

Ice Dinosaurs transports visitors back to the prehistoric era, uncovering the incredible dinosaurs and other creatures that roamed the frozen landscapes of Alaska millions of years ago. This thrilling exhibition presents a unique look at paleontology, climate science, and the survival of ancient species in one of the harshest environments on Earth.

Ice Dinosaurs bring stunning life-size reconstructions, fossils, and multimedia exhibits, inviting visitors to experience these magnificent creatures and learn



about the mysteries of the Alaskan Arctic during the age of dinosaurs.

The exhibition features 20 animatronic dinosaurs and 17 static creatures in addition to large, touchable fossils including a T. Rex footprint, Edmontosaurus femur, and more. Through this immersive experience bringing guests back to the Late Cretaceous period in Northern Alaska, *Ice Dinosaurs: The Lost World of the Alaskan Arctic* unleashes an exciting and adventurous world of paleontology.

The exhibition will run from May 24 through Sept. 14, 2025, located on the second floor of the William Woodward Mississippi River Center. The exhibition included in general admission. More information can be found at rivermuseum.org/exhibits.



East Dubuque Memorial Day Parade

MONDAY, MAY 26 @ 9:30 AM SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL

All Veterans groups, service organizations, auto clubs, Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, school bands, local churches, civic clubs, and area businesses are invited to take part in the East Dubuque Memorial Day Parade on Mondaym May 26.

The parade will line up on Wall Street at 9 a.m. and start at 9:30 a.m.

The American Legion Post 787 asks all area residents and Parade goers to be mindful of safety and public works signage for the parade route.

Following the parade, military services will take place at the East Dubuque Cemetery. Master of Ceremonies/Parade Marshall this year is East Dubuque resident and historian Chuck Splinter.

On Sunday, May 25, Nativity BVM Church in Menominee will hold cemetery services following the 9 a.m. mass. The East Dubuque American Legion Post 787, East Dubuque Drum and Bugle Corp, Galena VFW, Galena American Legion Post #193, and the Galena Generals will take part.

The East Dubuque American Legion Post 787 will have poppies for sale on both Friday, May 23 at Fidelity Bank, Vans Liquor Store, and Family Beer at 2–6 p.m. and Saturday, May 24 at Vans Liquor Store and Family Beer at 8 a.m.–noon.

For more information,

call **563-599-1090**.



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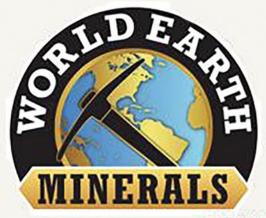
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Dubuque Memorial Day Parade

MONDAY, MAY 26 @ NOON CHAPLAIN SCHMITT ISLAND (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

This year's Dubuque Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26 on Chaplain Schmitt Island. The parade assembles at the west end of the Q Casino + Resort parking lot starting at 11 a.m. followed by the parade at noon.

The parade will travel down Greyhound Drive to Admiral Sheehy Drive and finish at the ImON Ice Arena. Individuals part of the Memorial Ceremony will be allowed to move into the assembly area.

Approximately 10 to 20 minutes after the parade, a short ceremony will be held at Veterans Memorial Plaza where a wreath will be placed by the Globe with guest speaker and all the service organizations commanders. There will be tents with nonprofits and organizations talking about their different issues. Bring your appetite as five food trucks will be serving delicious food: Delaney Ice Cream, Adobos, Frank O'Dowds Food Truck, Chew on This, and The Hangry Hobo.

Those interested in being in the parade must have sign waiver to participate. To download the waiver and for more information, visit

facebook.com/dbqveteranservices.



Cassville Chalk the Park

FRIDAY, MAY 30 @ 6-10 PM
CASSVILLE RIVERSIDE PARK
(100 E CRAWFORD ST, CASSVILLE, WI)
Kick off the summer with creativity, color, and community at Chalk the Park, happening Friday, May 30, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Cassville Riverside Park in Cassville, WI.

This vibrant evening promises fun for all ages with a chalk art contest from 6 to 8 p.m., live music by the fun pop rock band Unicorn Fist from 6 to 9 p.m., and a wide array of delicious local food and drink vendors. Bring your imagination and sidewalk chalk skills for a chance to showcase your art, enjoy upbeat live entertainment, and indulge in great eats from food trucks and local vendors, plus, of course, a cold beverage tent! With tons of creativity and summer vibes, this is one event you won't want to miss. There will be contest categories. No sign-up is required—just grab some chalk and join the fun!

For more information, call **608-725-2383** or visit **ExploreCassville.com**.

THU **5/22**

City of Dubuque Parks and Recreation Master Plan Forum

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dubuque Audubon Society and Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy are seeking input from their members, allies, and the public to assist the organizations in preparing recommendations for the City of Dubuque and its consultant, Kimley-Horn. According to Marie Ware, Parks and Recreation Department director, the master plan will examine the quality of Dubuque's parks, how to protect its natural resources and get feedback from the community on potential gaps in service, "Eventually, we hope to have some very high-quality, project-related recommendations for the City, along with strong suggestions regarding how a commitment to conservation can be wired into the City's practices and procedures," said Dianne Koch, the Legacy's project leader on the City's master plan. Kimley-Horn, an Arizona-based consulting firm, has been hired by the City of Dubuque for \$396,000 to conduct research, solicit public and stakeholder input. and make recommendations to the City Council. 360 W 11th

SAT **5/24**

St. facebook.com/

DbqLandAndWater.

46th Marshall Islands Constitution Day Celebration

NOON-3 PM @ FLORA PARK 5/24 and 5/26. Enjoy Marshallese dancing, handicraft showcase, field day games, and sports competition plus free BBQ chicken, rice, and salads for all attendees. City of Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh is the guest of honor. Rain Site: Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. Free, donations appreciated. 2605 Pennsylvania Dr. 563-313-1126. maithajolet@gmail.com.

TUE **5/27**

DACU: Food Security Issues in the Dubuque Community

7 PM @ WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Jason Neises, Community Development Officer at Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, joins for the **Dubuque Area Congregations** United Interfaith meeting. Nonperishable foods and paper items accepted for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Pull tabs accepted to support lowa survivors of human trafficking. 2155 University Ave. 563-590-9147. dacuonline.org.

WED **5/28**

Meet Author Dave Markward

7 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE Dave Markward returns to

River Lights Bookstore for an encore conversation about his memoir, From Dubuque To Selma & Beyond. Embark on a transformative journey with Dave as he transitions from an upbringing in an almost exclusively white community to a life enriched by diversity. Intertwining Dave's personal growth with significant historical events and figures, this remarkable memoir delves into the heart of America's racial divides. Through thoughtprovoking guestions at the start of each chapter. Dave challenges readers to assess their own understanding of racism and their progress to understand and value diversity. His heartfelt narration and candid reflections on his experiences make this journey relatable, inspiring, and deeply enlightening. 1098 Main St. 563-556-4391. RiverLights.com.

THU 5/29

Ahva Parking Lot Party

2–5 PM @ AHVA LIVING
OF EAST DUBUQUE
(EAST DUBUQUE, IL)
The parking lot party
boasts food trucks, games
for kids, face painting, art,
vendors, info for veterans,
live music by Ron Lubbers and Burn Cruise, and
more. Donations go to the
Veterans Freedom Center in
Dubuque. 430 Sidney St, East
Dubuque, IL. 563-451-2379.
ahvahealth.com.

Rain Barrel Workshop

5-7 PM @ SWISS VALLEY CAMPGROUND SYCAMORE PAVILION (PEOSTA, IA) Make your own rain barrel to take home! Materials and tools will be provided. No experience is required. RSVP required. \$35. 13069 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. 563-556-6745. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.

Live @ the Plaza: Educator's Night 5-8 PM @ GREEN STREET

PLAZA (GALENA, IL) Educator's Night will feature beverages from Galena Cellars, bites from Birds Food Truck, and music provided by Danny Parker Project. May's event will celebrate the educators in our area. All educators are encouraged to come for a chance to enter special giveaways and receive a free "thank you" gift from the partners. Live @ the Plaza is a family-friendly, free-to-attend event that features regional musicians, performers food and drink Music and food vendors are set up in historic Green Street Plaza, located in the heart of downtown Galena. Visit the Plaza to enjoy live music, good food and immerse in our community! All dates will have fun giveaways to enter. All ages. Free. 101 Green St, Galena, IL. 815-776-9200. visitgalena.org.

SUN 6/1

Monk's Makers Market

NOON-4 PM @ MONK'S Find various vendors in Monk's "backyard. Shop everything from personal care to art to jewelry to food. All ages. 373 Bluff St.

facebook.com/ MonksKaffeePub

WED **6/4**

Running Injury Prevention Seminar

5 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE
PIONEER ACTIVITY CENTER
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Learn from the Southwest
Health experts including
fellowship-trained Orthopedic Surgeon Alex Strassman,
DO, Podiatrist Spencer
Hammack, DPM, and Physical
Therapist Tricia Serres, PT,
DPT as they share practical
tips to help attendees stay
injury-free and improve

performance. Attendees will learn about common running injuries, how to modify training safely, key exercises to prevent injury, and when it's time to seek professional care. Whether training for your next race or just getting started, this seminar is designed to help people run smarter and stronger. RSVP required. Free. 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI. 608-348-2331. southwesthealth.org.

THU **6/5**

The Crocus Foundation 2nd Annual Gala

5 PM @ 7 HILLS BALLROOM
The evening honors the resilience and courage of cancer survivors. Hosted by The
Crocus Foundation, this unforgettable night will feature soul-stirring performances, inspiring stories, and the collective power of a community united by hope. Keynote

Speaker Mary Mulgrew Gronen is joined by MC Gary Dolphin, and live music by Hunter Fuerste, Paul Hemmer, Dave Richter, and Joie Wails. Bid in the live and silent auctions. Together, celebrate the triumphs of those who have faced cancer with unwavering strength while raising crucial funds for the Cancer Rehabilitation Center to continue its vital mission. Every note played and every moment shared during this special event contributes to creating brighter tomorrows for cancer survivors and their families. Your generosity will help provide life-changing rehabilitation services, emotional support, and essential resources to those rebuilding their lives after cancer. Stand together, inspired by their courage, and make a lasting impact through the power of music, compassion, and collective action. Cocktails at 5 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m. 1050 Washington St. 563-590-5385. crocusfoundation.com.

SAT **6/7**

19th Annual Grandview Gallop

7:30 AM @ LOUIS MURPHY PARK

The 1-mile youth event (7:30 a.m.) and 4-mile run/ walk (8 a.m.) take place on scenic Grandview Avenue with the start/finish at Louis Murphy Park. Both races are chip timed. Post event activities include awards presentation, athletic footwear. shoe giveaway, entertainment, and refreshments. Entry fee includes chip timing, Brooks podium tee, and refreshments. Proceeds go to Crescent Community Health Center and Go The Distance Day. RSVP required. 563-599-5198. GrandviewGallop.com.



RIVER DAYS OF ACTION: WATERSHED CLEANUP ON JUNE 7 AT THE NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

River Days Of Action: Watershed Cleanup

9-11 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium partners with Dubuque County Conservation and the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency for 1 Mississippi River Days

of Action. Last year, this initiative saw over 1,800 people come together from the headwaters to the Gulf! Team up to keep our rivers clean and create healthier waterways for everyone. Gloves, bags, and trash grabbers will be provided. RSVP. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545. RiverMuseum.org.



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O'Leary's Lake Family Day & Kids Fishing Tournament

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ 10 AM-6 PM O'LEARY'S LAKE (900 EAGLE POINT RD, HAZEL GREEN, WI)

Jamestown Township proudly presents the O'Leary's Lake Family Day & Kids Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 7. Rain date is the following day, Sunday, June 8.

Celebrate "Get Your Kids Out and Fish Weekend" with a fun-filled day where no fishing license is required state-wide! The kids fishing tournament runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration starting at 10 a.m. Children compete in two age groups (9 & under and 10–15) for prizes in "Big Fish" and "Most Fish" categories. At 4 p.m., the excitement



continues with kids tricycle races, featuring hot laps and registration at 3 p.m. All-day activities include Y'allbee Bounce Houses and wagon rides from noon to 5 p.m. Families can also enjoy a variety of offerings from local food trucks, and adults will enjoy cold adult beverages to boot from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Grab a fishing pole and head to O'Leary's Lake for a day of outdoor family fun, friendly competition, and community celebration. For more information, visit

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Jackson County Pro Rodeo

JUNE 19-21 @ 7:30 PM BELLEVUE HORSEMAN'S CLUB (25121 297™ AVE, BELLEVUE, IA)

Jackson County Pro Rodeo rides back into Bellevue, IA for its 37th year! Get ready for three electrifying nights of rodeo action at the Bellevue Horseman's Club from June 19 to 21, with nightly performances starting at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Diamond Jo Casino, this highly anticipated family event is packed with excitement for all ages.

Attendees can expect professional rodeo action, live music, fireworks, and the ever-popular mutton bustin'.

Plus, kids can enjoy the free kid's corral from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each evening.

Admission is easier than ever with advanced tickets on sale now, saving guests \$5 when purchased online or at various local retailers including Bellevue State Bank, Fidelity Bank in Bellevue, Longhorn Saddlelry in Dubuque, all area Theiens's locations, and more. Free parking is available on site, making it easy for families and rodeo fans to join in the fun.

Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the rodeo scene, this action-packed event promises thrills, entertainment, and a true celebration of Western heritage. For full event details and ticket information, visit JacksonCountyProRodeo.com.

WED **6/11**

Shalom's Annual Picnic on the Hill

11:30 AM-1 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER Enjoy one of your first picnic lunches of the season in the Shalom Spirituality Center dining room, outside on the beautiful deck, or find yourself a peaceful spot on the hill. If the weather doesn't cooperate, there is plenty of seating inside Shalom. Come with friends, bring your family, or spend a peaceful lunch hour alone! The lovely atmosphere and a delicious meal are great ways to welcome the summer season. Menu includes hamburgers, brats, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, ice cream, and lemonade. RSVP by 6/6. \$10 Adults, \$5 ages 8 and younger. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592. shalom retreats.org.

Royal Icing Cookie Class

6-7:30 PM @ GALENA ARC (GALENA, IL) Join Mackensie Wand, owner of Whisk & Wander Culinary Company, for a fun and hands-on cookie decorating class perfect for beginners and budding bakers alike. In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals of working with royal icing—including outlining, flooding, and basic piping techniques—to create beautifully decorated cookies with confidence. All the prep work (including baking the cookies) is done ahead of time, so you can jump straight into the fun part-decorating! Each student will receive six sugar cookies to decorate and take home, along with the knowledge and skills to recreate them in their own kitchen. Come for the cookies. leave with sweet skills and creative inspiration! All ages. \$25. 11084 US Hwy 20 W, Galena, IL. 815-777-2248. galenaarc.org.

THU 6/12

Annual International Woodcarvers Congress Competition Showroom

10 AM-4 PM @ JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (MAQUOKETA, IA) 6/12-6/14. Hundreds of carvings will be submitted into competition to be judged. This one-of-a-kind

event showcases the vast variety of wood carving forms and subjects and is a wonderful display of what can be done with wood. Adult \$5, seniors \$4, free accompanied children under 12. 1212 E. Quarry St, Maquoketa, IA. 608-712-2989. woodcarverscongress.org.

Movie Screening: Nickel Boys

6-8:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Based on the Pulitzer-Prize winning novel by Colson Whitehead, and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture, the historical drama Nickel Boys (2024) follows the friendship between two Black teens as they struggle to survive at a brutal reform school in the Jim Crow South. This 2 hour 20 minute movie is rated PG-13 for "thematic material involving racism, some strong language including racial slurs, violent content and smoking." Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

Eco-Friendly Urban Landscapes: Beyond the Grass

6-7 PM @ DUBUQUE

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Join for an eye-opening session on sustainable landscaping and discover eco-friendly alternatives to traditional lawns. Learn how to create a low-maintenance, biodiverse, and water-efficient landscape that benefits both your home and the environment.

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Ongoing & Recurring Events

MONDAY

Free Line Dance Lessons

5 PM @ ADAM'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.

THURSDAY

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

5–9 PM @ SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DBQ, IL
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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

Food Festival Fridays

11:30 AM-1:30 PM @ WASHINGTON PARK 2ND FRI THROUGH 9/12 Join area food vendors for a lunchtime food fest. 365ink Magazine brings the perfect side dish to your chicken sandwich, pizza, or coffee: local, live music! Catch the following performers in the gazebo: 6/13 Burn Cruise, 7/11 Joie Wails, 8/8 John Moran, and 9/12 Roy Schroedl. DSO Youth String Quartet will open some dates. Hosted by Dubuque Main Street. Free. 700 Locust St. dubuquemainstreet.com.



EAST DUBUQUE CRUISIN' THURSDAYS ON THE SINSINAWA AVE STRIP IN EAST DUBUQUE. IL

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downtown monthly community arts event with open
galleries, artists' studios, and
live entertainment, fostering
community and celebrat-

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FARMERS' MARKETS

Cuba City Community Market

4-7 PM @ VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK (CUBA CITY, WI) 3RD WED THROUGH 9/17 100 S Washington St, Cuba City, WI. 608-744-2152. facebook.com/

Dyersville Farmers Market

3–5 PM @ COMMERCIAL CLUB PARK (DYERSVILLE, IA) THROUGH 10/2 225 11th St SE, Dyersville, IA.

dyersville.org/events.

Millwork Night Market

5-8 PM @ 7TH-9TH &

JACKSON ST

2ND THU THROUGH 10/9

MillworkNightMarket.com.

Dubuque Farmers' Market

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

Galena Farmer's Market

7 AM-NOON @ GALENA CITY HALL PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/25 101 Green St, Galena, IL. 563-542-0996. facebook.com/ GalenaFarmersMarket.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

8 AM-NOON @
PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
THROUGH 10/25
75 N Bonson St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374.
PlattevilleFarmers
MarketWI.com.

Dyersville Downtown Market LAST SAT 6/28-9/27:

8 AM-NOON @ LEGACY SQUARE (DYERSVILLE, IA) 3rd Ave SW & 3rd St, Dyersville, IA. DyersvilleDowntown Market.com.

Galena Territory Farmers Market

8 AM-NOON @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNERS' CLUB PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/12 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. 815-777-2000. TheGalenaTerritory.com.

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May Is Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that can cause health problems, such as liver cancer and liver failure.

Learn the ABCs of this serious virus.

Hepatitis A

- Spread through contaminated food and drink.
- It's very contagious and you can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Hepatitis B

- Spread through contact with an infected person's blood or other bodily fluids.
- There's no cure for hepatitis B, but treatment can delay or reduce the risk of developing liver cancer.

Hepatitis C

- There isn't
 a vaccine to
 prevent hepatitis
 C, but treatment
 is available.
- Most people with hepatitis C can be cured with just 8–12 weeks of treatment.

Help Protect Your Liver From Hepatitis





Ask your healthcare provider about hepatitis vaccines and testing.

Source: cdc.gov 4/25



Bluff Strokes Art Center Grand Opening

THURSDAY, MAY 29 @ 5-7 PM BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER (1201 LOCUST ST)

Bluff Strokes Art Center is celebrating one year at 1201 Locust St. with a grand opening celebration on Thursday, May 29 at 5–7 p.m. Join them for art making, live music, Hangry Hobo food truck, and class registration. The ribbon cutting will be at 5:30 p.m.

The nonprofit provides high-quality art education, collaborative creative spaces, and rich professional development for

artists. Having launched drawing and painting courses this spring, the art center is looking forward to providing a full calendar of art learning for beginners through professionals.

Bluff Strokes Art Center names four major impacts of arts programming. Art heals bodies and minds, enhances learning and academic achievement, improves the economy, and strengthens community connections. Executive Director Rachel Daack reinforces the art center's mission, "Making and learning about art touches a core part of us. When touched by art, we become more than we were—more calm, more focused, more energized."

Come out and support visual arts education in Dubuque! For more information, visit **BluffStrokes.org**.



Ballet Des Moines Summer STEM Tour

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 ALLIANT ENERGY AMPHITHEATER (600 STAR BREWERY DR)

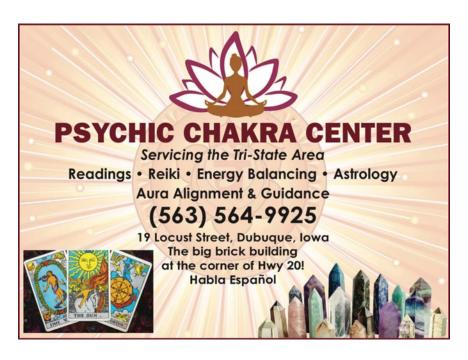
Ballet Moines returns to the Alliant Energy Amphitheater with this year's Summer STEM tour: See the Music. From coding and choreography to sound waves and virtual reality, the Sunday, June 1 evening event explores how we can "see the music" and visualize the invisible.

At 5–6:30 p.m., experience mini-science demonstrations from the stage from the NASA lowa Space Grant Consortium and the Science Center of Iowa, spoken word poetry by the Brucemore Artists in Residence, and live music performances. At 6:30–7:45 p.m., enjoy the dancers of Ballet Des Moines, performing excerpts from their 24–25 season.

This free event includes accessible, hands-on activities that will spark understanding, curiosity, and creativity in the midst of an immersive live performance. Experience what happens when you approach a concept from a creative and unexpected direction.

For more information, visit

BalletDesMoines.org/summer.







DBQFest Call for Applications Deadlines

PARK ACTIVITIES: JUNE 1 FOOD & BEVERAGE: JUNE 26 COMMUNITY BOOTHS: JULY 1

The 46th annual DBQFest will take place on Saturday, Aug. 2 and Sunday, Aug. 3, in the heart of Dubuque's historic downtown in Washington Park. This free, 2-day arts festival welcomes all to experience the arts, music, and culture through a juried art fair, live performances, food trucks, and other family-friendly activities.

DBQFest (Dubuquefest) is seeking applications from musical acts as well as individual or groups offering interactive or performative arts activities to

perform during the festival. Selected applicants will be compensated for their time based on festival budget and applicant proposed fees. Stage performer and park activity applications are due by June 1. There is no fee to apply.

Applications are also sought from mobile food trucks to be set up throughout the festival on 6th Street between Bluff and Locust Streets. One or two-day options are available for food truck participation; one-day vendors are responsible for a \$150 vendor fee with two-day vendors paying just \$100 for a spot. Apply by June 26 to be considered. There is no fee to apply.

DBQFest offers spaces for community booths to outreach and engage with DBQFest audiences. Community booths are reserved for nonprofit organizations or community-focused groups that do not sell products but use their booth to provide information and interactive activities. Community booths are available on a first come, first-serve basis on a sliding scale of no cost up to \$50 to be determined by the applicant organization. Applicant organizations are responsible for their own tent, table, chairs, etc.

For applications and more information, visit **DBQfest.com/apply**.

ARTS

First Friday

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

2-6 PM @ THE GOOD WITCHES COTTAGE (1064 CENTRAL AVE) 4:30-7:30 PM @ OUTSIDE THE LINES ART GALLERY (1101 MAIN ST)

5-8 PM @ PHOEBE'S DRESSING ROOM (1043 MAIN ST)

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

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

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

7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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

The Good Witches Cottage metaphysical art gallery features henna tattoo artist Rachel Wilson. Her natural henna tattoos are all created freehand in various styles and sizes upon request. The Good Witches Cottage also showcase more than seven artists, crafters, and handmade goods. Join for tea, pastries, and a good time. Find them at "The Good Witches Cottage" on Facebook.

Outside the Lines features artist Jenni Brant who will be working on her functional porcelain pottery throughout the evening and again the following morning at 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is a relaxed, familyfriendly opportunity to visit with the artists of our community and learn a little about how they make their art. **ShopOTLAG.com**.

Phoebe's Dressing Room hosts artist Kay Munson. To support Justyna Miranda, founder of City Girl Farming and who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer, 25% of all boutique sales and 50% of Kay's art sales proceeds will be donated to Justyna's recovery effort. PhoebesDressingRoom.com.

The Stu hosts Pride and Freedom! featuring work by Indigo Perry,

Queene Massey, and Moni Hughes. facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Voices brings together the compelling works of mother and daughter artists, Sandra Louise Dvas and Jamie Elizabeth Hudrlik, in a powerful visual dialogue that spans generations, mediums, and personal histories. With photography, video, and large-scale mixed media painting. Double Vision presents an immersive exploration of place, memory, and the emotional landscape of womanhood. On display through 7/26. VoicesStudios.org.

Planted. Gallery showcases Flora from the Flat Files. This exhibition brings together a collection of flora-themed prints from Clarke University's student archives. Each woodcut, screenprint, and etching explores nature through a personal lens, revealing the individuality of the artists behind the work. On display through 7/1. PlantedDBQ.com.

Join the Dubuque Area Arts Collective for the opening reception of Without Permission: Celebrating Identity in the LGBTQIA+ Community at The Smokestack. Without Permission showcases artwork that explores and affirms queer identity in all its forms. This exhibition uplifts the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community and highlights the power of self-expression, storytelling, and visibility through art. **DubuqueArts.com**.

FLY-BY-NIGHT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

The Glass Menagerie

JUNE 6-7 AND 13-14 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 8 @ 2 PM **FIVE FLAGS CENTER BIJOU ROOM** (405 MAIN ST)

Premiering in 1944, this classic icon of the American Theater catapulted Tennessee Williams to fame and one of America's most highly regarded playwrights. Join Fly-By-Night Productions for The Glass Menagerie at the Five Flags Center Bijou Room on June 6-7 and 13-14 at 7:30 p.m. and June 8 at 2 p.m. A talk back with the cast and director follow the June 7 and 13 performances.

Now living in a dingy St. Louis apartment, Amanda Wingfield, who longs for her past Southern belle gentility, clings to the memories of her youth, as she projects her

own unhappiness of her failed marriage and fallen social status onto her children-her son Tom, whose ambition to be a writer clashes with his guilt to support his mother and his painfully shy and physically frail

sister, Laura, who finds solace in her collection of glass figurines. All three have created their separate illusions to make life bearable. When we allow our mind to magnify life's barriers, do we create our own cage?

The Glass

Menagerie

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, the Five Flags Center box office, and at the door one hour before showtime. For more information, call 563-599-9486 or visit FlyByNightDubuque.com.

VOICES STUDIOS PRESENTS

DOUBLE VISION

SANDRA DYAS & JAMIE ELIZABETH HUDRLIK





FIRST FRIDAYS **OPENING RECEPTION**

Friday, June 6 @ 5:30 PM Exhibition continues through July 26, 2025

VOICES STUDIOS

1585 Central Ave, DBQ, IA VoicesStudios.org

@VoicesGallery @ @voices_productions



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Pride on the Move!

The Dubuque Pride Festival 2025 Expands to Town Clock Plaza

Story by S. Eliot Steuer Photos by Lu Supply Co.

Exciting and expansive changes are happening at the DBQ Pride Festival 2025! The annual open-air event returns to downtown Dubuque in its new location, Town Clock Plaza, on Saturday, June 7, from noon to 5 p.m., in what promises again to be the largest ever Pride celebration in Dubuque history. With an estimated turnout of 2,300, it's expected to easily outperform last year's record-breaking crowd of more than 1,800. After gaining consistent momentum over the previous three years, the festival is expanding to a new, prime location to better feature the multiple entertainers, food trucks, and a larger array of vendor and resource booths.

"I think this has been amazing," said founding board member Chuck Harris, regarding the continued growth of the event since adopting a street festival format three years ago. "For a number of years, I never knew that there was this much community right here in Dubuque, and I want to make it known that we are your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. We love our city, and we aren't going anywhere. We're here to enrich it."

This year saw important internal changes as the new DBQ Pride, Inc 501(c)3 nonprofit that formed after last year's festival, took over planning and embarked on a journey to expand the event, making it more self-sustainable for the future while also offering monthly programming through the nonprofit aimed at uniting the local queer community. Though it has been a big undertaking by a small, yet rapidly growing team of committed board members, committee volunteers, and financial supporters, the organizers weren't sure how successful fundraising would be due to the current political state. Thankfully, they (including your author who is a founding board member and part of the festival planning committee) were unanimously greeted with increased interest in supporting both the nonprofit and the festival.

In today's politically charged climate, with anti-LGBTQ+ legislation at the state and national level threatening the rights of the queer community, the DBQ Pride Festival serves as a safe, welcoming space for the local and regional queer community, its allies, and those wanting to support equality while celebrating the many achievements that have been made. "Honestly, our passions at DBQ Pride are driven by future generations of the LGBTQ+ community. The festival shows them that they have a place in our city and region, that Dubuque is a welcoming place for them to live," said founding board member and city councilman Danny Sprank, something which is vital to counteract all that's happening in our country at this moment in history.

Festival sponsorships have been strong, donations steady, and the number of people reaching out inquiring how to get involved has been robust. "I have a deep appreciation and gratitude for our sponsors and donors," said Sprank. "In this changing political time, I truly cannot thank them enough for their support of our LGBTQ+ community. On behalf of the community, we thank them from the bottom of our hearts."

Added Harris, "I'm grateful that the Dubuque community as a whole is starting to step up and support the LGBTQ+ community more visibly. We hope that it will encourage more community partners to join us in the future."

Often represented by rainbow flags, bright costumes, and joyfully extravagant parades, June's Pride Month is more than just a party; though make no mistake, this is a month of celebration. While it's a time for fun and festivities, and an opportunity to celebrate the progress made by the queer community towards acceptance and equality under the law, it remains a moment to reflect on the origins of the tradition. Born of the struggles for civil

rights and the Stonewall uprising of 1969, Pride, at its inception, was a riot protesting of the brutality perpetrated against the queer community, specifically trans people of color. If this sounds familiar, it should.

This year has yet again seen a spate of proposed anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in Iowa, mostly directed at transgender individuals. Nationally, trans and gender diverse identities are increasingly under attack with restrictions on bodily autonomy and the right to change gender markers. While most of the proposed state legislation in lowa has been defeated, the harmful Senate File 418 that removes gender identity from the Iowa Civil Rights Act (ICRA) is set to take effect July 1. This has caused great upheaval within the lives of many and made it so that DBQ Pride has been working to provide valuable information and support to those who need it via a Know Your Rights LGBTQ+ Workshop held in April, which is archived and updated on the organization's website, amongst other things. "I'm thankful that there are so many people who support the LGBTQ+ community and have the courage to speak up at a time that voices are being silenced or intimidated," said DBQ Pride's information technologist and festival committee member Timothy Kreiger, echoing a sentiment held by all members of the organization.

What began as a small family picnic more than a decade ago organized by DBQ Pride's founding partner the Multicultural Family Center, the DBQ Pride Festival 2025 is still accessible and family friendly, only on a much larger, more entertainment-based scale. Planned by a small, passionate volunteer committee, it was obvious to all involved that another expansion was needed to accommodate the growing crowd. Planning began in the fall of 2024, with the committee securing an impressive list of local sponsors whose financial contributions helped fund the



event. "I think this year's boost in support is again due to the political environment. The fear that we will lose rights is real," said Sprank. "We truly cannot thank our allies enough for their support of the festival. They recognize the need for resources and community conversations and have stepped up to help in a meaningful way, which is commendable."

One of the organizers of the original Pride Family Picnic, Indigo Perry, who also played a role in the planning of the 2023

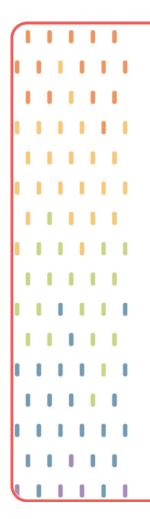
and 2024 Pride Festivals, now focuses exclusively on the Dubuque LGBTQ+ Resource Network. This zero-profit group and mutual aid association consists of a coalition of citizens, groups, and organizations committed to fostering safety, community, and connections for all. DBQ Pride has a close relationship with the Resource Network to help better address community need as the network offers peer-led support groups, educational outreach, advocacy, and inclusive social





programming. They also publish The Gay Agenda, a comprehensive resource and event guide which they plan to distribute as physical copies at this year's festival.

Since this year's event has broadened to five hours, there is increased entertainment featuring Brandon's Sound Check, a local DJ service spinning tunes; live sets by jazz quartet The DZ Combo; performances by Dubuque's own Cirque du Buque drag troupe; and an audience participation dance segment lead by longtime supporter of the festival, Adam's Dance Connection. At the time of publication, there are more than 60 vendor and resource booths, (with the number growing every day) up from 40 last year, from local and regional organizations including Hillcrest, Crescent Community Health Center, One Iowa, Iowa City Pride, and Cedar Rapids Pride. Businesses include numerous local LGBTQ+ owned or supportive favorites like Planted., Chain Vintage, the newly opened Good Witches Cottage, and inclusive salon Ritual Beauty.



This June, take pride in knowing your HIV status.

Pride is about taking care of yourself and each other. Know your status by getting tested—and manage your status with treatment and prevention to stop HIV in Iowa!

Happy Pride



Find testing locations, treatment resources & more at stophiviowa.org. COVER STORY 365





There will be two bounce houses and a Rec-N-Roll activity trailer for the kids, both seated tables and standing tables for eating and mingling, and a tented area in front of the stage, perfect for dancing in the shade. This year's food trucks and vendors include Rice is Nice, specializing in Asian street eats; Hot Diggity Dogz, serving up Chicago style hotdogs, polish, and Italian beef; Convivium Urban Farmstead will be serving their delicious beverages; and Dave's Ice Cream will provide a selection of cold treats to beat the late-spring heat.

There is also a new DBQ Pride Festival 2025 T-shirt design making its debut with an exciting experiential element; this year's T-shirts will be printed live on site by PGP Printing, a local maker specializing in screen printed apparel. This novel format allows festival goers to choose their size and have the experience of watching it being made before wearing it during the festival. The updated design, created by DBQ Pride member Willie Tigges, pays tribute to the new Town Clock location, a rich historical part of our local fabric, while acknowledging the enduring spirit of the queer community. The 2025 design can be found on DBQ Pride's social media accounts and will be available exclusively at the festival.

As a free, family-friendly event funded primarily by community sponsors, grants and T-shirt sales, all additional funds raised go towards helping finance future yearly Pride celebrations in addition to monthly community events, and future initiatives, all vital opportunities that enrich the entire Dubuque community, not only the lives of those who identify as LGBTQ+. The nonprofit is an all-volunteer team, meaning that 100% of funds go exclusively towards the work they do, and often scholarships are available to the monthly events, something made possible by generous community financial

contributions. "It's a lot of work to pull off this one-day festival," said Sprank. "Seeing the happy faces of families at the festival is what keeps us motivated each year to expand." Despite the fun party atmosphere, it's the smiling faces and the feeling of belonging and safety that the DBQ Pride Festival is all about. I can attest. It's a lot of work, but the reward of serving our community and advancing understanding and equality in a city as unique as ours makes every minute worth it.

Free and open to the public, volunteers are still needed for the event and can register for individual and all-day shifts at **VolunteerDBQ.com** under the calendar tab. Additional festival information can be found on the DBQ Pride website, **DBQpride.org** and on Facebook and Instagram, and information on the the Dubuque LGBTQ+ Resource Network can be found at **DBQresource.net**.

Free parking is available all day in the Iowa Street Ramp located behind NICC, and in the event of forecasted wet or severe weather, an announcement will be made by the evening of Thursday, June 5, on social media, with the festival's alternative indoor location being the Five Flags Center.

The DBQ Pride Festival would like to thank its generous Red, Yellow, and Green Level Sponsors: Key City Vision, Diamond Jo Casino/Boyd Gaming, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dubuque Main Street, Dubuque County Democrats, The Good Witches Cottage, Dubuque Museum of Art, Green State Credit Union, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, PFund Foundation, and special thanks to a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

DUBUQUE PRIDE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ NOON-5 PM
TOWN CLOCK PLAZA (680 MAIN ST)
DBQPRIDE.ORG

Pride is love.
Pride is courage.
Pride is being
unapologetically you.

We stand with the LGBTQ+ community because everyone deserves to be seen, heard & celebrated for who they are.





Tri-State Pride Events

The Dubuque LGBTQ+ Resource Network has assembled this list of Pride events in the Tri-States! They are continuously adding more at DBQresource.net. Check 'em out!

SAT **5/24**

Pride + Protest: Zine's as Art and Social Movement Workshop

1-3 PM @ BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER

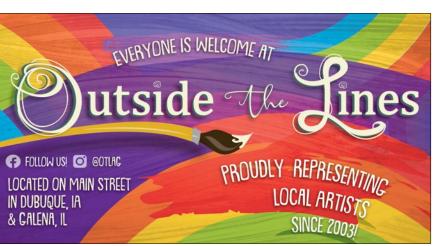
Artist and University of Iowa Professor Elizabeth Rodriguez Fielder will teach how to make zines. Try out a variety of book forms: one-page books and pamphlet stitch books. While learning the craft of making, you will also learn about the history of zines and how they emerged alongside social movement activism, especially activism from LGBTQ+ communities. Generate words that speak to our contemporary moment or to curate others' words and images to make a unique art object. Materials provided or bring your own pictures or writing. All skill levels for the LGBTQ+ community, allies, and anyone from the community looking to learn more about this queer-rooted art form. Refreshments provided. Hosted by DBQ Pride and Bluff Strokes. Scholarships available. \$25. 1201 Locust St. **DBQpride.org**.

Cirque Du Buque Drag Cabaret: Night of the Nerds

10 PM @ **SMOKESTACK**Calling all nerds, geeks,
and freaks! Join the Cirque

Crew and special guests for a night of nerdy indulgence! Acts inspired by comics, anime, video games, books, movies-Cirque Du Buque is bringing all manner of characters to life! Come to the show in your own cosplay, and get nerdy together! Featuring Cirque Cast Host and MC Anna Mae, Sage Umbra, Ramona Ryot, and very special guests and nerd extraordinaires Covote Graves, Robyn Graves, and Reignyn Khaos. Ages 21+. \$15. 62 E 7th St. facebook.com/CirqueDBQ.





MON **5/26**

6-8 PM @ THE INNOVATION

Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

LAB ENTRANCE B, OR H FOR ELEVATOR ACCESS Biweekly support group. Are you a member of the LGBTQ+ community or any identity under the umbrella? Are you currently questioning your gender identity or sexual orientation? Do you want to form meaningful relationships with other members of the community? Meetings start and end with an informal social gathering with announcements and a formal time where each member who wants to share has several minutes to speak without interruption or feedback in between. Pizza from Dominos is provided for free, with vegetarian and gluten-free upon request. Typically there are 8-12 attendees, ranging from their early 20s to their early 60s, and anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join. All attendees/discussion of the group is confidential. Venue has stairs, but elevator access is available. Restrooms are accessible. Masks are encouraged but not required. Doors are locked, so call or text **563-542-9736** for entry. This number can also be contacted if you need transportation. Pre-registration is not required. Ages 18+. Free. 210 Jones St. 563-542-9736.

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DBQresource.net.

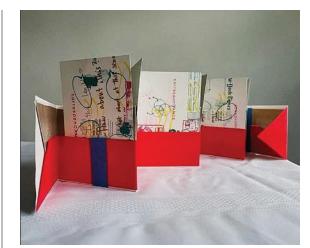
6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) Crochet club, beginner thru advanced and everything in between! Ages 18+. Free. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL.

GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

WED **5/28**

50+ LGBTQ+ Coffee Meetup

10-11:30 AM @ JITTERZ COFFEE & CAFE A social gathering for LGBTQ+ community members age 50+. The venue has ramp entry with manual



PRIDE + PROTEST: ZINE'S AS ART AND SOCIAL MOVEMENT WORKSHOP ON MAY 24 AT BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER

door and metered street parking. Can be noisy. This is a new event, so the Resource Network is testing the water on what works for the group! Ages 50+. Free. 1073 Main St. **DBQresource.net**.

FRI **5/30**

Ramona's Ryot

9 PM @ THE LIFT
Ramona Ryot is bringing
some of the most talented
performers they know to
The Lift! Witness Scylla
Kone (*The Boulet Brothers'*Dragula), Rigo Villalpando, Lil NaStalgia, Lilith
Laurent, Onyx Mayhėm,
Granny Mattress, and Zane
Mazzaratie Steele. Doors
at 8 p.m., show at 9 p.m.
Ages 21+. \$10. 180 Main St.
facebook.com/ramona.ryot.

SAT **5/31**

Delaney's Dogs Group Dog Walk

2 PM @ EB LYONS
INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Bring your pup for a casual
meet up and leisurely walk
along the John and Alice
Butler Trail, a paved, .5 mile,
ADA trail which takes you
into a prairie area near the
EB Lyons Interpretive Center.
Dogs must stay on leash, and
pick up after them. Respect
other dogs and their owners,
and do not bring your dog if it
is not healthy. All ages. Free.
8991 Bellevue Heights Rd.

SUN 6/1

Reconciling in Christ Congregation Designation

10:15 AM @ ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The special worship service is followed by an open house celebration as St. John's officially receives its designation as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. This milestone reflects its commitment to welcome and embrace all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, or background. St. John's believes that this message, while always relevant, is an especially important now. Celebrate God's love and the inclusive community built in faith. Service at 10:15 a.m., open house at 11:30 a.m. All ages. Free. 1276 White St. StJohnsELCAdbq.org.

MON 6/2

Galena Hookers

6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

Pride Month Proclamation

6:30 PM @ HISTORIC FEDERAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS The City of Dubuque Government recognizes and celebrates Pride Month with a proclamation. 350 W 6th St. Free. CityOfDubuque.org.



Student Loan Relief Is Possible

Over one third of LGBTQ+ adults have federal student loans. If you are behind on payments, you may feel hopeless, especially as the federal government is starting to **sue and garnish borrowers in default**.

But we have good news: It's now possible to eliminate student loans through a new legal process called a bankruptcy adversary case. At Henkels & Baker, PC, we've been filing these cases since 2023, and we've had a **100% success rate**.

Let's kick off Pride Month by kicking your student loans to the curb. Schedule your **free**, **no-pressure evaluation** with our friendly team of experts today.



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TUE **6/3**

LGBTQ+ Support Group

7 PM @ DRIFTLESS MARKET (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Our monthly peer support group. We'll have board games and a friendly atmosphere. Free. 95 W Main St, Platteville, WI.
SWRainbowAlliance.org.

WED **6/4**

Virtual Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

6-8 PM @ ONLINE
Are you a member of the
LGBTQ+ community or any
identity under the umbrella?
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want to form meaningful
relationships with other
members of the community?
Meetings start and end with
an informal social gathering with announcements
and a formal time where

each member who wants to share has several minutes to speak without interruption or feedback in between. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join, regardless of where they live. All attendees/discussion of the group is confidential. Preregistration is not required. Ages 18+. Free. Zoom ID: 563.542.9736; Password: Pride. **DBQresource.net**.

FRI **6/6**

First Fridays: Pride and Freedom!

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SAT **6/7**

Dubuque Pride Festival

NOON-5 PM @ TOWN CLOCK PLAZA See page 14 for more information. DBQpride.org.



GALENA PRIDE PICNIC ON JUNE 14 AT GRANT PARK IN GALENA, IL

SUN **6/8**

The Singular They Potluck and Workshop

11:45 AM @ FIRST

CONGREGATIONAL UCC

(PLATTEVILLE, WI) Designed to help adults understand the rapidlyevolving gender spectrum, "The Singular They" explores biological sex, orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pronouns, and more. A casual, safe space for participants to ask tough questions and acquire tools and information to better understand and advocate for all of God's people. The program uses resources from the United Church of **Christ-commissioned Our** Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education curriculum. Presenter Jeff Rabe has over 30 years of experience in children's and youth ministry and over two decades of experience as an OWL facilitator, 80 Market St. Platteville. WI. 608-348-6578. office@uccplatt.org.

MON 6/9

Galena Hookers

6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

WED **6/11**

50+ LGBTQ+ Coffee Meetup

10-11:30 AM @ JITTERZ COFFEE & CAFE 1073 Main St. DBQresource.net.

Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

6-8 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB ENTRANCE B, OR H FOR ELEVATOR ACCESS 210 Jones St. **563-542-9736**. **DBQresource.net**.

FRI **6/13**

Drag Bingo w/ Cynthia Mooseknuckle & Co. Host

6-10 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) Support the Galena Public Library with a bingo and drag show as Miss Kitty & Co. celebrates the love of inclusivity that is Pride weekend in Galena. Your ticket includes six rounds of bingo (extra cards for sale), a bingo dauber, mystery bag of goodies, 2025 commemorative Galena Pride rubber bracelet, and prizes with the grand prize chance to win \$100! Prizes for each round include donations in gift or credit from Cotton Club, Champagne on Main, Blaum Brothers Distillery, Fried Green Tomatoes, Gobbies Pizza, Galena Garlic Company, Champagne on Main, Massbach Winery

Tasting Room, Cannova's, Gabby's Gifts, The Grape Escape, Galena Taphouse, Bread & Vine, Galena Cellars, and more. Seating will be prioritized to advance ticket buyers of drag bingo, but the rest of the bar will remain open to the public. Ages 21+. \$25. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. **GrapeEscapeGalena.com**.

SAT **6/14**

5th Annual Galena Pride Picnic

NOON-5 PM @ GRANT PARK (GALENA, IL) Celebrate diversity, love, and unity at Galena's annual Pride Picnic, organized by the Galena Public Library. This family-friendly event takes place in the picturesque Grant Park and offers an array of activities, performances, and vendors for all ages. Enjoy live music, engaging performances, and a variety of food and drink options as you join the community in celebrating Pride. All ages. Free. 625 Park Ave, Galena, IL. 815-777-0200. galenalibrary.org.

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2-5 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) A firecracker of soul and joyful rock 'n' roll! Free. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

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Pride Party Welcome for All: Boogie Monster

8:30-11:30 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) An official destination for after Pride Picnic Dance Party! Free. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

Pride Night: Big Sloth, If I Could Just Get Some Sleep, Synwxve

9 PM @ THE LIFT
Celebrate Pride at The Lift
with music by Big Sloth, If I
Could Just Get Some Sleep,
and Synwxve. Ages 21+. Free,
donations welcome for the
Dubuque LGBTQ+ Resource
Network. 180 Main St, Lower
Level. facebook.com/
theliftdubuque.

SUN **6/15**

All-Ages Game Day Meetup

2-4 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB ENTRANCE B, OR H FOR ELEVATOR ACCESS Are you a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer community/any identity under the LGBTQ+ umbrella? Are you currently questioning your gender identity or sexual orientation? Are you an Ally? Do you want to form meaningful relationships with other members of the community? Join this monthly game day meetup.

Bring a favorite board/card game to play, or join in on a game provided, and learn a new favorite! Refreshments will be provided. Venue has stairs, but elevator access is available. Restrooms are accessible. Masks are encouraged but not required. Doors are locked, so call or text **563-542-9736** for entry. This number can also be contacted if you need transportation. Pre-registration is not required. All ages. Free. 210 Jones St. 563-542-9736. DBQresource.net.

MON **6/16**

Galena Hookers

6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

WED 6/18

Virtual Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

6-8 PM @ **ONLINE** Zoom ID: 563.542.9736; Password: Pride.

DBQresource.net.

FRI 6/20

Divas of Pop: Summer Pride Extravaganza

8 PM-12:30 AM @ REYNA'S TACO BAR (GALENA, IL) Under a new name, Reyna's Taco bar has opened its doors to welcome a fabulous group of entertainers from all over the area: Keynamine, Miss Fuse, Sage Umbra, Lilith Laurent, Farrah Nuff-Perry, Rory Revenwood, Araña Grande, and Baby Gorgeous. Bring that mula to tip your entertainers! Music by DJ Danny Ross. Drag show 10 p.m. Ages 21+. Free. 239 N Main St, Galena, IL.

SAT **6/21**

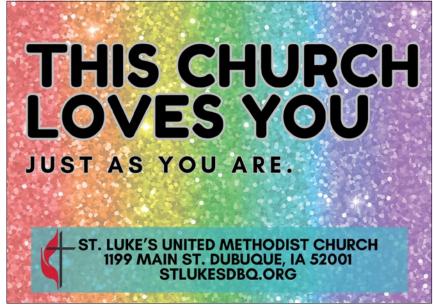
5th Annual Southwest Wisconsin Pride in the Park

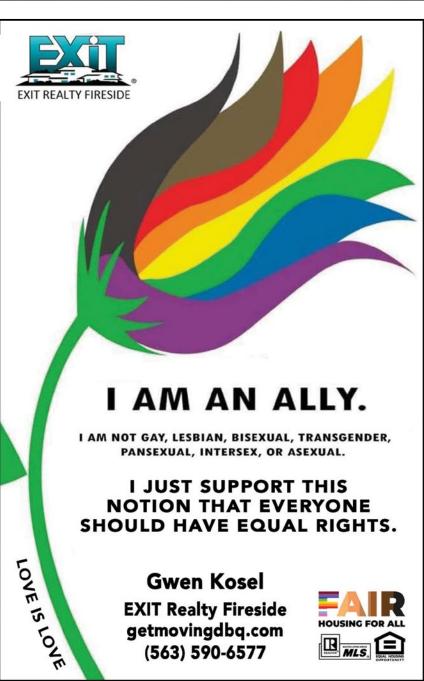
10 AM-5 PM @ CITY PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Join the Southwest Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance for dozens of vendors, food, live music, BINGO, and a family-friendly drag show. In addition, there will be a silent auction to raise funds for the Southwest Wisconsin Rainbow Scholarship. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and lots of love! Weapons, hate speech, violence not allowed. All ages. Free. 75 N Bronson St, Platteville, WI. SWRainbowAlliance.org.

Cirque Du Buque Drag Cabaret

10 PM @ SMOKESTACK Ages 21+. \$15. 62 E 7th St. facebook.com/CirqueDBQ.





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2ND ANNUAL PRIDE RALLY ON JUNE 29 AT JACKSON PARK

SUN 6/22

Gender Affirming Clothing Pop Up

1-3 PM @ TBA
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with the Dubuque LGBTQ+
Resource Network to offer
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MON 6/23

Galena Hookers

6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

WED **6/25**

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Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

6-8 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB ENTRANCE B, OR H FOR ELEVATOR ACCESS 210 Jones St. 563-542-9736. DBQresource.net.

FRI **6/27**

Pride Trivia Night w/ Anna Mae!

6 PM @ GALENA CELLARS (GALENA, IL) Anna Mae will host five rounds of trivia questions focused on the LGBTQIA+ community. How much do you really know about Pride? From the history of the movement, pop culture, and more these trivia questions may just leave you stumped! Teams of up to six must register in advance. Anyone who registers without a team will be assigned to one. Space is limited. RSVP required. Free. 1111 N Main St, Galena, IL. galenapridetrivianight.

SAT **6/28**

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Cirque Du Buque: Drag Pizza Night 6:30 PM @ CONVIVIUM

URBAN FARMSTEAD Enjoy all-you-can-eat brick oven fired pizza served buffet style paired with an evening of high-energy performances and unforgettable entertainment! Support local talent and bring cash to show the incredible local drag performers some extra love with tips. Gluten-free crust available. Pizza includes Convivium-grown ingredients. Alcohol available for purchase. Proceeds from this event support Convivium's mission to improve lives through food. Your ticket helps them grow fresh produce, host educational programs, and foster meaningful connections. Doors at 6 p.m., performance at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available on 6/1. \$30. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. **convivium-dbg.com**.

SUN 6/29

2nd Annual Pride Rally

4-6 PM @ JACKSON PARK Celebrate the end of Pride month. Hear from local affirming faith and community leaders and be inspired for the future! Free. 1500 Main St. DBQresource.net.

MON 6/30

The Language of Flowers 1:30 PM @ DUBUQUE

ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL **GARDENS VISITOR CENTER** The Victorian Language of Flowers (floriography) used flowers to convey messages and emotions. A widespread practice due to strict social etiquette and the desire to discretely express emotions, this language has also been used by the Queer community. This workshop will explore the history and meaning of the symbolism within this language. 3800 Arboretum Dr. DBQresource.net.

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6 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL) 242 N Main St, Galena, IL. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

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They're expanding the mural in the main aquarium gallery at the Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium as part of its major recent renovations and additions to the venue.



Ralph Kluseman plays You Are My Sunshine to a very special music lover during the first Food Festival Friday event of the summer at Washington Park in downtown Dubuque. 365ink sponsors all the live music all summer. Next up is Burn Cruise on June 13th!



Burn Cruise performs "Song for Magnus" with Gladys Ressler and Karen Buechele on Mothers' Day at Council Hill Station, in Scales Mound, IL. Sunday live music is always served up fresh at Council Hill. Check it out!



Dubuque Main Street's Puttzin' Around Downtown brought a bunch of mini golf teams together around the Happiest Place on Main Street fairy tale theme as they played makeshift golf holes all over downtown Dubuque.



The Dubuque Museum of Art hosted a Mother's Day Weekend Iron Pour in front of the museum. Yep, over a dozen participants poured molten iron into artistic molds, organized by Tamsie Ringler and supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Iowa Arts Council and many local partners.



The Australian Bee Gees brought a set of legendary '70s disco-era hits to the Mississippi Moon Bar stage at the Diamond Jo Casino on a Saturday night. The crowd was Stayin' Alive all night but really, the "should be dan-cin', yeah..."!



The Dubuque Morning Optimist Club purchased and installed a memorial bench from Painted Sky Designs in the garden behind the Dubuque Rescue Mission in memory of former Director, Morgan Frazer.



Former Menace members Mark Whitaker, Buck Mess and Scott Brookens played their first gig as the new acoustic trio, Scrap Metal, playing great 80's hard rock tunes, just a little lighter, to a packed house at the Sandy Hook Tavern in May.



The enchanting beginnings of Dendy Village, the magical little neighborhood in the making comes together at The Wanderwood Gardens, coming soon at the Dubuque Arboretum Campus.



America's Van Halen Experience, Jump, brought a spot on tribute to the famous 80s hard rockers to the Q Casino + Resort Showroom stage on a Saturday night, high flying splits and all.

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Dubuque County Fairway Grocery Stores teamed up in December to raise money for Marine Corps Toys For Tots in Dubuque and presented the check to the charity this month for the 2025 season. Semper Fil 565INK

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The Dubuque Regional Humane Society Invites You to See What's New!

By S. Eliot Steuer

A "Community of Unconditional Love" is the motto of the Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS). A fitting sentiment considering the unconditional love that pets can bring to our lives. As an institution founded in 1901, the DRHS has seemingly always existed, but now the organization is embarking on some exciting changes to better serve its animals and our local community through adoption and services.

Over the years, many of us have found our new best friend at the DRHS. In 2021, after my 21-year-old cat died, I adopted my Blue Heeler, Tallulah, AKA "Lu" (nee Audra), there, and our family had previously adopted our beloved Border Collie, Siva, from them in 2001. Without the DRHS, the lives of both these amazing dogs and "best girls ever" would have been in question, especially since Tallulah was transported to the DRHS from a kill-shelter in Arkansas at just under three years old. Now she basks in being an only child, her basket filled with toys and her very own blanket on our sectional, and our bed. because it's all "ours" now.

Walking into the Humane Society, it takes only a moment for even the steeliest of hearts to melt at the sheer number of cats cuddled up and housed in the cat rooms and cubicles, purring gently, at the front of the shelter. It's a beautiful thing knowing these animals are receiving care and housing but also a reminder that the need for spay/neutering and adoption is vital in our community.

While there are many reasons an animal might find itself at a shelter, often it has little to do with the animal itself. From deaths in the family, to relocations, unstable financial situations, or in some cases owner neglect or hoarding situations, many dogs, and many more cats, find themselves in need of care while waiting for their new fur-ever families. This is where the DRHS comes in, serving as a haven for animals in need and uniting them with potential owners looking for their newest beloved family member.

To make this process easier, the DRHS is undertaking an improvement campaign

designed to make the public spaces more friendly for the animals and community alike, upgrading the non-public spaces like the veterinary clinic, as well as making simple upgrades to help the animals adjust to what may be a chaotic environment that they're otherwise unused to. Changes as small as having less glass on the door to a kennel room so that a dog who is scared, and reactive as a result, has more privacy, allowing them to relax and let potential adopters experience an accurate picture of their temperament. It's these "small changes that make a big impact on adoptions," said Jordan Hoftender, the director of community development for the DRHS.

When they moved into their current location at 4242 Chavenelle Rd, they had the building outfitted to meet their needs at the time. Now, many years later, upgrades for safety and state codes are being made, such as the replacement of flooring. In the care suites, which are guieter spaces for nursing dogs or reactive animals needing a calm environment, new flooring has recently been laid. "And so that's another one of those bigger projects" said Hoftender. "For us, it was a necessity because we were beginning to see the wear and tear, and it has to be up to code for the city, safe for the animals, and easy to clean for the staff."

"Concerning our physical environments, one big area that we've identified is purchasing an industrial dish washer. Right now, all our dishes for the animals are being done by hand, if you can believe that." This addition will cut down on work time and ensure better sanitization, as will their plan for replacing the veterinary clinic's laundry facility. "Someday soon, we'd like to have a medical grade system," said Hoftender. "This will ensure the highest level of sanitization, which is best for disease prevention and the wellbeing of the animals." Naturally, this takes time and money, so they're working towards these goals with the hope that the community will be able to offer help.

On the topic of the DRHS's veterinary clinic, Hoftender offered that "Our



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clinic has been without a stable vet since last October when our previous vet retired. We've had that job application out for over a year now with little interest, but fortunately we've had the support of some local veterinarians who have been huge in helping us work through things. But it's not sustainable, so that's been another big focus for us," she said. "If we don't have someone here consistently for spay and neuter, and vaccinations, that plays into that length of stay for an animal, too." Something which is vital to keep as short as possible for both an animal's emotional wellbeing and to allow open space for additional strays and surrenders to come in for treatment and adoption.

One of the unique things about the DRHS is their offerings and partnerships. They are partnered with the Veterans Freedom Center, offering any veteran \$50 off the adoption of a dog or cat. They also have a community pet pantry, a program allowing people to apply to receive food for their pet. This might be someone experiencing scarcity for whatever reason, but as Hoftender said, "If it's a decision between whether you can keep your pet and afford them, or pay your bills, that's not good for anybody. If we can supply a few months of food that helps



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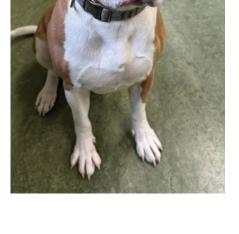
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them get by, we'd much rather do that than have them need to surrender their pet. So that program has been great." In the past the DRHS also offered clinics for low cost spay/neuter and microchipping. They hope to be able to offer those again soon when the clinic is fully staffed. "Our goal is to make these community programs more accessible, share them more with people, because ultimately they help us to get more animals out of shelters and keep them out, which is our goal."

Hoftender said that a new Executive Director Kim Hess just joined the organization in the past month. "Kim comes to us with more than a decade of experience, which is exciting. She's excited to give back to this community, where she is originally from, and to just really connect with people to bring them into the DRHS family." This overarching theme of connection is one Hoftender said in the past they hadn't fully realized that people were interested in. But after two animals came in last year with serious medical concerns, and the DRHS shared that with the community, it became clear that people wanted to help and to know more about what they could do to support their mission. "So that's been a huge push this year, bringing in individuals to see the shelter, to see the areas that the public doesn't see every day as a good reminder of the need and why we are here. It's so important that we stay here, that we're here for the people, and the animals, and the way we can do this is by making the improvements and having the funding." An instance of this need for community connection is one special pup, Capone, who has

been at the shelter for a year. Hoftender believes that getting the word out about him is vital to his future adoption.

The DRHS relies heavily on help from the public and there are many ways to get involved. There are volunteer, foster, and monetary contribution options which are all integral to not only the organization but to maintaining a safe community. In September, they hold their annual Tails at Twilight Gala, their biggest fundraiser of the year which brings people out to enjoy themselves while helping an excellent cause. In addition, and as a great opportunity for dog owners, there is Hadley's Dog Park, and an open, off-leash space that can be accessed via membership which helps fund the DRHS. But there is also the Enrichment Trail, which requires a leash, but it is free and a good option for those looking for safe and clean spaces to let their dog get outdoor exercise.

The improvement campaign, along with the addition of a new executive director and increased community outreach, are just some of the changes being made to ensure that the Dubuque Regional Humane Society continues to serve its mission for another 124 years. "We just want to let our community know that we are here for them and that we also need their help in maintaining our mission. There are many ways to get involved and to participate at the DRHS, and we just want to make people aware of what we do and invite them into our space in ways they might not have interacted with us before."

For more information on how to get involved, visit **DBQhumane.org**.

SAT **5/31**



Delaney's Dogs Group Dog Walk

2 PM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Bring your pup for a casual meet up and
leisurely walk along the John and Alice
Butler Trail, a paved, .5 mile, ADA trail
which takes you into a prairie area near
the EB Lyons Interpretive Center. Dogs
must stay on leash, and pick up after
them. Respect other dogs and their
owners, and do not bring your dog if it
is not healthy. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd.

SAT 6/14



3rd Annual DBQ Dog Expo

11 AM-2 PM @ PORT OF DUBUQUE Whether you're a dog owner or just a fan of our furry friends, join PetMed of Key West Veterinary Clinic for a tailwagging good time near the Mississippi River Museum and Grand Harbor Resort at 3rd and Bell St. Learn about dogrelated businesses, grab a bite from the food trucks, shop unique handmade goods, get a portrait of you and your pup by a caricature artist, and win amazing prizes. Come for the fun, stay for the pups! Bring your four-legged friends and enjoy a beautiful day along the Mississippi River, Free, 3rd and Bell St. 563-583-8387. dbqdogexpo.com.

MON 6/30



Puppy Pals Live

6 PM @ FIVE FLAGS THEATER

As Seen on America's Got Talent, Puppy Pals Live is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as Puppy Pals Live leads the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss! Full of canine stunts and laughout-loud canine comedy. 405 Main St. **563-589-4254**. **FiveFlagsCenter.com**.

SAT 9/20



Tails at Twilight Gala: Paws, Purrs, and Spurs

5:30-8:30 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

The Tails at Twilight Gala is an exciting evening that brings together old friends and new to revel in the life-saving mission of the Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS), share stories of compassion and transformation, and celebrate our extraordinary community. All this, and more, while raising critical funds to ensure that lost, abandoned, and unwanted animals have brighter futures. Enjoy a dinner, live and silent auction, and the favorite Paws Up. This evening out is sure to be filled with joy as we also celebrate the DRHS and its achievements throughout the year. 350 E 3rd St. 563-582-6766. DBQhumane.org.

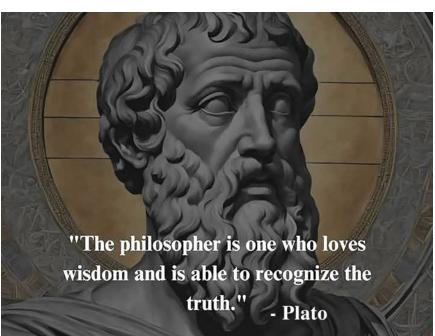
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Dubuque County Events

Downtown Summer Nights JUNE 13: AUGUST 8

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Not to miss out on the fun, Dyersville hosts its own summer festival series, Downtown Summer Nights, at 6:30–10 p.m. Besides live music, the event includes food and games for kids. Best of all, it's free!



Rodney Atkins MAY 25 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (MANCHESTER, IA)

Country music star Rodney Atkins brings No. 1 chart toppers such as "If You're Going Through Hell," "Watching You," "These are My People," "It's America" and more. 7:30 p.m. DelawareCoFair.com

BREWS & BITES

River Ridge Brewing: Sample locally-inspired craft beers while watching riverboats pass by at this Bellevue gem that has quickly become a community gathering spot along the Mississippi. BELLEVUE

Mega's Grill and Eatery: Experience local flavors and warm hospitality at this Maquoketa favorite where classic American dishes satisfy hungry adventurers after a day of exploring.

Kalmes Restaurant: Savor authentic German-American cuisine at this St. Donatus institution where family recipes have been passed down for generations. ST. DONATUS

WILDLIFE

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Green Island Wildlife Management Area: Observe migratory birds, waterfowl, and native plants across this 4,000-acre wetland paradise where you can. GREEN ISLAND

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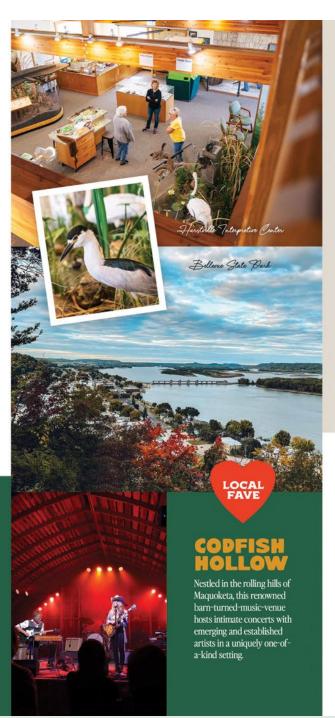


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- Field of Dreams Movie Site: Iconic baseball diamond and farmhouse from the classic film attracting visitors worldwide.

 DYERSYILLE
- 04. Lock & Dam No. 11: Where barges navigate the Mississippi River through controlled waterways. DUBUQUE

- World's Largest Umpire: Quirky 12-foot roadside attraction celebrating baseball with oversized charm. RYAN
- O6. Pictured Rocks: Limestone formations with scenic overlooks and colorful cliffs along the Maquoketa River. MONTICELLO
- O7. Julien Dubuque Monument: Historic stone tower with Mississippi River views commemorating the region's first European settler. DUBUQUE
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- Wapsipinicon State Park: Picturesque park featuring limestone bluffs, scenic overlooks, and trails along the Wapsipinicon River. ANAMOSA
- 11. Codfish Hollow Barnstormers: Century-old barn converted into a concert venue hosting nationally recognized musicians. MADULAKTA
- Island City Harbor: Mississippi River access point in Sabula, lowa's only island town and easternmost community. SABULA

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market featuring fresh proaked goods, crafts, and more cal and area vendors.



Maquoketa Summer Concert Series: John Resch & Doggin' Out MAY 29

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John Resch & Doggin' Out play the blues across the genres but especially West Coast Swing and Chicago Electric Blues. Recent winners of the lowa Blues Challenge and 2025 inductees into the lowa Blues Hall of Fame. Tri-M BBQ food truck at 5:30 p.m. Free admission. Family-friendly. Bring lawn chairs. Optimist Club root beer floats for a freewill donation. 6–8 p.m.



Ski Bellevue Water Ski Shows JUNE 7 & 21; JULY 5 & 19; AUGUST 2 & 16 RIVERVIEW STREET, BELLEVUE, IA Watch Bellevue's own water ski show team. A great reason for a road trip, and the shows are free! 4 p.m. (7/5 at 6 p.m.).

37th Jackson County Pro Rodeo JUNE 19-21

BELLEVUE HORSEMEN'S CLUB (BELLEVUE, IA)

Horse and bull riding, barrel racing, plus kids games, food, music, mechanical bull, and more! **JacksonCountyProRodeo.com**.

Jones County Events

Monticello Farmers Market SATURDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: MAY 10-OCTOBER 8 413 E OAK ST, MONTICELLO, IA

Enjoy homegrown vegetables, plants, flowers, treats, cards, crafts, and more under a pavilion with a great selection of local vendors. Saturdays 8–11 a.m.; Wednesdays 3:30–5:30 p.m.



Cascade Rockin' on the River
JUNE 6; JULY 11; AUGUST 1 RIVERVIEW
AMPHITHEATER (CASCADE, IA)
Enjoy great music and food Performers

Enjoy great music and food. Performers include Gypsy & the Ramblers with Sarah Boyle (6/6); Silverada, Drew Cooper, and

Adan & the High Hands (7/11); and Big John Hammer and the Rusty Nails (8/2). BYOB chairs. \$10. 7–11 p.m. Facebook.com/rockinontherivercascade.



Sunset Street Fest JUNE 20 MAIN STREET, CASCADE, IA Highlighting small businesses and local crafters with food, beverages, and live music. 5-9 p.m. COVER STORY 365

Music & Events for Seniors

Music in the Gardens, Dubuque & All That Jazz, Music at the Star, and more gear up for a summer schedule that's fit for music lovers who are young in age and young at heart.

JOIN US FOR MUSIC ALL SUMMER! BLUES the VINEYARD

- Sundays, 3 6 pm

 Jun 8 Cedar County Cobras Iowa City duo brings contagious energy to unique performances of Roots Blues and Boot-Stompin' Boogie.
- Jun 22 Bob Dorr Trio Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Icons. Still "Rockin' our Souls in the Heartland" band.
- Jul 6 Timber City Band (2-4:30pm) 40-piece E. Iowa concert band. Professional musicians/ educators playing marches & show tunes to celebrate the 4th.
- Jul 20 Jazz Q Quintet NE Iowa School of Music Performance Faculty, David Resnick Director. Instrumental and vocal popular jazz for the whole
- Aug 3 Joe and Vickie Price Blues-roots, infectious energy and joyful foot-stomping music from this always-magic Decorah, Iowa Blues Hall of Fame duo.
- Aug 24 Bryce Janey Trio Extraordinarily gifted Blues Rock guitarist, singer and songwriter and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee from Cedar Rapids
- Sep 7 David Zollo and Brian Cooper Iowa City Roots music singer, heartland-inspired songwriter and honky-tonk keyboardist David along with renown drummer Brian are entertainers who grab your attention.

Enjoy 100% Iowa Grown and Produced Wines, Wine Slushies and Iowa Cheeses

- Handicap accessible and family friendly
- Picnics Allowed. (No alcohol can be brought in)
- Bring the whole family and a Frisbee

29th WINERY ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Sept. 21 \$10 Cover Avey Grouws Band

Gritty blend of Blues/Roots/Rock/ and Soul, Jenni's powerhouse vocals and Chris' blistering guitar lead the Eastern Iowa Top 10-charting Avey Grouws Band.



Visit Iowa's Premier Winery | Open Tues. - Sat. 11 am - 6 pm; Sun. Open at Noon

Music in the Gardens

Sundays: June 1 and 15, July 20, August 3 and 17, and September 14 Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Packard Pavilion Amphitheater (3800 Arboretum Dr)

Music in the Gardens returns to the magical surroundings at the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens with six great shows that celebrate diverse live music while celebrating the beauty of the natural world in perhaps the best place in town to take it all in.

The concert series kicks off on June 1 and runs through Sept. 14. Bring a lawn chair along with your favorite appetizers to Packard Pavilion Amphitheater from 6 to 8 p.m. on concert nights (5–7 p.m. on Sept. 14). The show is always free, and food and beverages are available to purchase from

a rotating host of Dubuque's favorite food trucks and caterers including Birdie's Lunch Box and Catering (from The Other Side in East Dubuque, IL), Magoo's Pizza, Hibachi Time, The Hangry Hobo, The Rice is Nice, Pulido's Tacos, Hot Diggity Dogs, Rockin' 5K BBQ, Delaney's Ice Cream, and kettle corn from Langworthy Family Dental.

Check out the roster of shows below, and mark you calendars now to save your Sundays this summer for outdoor music and good friends! For more information, visit **DubuqueArboretum.net**.

Music in the Gardens Schedule



Elton Jeff & the Honky Cats

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 6-8 PM
Elton Jeff & The Honky Cats
is not just another tribute
act. It's a musical celebration
spanning over six decades,
featuring a review of Elton
John's chart-topping favorites
that have been embraced by
multiple generations. Their
performance gives music
enthusiasts a well-crafted
experience featuring the heaviest hitters from the Elton John
catalog. Sponsored by the
McNamer Family Foundation.



Ocean's Rat Pack SUNDAY, JUNE 15 @ 6-8 PM Ocean's Rat Pack is the ultimate tribute group devoted to the music of Dean Martin by Tony Ocean, Frank Sinatra by Bill Serritella, and Sammy Davis Jr. by Elliot Wimbush. Ocean's Rat Pack brings the audience back in time when Vegas and Hollywood were king. Delight in their authentic performances that bring to life the vibe of the Rat Pack era and proving that these classics will never go out of style, but rather create new fans of the legendary performers of the Rat Pack. Sponsorsed by Seiji & Mary Yoshioka, Premier Bank, and Klauer.



Renegade Wildflower SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 6-8 PM Renegade Wildflower has been serving up the finest Southern Rock the Midwest has to offer since 2019. Sponsored by Marsha Abbot at Edward Jones and the East Central lowa Assoc. of Realtors.



Jonny Lyons & the Pride

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 @ 6-8 PM
Combining Influences of rock
and roll, country, blues, soul,
surf, and rockabilly, Jonny
Lyons celebrates a musical
style that will take you on a
journey back in time to the

golden era of music and showmanship. Sponsored by Trustwell Living and Kennedy Mall.



The Moods

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 6-8 PM
Relive the soulful sounds of
Motown and R&B with The
Moods. Perfect for fans of
Bruno Mars, The Commodores,
Diana Ross, Earth, Wind and
Fire, The Four Tops, The Jackson
5, James Brown, Lionel Richie,
Luther Vandross, Michael
Jackson, Prince, Smokey
Robinson, Stevie Wonder, and
The Temptations. Sponsored
by Conlon Construction.



SecondHand News SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 5-7 PM

SecondHand News recreates the experience of seeing Fleetwood Mac in their heyday. The band features spot-on vocal harmonies, careful attention to detail, and electric live shows. Sponsored by Cottingham & Butler.



Dubuque & All That Jazz Returns!

Friday, June 6 @ 5-10:30 PM Town Clock Plaza (680 Main St)

One of Dubuque's most iconic summer traditions is hitting a major milestone! Celebrating their 30th anniversary of music under the Town Clock, the Dubuque Main Street-hosted event is going back to its roots and its old name, refocusing on what made it great for so long. For all of you kids and new Dubuque transplants, there was a time when there weren't music-based festivals just about every weekend, all summer long. So, congratulations on living in a version of Dubuque where there are! Dubuque & All That Jazz was one of the first and certainly the longest running music and food festivals in downtown Dubuque, bringing together thousands of locals on Friday nights for a good time and a great show.

On this 30th anniversary year of the series, Dubuque Main Street is rekindling Dubuque & All That Jazz for one big night under the Town Clock. Instead of multiple installments of the concert series, they are focusing all of the tradition on one big night out, Friday, June 6, from 5 to 10:30 p.m. at Town Clock Plaza in the heart of downtown Dubuque.

This free, family-friendly street party brings together live music, local eats, cold drinks, and community spirit—everything that's made this event a staple of Dubuque summers for three decades. And as part of the return to its roots comes one of the favorite live bands to grace the Jazz stage so many times over the years. The

Business, a fan-favorite funk and soul band from Chicago returns to headline with opening support from The DZ Combo, a Dubuque-based jazz collective playing standards and original jazz tunes written by pianist and composer, Danny Zanger. The quartet features Jeremy Jones on bass, Dan McNamara on drum set, and Benjamin Drury on trumpet. The Roosevelt Middle School Jazz Band will kick off the night with homegrown talent and heart.

Every Dubuque & All That Jazz has featured some of the area's best food served up fresh on site. While they started out as tents from local eateries, this is 2025, and we now have an awesome slate of food trucks doing the same. Enjoy great eats and treats from Vesperman Farms Ice Cream, The Hangry Hobo, Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub, Delaney's Ice Cream, VERSUS, and Hibachi Time. And yes, you know there will be cold beer and sodas served up in multiple stands for all of the thirsty music lovers.

The event is sponsored
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Group, Dupaco Community Credit Union,
Radio Dubuque, the Dubuque Jaycees
and Dubuque Jaycees Past Presidents,
Tricor Insurance, and the Telegraph
Herald. Bring your lawn chairs. Bring your
friends. Celebrate 30 years of unforgettable music, summer nights, and community pride. For more information, call
Dubuque Main Street at 563-588-4400
or visit DubuqueMainStreet.org.







Music at the Star

Presented by the Dubuque Arts Council

Sundays: June 15, 22, and 29; July 13, 20, and 27 @ 6:30-8 PM Alliant Energy Amphitheater (600 Star Brewery Dr)

After years of splitting the season at the Dubuque Arboretum venue, the Dubuque Arts Council's six big live music shows move this season to the gorgeous Alliant Energy Amphitheater at the Dubuque Star Brewery in the Port of Dubuque. Feel free to bring your own chairs or blankets for the hillside and enjoy great live music in a beautiful riverside venue.

Food and beverages will be available all season from Hy-Vee, Delaney's Ice Cream Shop, and Freddie's Popcorn. The season's premier sponsor is the Mark & Cheryl Falb and the Falb Family Foundation, and the venue sponsor is Rick & RaeAnn Dickinson. Familiar favorites and some new ones, all in a new home. For more information, visit **DubuqueArtsCouncil.com**.

Music at the Star Schedule



Hunter Fuerste & His American Vintage Orchestra

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 @ 6:30-8 PM

Journey back to the Big Band era featuring hits from Glen Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Bennie Goodman, Harry James, Count Basie, and more. This 14-piece big band also features soloists and a harmonized vocal group.



Amy Friedl and the Sky Line Band SUNDAY, JUNE 22

@ 6:30-8 PM

Featuring an all-star lineup of Eastern lowa musicians, Amy Friedl and Dubuque native Luke Viertel bring the rock, pop, and R&B. Tune into 20th-century radio with music from bands like Fleetwood Mac, James Taylor, Dolly Parton, Billy Joel, Carole King, and many more.



Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 @ 6:30-8 PM

Join the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra for Summer Melodies—light classics, film favorites, and patriotic tunes. PLUS, enjoy several extra features!



Sail On: Beach Boys Tribute

SUNDAY, JULY 13 @ 6:30-8 PM

Direct from Nashville, this high-energy band brings the music of The Beach Boys just the way they would have done it. Enjoy all of The Beach Boys' classic hits, recreating the soundtrack to an "Endless Summer" in rich detail.



Secrets

SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 6:30-8 PM

Dance and sing along to regional hits. Secrets preforms a wide variety of popular music from the '60s, '70s, and '80s including rock and roll, country, and rhythm and blues.



Kids from Wisconsin

SUNDAY, JULY 27 @ 6:30-8 PM

Widely recognized for their versatile talents and ground-breaking performances, the 57th troupe showcases "The Heat Is On" featuring 22 singers and 14 musicians in their highly energized and highly anticipated 2025 summer production.

THU **5/29**



Tri-State Wind Symphony: Music By The River

6:15 PM @ ALLIANT ENERGY AMPITHEATER More than 100 area musicians gather to perform the 31st concert season for Dubuque's community Band. Accordion Divas perform a pre-concert music medley at 6:15 p.m. Followed by the main show at 7 p.m. The 2025 concert season includes community conductors 5/29 Dr. Glenn Pohland, 6/12 Dr. Nolan Hauta, 6/26 Rodney Matthews "A Star-Spangled Spectacular!" with Legion Post 6, 7/10 David Resnick "July 10 in History," and 7/24 All Conductors "Players' Favorite Selections." Bring chairs or blankets as desired. Rain site: Westminster Presbyterian Church (2155 University Ave.) All ages. Freewill donations. 600 Star Brewery Dr. TSWS.org.



Maquoketa Summer Concert Series 6-8 PM @ 100 s MAIN ST, MAQUOKETA, IA Head down to Jackson County for a slew of family-friendly outdoor entertainment. 5/29 John Resch and Doggin' Out, 6/12 Wonderful Smiths, 6/26 Slapdash Bluegrass, 7/17 Crooked Cactus Band, 7/31 The Rush Cleveland Trio, 8/14 50 Pound Rooster, 8/28 Katie and the Honky Tonks, and 9/11 The Swampland Jewels. Bring lawn chairs and the family. Food available for purchase. All ages. Free. MusicMAQ.com.

WED 6/4



Jo Daviess County Senior Expo
9 AM-NOON @ GALENA ELEMENTARY
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL (GALENA, IL)
Come to the Senior Expo for answers
about Medicare, assisted living,
home care, travel, mobility solutions, medical equipment, and more.
Connect with local service providers, free health screenings and
giveaways, and enjoy an outing and
meet friends. Hosted by the Senior
Resource Center. Free. 1230 Franklin
St, Galena, IL. 815-235-9777 x232.
seniorresourcecenter.net.



Cassville Live Music in the Park 6:30-8:30 PM @ VOLUNTEER PARK (CASSVILLE, WI) 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3. Cassville's beloved

6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3. Cassville's beloved summer tradition has returned, now with an exciting new feature: the Mississippi Market! 6/4 Shekinah King, 7/2 Chase Pebworth, 8/6 Rachel Neal, and 9/3 Driftless Magnalios. Featuring live music, positive vibes, and community enjoyment beneath the trees. Don't forget to bring your blankets, chairs, coolers, snacks, and great company. All ages. Free. 304 Denniston St, Cassville, WI. **ExploreCassville.com**.

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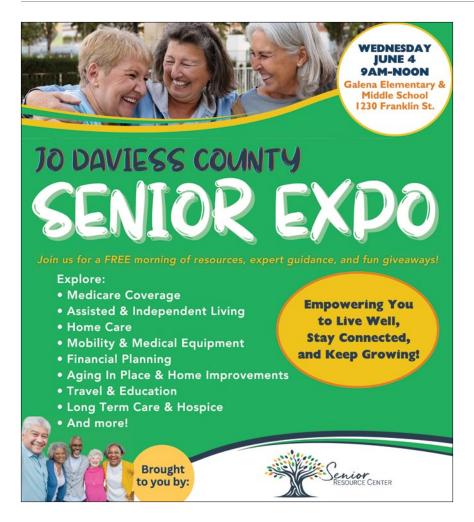
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THU 6/5



Platteville Music in the Park

6-8 PM @ CITY PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI) Enjoy live musical entertainment in downtown Platteville, WI. The line up includes 6/5 Wundo Band, 6/12 Stay Tuned, 6/19 Scrap Metal, 6/26 City Band, 7/3 132D Army Band, 7/10 Sugar on the Roof, 7/17 Sarah Day, 7/24 Ken Kilian's Classic Big Band, 7/31 Walking Molly, 8/7 Boogie Monster, 8/14 Gary Beal Band, and 8/21 Adam Bartels Band. All ages. Free. 5 N Bonson St. PlattevilleMainStreet.com.

FRI 6/6



Cascade Rockin' on the River 7-11 PM @ RIVERVIEW AMPHITHEATER (CASCADE, IA)

6/6, 7/11, 8/1. Enjoy great music at Rockin' on the River. 6/6 Gypsy & the Ramblers with Sarah Boyle; 7/11 Silverada, Drew Cooper, and Adan & the High Hands; 8/2 Big John Hammer and the Rusty Nails. Food available. BYOB and chairs. \$10. 101 Pierce St SW, Cascade, IA. facebook.com/rockinontherivercascade.

SAT 6/7



Music on Pearl: Krause Family Band 2 PM @ UU CHURCH OF STOCKTON (STOCKTON, IL)

Music on Pearl opens its second year in Stockton with award-winning music from the Krause Family Band, a 5-piece Americana group based in Madison, WI. Kansas Music Hall of Famer Rick Krause performs with daughters Katie and Ruthie alongside Brad Wolbert and Scott

Wright. Besides the beautiful vocal harmonies that we love in family groups, the Krause Family Band treats us to fiddle, guitar, bass and keyboard. Enjoy original songs as well as covers from The Everly Brothers, Statler Brothers, Mills Brothers, Reverend Al Green, and Linda Ronstadt. Last year, their work on Ruthie's solo album, Ruthenium earned them a Madison Area Music Award for Folk Song of The Year ("Soon") and a Wisconsin Area Music Award for their Ensemble Vocals. Handicap-accessible. Light snacks available for purchase. \$15. 219 North Pearl, Stockton, IL. uuchurchofstockton.org.

SUN 6/8



Blues in the Vineyard

3-6 PM @ TABOR HOME WINERY (BALDWIN, IA) lowa's first estate winery fills your summer Sundays with Blues in the Vineyard. Join Tabor Home Winery for 6/8 Cedar County Cobras, 6/22 Bob Dorr Trio, 7/6 Timber City Band (2-4:30 p.m.), 7/20 Jazz Q Quintet, 8/3 Joe & Vicki Price, 8/24 Bryce Janey Trio, and 9/7 David Zollo & Brian Cooper. The 29th Winery Anniversary Festival features Avey Grouws Band on 9/21 with a \$10 cover. Enjoy 100% Iowa-grown and produced wines, wine slushies, and Iowa cheeses and meats. The vineyard is handicap accessible, and picnics are allowed. All ages. Free. 570 67th St, Baldwin, IA. 563-673-3131. TaborHomeWinery.com.

TUE **6/10**



Summer Nights at the Plaza Concert Series and Night Market

6-8 PM @ RYLAND PARK (LANCASTER, WI)
The Schreiner Memorial Library's Summer
Nights at the Plaza concert series returns
with an exciting lineup complemented
by the vibrant Lancaster Night Market.
6/10 Ken Kilian's Classic Big Band, 7/8
Rianna Marie, and 8/12 Wundo Band. The
concerts are free and take place in the

beautiful tree-filled, wheelchair accessible park. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy music, food, and camaraderie. While enjoying the sounds of these diverse musical talents, visitors can explore artistic producers at the Night Market from 5 to 8 p.m. The market offers a wide variety of local goods from over 30 vendors. Food trucks and community groups will be offering food for purchase. The library will be open during these events. Rain Site: Lancaster High School. All ages. Free. 113 W Elm St, Lancaster, WI. 608-723-7304. SchreinerMemorialLibrary.org.

WED 6/11



Glenn Miller Orchestra: In The Mood 7 PM @ FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra performs their greatest hits including "In The Mood," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "American Patrol," "A String Of Pearls," "Little Brown Jug," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," Tuxedo Junction," and of course their theme song, "Moonlight Serenade." The 15-member orchestra, their lead singers, and vocal group will perform their catalog of big band classics just the way they would have over 80 years ago when Glenn Miller stood in front of his band. It is a show that continues to transport audiences back in time and is as nostalgic as it is exciting. Touring continuously since 1956, The Glenn Miller Orchestra is featured in more than 200 concerts and dances per year. Each performance includes the timeless classics that made them famous the world over in a show that has moved audiences for generations. All ages. \$45-\$65. 405 Main St. 563-589-4254. FiveFlagsCenter.com.

MON 6/16



Lancaster Community Band Concerts 7 PM @ RYLAND PARK (LANCASTER, WI) 6/16, 6/30, 7/14, and 7/28. The Lancaster Community Band, which has

provided over 40 years of free concerts in Lancaster, will continue featuring local musical talents during their performances. The library will be open during these events. Rain Site: Lancaster High School. All ages. Free. 113 W Elm St, Lancaster, WI. 608-723-7304. SchreinerMemorialLibrary.org.

SAT **6/21**



24th Annual Tour of Gardens

9 AM-4 PM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE The Dubuque County Master Gardeners and Dubuque County Gardeners, Inc. host a self-guided tour of six gardens, three workshop opportunities, and a free tool sharpening event. Raffle tickets will also be available to purchase for a chance to win a gorgeous Painted Sky cast-iron bench valued at over \$500. All proceeds will benefit the Conservation Programs at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. This year's featured gardens and workshops include "The Mullet Garden" by Christa Claussen (15441 Stacie Ct) and free small, handheld garden tool sharpening at 10 AM-2 PM (limit 2/person); "Backyard Garden Oasis" by Shirley & John Zurcher (3384 Arrowwood Ln) and Workshop: Grow and Make Fresh Herbal Teas with Fran Hederman, Herb Society, at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM; "Peaceful Landscape Amongst the Pines" by Lisa and Gary Wittman (16674 Wittman Hamm Ct) and Workshop: Dividing Perennials with Master Gardeners Rhonda Hudgins and Diane Weigman at 11:30 AM and 1 PM; "Evergreen Dreams" by Erinn and Brandon Mitchell (1123 Rush St); "Cottage Garden with a Secret Garden" by Sue Coates (723 Thornwood Dr); and "Wild Bull Flower Farm" by Laura Hodge and Dena Voss (7987 Schueller Heights Rd) and Workshop: Growing Midwest Lavender with Laura Hodge and Dena Voss at 10:30 AM and 2 PM. All ages. \$8 ADV/\$10 day of. **563-583-6496**. DBQTourOfGardens.com.





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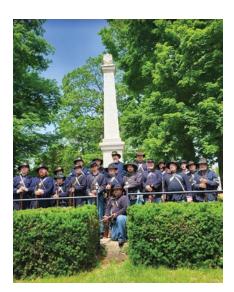
Civil War Days

JUNE 6-8 LENOX MUSEUM CAMPUS (HOPKINTON, IA)

Step back in time at Civil War Days, happening June 6-8 at the Lenox Museum Campus in Hopkinton, IA. With admission just \$5, guests can enjoy a weekend packed with historical reenactments, themed presentations, familyfriendly activities, and delicious food.

Festivities kick off Friday night with reenactor check ins and a moving "Letters from Home" presentation. Saturday offers a full schedule including a pancake breakfast, parade, flag-raising, Civil War ball, pie eating contest, battles, candlelight tours, and more. On Sunday, enjoy church service, a scavenger hunt, bounce houses, and the final reenactment battle.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can also enjoy food and treats from local vendors like Moski's BBQ, Delaney's Ice Cream Shoppe, and Taylor's Concessions.



Civil War Dayst is hosted by the Delaware County Historical Society. For full details, visit dchsia.org or follow the Delaware Co. Historical Museum on Facebook. Also, see the ad below with daily event times.



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COVER STORY

SAT **6/21**



Will Chalmers: Solitary Man 7 PM @ OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (MAQUOKETA, IA)

Will Chalmers has been performing his tribute to Neil Diamond since 2002. His show appeals to all ages, and he loves to get the audience involved by encouraging them to clap and sing along. Will's natural resemblance to Neil Diamond. his flawless replication of Neil's singing voice, combined with his outstanding stage presence, has been captivating audiences wherever he goes. The response from Neil fans has been an unbelievable experience. Will is both friendly and personable and people approach him with ease, he is always available to speak to people after the performance and welcomes their comments. Will has traveled extensively with his band from the East Coast to Western Canada with many stops in the United States, Cayman Islands, Mexico, and Europe as well as many venues in Ontario performing in theaters, casinos, convention centers, arenas, corporate events and resorts including many outdoor festivals and fairs. Neil Diamond is a living legend, and it is with much respect and admiration for the singer songwriter that Will Chalmers' tribute is performed. People leave the show with a smile on their face and a song in their hearts. Adults: \$25 ADV/\$28 door; Students: \$15 ADV/\$18 door. 1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA. 563-652-9815. OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com.

THU **7/10**



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Shullsburg Music in the Park 6:30-8:30 PM @ BADGER PARK (SHULLSBURG, WI)

Now celebrating its 22nd year, the Shullsburg Music in the Park concert series offers of music from a wide variety of

area artists and genres. 7/10 Power Take Off with the Cattlemen, 7/17 The Fabulous Trutones, 7/24 The Ghost Town Blues Band, 7/31 Classical Blast, and 8/7 Moments Notice. Food and beverage are available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Rain or shine. All ages. Freewill offering. 279 W Estey St, Shullsburg, WI. 608-214-8836. Shullsburg Music In The Park.com.

SAT **7/12**



Shalom 3rd Annual Wellness Fair 10 AM-2 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER Visit with local community vendors specializing in all facets of wellness including physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and environmental factors. Learn about the practices, tools. and resources they offer to promote, improve, and maintain your overall well-being. Join vendors for breakout sessions for more in-depth learning, and cap it off with tasty food from The Hangry'er Hobo food truck. Vendors include Birch and Elm Naturals (skincare and aromatherapy); Breast Thermography of Iowa, LLC; Head 2 Toe; Health From Within Chiropractic Wellness Center (chiropractic adjustments); Jai Ram Om-Viniyoga Therapy with Dr. Joe Hartel; Lavender Rose Intuitive Well Spa; Lifewave Light Therapy Patches (light therapy patches); Love That Ripples; Luna Rae Spa & Wellness (QHHT, silent counseling, reiki/ energywork, massage, skincare, classes. and workshops); Natural Grocers; North Gate Healing Arts (Karuna Reiki, intuitive life coaching/counseling, and healing touch therapies); Rewrite Your Story, Health and Wellness with Krista (remote quantum healing, root cause, detox, and emotional balance); Shalom Spiritual Directors & Wellness Center; Sophia Meowness; Stillness Groups (meditation); Tesla Biohealing Center and Hotel (biophoton energy products and services); Trowbridge Family Tai Chi (meditation in motion); The Kindred Spirit Health & Well Spa; The Well Yoga Dubuque (yoga, somatic healing, and stretching); and Yogacare (yoga). No RSVP required. Free. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592. ShalomRetreats.org.







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THU **5/22**

Cruisin' Thursdays: Willie & The Buzzhounds 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

The Mixed Emotions Band 6 PM @ Lina's Lounge

Jukebox Bingo 6 PM @ Red Robin

Eric Richards Duo 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Tangle Creek 6 PM @ Dirty Ernie's (Farley, IA)

Asher Cataldo, Bryce Reeg, Layla Cataldo, Laura Calhoun 7 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

Kristina Marie Castañeda 7 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dyersville, IA)

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

Wipes 9 PM @ The Lift

FRI **5/23**

Joie Wails 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Tapestry 5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA) Mark Zalaznik 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Kick Off to Summer: Tiger Kings, JAM, Rock Steady 6 PM @ Q Casino + Resort Back Waters Stage

Ghostlight Improv 6 PM @ Smokestack

Broken Rubber Band 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Melissa Schulz 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Johnnie Walker 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Marty Raymond 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Mississippi Man & Debra Kay 7 PM @ Twisted Vines (Potosi. WI)

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

RJ Fisher 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Rebel Queens 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Unbalanced Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm Brushfire Bandits Duo 8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

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

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

The Lift's Prom Y2K 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **5/24**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Sam Day 7 AM @ Near 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Maureen Kilgore 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Logan Bollant 1PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

DR Band 1PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, II.)

Brushfire Bandits 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Lenny Wayne Trio 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

Todd Ellis 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ. IL)

Massey Road Duo 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

Shannon Woulfe 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Steve Davis 6 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Royal Bliss 7 PM @ Five Flags Theater Tiger Kings 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Semi Retired 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Tony Walker 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ Coconut Cove (Hazel Green, WI)

Kind of a Big Deal 7 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Asher Cataldo, Bryce Reeg, Layla Cataldo & Laura Calhoun 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort Restaurant (Bellevue, IA)

Bugz Benson 8 PM @ First Reserve

Chris Franjola 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Wasted on Wallen 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Fair Warning 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Charlie Cook 8 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

Gabe Schillman 8 PM @ Red N Deb's (Platteville, WI)

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

Bratz VS Barbie: Teeski 9 PM @ Posh Lounge

Cirque du Buque Drag Cabaret: Night of the Nerd 10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN **5/25**

Chris Ross 11 AM @ Between Breitbach Country Dining & Skip Breitbach Feeds (Balltown, IA)

BobFest 2025: Dylan Harris @ 11 AM The Toosdays @ 11:20 AM Elise Nicole @ 11:40 AM Bob Weinswig @ Noon The Stu Levitan Experience @ 12:20 PM Donna Brooks @ 12:30 PM Don Greenwood & Friends @ 1 PM People With Strings @ 1:30 PM Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy @ 2 PM
The Bros L'Herault @ 2:30 PM
Alys & The Ark @ 3 PM
The Guthries Trio @ 3:30 PM
Anita & the Relics @ 4 PM
Sugar Mama & the Rent Check
@ 4:30 PM
Troye Shanks and the Back Pages
@ 5:15 PM
Spring Green General Store

MiniMonster 1 PM @ The Yardarm

(Spring Green, WI)

JJ Schmitz 1 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Sam Day 1 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

The Mixed Emotions Band 1 PM @ Twisted Vines (Potosi, WI)

Black Velvet 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

The Mighty MudCats 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Johnnie Walker 2 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

2 Grand Acoustic 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Joie Wails 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jams: Rock Steady 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Three Quarter Buzz 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tangle Creek 3 PM @ Corner Taproom (Cascade, IA)

Hearthfire Duo 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Mackenzie Carpenter 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Ditch Lilies 8 PM @ The Yardarm

3 on the Tree 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL) BobFest Spring Green General Store (Spring Green, WI)

MON 5/26

RJ Fisher

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

Mark Zalaznik 1 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

Johnnie Walker 1 PM @ The Yardarm

Memorial Day: Tapestry 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Molly Shannon 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Brews Brothers & The Tiger Kings 4 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

TUE **5/27**

Massey Road 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED 5/28

United Way Benefit: Elizabeth Mary 5 PM @ The Yardarm

Sam Day 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Bike Nights: Rock Steady 6 PM @ McGrath Dubuque Harley-Davidson

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Jimmy Welty Band 6 PM @ Pizzeria Uno Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

The Deslondes, Marques Morel, Liliana Asta 8 PM @ The Lift

Jeff Dye 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

THU **5/29**

Parking Lot Party: Ron Lubbers, Burn Cruise 2 PM @ Ahva Living of East Dubuque (East DBQ, IL)

Massey Road 5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: The Resistors 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL



Wed & Thurs: 2pm-10pm

RECORDS

Sun: 11am-6pm

Live @ The Plaza: Danny Parker Project 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL)

Sam Day 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Lina's Lounge

Ralph Kluseman 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Michael & Jesse 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Maquoketa Summer Concert Series: John Resch & Doggin' Out 6 PM @ 100 S Main St, Maquoketa, IA

Sea Shanty Singalong 7 PM @ The Lift

Kristina Marie Castañeda 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

FRI **5/30**

Liliana Asta 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

DR Band 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Hangin' Around 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Stone Wolf Trio 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Daniel Eric 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Chalk the Park Festival: Unicorn Fist 6 PM @ Riverside Park (Cassville, WI)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Jason Kincel 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Ramona's Ryot Drag Show 8 PM @ The Lift

Rival 5 8 PM @ Q Showroom Westwood Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Senn Alan Band 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

SAT **5/31**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Pennyroyal 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Gypsy 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Ryan Bizzari 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Kara Gordon 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

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

Simple Company 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Elizabeth Mary 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Tangle Creek 3 PM @ Hillside Sports Bar (Monticello, IA)

The Resistors 5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Battle of the Lukes 5 PM @ Q Showroom

Burn Cruise 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Brushfire Bandits Duo 5 PM @ Old Jug's (Elizabeth, IL)

Jacquie Miller 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Haphazard 6 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Joie Wails 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Willie & The Buzzhounds 7 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing Ben Dunegan 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Tony Walker 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

Johnnie Walker 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

PeostaVille 7 PM @ The Cellar at Millwork (Dversville, IA)

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

The Defeated 8 PM @ First Reserve

Walking Molly 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Brown Bottle Bandits 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Boogie Monster 8 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Senn Alan Band 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

Dredge, Space Burial, Tu'mera 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN **6/1**

Rachel Neal 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Stef N Daniel Band 1 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

Jeff Theisen
1 PM @ The Yardarm

Beau Timmerman 1PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Scott Waterhouse 2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Big Night Out 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Tangle Creek 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill





SUN 6/1

Ron Lubbers 2 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

Joie Wails 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Jordan Danielsen 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Steve Sieverding & Kurt Stutzke 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

John Klostermann 3 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Massey Road 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Music in the Gardens: Elton Jeff & The Honky Cats 6 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

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

TUE **6/3**

Mark Zalaznik 4 PM @ The Yardarm Steve Kalmes 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED **6/4**

Johnnie Walker 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Corey Jenny 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Barefoot & Sunshine 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 6/5

The Crocus Foundation Gala: Hunter Fuerste, Paul Hemmer, Dave Richter, Joie Wails 5 PM @ 7 Hills Ballroom

Cruisin' Thursdays: The Riley Beck Project 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ. IL

Tangle Creek Duo 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Platteville Music in the Park: Wundo Band 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI) Marty Raymon 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

FRI **6/6**

Shannon Wolfe 5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Dubuque & All That Jazz: The Business, The DZ Combo 5 PM @ Town Clock Plaza

Stolen Grace 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Tangle Creek 5 PM @ Potosi Brewing Co (Potosi, WI)

The Other Two 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Roy Schroedl 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Brenderoke 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Massey Road 7 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

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

JJ Schmitz 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Rockin' On The River: Gypsy & the Ramblers, Sarah Boyle 7 PM @ Cascade Amphitheater (Cascade, IA)

Loudernow 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Drama Kings 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Left Lane Cruiser, Riff Worm 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **6/7**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: The DZ Combo 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Dubuque Pride Festival Noon @ Town Clock Plaza

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

Scott Waterhouse 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

Massey Road 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Garrett Hillary 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Jeff Theisen 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Jimmy Welty Band 4 PM @ Son Chasers (Cassville, WI)

Darin & Amber 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL) BJ McAndrew 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Adam Beck 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Chris Bertrand 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

JJ Schmitz 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Danny Parker Project 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Midwest Megan 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Adam Bartels Band 7 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Jesse Bauman 7:30 PM @ Mid-Town Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Sins N' Roses 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Tim Daniels Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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

SUN 6/8

Mark Zalaznik 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Wayne Cook 1 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

Steve & Randy 1 PM @ The Yardarm

Johnnie Walker 1 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

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

Rock Steady 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

MiniMonster 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA) Forrest McCurren 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Jordan Danielson 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Cedar County Cobras 3 PM @ Tabor Home Winery (Baldwin, IA)

Jimmy Welty Band 4 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA)

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

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

TUE **6/10**

Midwest Megan 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Laura McDonald & Jeff Weydert 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Summer Nights at the Plaza: Ken Kilian's Classic Big Band 6 PM @ Ryland Park (Lancaster, WI)

WED **6/11**

Gypsy 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Electric Ukulele Players 5:30 PM @ Maquoketa Art Experience (Maquoketa, IA)

The Guthries 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Glenn Miller Orchestra 7 PM @ Five Flags Theater

THU **6/12**

Cruisin' Thursdays: Max Kowalske 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Live @ The Plaza: Liliana Asta 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL)

Pat Kennedy & Boots Hefel Band 6 PM @ Tony Roma's



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Upcoming Entertainment



Comedian Chris Franjola

MAY 24 @ 8 PM

Chris Franjola is a writer/comedian who can currently be heard on his podcast *Cover To Cover With Chris Franjola* (over 3,500 5-star reviews on Apple Podcasts) and Heather McDonald's *Juicy Scoop*. He was a writer and a regular performer on E!'s *Chelsea Lately* for eight years. Together with the talented writing staff, Chris wrote more than 1,500 episodes while performing on the show more than anyone else besides Chelsea Handler and Chuy. He also created some of the most memorable characters such as Gay Caveman, Bieber Man, Johnny Depp, Seventeen Magazine Players, and many more. Chris can also be seen as a contributing panelist on *Lights Out with David Spade* on Comedy Central, Fox's comedy game show *Punchline*, the *Sons of Anarchy* aftershow *Anarchy Afterword*, and E!'s *After Lately*. Before *Chelsea Lately*, Chris wrote for other shows including *Family Guy*, the MTV Video Music Awards, and the original *Chelsea Handler Show*. Chris's first comedy album, *The Shallow End*, received rave reviews and stayed in iTunes Top 10 Comedy Albums for five weeks. When he isn't busy writing and acting, he's performing stand-up on the road, headlining venues all over the country.



Comedian Jeff Dye

MAY 28 @ 8 PM

Jeff Dye is a nationally touring comedian, actor, and host, known for his raw comedic style.



Walking Molly

MAY 31 @ 8 PM

Walking Molly is a band from Dubuque, lowa playing your favorite hit songs from the best decades of popular music.

Additional Entertainment

REBEL QUEENS

MAY 23 @ 8 PM

MAURICE BENARD

JULY 11 @ 7 PM

PETER ANTONIOU

AUGUST 2 @ 8 PM

WHITEY MORGAN AND THE 78'S

AUGUST 15 @ 8 PM

COLT FORD

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 8 PM

DUSTY SLAY

DECEMBER 12 @ 7 & 9:30 PM



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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

SUNDAY

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

Trivia w/ Think & Drink 7 PM @ 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 @ Backpocket DBQ

WEDNESDAY

Open Mic w/ Pennyroyal 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing Through 6/25

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/ The DZ Combo 7 PM @ Monk's Jst 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 through 9/25

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

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

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

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

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

Silly Goose Thursdays Comedy Open Mic 8 PM @ The Goose Ist & 3rd Thu

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

Karaoke 9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Food Festival Fridays 11:30 AM @ Washington Park 2nd Fri through 9/12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Verlo Mattress Kickoff to Summer

FRIDAY, MAY 23 @ 6 PM-MIDNIGHT Q CASINO + RESORT BACK WATERS STAGE (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD) Celebrate the start of summer at the Verlo Mattress Kickoff to Summer event on Friday, May 23, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Back Waters Stage at Q Casino + Resort. This all-ages party features an exciting night of live music, cold beer, and great food with free admission for everyone.

Get ready to groove with performances by the Tiger Kings; Rock Steady; and JAM–Jackson and Mars, a tribute to the music of both Michael Jackson and Bruno Mars.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Q Showroom. Proceeds support local causes including Sertoma Club, FFA, Children's Zoo, and Camp Albrecht Acres.

Don't miss this fun-filled evening that kicks off the season in style—great tunes, great vibes, and a great cause! You are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs if you like. The show is all ages so long as it remains outdoors!



Royal Bliss

SATURDAY, MAY 24 @ 7 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

Royal Bliss blends their distinctive sound with classic and modern rock elements for a night of pure rock at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, May 24 at 7 p.m.

Hailing from Salt Lake City, UT, Royal Bliss, been a formidable presence in

the rock music scene since their formation in 1997. They draw inspiration from legends like Led Zeppelin and Johnny Cash. Over the years, they've achieved significant milestones, including signing with Capitol Records, amassing over 100 million streams, and sharing stages with renowned acts such as Kid Rock and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Their discography boasts six full-length studio albums, with their latest release, *Survival* (2023), exemplifying their resilience and dedication to their craft.

Local favorite band RatchetJaw will be kicking off the night in. This event is in partnership with 97.3 The Rock.

Tickets are \$15-\$25 and are available at **Ticketmaster.com** or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit **FiveFlagsCenter.com**. ■

Memorial Day Concert

TIGER KINGS & THE BREWS BROTHERS

MONDAY, MAY 26 @ 4 PM SANDY HOOK TAVERN (3868 BADGER RD, HAZEL GREEN, WI) It's becoming as tradition as tradition gets. The Sandy Hook hosts a Barflies Helping Barflies fundraiser featuring the Tiger Kings and The Brews Brothers, tribute to the original men in fedoras and sunglasses. Head over to The Hook on Monday, May 26 at 4 p.m.

Enjoy what is sure to be lovely outdoor weather on the best outdoor bar bandstand in the land and one hell of a food



truck to boot. A great time for a good cause. Toast with a cold one for a Veteran you love and have lost, and bring the crew out to join you as you cap off a stellar three-day weekend at the Hook!

For more information, visit

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Q Casino + Resort Back Waters Stage Concert Series

Q CASINO + RESORT BACK WATERS STAGE (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

The Q Casino + Resort Back Waters Stage Concert Series returns for 2025 with another full slate of diverse entertainment to keep the Tri-States rockin' right into fall. We will dive into the whole rundown in detail for our June 5 issue. Until then, let's get you in-the-know on what's coming. The shows are all ages and are held rain or shine. Check out the concert lineup below, and get more details and, most importantly, advance tickets online at **BackWatersStage.com**.



Jake Owen w/ Uncle Kracker

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 @ 7:30 PM

Jake Owen is a country music mainstay with a career boasting a collection of gold and platinum records, 10 No. 1 singles, and more than 2.5 billion US on-demand streams. The chart-topping superstar and ACM award winner is signatured by his laid-back style and hit recordings such as "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," "Beachin'," "Anywhere With You," "Alone With You," and "The One That Got Away."

Hairball w/ The Pork Tornadoes

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 @ 8 PM

The bombastic celebration of arena rock is like 20 concerts in one night. A band puts on a concert; Hairball puts on an event! The lights, sound, smoke, fire, bombs, and screaming hoards of avid fans...to merely call it a concert would be like calling Mount Rushmore a roadside attraction! And hey, lowa-grown favorites The Pork Tornadoes could fill this joint all by themselves, but for tonight, they're just getting the party started.

311 w/ Badflower & Sitting on Saturn

SATURDAY, JULY 5 @ 7 PM

Originally from Omaha, NE, and with 13 albums to their credit, 311 has sold more than 10 million albums, achieved over 1.5 billion streams globally, and landed 10 consecutive Top 10 charting albums. For more than 30 years, 311 has stood as a beacon

of innovation in the modern rock scene, maintaining their original lineup while continuously evolving their sound. The band has become a fixture in the global music landscape, known for their dynamic fusion of rock, reggae, funk, and rap. They have earned 5X Platinum and 6X Gold certifications. 311 was induced into the The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association in 2024.

Warren Zeiders w/ TBA

SATURDAY, JULY 26 @ 8 PM

Country singer-songwriter Warren Zeiders is quickly emerging as one of the genre's newest headliners. In 2024, he won the CMT Award for "Breakthrough Male Video of the Year" (this was his first nomination). He released his debut album, *Pretty Little Poison*, in 2023, garnering his first RIAA Double Platinum certified single and a No. 1 single on country radio with the album's title track.

In This Moment w/Wargasm, Kat Von D, & The Pretty Wild

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 @ 6:30 PM

In This Moment earned a Grammy nomination for "Best Metal Performance" for their song "The In-Between" from their 2020 album *Mother*. They have presided over a diehard fan base under the watch of "mother" figure and frontwoman Maria Brink—joined by co-founder and lead guitarist Chris Howorth, bassist Travis Johnson, guitarist Randy Weitzel, and drummer Kent Diimmel. As millions convened upon the group's other worldly and unforgettable concerts, they quietly emerged as one of the most influential and impactful bands of the 21st century.

Brothers Osborne w/TBA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 @ 8 PM

Welcome back five-time CMA Award, sixtime ACM Award, Grammy winners Brothers Osborne! This duo blends equal parts country and rock into one of the freshest, most identifiable sounds to come out of Nashville in recent years. Their hit songs have tallied multiple RIAA Gold and Platinum certifications, while surpassing more than 2.5 billion global streams.

Mudvayne w/ Static-X & Vended

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 6:30 PM
Prepare for an explosive night of heavy metal! Known for their sonic experimentation, face and body paint, masks and uniforms, Mudvayne has sold over five million records worldwide. The band became popular in the late-1990s Peoria underground music scene, and they found success with the single "Dig" from their debut album *L.D. 50*. After releasing four more albums and touring relentlessly for nearly a decade, Mudvayne went on hiatus in 2010. They reunited in 2021 and continue to perform live. ■





COLUMNISTS 365







@Papi's Café

By Danny Fairchild

One thing that surprised me when I moved to Dubuque way back when, is the size of our Colombian community. Irish and German are still predominate (and let's hear it for all you folks with dual citizenship with Luxembourg!) but there's enough people who identify as Colombian for me to have developed SEVERAL crushes. I know that not all Colombian people are super attractive. I'm not saying that. I'm just saying that IN MY EXPERIENCE, all Colombian people are super attractive. I'm sorry, Colombians, but you're ALL Shakira. John Leguizamo is Colombian, and look how Shakira-hot he was in *To Wong Foo...*

It segues me to believe that it must be something in the food...

Folks... get excited about @Papi's Café, a new place in downtown Dubuque specializing in Colombian cuisine.

I don't know... do we want to call this tapas? That kind of describes the portion sizes of the items you order, but not really the experience. If you remember this location when it was a donut shop, it hasn't gotten any bigger. There's just one booth, a strip of counter at the window, and that's about it. You're more than likely grabbing and going. I don't know about tapas, but I'd definitely describe them as small plates, which is good because you're going to want to try everything. We did our best without taking up the booth too long.

The empanadas. Hey, did you know that there's many different kinds of empanadas? Yeah! It's almost like Latin America is very diverse with different cultures and traditions and climates or something! I know! Shocker! We could go into the differences by country, but you can Google it just as easily as I did. Let's just get to Colombian empanadas.

Actually, let's define empanadas quick for those who need to catch up. If you don't know what an empanada is, think of it as a little savory turnover. A hand pie. A small pasty, to you folks from around Platteville.

Colombian empanadas have the fillings you'd expect in all the empanadas you've had or imagined. Where you're probably going to get thrown is that the pastry is a cornmeal dough. That's probably different for you. It was different for me. These were my first Colombian-inspired empanadas, and let's just add it to the pile of Colombian crushes that include John Leguizamo. They're fried to a beautiful crispiness on the outside. But since this is a cornmeal dough, it doesn't roll as thin as other doughs. So you get a very substantial, but not puffy, crust that's beautifully crisp on the outside and kind of toothy just below that to kind of slow your roll before you bite too quickly into the fillings. And oh hell, the fillings! You can order them at different spicy-heat levels, and that's up to you. The point is, the beefy cheesy fillings are delicious!

The Arepitas.

This was my first experience with arepitas. Hell, blanket statement: This was my first serious foray into specifically Colombian cuisine. This was all new and exciting to me. I was a little giddy. Arepitas, I therefore learned, are a kind of fried cornmeal cake that's stuffed with cheese. And I have to tell you... if you have an itch to scratch for some damn cheesy grits... y'all better git you some, y'hear? That was my Southern accent. In prose form. I love cheesy grits, and the ONLY arepitas I've ever had are better than ALL the cheesy grits I've ever had. I'm not ashamed to say I got some of these



1. ORDER AT THE COUNTER AND HAVE A QUICK DINE IN OR TAKE YOUR MEAL TO GO 2. CHOW DOWN ON THE COCONUT LIMEADE, AREPITAS, MINI DONUTS, PERRO CALIENTE, PASTEL DE GLORIA, AND EMPANADAS

and put some maple syrup on them like I would grits. You could almost pick these up and dip them in the syrup. You CAN do that if you wait for them to cool down some. Dippable cheese grits. I'm going to say that again: Dippable. Cheese. Grits.

This might seem out of order, but right about now with the empanadas and the arepitas, it's time to wash it down before moving on.

Folks, do you know about Colombian limeade? I didn't, either. But it was something my friend, Kaya, hipped me on. She said it was her favorite Colombian drink, specifically the coconut limeade. Yeah, there's different kinds of Colombian limeade. At Papi's features coconut limeade, mint limeade, and the morewhat-you're-used-to sugarcane limeade. Not one to argue with Kaya, I went with the coconut limeade. Look at it. It's a frothy, slushy, refreshing thing of beauty. We discussed what booze we would put in it. I vote rum. Rum, or cachaça.

Perro Caliente. Or, for those of you who didn't take Spanish I: The Hot Dog Chicago will try to tell you that THEIR specialty hot dog is the king of them all.

This is just a conspiracy perpetrated by Vienna Beef and whoever the hell makes neon-green pickle relish. Oh, you think you're so great, Chicago dog? You're right. I love you, Chicago dog. I do. I just need you to be okay with me loving Colombian hot dogs as well. Because while I love what you're doing with your sport peppers and dill pickle spear, I just can't resist a friggin' QUAIL EGG popping out the top of my damn hot dog! I'm sorry, Chicago dog, but nothing you do compares to that. Not when there's shoestring potato chips on top for a kind of crunch I just can't get from you. And the pineapple sauce bringing a sweetness that's different from your relish? I love you, Chicago dog, but no one hot dog can meet all my needs.

The Pastel de Gloria.

Oh... my... goodness. You don't have to get into the savory empanada-ness of it all when you go to @Papi's. If you're looking for a coffee and a pastry, it's worth your attention. I've never had a pastel de Gloria, but I feel like I've been eating it my whole life. You want to know what it's like? A churro in turnover form. It's like an even crispier and flakier Dutch

letter. It's like the crispie pastries you get at the store. Yeah, that's it! It's like the crispies you get at the store... that grew up to be a croissant. Then there's the sweet guava inside to bring some fruit to the party, and oh MAN does it scratch so many itches. And it has the comfort factor of Saturday morning cartoons with a plate of cinnamon toast.

And if you're disappointed that this location isn't a mini donut place anymore, you shouldn't be. Because with all this yumminess, there is STILL mini donuts to be had, and they scratch that itch hard.

Looking for a Colombian coffee and a pastry in the morning? Go to @Papi's Café. Want a more substantial breakfast or lunch? Go to @Papi's Café. Looking for a remarkable Colombian limeade to combat the Midwest summer heat? Go to @Papi's Café. Looking for a place that can satisfy just about any craving you can imagine all in one compact location? Go to @Papi's Café. Just want to try some Colombian cuisine? Go to @Papi's Café.

You see... there's just NO good reason to NOT go to @Papi's Café.

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Fajita Kabobs

SERVES 4

All You Need:

- 1 lbs. boneless sirloin steak, cut into thin strips (or 1 lb. skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips)
- 1 pouch Siete Beef Fajita Seasoning (or Siete Chicken Fajita Seasoning)
- 1 green pepper, seeded and cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 1 red onion, cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 4 Hy-Vee faiita-size flour tortillas
- Hy-Vee sour cream, Siete Refried Vegan Black Beans, Siete Casera Mild Salsa Roja and Siete Jalapeno Lime Tortilla Chips

All You Do:

- 1. Sprinkle steak evenly with fajita seasoning mix.
- Alternately thread beef (or chicken) and half of the green bell pepper, red bell pepper and red onion on two skewers.
- 3. Grill over medium heat for 5 minutes. Turn and grill for an additional 4 to 5 minutes, or until the steak reaches the desired doneness. For chicken, the internal temperature should be 165° Fahrenheit.
- Place a kabob at the center of each tortilla. Pull out the skewer and serve as a fajita. Top with sour cream and salsa, if desired. Serve with a side of Siete Refried Vegan Black Beans and Siete Jalapeno Lime Tortilla Chips.

Recipe adapted from hy-vee.com



Thrill of the Grill for Memorial Day

Dietitian Cookout Ideas!

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

The kickoff to summer is officially here, and cookouts are in full swing! Break out the grill this Memorial Day and enjoy time with your guests outside, cooking up everything from sides to main dishes. Grilling allows you to prepare a balanced meal for your guests, from fruits and vegetables to your favorite lean

protein and even toasting those wholewheat hamburger buns. Fire up the grill and take charge this Memorial Day!

First, let's explore why your grill is such a great cooking method to use on a regular basis. To start, grilling is a healthier alternative to frying or other cooking methods because it allows fat to drip away naturally during the cooking process. This results in leaner proteins, cutting down on fat and total calories, while allowing extra sauces and oils to drip away, further reducing the potential for added sugar or fat found in sauces, marinades, and cooking oils.

Let's not forget the practical perks of the grill. It allows you to keep the oven off and the house cool. Plus, you can socialize with your guests who are enjoying the cookout outside rather than having to step away from the party each time you need to check on the food.

Grilling isn't just for burgers—it's a delicious way to cook up fruits, veggies, proteins, and grains while keeping your Memorial Day menu balanced and flavorful! Plus, serving grilled produce helps you and your guests meet the recommended five servings a day in a fun, tasty way. Here's how to master the grill from produce to protein:

Fruit: Fruits such as nectarines, peaches, pineapple, and watermelon are great for grilling. Avoid using overly ripe fruit, as grilling caramelizes the natural sugars in the fruit and weakens

its structure. For the best success, try cutting fruit into larger chunks, using a grill basket, or skewering it after brushing with a high-heat oil, such as avocado oil.

Vegetables: Kabobs are a wonderful way to serve up grilled vegetables! For the best flavor, try tossing vegetables in avocado or olive with herbs and spices. A quick 20-minute marinade can further enhance flavor. Try the recipe below-Grilled Fajita Kabobs, featuring Siete Fajita Spice for a bold, allergen-friendly kick.

Protein: Pairing your fruit and vegetable sides with protein at your Memorial Day cookout will provide a satiating meal for your guests! Opt for lean proteins such as fish, ground beef that is 90% lean or greater, lean beef (sirloin), ground turkey, chicken breasts, or pork tenderloin. Protein not only helps you feel full at mealtime but also helps balance blood sugar levels during meals and is associated with building and maintaining muscle. Just be sure to grill your protein until it reaches the proper internal temperature for a food-safe celebration!

Grains: Impress your guests by quickly toasting whole-wheat hamburgers or hot dog buns, serving up grilled slices of artisan bread such as ciabatta, or grillready garlic bread. Save grilling grains for last as they cook quickly! To grill bread or buns, lightly brush cut sides with oil. Place the cut sides directly onto the grill grates and grill for 1 to 2 minutes, or until toasted to your preferred level of doneness.

For more grilling tips and tricks, reach out to your local dietitian or visit Hy-Vee's Grilling Guide.

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Mythic Plants

By John McAndrew

Ellen Zachos is the author of 11 books (favorite title—How to Forage for Wild Foods Without Dying) on foraging and other plant- and cooking-related themes. Her marvelous, beautifully-illustrated new book, Mythic Plants: Potions and Poisons from the Gardens of the Gods, helps us to rekindle the sense of wonder and joy in the green around us. Whip up a Wildcrafted Cocktail (another Zachos title), kick back in your gazebo, and prepare to be enchanted.

If you think the burning bush of the Hebrew Bibl, or the cursed fig tree of the Christian Bible were wild, just you wait. The world, as the Greeks knew, is full of useful magic. Zachos, a Harvard graduate and gifted forager, educator, and chef, is a wry, lucid guide to mythology, history, propagation, and wonder.

This divine family is, it's fair to say, dysfunctional. There's incest, filicide, fratricide, males giving birth (and they say mythology isn't relevant!), jealousy, lust—and plants with magical properties everywhere.

You will learn lots of new things about even familiar plants. The origins of grapes and wine are steeped in love and violence—and in the god of revelry and wine, Dionysus. His father was Zeus. (So was his mother, oddly enough. Families, right? No judgment!) Zachos writes that, in ancient Greece, wine was a man's drink. Women were not permitted to imbibe. Greek women ... didn't like that. Some became devotees of Dionysus, intoxicated by him and his sacrament. They may have been the first to think that their god was helpless against insults. They did Dionysus the service of tearing his detractors limb from limb.

But back to grapes. They were used as a social beverage, a treatment for wounds, a poultice for hysteria, and a remedy for impotence and other ills that can't be fully described in a family paper. (Ask your doctor if compress of grape leaves is right for you.) Zachos isn't shy about discussing such lore, the evidence for its efficacy today, and historical, cultural, and archeological tidbits.

You will learn that mandrake was used as an anesthetic, a soporific, a balm for suicidal thoughts,

an abortifacient, an intoxicant, and a cure for "scrofulous tumors." If you've always wanted to fly—or remedy a case of "inflated genitals"—the nightshades are the ticket for you. There are medicinals and poisons here enough to give Agatha Christie ideas for a dozen new books. You'll learn about yarrow, barley, pine, pomegranate, myrtle, and more. If you are inclined to cultivate them yourself, Zachos tells you about the availability of modern varieties and their habits and uses (cocktail?).

Grow a cornelian cherry to make a javelin, a bow, or a Trojan horse. Grow asphodel so you can eat the food of Herakles. Learn what sycophants and figs have in common (hint: it's all about the roots). Wonder at what figs have to do with fallacies (hint: fun with homophones, wouldn't you know).

With such stories trailing from their branches, you'll be heading for your friendly local nursery. Perhaps you will become an herbalist witch like the women of Thessaly. Or plant a Linden tree and introduce it as your BFF, Daphne, to the confusion of your friends. If nothing else, you may recall that the world of plants—wild or cultivated—contains wonders, beauties, and uses worth knowing, preserving, and propagating. Anyone for dolmas?

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MOVIE NEWS

Coming Soon

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE: THE FINAL **RECKONING (PG-13)**

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Our lives are the sum of our choices. Tom Cruise is Ethan Hunt in Mission: Impossible:

The Final Reckoning where he and his IMF team continue their fight against Gabriel and the Entity, the rogue AI that seeks to control the world. The film picks up directly after the events of Dead Reckoning: Part One.

LILO & STITCH (PG)

FRIDAY, MAY 23

The wildly funny and touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl and the fugitive dog-like alien named Stitch, who is engineered to be a force of destruction but who helps to mend her broken family, is coming to the big screen as a



live-action family movie.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

To save his grandson, a retired rodeo star enters a high-stakes bull riding competition. Along the way, he confronts his past, discovers faith, and proves that true courage lies in family.

THE LIFE OF CHUCK (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

A life-affirming, genre-bending story about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz.

BALLERINA (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Taking place during the events of John Wick: Chapter 3— Parabellum, the film follows Eve Macarro (Ana de Armas) who is beginning her training in the assassin traditions of the Ruska Roma.



Movie Buzz

This image is a first-look at Nicolas Cage as John Madden and Christian Bale as Al Davis on set of the



upcoming film *Madden*. Production is currently underway. The film follows Madden's remarkable journey-from his Super Bowl-winning partnership with Al Davis and the Raiders, to creating Madden NFL, and becoming one of the most iconic voices in football history. David O. Russell is directing the film, which also stars John Mulaney as Trip Hawkins, Kathryn Hahn as Virginia Madden, and Sienna Miller as Carol Davis.

The upcoming Hunger Games prequel film, based on Sunrise on the Reaping, the prequel book that was



published in March, is slowly unveiling its tributes, one cast announcement at a time. The Haunting star Lili Taylor as Mags and Stranger Things actor Maya Hawke as Wiress have both joined the cast. They join some relatively fresh faces in a film that will chronicle the infamous 50th Hunger Games, decades prior to the events of the original trilogy that starred Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen. It will depict the 50th Hunger Games, known as the Second Quarter Quel, in the dystopian nation of Panem The film will follow a 16-year-old Haymitch's journey to winning the battle to the death, showing how exactly he won. It will hit theaters on Nov. 20, 2026. Francis Lawrence will direct the film after helming every movie in the series except the 2012 original.

Six-time Oscar nominee and threetime winner Daniel Day-Lewis, one of the most celebrated



actors of his time, retired from acting in 2017 but has come back to join his son in cowriting the new film Anemone, marking his screenwriting debut. His son Ronan Day-Lewis also serves as the film's director. The film explores the complex and profound ties that exist between brothers, fathers, and sons and is set for limited release on Oct. 3 with wider release on Oct 10.



You Don't Have to Shoot at Every Target

By Matt Booth

In a world obsessed with multitasking, side hustles, and saying "yes" to everything, let me hit you with a truth that might just save your time, your energy, and your sanity:

You don't have to shoot at every target.

Read that again. Let it settle.

As a professional or entrepreneur, opportunities will fly at you faster than mosquitoes at a Midwest barbecue. Every email, meeting, podcast, or trend feels like a target you *should* shoot at. But if you try to hit them all, chances are, **you'll hit none of them**. Or worse, barely scratch the surface on all of them and end up exhausted, frustrated, and wondering why nothing's working.

The Power of Picking Fewer Targets

Think of your focus, willpower, and energy like arrows. You only have so many per day. If you stand in front of a hundred targets and fling arrows in every direction, you might get lucky and hit something, but it's not going to be impressive, and it sure won't be consistent.

But if you slow down, aim, and choose *two or three* targets that truly matter...
You can start hitting bullseyes. Or at least get close enough to make real progress.

Example: Health and Fitness

Let's say your goal is to "get healthy." So on Jan. 1, you decide to:

- · Start exercising six days a week
- Cut out carbs, sugar, caffeine, and anything tasty
- · Go vegan
- · Get up at 5 a.m.
- Meditate daily
- lournal
- Walk 10,000 steps
- Start cold plunges because your buddy swears by them

That's like standing in front of eight different targets and blasting arrows randomly, hoping one sticks. Instead, pick **one** target. Just one.

Start exercising. That's it.

Start hitting that target consistently.
Three days a week. Then four. Then five.
Bullseye. Bullseye. Bullseye.

Once it becomes a habit, once it feels like second nature, then you can

step back and say, "Alright, what's the next target I want to hit?"

Bullseyes Build Confidence

There's something powerful about hitting the same target over and over. It builds momentum. It builds confidence. It proves to yourself that you can focus, follow through, and finish.

Professionally, it might look like:

- Focusing on one major sales channel this quarter instead of trying to master five
- Getting good at **one presentation** before building a dozen
- Becoming known for one clear message before expanding your brand

Don't Confuse Movement with Progress

Just because you're busy doesn't mean you're getting anywhere. Shooting at everything feels productive—until you realize you're surrounded by missed targets, empty arrows, and a whole lot of noise.

Choose your targets wisely.

Focus your energy.

Hit the bullseye.

Then move to the next.

Because you don't have to

shoot at every target.

Just the right ones. ■

MATTITUDE QUOTE

If you never have tough moments in your day, you're probably not pushing yourself. If your whole day is tough, you're probably pushing the wrong way." —Matt Booth

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2. ACTIONABLE TAKEAWAYS - MOTIVATION FADES, BUT PRACTICAL, REAL-WORLD INSIGHTS CREATE LASTING IMPACT.
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3. DO SOMETHING – KNOWING IS NOT THE SAME AS DOING. MY GOAL ISN'T JUST TO INSPIRE—IT'S TO PUSH PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION AND BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND EXECUTION.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

PUZZLES ON PAGE 36 AND 52 GENERAL BOB IS AT RIVERBOAT TWILIGHT

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WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

HAPPY SOLVING!

Spot the Difference

Can you spot 10 differences in this photo from Dubuque Main Street's fairy tale themed Puttzin' Around Downtown Mini Golf fundraiser in downtown Dubuque?





Spot the Difference Answers





Upcoming Family Events

FRI 5/23



2nd Annual Movie Night in the Park: **Paddington in Peru**

6-8 PM @ FELDERMAN PARK (BELLEVUE, IA) Kick off summer with Movie Night in the Park. Before watching *Paddington in* Peru, enjoy a petting zoo, sketch artist, magician Regul, bounce houses, tattoos, face painting, pony rides, music, and food trucks. All ages. Free entry. South 8th St, Bellevue, IA. bellevueiachamber.org.

THU **5/29**



Launch into Summer 3:30-6 PM @ DUBUQUE

food and games together

and reminds families that the food pantry is there for them. Free activities include carnival games, water games, face painting, music, and more plus free hot dogs, chips, drink, and ice cream. Each month during 2024, more than 2.200 individuals were served at the Dubuque Food Pantry. They also have almost 300 low-income senior community members who receive a monthly delivery, 1310 White St. 563-583-4440. dbqfoodpantry.com.



Kidz Business Fair

NOON-4 PM @ BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF DUBUQUE Turnt Kidz presents a business fair for all inventive, creative, and crafty kids. The young entrepreneurs are invited to market and sell their creations. 1299 Locust St. 708-262-0202.

FRI **6/13**



Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition

7:30 PM @ BELL TOWER THEATER 6/13-6/14, 6/20-6/21 at 7:30 p.m.; 6/15, 6/22 at 2 p.m. The 12th Annual High School Musical at Bell Tower Theater brings the darkly delicious story of Veronica Sawyer, a brainy, beautiful teenage misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers. But before she can get comfortable atop the high school food chain, Veronica falls in love with the dangerously handsome new kid, J.D. When Heather Chandler, the Almighty, kicks her out of the group, Veronica decides to suck it up... but J.D. has another plan. \$12. 2728 Asbury Rd. 563-588-3377. BellTowerTheater.net.

FRI **6/20**



Footloose

7:30 PM @ THE GRAND **OPERA HOUSE** 6/20-6/21, 6/25-6/28, 7/5 at 7:30 p.m.; 6/22, 6/29, 7/5-7/6 at 2 p.m. Kick off your Sunday shoes with Rising Star Theatre Company. Based on the explosive rock 'n' roll musical movie, this Broadway hit tells the story of Ren McCormack, a big-city teen who finds himself out of place in a rural town. He is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. But he's not prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, who is determined to exercise control over the town's youth. Adults: \$25: Under 18: \$17. 135 W 8th St. **563-588-1305**. thegrandoperahouse.com.

FOOD PANTRY

On the last day of school, the **Dubuque Food Pantry invites** parents and children to enjoy facebook.com/ turntkidzdanceco.

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Look What I Found at the Library!

By Pam Kress-Dunn



000 Books, Conspiracy

This week in my volunteer shelfreading adventure at Carnegie-Stout Public Library, I've swung back to the beginning—the 000s—an odd assortment of books about computers, journalism, conspiracy theories, and books themselves. These are the latest titles that jumped out at me. I checked them out and took them home, and you can do that, too!



001.98 MCI Birds Aren't Read: The True Story of Mass Avian Murder and the Largest Surveillance Campaign in US History, by Peter McIndoe and Connor Gaydos

Yes, boys and girls, the government actually steals baby birds from their nests, replaces them with birdlike drones, and uses them for its own evil purposes. And if you believe that, I have a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you. The authors had such fun convincing their online audience of this cockamamie conspiracy, they wrote a book about it. Here you will learn that bird poop contains tracking devices and that John F. Kennedy was assassinated by the CIA for demanding birds be freed. It's great fun and proof that anyone can put "true story" in their title and still have a book published.



011.73 BER The Novel Cure: From Abandonment to Zestlessness: 751 Books to Cure What Ails You, by Ella Berthoud and Susan Elderkin

What a great idea, and what a wonderful book. These women are not only wellread, but they care about readers. Choose your ailment! Are you suffering from Love, Unrequited, or Risks, Taking Too Many, or possibly Job, Hating Your? Find the book(s) that will help you feel better. A few samples include Truman Capote's Breakfast at Tiffany's as a cure for Extravagance, Annie Proulx's The Shipping News to assuage Low Self Esteem, and Ann Patchett's Bel Canto for Unrequited Love. (I've read all of those and feel much better now.) Try it! Seriously, novels are known to increase empathy, and the heart you cure may be your own.

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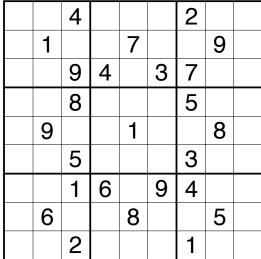
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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 49

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



PKENIEK Crossword

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WHAT ARE THE ODDS? ACROSS

- 1 Smile evilly
- 6 Treat for feet, for short 10 Burning
- 15 JFK guesses
- 19 Huge crowd
- 20 Not clerical
- 21 Eagle's claw 22 Scrubbed, as a mission
- 23 Grant entry to
- 24 River in Italy25 Circular rubber
- gasket 26 Film fish voiced by Ellen DeGeneres
- 27 Beefy / Pilot's guidepost / Inequitable / Naked
- 31 Butter square 32 "Dies -
- (Mass hymn)
- 33 Jet walkways 35 Qualified / Lasso part
- / Finger snap / Most liberated 42 "- not"
- ("No can do") 43 Work at, as a trade
- 44 Western mil.
- alliance 45 Prefix with
- laryngologist 46 Lot unit
- 47 Lima's state
- 49 "Same with me"
- 52 Cartoon vamp Betty 53 Ought to / Biblical preposition / Golf club / Schnozz
- 58 Swindle
- 59 Not engaged
- 60 "Shalom"
- 61 Physicians, at times 65 It keeps things moving
- 67 Damsels
- 68 Floor-cleaning tool
- 69 Daisylike flowers
- 70 Oyster gem
- 71 Coke, e.g.72 Omega's preceder
- 73 Iran's capital / Singer Swift / Wind off a spool
- 77 Under cover?
- 80 Church alcoves
- 81 Vaccination locations82 River in Asia and
- Europe
- 83 Angeles 84 Org. saving strays
- 86 "Hulk" director Lee
- 87 Gets tangled88 Vietnam neighbor / Acorn trees / Lacks entity /
- Present / Ugly beast 95 "Insomniac" host Dave
- 96 See 97-Across
- 97 With 96-Across, lung cells called alveoli

- 98 Instruction for discovering this puzzle's hidden wish to solvers
- 107 Grimy stuff

- 114 Lowest place
- 115 Faith faction

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- 2 Lymph 3 Humorist Bombeck
- 4 Revise text
- 5 Keved in again

- 9 Reduce to a symbol, as a computer window
- 11 Pellet-shaped noodles

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- 108 Race with a baton
- 109 German car make
- McLachlan

- 116 Milky gems 117 "So Big" author Ferber

- 7 British noble
- 10 Having no key, in music
- 12 Gold-medal skater Kulik

- 13 Rice-A-14 Transplant to a new plant

- 110 Luring smell 111 1998 #3 hit for Sarah
- 112 Wild skirmish
- 113 Ouick-witted

- 118 Bit of mold

- 1 Phony display

- 6 Perform for the
- approval of
- 8 Beast such as T. rex

- 15 Product's ultimate
 - function 16 "Ta-ta!"
 - 17 Endorses 18 Tofu base

 - 28 Amigo29 Mentalist Geller 30 Actor Robert De -

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- 34 "Freeze!" 35 Chief magistrates of
- ancient Athens
- 36 British noble 37 In - of (replacing)
- 38 Voice a view
- 39 Conspiracy 40 Hole (golf rarity)
- 41 Agony 42 Thin layer of tissue
- covering a muscle
- 47 Rather peculiar
- 48 Hawaiian dance
- 49 California mountains 50 By means of speech
- 51 Rx writers 52 Ernie's Muppet bud
- 54 Petrol pump unit
- 55 Vicodin, e.g.
- 56 Eyelike window 57 Sarandon of "Blue Beetle"
- 62 Roman ruler © 2025 by King Features Syndicate

- 63 Optimistic 64 Pours clumsily
- 66 Eligible for Soc. Sec. 67 Mil. bigwigs

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- 68 Student housing
- 70 Dads
- 71 Welsh dog 74 Dishwasher or oven part 75 "Auld Syne"
- 76 Ladder level 77 Penne - vodka
- 78 Outing on a yacht, e.g. 79 Unknown to most people
- 84 Christie's cry 85 Largest city of Sicily
- 86 Being risked
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- 90 El Al's home
- 91 Give the OK 92 Sgt., e.g.
- 93 Meal made of cereal grains
- 94 Up to, informally 99 Prez's #2
- 100 Fitzgerald of song
- 101 Many- (multicolored) 102 Eve's garden 103 Golf hazard
- 104 Hoopla 105 Arab bigwig 106 Steak order 107 "- Kapital"



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MOVE OVER, STEVE!

DIY ADVICE

FROM A MOM WHO KNOWS HOW
BY SARA CARPENTER

SEVEN HOME +
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Turn Your Patio Into a Tropical Paradise

Bold blooms, vibrant foliage, and low-maintenance beauty—these tropical plants bring vacation vibes home all summer long!

If you're looking to transform your outdoor space into a colorful retreat, tropical plants are the way to go. Known for their exotic blooms and dramatic foliage, these warm-weather favorites thrive in containers and patio planters, instantly elevating your backyard or front porch. At Steve's Ace Home & Garden, we've stocked some of the season's most eye-catching tropicals—many of which are ready to bloom and grow right now.

Here's a look at some of our favorites to inspire your patio refresh:

Mandevilla & Dipladenia

Few plants scream "tropical" quite like these two! Mandevilla is a vigorous climber that looks stunning on trellises, obelisks, or hanging baskets, while Dipladenia offers a more compact, bushy habit—perfect for containers and sunny entryways.

This season, we're thrilled to offer new and unique varieties in an expanded color palette, including:

- **Bluephoria:** a striking, cool-toned bluelavender bloom unlike anything else
- Madinia Coral Pink: a vibrant, cheerful pink with a tropical feel
- Mauvelous: soft mauve tones with a subtle ombré effect
- Fired Up Orange: bold and bright, perfect for making a statement
- Apricot, White, and classic Red: for timeless color and elegance
- Sunlight: Full to part sun
- Watering: Keep soil moist but well-drained

• **Bonus:** Long-blooming, humming-bird-friendly, and heat-tolerant

Whether climbing skyward or cascading over the edge of a container, these varieties are sure to add drama and charm to your outdoor oasis.

Tropical Hibiscus

Known for its huge, colorful blooms in sunset hues, the tropical hibiscus is perfect for sunny patios and poolside pots. Blooms continue through summer, offering reliable color and bold flair.

- · Sunlight: Full sun
- · Watering: Keep soil consistently moist
- **Bonus:** Attracts butterflies and adds instant impact

Chenille Plant

The Chenille plant (also called Red Hot Cattail) stands out with its fuzzy, red blooms that drape beautifully in hanging baskets. It thrives in heat and humidity, adding fun texture and unique interest.

- Sunlight: Bright, indirect to part sun
- Watering: Keep evenly moist
- Bonus: A real conversation starter!

Canna Lily

Canna Lilies bring height and tropical drama to pots and garden beds. Their lush foliage is paired with vibrant flowers in bold orange, yellow, and red hues.

- Sunlight: Full sun
- Watering: Likes moist, well-drained soil
- Bonus: Great for larger containers or sunny borders

Crotons

Loved for their striking, multicolored leaves, Crotons are a go-to for adding color through foliage alone. Reds, yellows, and oranges create eyecatching contrast in any patio pot.

- Sunlight: Bright light
- Watering: Keep soil consistently moist
- Bonus: Colorful even without blooms

Elephant Ear

Known for their massive, heart-shaped leaves, Elephant Ears make a big statement in containers. Great for filling corners or framing entryways.

• Sunlight: Part shade to full sun



COLEUS

- Watering: Keep soil damp these love water!
- Bonus: Adds lush, tropical texture

Coleus

With vivid, patterned leaves in every color combo imaginable, Coleus is the ultimate foliage accent for both sun and shade. Easy to grow and great for mixed containers.

 Sunlight: Shade to part sun (sunloving varieties also available)

- Watering: Keep evenly moist
- **Bonus:** Fast-growing, colorful, and great in groupings

Ready to create your tropical retreat? Visit Steve's Ace Home & Garden to explore our full selection of tropical plants, pottery, and outdoor décor. Whether you're dressing up a small balcony or creating a full backyard escape, we've got the plants—and inspiration—you need!



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DEAR ANGELA,

I am by nature a very thrifty person. I love extreme couponing. I only use one square of toilet paper per bathroom break and I force my whole family to go to bed when the sun sets because indoor lighting is a waste of energy. I also grow my own food, and because my rain barrel has been dry as a bone this year, I've come up with a new plan. Spit collection to water my garden. I've purchased stylish water bottles for each of my family and ask them to collect the extra moisture in their mouths so we can have delicious tomatoes all summer long. It's not going over well. How can I get them on board with this plan, they love garden fresh veggies so I thought this would be a no brainer! -Salivating on Sunnyview

DEAR SALIVATING,

It certainly is a no-brainer alright. But no one wants to carry around a water bottle with spit in it; that is too easy to confuse with a water bottle full of water! You've got the right idea here but the wrong execution. You need to think back, waaay back, to the old west. You need to get a tasteful looking spittoon for each room in your home. Then make a fun game of it. See which spittoon can fill up the fastest. I'm guessing it will be the one in the kitchen, but I could be wrong! Good luck, and if you have any extra veggies, be sure to send some my way. I'm sure they'll be extra juicy this year!

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm getting a little stressed out about my summer plans. Back in January it sounded like an awesome idea to do a bunch of vacations—at least one each month—from May through September. Well now that time is here and maybe I'm regretting this decision. Do you know how much work goes into planning vacations?!? I mean sure, it's gonna be great gallivanting off to a tropical paradise or getting lost in

history in the "old country" choosing restaurants, deciding how much cash to bring along, picking the right photo spot for the obligatory social media post—its all so much! And don't get me started on packing, I pack outfits I've never worn before and then end up wearing the same pants and sweatshirt for a week straight. I'm really stressed out and worried! So tell me, am I going to have a good time?
—Travel Trepidation on Thomas Street

DEAR TRAVEL.

Wow, I'm so sorry for you. Your life sounds really difficult right now. I can't imagine what you are going through. You are really brave for doing so many vacations in one summer. I guess it is true, not all heroes wear capes. Some of them wear flip flops and a good, thick layer of sunscreen to protect from those nasty UV rays. There are a few things that will help with your stress, and they are all super simple. Your assistant should be packing your bags for you. You do have an assistant, right? The concierge at the hotel will get you in at the best restaurants in town. If they say they can't, start screaming and yell "Don't you know who I am?" and a table should free up. And I always hire a local TikTok influencer to set up the perfect on-location shot for those vacation candids. Make sure they send you a portfolio of options. These are candids remember, which everyone knows is short for "candidates for best photo ever." Good luck, you may need to schedule a fall vacation to recover from all your summer vacations-Kyoto is lovely in autumn.

ANGELA VENTRIS

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO... By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos

ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13) With the Sun in Gemini. now is the time to really put yourself out there. Any airlock will do.

TAURUS (MAY 14-JUNE 19) With Mercury in your com-

munication zone, you'll be given the Gift of Gab. So it really sucks that you can't seem to remember that she doesn't like to be called that. It's either Gabby or Gabrielle. Not Gab.

GEMINI (JUNE 20-JULY 20) With Gemini in your value zone, it's only natural you'd want to make some extra cash. But the way you're "making some extra cash" is

called counterfeiting. And it's a federal

crime with serious fines and jail time.

CANCER (JULY 21-AUG 9) With Saturn in Aries, you'll finally get that confidence boost you've been after. Unfortunately, with Mercury in Gemini, you won't need that confidence boost

to confidently say you're screwed.

I FO (AUG 10-SEP 15) With Gemini in your subconscious zone, you'll finally need some alone time. To clarify: You'll still be alone. As always. As we all are. But it'll actually do you some good for a change. Yaaaaay.

VIRGO (SEP 16-OCT 30) As the Sun enters Aries, it's a good time to reexamine your principles. Or is it principals? Principalities, maybe? Port au Prince? Or just Prince? Or Prints? Il Principe? I don't know, man. Astrology is bullcrap, anyway.

LIBRA (OCT 31-NOV 22) As Saturn passes through Aries, it's a good time to change that reputation of yours. Which is awesome because everybody thinks you're the dumb one but you know damn well you're the cute one.

SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29) Now's the time to plan

that big vacation you've always dreamed of! Just plan, though. Cuz your broke ass ain't going nowhere.

OPHIUCHUS (NOV 30-DEC 17)

As Saturn enters Aries in your productivity zone, you'll... You know what? To hell with your productivity zone! Stop thinking about yourself in terms of what you produce! Start thinking about yourself in terms of what you contribute! Yes! Oh, which reminds me: With the Sun in your contribution zone, you won't have much to contribute, either.

(DEC 18-JAN 8) With the position of Mercury, it's finally a good time for you to turn the tables. No, this does not mean that your DJ career will finally take off. Even without consulting the cosmos, I can safely say that your

DJ career will NEVER take off.

SAGITTARIUS

CAPRICORN (JAN 9-FEB 15) Look, everybody has a negative side. That's just how it works. It's when you try to connect the positive cable to your negative side that you can really screw up your car battery.

AQUARIUS (FEB 16-MAR 11) With Gemini in your pleasure zone, it's a great time to take up new hobbies. I hear that not being a butthole is a very rewarding hobby. Maybe try that some time?

PISCES (MAR 12-APR 18) You have to work on yourself if you want to help everyone else with their problem. Seeing as how YOU are the problem, that's just cause and effect.

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