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Happy Pride Month! We had such a wonderfully supportive response to our giant rundown of area Pride-related events going on in the Tri-States with so many great advertisers choosing to tie their names and principles to that message. And now June is here, and in this suddenly backward-moving, divisive time, the very idea of a Pride Month is more important than ever. Note this message I saw on Facebook below. It pretty much sums it up.

Yesterday, White House Press Secretary and Dolores Umbridge cosplayer, Karoline Leavitt, publicly announced that the White House has no plans to issue a Pride Month proclamation. This is something that costs nothing to do. It's just a statement. But she was sure to add on that they would also not approve any federal funds for the occasion, stating, "President Trump doesn't feel as though spending \$200 million on festivals and parades for what amounts to less than 7% of the population makes any sense. We'd much rather put that money towards solving the homeless veteran issue."

As John Oliver would say, "there's a lot to unpack here." She COULD just make a supportive statement and be done with it. But that kinder, gentler GOP has gone byebye. At this point, I'm sure no one remembers that in 2019. Trump wrote on Twitter,

"My Administration has launched a global campaign to decriminalize homosexuality and invite all nations to join us in this effort!" He, of course, chose to write that on Twitter because he is unable to speak a sentence so clearly and concisely out of his own mouth. Now, just a few years later, there is a full-on assault of the LGBTQ+ community by at least two branches of the Federal government.

This is happening despite 71% of Americans believing same-sex relationships are "morally acceptable" and approximately eight in 10 (79%) favor laws protecting LGBTQ+ people from discrimination. That's a massive majority. We can't get that many people to agree on almost anything. So this backlash is almost entirely fueled by a fraction, or should I say "faction," within our current government. A group of congressional Republicans even accused PBS of "grooming" children after Sesame Street, one of the nonprofit TV network's flagship programs, shared a post recognizing Pride Month on June 1.

But going way back to the statement by Leavitt, let's take it apart a bit. They think it makes no sense to publicly recognize a group of Americans that only comprises 7% of our population. Did you know that military Veterans comprise 6.1% of our population. Should we take time to recognize them? You damn right we should! So her 7% comment is just bonkers. Look out Martin Luther King Jr., you're just one person. Good luck in February!

And then there is her tactic to say she'd rather see the money from supporting

LGBTQ+ spent on supporting unhoused Vets, pitting the two against each other as though we can only have one or there other. "Disgusting" is a word that comes to mind. I'd ask how a person can be so black and white on an issue, but...um, that's a whole other can of worms, now isn't it? On a completely unrelated note, there is no white genocide happening in South Africa. This has been my TED Talk, you are welcome! So, anyway, surely that announcement about funding unhoused Vets is coming very soon, right? Unlike the 2017 plan to gut a \$460 million program dedicated to Veteran houselessness, which caused outcry and was reportedly reversed under Trump. We're all holding our breath, I'm sure.

But we are still planning a \$45 million birthday parade that now reportedly could also cause \$16 million in damage to the streets of Washington D.C. from tanks and such driving around. All for a man who famously dodged the draft with fake bone spurs. That's a lot of money for a parade to satisfy one guy, I'd say. Maybe that money would house a lot of unhoused Vets too? Can we have Trump's dictatoresque parade AND house Vets, because I've heard we have to choose one or the other on these matters. It's like a March Madness bracket for who gets money. For every winner, there must be a loser. And we know who LOVES to point out "losers!"

I guess what I'm saying is, we get it. They all hate...is hate too strong? If they want to take human rights away from a group of

Americans, is that hate? I'm going with...yes! So the executive branch now unashamedly hates the LGBTQ+ community but doesn't have the spine to just give that answer at a press conference. Just say it. It's so incredibly transparent how they feel. Instead, picking a random percentage (7%) where it's not economically wise to support the spending and then to use Veterans as a pawn to suggest that some Americans are less worthy. Don't dance around this issue. The Trump Administration does not support LGBTQ+ anymore. We get it. Why are they afraid to just say the words instead of looking for a ridiculous cover story excuse? It's a serious issue. Don't make a joke out of it.

And note, I'm saying "they." I'm not saying "you" as in "you" reading this. Because I know 79% or more of "you" don't feel that way. This doesn't represent you! But right now, the "19%" (probably less) sadly, symbolically control the official stance of all of us as Americans, as it is coming out of the mouth of the spokesperson of our leader in the White House. So to the world, to Americans, to the LGBTQ+ community, and even to those unhoused Vets that somehow just got dragged into the debate, this is where we are officially as a nation. Even as everyone I just listed (and 79% of you) knows in their hearts it's not true at all. And that, once again, is exactly the reason why we have a Pride Month. Not just because we want to, but tragically, because we need to.

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EVENTS



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, family-friendly 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 Days is hosted by the Delaware County Historical Society. For full details, visit **dchsia.org** or follow the Delaware Co. Historical Museum on Facebook

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 statewide! 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

facebook.com/eaglepointfishingbarge.



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2025 Concert Schedule Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Dubuque Star Brewery, Alliant Energy Amphitheater



Sunday, June 15 **Hunter Fuerste** & His American **Vintage** Orchestra

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Sunday, June 22 Amy Friedl & the **Sky Line Band**

Featuring Rock, Pop, and R&B. Tune into music from bands like Fleetwood Mac, James Taylor, Dolly Parton, and many more.



Sunday, June 29

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

Join the DSO for Summer Melodies-light classics, film favorites, and patriotic tunes. PLUS, enjoy several special features!



Sunday, July 13

Sail On: Beach **Boys Tribute**

Direct from Nashville, this high-energy band brings the music of the Beach Boys just the way they would have done it.



Sunday, July 20

Secrets

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



Sunday, July 27

Kids From Wisconsin

Widely recognized for their versatile talents and groundbreaking performances, the 57th troupe showcases 'The Heat Is On.'



Grab some tasty bites from our food vendors while you enjoy the concert!







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Ski Bellevue Water Ski Show

June 7 and 21, July 19, and August 16 @ 4 PM July 5 @ 6 PM South of Lock 12 on Riverview St, Bellevue, IA

What began in 1982 as a group of individuals who simply loved water activities, by the 1990s, had become an organized water ski show performed by group members as a choreographed act. Ski Bellevue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to share their passion of water skiing with community audiences while educating group members and members of the general public on safety.

The organization, which is overseen by a board of directors, has members that range in age from 5 to 70 years of age, and accommodates anyone who is interested in joining their group regardless of skill level. In addition to providing education for new, beginner-level members, Ski Bellevue will even provide equipment for anyone who wishes to participate, making water skiing a more accessible hobby for the local community than it is in many other areas. In fact, throughout their years of operation, the group has taught hundreds of children and adults how to ski.

Safety is emphasized not only through lessons, but mandatory SafeSport training, use of safety gear such as wetsuits and floatation gear, boat driver certifications, and an on-site safety boat to monitor water traffic and pick up fallen performers at every show.

Members generally get together four times weekly during the warmer months of the year, with two days focused on building individual skills and education, and the other two days dedicated to practicing group acts. Choreographed group acts include feats such as human pyramids, ballet lines, barefoot skiing, and strap doubles, which involve a base skier and a climber in an acrobatic pose who climbs on top of them. Additionally, private

lesson are available for those who want to take their learning to the next level.

Ski Bellevue fosters a sense of mentorship through their lessons, not only demonstrated through their acceptance of all ages and skill levels, but also through the way their more experienced members enjoy taking new members under their care to show them the ropes—literally. Anyone interested in joining their team of welcoming members should reach out to Ski Bellevue at skibellevue@gmail.com or on facebook.com/skibellevue.

Only one of four water ski show teams in Iowa, Ski Bellevue is also the only team to perform on the Mississippi River. As a nonprofit, the team funds their shows and practices through donations and sponsorships. Their long list of sponsors includes organizations such as American Marie Dubuque, Ashley's Dance Studio, Jackson County Tourism Association. Kieffer Plumbing & Heating, Off Shore Resort, and individuals such as Nick and Lori Nauman, and Doug and Linda Yeager. The full list of valued sponsors is available on Ski Bellevue's Facebook page; these sponsors are responsible for financially maintaining this fun, exciting, and educational organization, and keeping their public shows free for audiences to watch.

Anyone interested in experiencing a fun, free form of entertainment this summer can catch Ski Bellevue performing on South Riverview Street in Bellevue, IA on June 7 and 21, July 19, and Aug. 16 at 4 p.m.; and July 5 at 6 p.m. The team will also be performing in Sabula, IA as they do every year for the Island City Days event on Aug. 2. Their July 5 performance will consist of a special show as part of Bellevue Heritage Days.



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

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

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**.

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.

facebook.com/ turntkidzdanceco.

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.

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6-7 PM @ DUBUQUE
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Shenanigan's Benefit & Ride

Saturday, June 14
Registration @ 9:30-11 AM
Route: Eichman's Bar & Grill; Dirty Ernie's (Farley, IA),
Bent Rim (Cascade, IA), Bubba's (LaMotte, IA), Eichman's

This year, June 14 will bring the end of an era for the Veterans Freedom Center in Dubuque. Every year for the last 12 years, Gail and Sliver Brimeyer and their group of hardworking volunteers have hosted the Shenanigan's Benefit & Ride with the purpose of raising as much money as possible for local veterans through careful planning and community involvement.

Make no mistake, the benefit and ride isn't saying goodbye for a lack of success. In fact, the group is only about \$54,000 away from reaching their goal of \$500,000 in donations to the Veterans Freedom Center, a nonprofit organization founded by Jim Wagner and Al Powell that helps provide much needed and well-deserved support to local military veterans including those who are active duty, retired, reserve, and honorably discharged. Because the VFC relies on donations to provide this support, benefits such as this one are invaluable to our community.

The Shenanigan's Benefit & Ride committee, which consists of about 15 to 20 dedicated volunteers each year, meet every Wednesday starting in February to sit down and plan out the best ways they can reach their donation goals through the benefit and ride. They also help host other smaller events throughout the year to raise additional funds, though they would estimate that three quarters of the money they raise in a year comes from the big benefit ride.

Still, every dollar counts, and the funds raised by the group through their Pizza Ranch Nights, Side by Side Ride, VFC Burger Night, Darkbird tip night, Topless Jeep Ride, and soup contest at the Eagles Club add up. Five Flags Center also recognizes this and enables committee members to volunteer at events bartending and serving food to raise money by the hour as well as tips to contribute to the fund as well.

As for the big benefit and ride, bikes will be hitting the road at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday, June 14. Riders can sign up from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Eichman's Bar & Grill on Highway 52 and should expect to pay \$10 per person. The first stop on the ride will be at Dirty



Ernie's in Farley, the second stop will be at Bent Rim in Cascade, and the third stop will be at Bubba's in LaMotte before returning back to Eichman's.

For those who don't wish to join on the ride, there will be plenty of other activities going on throughout the day. There will be music playing all day, including a live band, and a bake sale filled with locally homemade baked goods will be available all day as well. Attendees can try their hand at a game of cards during the day, and grab some dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. T-shirts and raffles will be available all day, and Willie & The Buzzhounds will be performing following the live auction.

Of course, the biggest donationearners of the event are the auctions, which typically earn around \$20,000 for the VFC. The organizers expressed much gratitude to the community for making the auctions possible through their generosity. In recent years local individuals, businesses, and other organizations have donated approximately 200 items to be auctioned off, ensuring the success of the benefit.

Perhaps another local group will decide to step in and carry on the tradition of the benefit and ride (hint, hint ambitious Dubuquers), but as for the Brimeyers, they have realized it is time to pass the torch onto someone else while they focus on family obligations and continuing to donate their time to smaller events such as the VFC Burger Nights. Be sure to stop out on June 14 and show your support for our local veterans by helping the Shenanigans Benefit & Ride for the Veterans Freedom Center reach their goal while you still can.



GREAT GALENA BALLOON RACE ON JUNE 20 AND 21 AT THE EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA NORTH COURSE IN GALENA, IL

SAT **6/14**

Tri-States Beer Can & Breweriana Show

9 AM-2 PM @ DAYS INN COBBLESTONE ROOM The Hawkeye Chapter of the BCCA, NABA & ABA invites you to see a variety of vintage and new beer cans, signs, trays, bottles, coasters, and more that you can add to your collection, garage, bar or man cave. Bring your vintage beer related items for a free appraisal. Free. 1111 Dodge St. **515-360-3586**.

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 tail-wagging good time near the Mississippi River Museum and Grand Harbor Resort at 3rd and Bell St. Learn about dog-related 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.

SUN 6/15

190th Anniversary Celebration Grace Episcopal Church

10:30 AM @ GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(GALENA, IL)
Celebrate the 190th anniversary of Grace Episcopal
Church with a historic service

at 10:30 p.m., organ recital at 1 p.m., and building tours. 107 S Prospect St, Galena, IL. gracegalena.org.

FRI **6/20**

Summer Solstice Outdoor Yoga

6-7 AM AND 6-7:30 PM @ MINES OF SPAIN AMERICA'S STATE TREE WOODLAND WALK TRAIL

Grab your mat and celebrate the longest day of the year with two opportunities to practice outdoors at the Mines of Spain. Both classes will feature sound healing with live music thanks to hosts B1 Yoga and Wicked River Events. The 6 a.m. sunrise practice welcomes the Summer Solstice with 50 sun salutations during this guided flow. After class, sip and stay a while with a 12 oz. espresso drink from Good Stewards Coffee Co (included with your registration). The 6 p.m. sunset practice helps

end your week and honor the Summer Solstice with a traditional "Yoga Mala" or 108 sun salutations. After class, enjoy a craft cocktail or mocktail from Wicked River's new mobile bar cart (included with your registration). All proceeds will be donated to the park. RSVP by 6/19. \$0-\$10. 9097 Bellevue Heights Rd. 563-293-3244. B1-solstice-yoga. eventbrite.com.

Great Galena

Balloon Race 5-10 PM @ EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA (GALENA, IL) 6/20-6/21 Witness the mesmerizing spectacle of hot air balloons at the Great Galena Balloon Race and Festival, taking place Friday and Saturday night at 5-10 p.m. Enjoy live music, a hot air balloon race, and an unforgettable nightglow extravaganza. Bring the whole family for kids' inflatables and a classic car show on Saturday night. Rise early on Saturday and

Sunday morning at 5 a.m. for the Crack of Dawn Balloon Race, a serene and picturesque experience. The Great Galena Balloon Race benefits JDRF and Camp Hertko Hollow, supporting children with diabetes. \$5. 400 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, IL. 815-776-9200. greatgalenaballoonrace.com.

Uncorked

6-8:30 PM @ DOWNTOWN PLATTEVILLE (WI)

"Uncorked" Wine Walk is an annual tradition presented by the Platteville Main Street Program. Grab your friends and loved ones and sample some of the best local wines available. There will also be beer sampling provided by 7 Hills. "Sips About to go Down." plattevillemainstreet.com.





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June 7, noon to 5 p.m. Dubuque Pride Festival
June 14, 7 a.m. to noon Dubuque Farmers Market
June 14, noon to 4 p.m. Juneteenth Picnic



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Dubuque Juneteenth Celebration

JUNE 13-15 VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Black individuals and their families in the United States. Join us in celebrating Juneteenth through a series of uplifting events in the Dubuque community.

Walking Tour of Dubuque Black History

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 @ NOON-1 PM
STARTS AT WASHINGTON PARK, 6TH& LOCUST ST
The tour will be led by RRS Stewart
from Dubuque NAACP and Dubuque
County Historic Preservation Commission and is part of the annual events for
Juneteenth that take place in Dubuque.

History Retold

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 @ 5-8 PM
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER
(1157 CENTRAL AVE)
An inspiring evening showcasing the history of Black culture through art, performances, fashion, and food.

Picnic in the Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 @ NOON-4 PM
JACKSON PARK (1500 MAIN ST)
Enjoy a family-friendly day featuring a talent show (cash prizes), raffles, bounce house, games for all ages, community and business booths, door prizes, free food, and food trucks.

Community Prayer and Praise

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 @ 11 AM-1 PM

JACKSON PARK (1500 MAIN ST)

Celebrate in unity with congregations across Dubuque through song and various prayers. Food trucks will be available following the service.

About Juneteenth

On June 17, 2021, President Biden officially recognized Juneteenth as a national holiday. This important occasion honors freedom, resilience, and the rich cultural contributions of the Black community. On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to announce "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." Since then, Juneteenth has become known as a celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States.





Jackson County Pro Rodeo

JUNE 19-21 @ 7:30 PM
BELLEVUE HORSEMAN'S CLUB
(25121 297TH 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

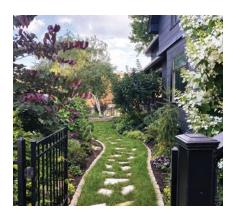
Club from June 19 to 21, with nightly performances starting at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Diamond Jo Casino, this highly anticipated family event is packed with excitement for all ages.

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 actionpacked event promises thrills, entertainment, and a true celebration of Western heritage. For full event details and ticket information, visit

JacksonCountyProRodeo.com.



24th Annual Tour of Gardens

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 @ 9 AM-4 PM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE

The Dubuque County Master Gardeners and Dubuque County Gardeners, Inc. will showcase six beautiful, local gardens offering a nice blend of natives, perennials, annuals, fruits, vegetables, shrubs, and mature trees. Prepare to be inspired and discover new ideas to incorporate into your own garden or landscape.

Your ticket includes admission and 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)
- "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

Discounted \$8 advance tickets are available at the ISU Extension office (14858 W Ridge Ln, STE 2) until June 13 and may also be purchased at the Dubuque Arboretum's Music in the Gardens on June 15. Tickets are \$10 on the day of the tour and can be purchased at any of the tour gardens. The tour is held rain or shine. For more information, visit DBQTourOfGardens.com or call 563-583-6496.



CORKLESS IN GALENA WINE FESTIVAL ON JUNE 21 AT DEPOT PARK IN GALENA, IL

SAT **6/21**

Corkless in Galena Wine Festival

11 AM-6 PM @ DEPOT PARK (GALENA, IL) The Northern Illinois Wine Growers (NIWG) host this fundraiser. A celebration of area winemaking, especially those made with locally grown American hybrid grapes. corklessgalena.com.

SUN 6/22

HerbFest

9 AM-1 PM @ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS HERB GARDEN Celebrate this year's Herb of the Year: Chamomile with herb garden tours, herbal treats, handcrafted items sale, plant giveaway, and silent auction. Hosted by the Herb Society of Dubuque. 3800 Arboretum Dr. **dubuquearboretum.net**.

THU **6/26**

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. Auditions

10 AM-NOON & 1-2 PM @ OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER Auditions are open to students ages 8 (entering 2nd grade) through 18. Rehearsal dates 6/30-8/1. Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR, is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid. Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home-and her fins—behind and live in

the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. Participation fee is \$50 for one child. \$25 for the second, and \$15 for any additional family members. Limited no cost scholarships are available. 1215 E Platt St, Maguoketa. IA. 563-652-9815. ohnwardfineartscenter.com.

FRRI **6/27**

Photorealistic Oil Painting Workshop

9 AM-4 PM @ BLUFF STROKES ART CENTER 6/27-6/29. In this three-day workshop, Jessie Rebik will teach the techniques used in photorealistic oil painting including color palette selection, color matching, and blending, as well as discussion of photographic references. In addition, students will be introduced to the history of photorealism and the potential meaning that painting in this style embodies. This workshop is partially supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Iowa Arts Council, which exists within the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Intermediate painting students and above will be most comfortable. Ages 18+, \$340, 1201 Locust St. 563-239-9377. bluffstrokes.org.

SAT 6/28

Cruisin' for a Cause Show

11 AM-4 PM @ DUBUQUE
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
View rare and iconic vehicles
while supporting the Avery
Foundation's mission to
assist cancer patients in
need. The vehicle exhibition
features classic cars, tractors,
and semi cabs with fan-voted

awards chosen by attendees. Plus, \$5 rides in the Ecto-1 (Ghostbusters vehicle), free kids activities including inflatables and Hot Wheels Race Track (includes a car to take home), 50/50 raffle, door prizes for show participants, live music by Jimmy Welty Band, Birds and Hangry Hobo food trucks, and cold beer for purchase. Enjoy a day filled with incredible vehicles, family fun, live music, great food, and a meaningful cause. Spectators: Free; Participating Vehicle: \$10 donation. 14569 Old Highway Rd. AveryFndtn.org.



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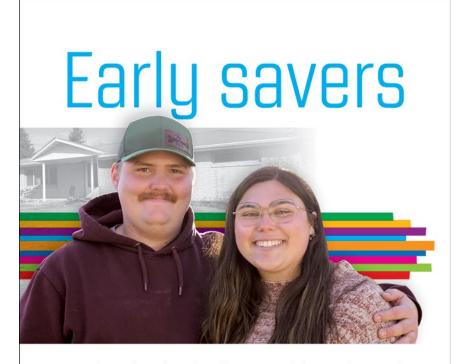
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Ongoing & Recurring **Events**

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 THU THROUGH 9/25 7/3 MOVED TO 7/2 Open to all years of classic, muscle, and unique cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Great food, closed street. open containers, and live music. Free. facebook.com/ eastdubuquecarshow.

FRIDAY

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 II

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE 1ST FRI First Fridays is a free

downtown monthly community arts event with open galleries, artists' studios, and live entertainment fostering community and celebrating arts in Dubuque. Free.

FirstFridaysDubuque.org.

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/ CubaCityMarket.

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** MarketWl.com.

Dversville Downtown Market

8 AM-NOON @ LEGACY SQUARE (DYERSVILLE, IA) LAST SAT THROUGH 9/27 3rd Ave SW & 3rd St. Dversville. 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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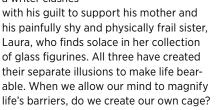
The Glass Menagerie

JUNE 6-7 AND 13-14 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 8 @ 2 PM FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

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



The Glass

Menagerie

Tickets are \$20. For more information, call **563-599-9486** or visit **FlyByNightDubuque.com**. ■



Glenn Miller Orchestra: In The Mood

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 @ 7 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra brings the big band energy to the Five Flags Theater on Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Hear some of 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 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. 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.

Tickets are \$45-\$65. ■



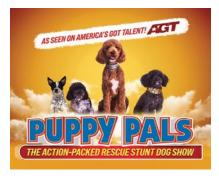
Chicago

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 @ 7 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Hailed as one of the most important bands in music history, Chicago is the highest-charting American band in *Billboard Magazine*'s Top 125 Artists of All Time. They bring their show to the Five Flags Arena on Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

With over 100 million records sold, 21 Top 10 singles, and 25 platinum albums, their legacy includes iconic hits like "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday in the Park," and "Feelin' Stronger Every Day." Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2016, Chicago has received numerous honors, including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Now in their 58th consecutive year of touring, Chicago's legendary horn section and timeless songs continue to electrify audiences worldwide.

Tickets are \$70-\$129. ■



Puppy Pals Live

MONDAY, JUNE 30 @ 6 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

As seen on America's Got Talent and now at the Five Flags Theater, Puppy Pals Live is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. On Monday, June 30 at 6 p.m., 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 laugh-out-loud canine comedy.

Tickets are \$15-\$25. ■





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First Fridays

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)

5:30-7:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST) 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 Fridays 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 created freehand in various styles and sizes. The cottage showcases more than seven artists, crafters, and handmade goods. Join for tea and pastries. 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, family-friendly 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 Free-dom!* featuring work by Indigo Perry, Queene Massey, and Moni Hughes.

facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library opens Art @ Your Library featuring nine artist members of Key City Creative Center. Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments and live music by JazzQ. Art pieces on display are also available for purchase. On display through 7/25. **CarnegieStout.org**.

Voices brings together the works of mother and daughter artists, Sandra Louise Dyas 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.**

Community Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART (701 LOCUST ST)

On Saturday, June 7, all are welcome—with FREE admission and FREE family artmaking—to celebrate the final days of exhibitions at the Dubuque Museum of Art's current home inside the Woodward Fine Arts Centre at 701 Locust St.

To commemorate over 25 years of exhibitions, public programs, and memories, the public is invited to participate in an art-making project that will transform the walls of the Alice E. & Erwin J. Hafeman Lobby into a canvas of shared community expression.

Community Day is the last chance to experience exhibitions by three extraordinary artists from the region, Gerit Grimm, Stina Joy Henslee, and Jenni Brant. "These three women have shared their creative path with us," says Gary Stoppelman, Executive Director. "I can't think of a more inspiring trio of artists to send us off."

During the construction of its new museum and arts campus, the Dubuque Museum of Art will open Oct. 11 in its temporary home: the Dupaco Voices Building in Dubuque's Historic Millwork District. A special fundraising gala will be held Sept. 26 to preview the space.

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



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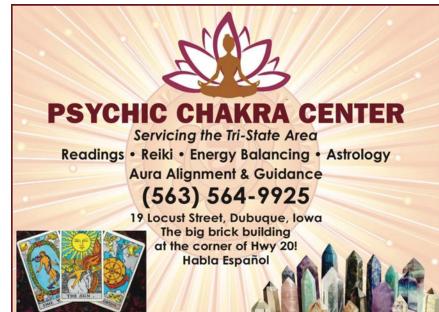
THURSDAY, JUNE 12 @ 7 PM GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)

The Galena Center for the Arts welcomes back acclaimed guitarist Marcus DeJesus on Thursday, June 12 for a special evening of music celebrating Brazilian composers. This performance will take audiences on a journey through the rich and diverse land-scape of Brazilian music—from the virtuosic charm of Choro to the soulful melodies of Bossa Nova. The program will showcase the works of celebrated composers including Dilermando Reis, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Antônio Carlos Jobim, Egberto Gismonti, Yamandu Costa. Ulisses Rocha. and others.

The event also marks the release of DeJesus's new book, *Behind the Frets:* Real Advice for Aspiring Musicians.

Drawing from his experience as both a performer and educator, DeJesus offers practical guidance on building a sustainable career in music. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

The concert is free and open to the public; donations are encouraged to support future programming. For more information, visit **galenacenterforthearts.org**.



12TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition

JUNE 13-14 AND 20-21 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 15 AND 22 @ 2 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The 12th Annual High School Musical at Bell Tower Theater is *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition*. Area high school students perform at the Bell Tower Theater on June 13–14 and 20–21 at 7:30 p.m. and June 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

Heathers is 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.

Tickets are \$12. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■



GALENA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

A Midsummer Night's Dream

JUNE 13-15, 20-22, AND 27-28 @ 7:30 PM BELVEDERE MANSION (1008 PARK AVE, GALENA, IL) Galena Shakespeare Festival is starting off their 2025 season in residence

at the Belvedere Mansion in Galena, IL with a bang! They've transported the enchanted gardens of Galena's grandest mansion to Greece for a royal wedding reception under the stars, and you're invited! *A Midsummer Night's Dream* runs June 13–15, 20–22, and 27–28 at 7:30 p.m.

The Duke of Athens just wants to marry his Amazon warrior love...but a mismatched quartet of lovers, a messy trio of faeries, and a madcap troupe of actors converge in the woods for a perfect storm of magic, chaos, and an eventual happy ending for all. Dream about summer, mischief, and love with the Galena Shakespeare Festival.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$15 student/industry and can be purchased at **GalenaShakes.com** or with cash at the door. ■



For more information, call 563.582.3592

or visit www.shalomretreats.org

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BELLEVUE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Annual Members Summer Art Show

RECEPTION: JUNE 20 @ 5:30-8 PM JUNE 21-22 @ NOON-4 PM GREAT RIVER GALLERY (309 S RIVERVIEW, BELLEVUE, IA)

The annual members show is an opportunity to showcase the work and talent of the Bellevue Arts Council's member artists, as well as the opportunity to sell their work in a museum setting. The reception at the Great River Gallery in Bellevue, IA on Friday, June 20 includes wine and hors d'oeuvres with additional gallery viewings on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 at noon-4 p.m.



Visit with the artists during the reception, and discuss their various mediums including pastels, acrylic, oil, pencil, ink, and mixed media.

Handicap parking available by calling Dave Eischeid at **563-542-7020**. For more information, visit

BellevueArtsCouncillowa.org.



Footloose

JUNE 20-21 AND 25-28, AND JULY 5 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 22 AND 29, AND JULY 5-6 @ 2 PM GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST) Kick off your Sunday shoes at the Grand Opera House with *Footloose*, co-produced with Rising Star Theatre Company. Performances are June 20-21 and 25-28, and July 5 at 7:30 p.m. and June 22 and 29, and July 5-6 at 2 p.m.

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. When the reverend's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges pins a father longing for the son he lost against a young man aching for the father who walked out on him.

To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated Top 40 score, augmented with dynamic new songs, Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people while guiding them with a warm heart and open mind.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for children under 18. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**.



Galena ChalkFest

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 @ 7:30 AM-2 PM GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)

Galena ChalkFest, a family friendly event, brings all together for a day of artistic fun

in the parking lot of the Galena Center for the Arts in Galena, on Saturday, June 21.

Chalk artists (solo or teams up tofour people) can compete for one of four cash prizes of \$100, there will also be a gift certificate for youth category, and a People's Choice Award. Registration fee of \$20 includes a box of solid chalk. Pre-registration is encouraged, and can be made through the Center's website at **GalenaCenterForTheArts.com**. Day-of registration is open June 21 at 7:30–9:30 a.m. Judging and awards wrap up the event at 1:30–2 p.m.

Register your team now and learn more at **GalenaCenterForTheArts.com**.

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Families and friends come together to enjoy the outdoors for Kite Tales to celebrate Kids to Parks Day in Dubuque. Photo by City of Dubuque Parks & Rec.



Rob Martin takes center stage here as part of the locally legendary Brews Bros. Band, making their regularly scheduled Memorial Day stop at the Sandy Hook Tavern, just across the river in Wisconsin. "The Hook" is known for their amazing outdoor live music stage and killer food truck. Photo by Craig Reber.



The all-girl Rebel Queens from Minneapolis perform dynamic takes on classic tracks and originals featuring wailing guitars, powerhouse vocals on the Mississippi Moon Bar stage at the Diamond Jo Casino. Photo by Christine Rapp.



Western Dubuque High School Junior Quentin Nauman was the first-ever Iowa High School Track runner to go under 4 minutes in the 1600 meter race at 3:59.60, earning him a standing ovation from Drake Stadium.



The Model T Ford Club – Heart of the Ozarks Chapter, lined-up their beautifully restored early 20th-Century rides in front of the equally historic Hotel Julien Dubuque. The hotel hosted the passionate and dedicated group of auto enthusiasts during their stop in our community.



These gents from Hempstead High School in Dubuque are among the hundreds of new High School graduates in the Tri-States finishing their education and going onto new adventures in life. Photo by proud mom, Laura Glab.



Loved ones and locals gather to send-off the Iowa Army National Guard Alpha Company 1-133rd Infantry Regiment at a special ceremony held at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds before they deploy to Syria. Photos by the Veterans Freedom Center.



The Dubuque Memorial Day Parade wound its way across Chaplain Schmitt Island in downtown Dubuque, including this special flag ceremony at the island's Tri-State Veterans Memorial. Photo by the Veterans Freedom Center.



So much going on with Veterans and active duty military in May including another amazing Honor Flight, taking Vets to Washington D.C. and receiving so much love and admiration from their community.



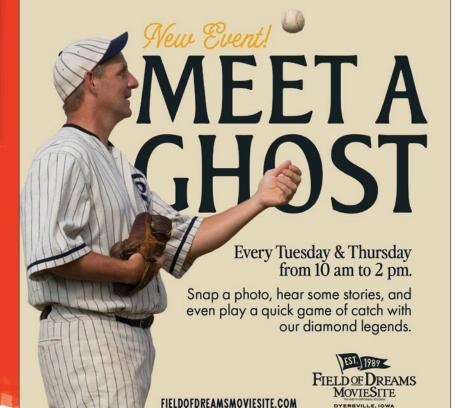
Bluff Strokes Art Center at 1201 Locust St. in downtown Dubuque celebrates a grand opening with a ribbon-cutting from the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors as well as tours and demonstrations through the facility. Photo by Ron Tigges at Digital Dubuque.com.

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The crew of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque celebrate the success of local nonprofits that collectively raised a record-smashing \$630,755 on Great Give Day thanks to you, the community who made those single-day donations. The previous record was \$468,000, Dubuque wins! 565INK



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COVER STORY 365

Keeping up with Q Casino

By Bryce Parks

When we last updated things with the ever-changing and growing Q Casino + Resort campus, Island Social arcade was just opening, welcoming families and kids to the venue for the first time in many years. Alongside the new Island Social Kitchen and Bar, the arcade brought over 75 kinds of interactive games including the amazing lanes of duckpin bowling and digital axe throwing as well as scores of games that can earn you tokens for redeemable prizes at Social Port and even interactive VR games.

Behind the Island Social arcade, Q Casino's giant new event space is also now open, hosting a variety of events from company parties and community gatherings to wedding receptions and more.

"Everything is going all right over there," shares Q Casino + Resort's Chief Operating and Financial Officer Brian Rakestraw. "The event center is all open, and we're super excited for when the hotel gets open where we have the other entrance from the hotel open to that space."

Ah, yes, the soon-to-be Key Hotel. You see it going up as you visit the casino or even drive by on the highway.

"We are hoping to have it open at the latter part of this year," Rakestraw continues. "The rooftop restaurant will probably be following suit in the early part of 2026. I can tell you, the view of downtown you're able to see from where the restaurant is is amazing. You're able to see both bridges over the river, the gold of the courthouse glowing is absolutely beautiful, and at night, the lights on the bluffs are just breathtaking."

It will literally be the only elevated dining venue in Dubuque. So far, it has reached its full height as a structure, and work continues to enclose the building and focus on building out the interior as Q Casino works through its phases of development.

Elsewhere: Once some final moving of HVAC units places the units between the Key Hotel and the casino instead of behind the banquet rooms where they are now, they can complete attractive landscaping and place a fire lane back there. In fact, turning the focus to the outside is a big part of the next phase of development on the property once the hotel is completed.

Rakestraw explains: "You'll start seeing after this fall or early into next year, we'll









- 1. DUCKPIN BOWLING AT ISLAND SOCIAL KITCHEN AND BAR
- 2. NEW LANDSCAPING IN FRONT OF THE CASINO
- 3. RENDERING OF THE IOWA AMPHITHEATER
- 4. THE NEW KEY HOTEL NEXT TO ITS RENDERING

be redoing the facade. Over the years, that area has been piecemealed with Hilton Garden Inn and now the new hotel. So to address the full facade, we have a design ready. We're going to make the exterior look cohesive. That also carries into the parking lot where we'll redo everything including landscaping and beautify the outdoors. So that way when you arrive on our campus, you get that same experience outside that you do inside."

Over that period of time, they will also be completing the lowa Amphitheater which is already well under construction.

"They are moving dirt now," Rakestraw notes. "In addition to landscaping, a lot of utility work is going on underground dealing with power, data, water, and sewer lines. They'll be pouring what we call the cut walls at the main entrance."

You can see the tall, somewhat decoratively shaped concrete forms in place now. Once poured in the next couple of weeks, you will see heavy equipment moving dirt again up against these walls to create a sloped hill from the entrance toward the stage. Currently on schedule,

they hope to have grass and sod in place before winter for a strong rooting start to spring and then welcome guests to the amphitheater for the concert series starting the summer of next year.

The construction of the future amphitheater is, obviously, affecting the layout of this season's Back Waters Stage venue in order to both plan for the future without giving up a season to get there. We discuss this in more detail in the accompanying Back Waters Stage feature, but this year's somewhat more compact concert space features an east-facing stage instead of the longtime south-facing setup. The crowd area is narrower, but longer in the past. We've visited the venue in advance, and it looks as good as ever, even if it might feel more constrained to the event organizers.

And when all of the work is completed on the amphitheater, the Key Hotel, and the exterior updates, they will look to do an interior remodel of the Hilton Garden Inn. A soft update of interior design, carpet, wall covering, and such, trying to blend the Key Hotel and the Hilton where they complement each other. Look for this

to be the capstone to the next three-year phase of work. Surely by then, we'll have even more exciting phases in the pipeline.

In the middle of all of this progress, a new president and CEO is joining the Q Casino and DRA team when Anthony Williams comes July 1 from Las Vegas to inject his energy and vast experience into the progress already underway.

"I was part of the interview process and talking to him," shares Rakestraw. "I think he's going to be a great asset for us, and he is very personable. We're looking forward to him getting on property and helping us continue not only the development of our property but development of Schmidt Island and helping the community as a whole."

A previously announced golf entertainment complex behind the casino now appears to no longer be in the works as originally planned. While Q Casino can't officially comment right now on the status of that venue, it seems clear that they will be exploring other opportunities for that space, whether it be a new golf-themed vendor partner or an entirely new vision.

Stay tuned! ■

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Q Casino Back Waters Stage

Presented by Midwest One Bank

June 19: Jake Owen: The Driftwood Ramble Tour with special guest Uncle Kracker June 27: Hairball: Silver Anniversary Tour with special guest Pork Tornadoes July 5: 311: Unity Tour with special guests Badflower and Sitting On Saturn

July 26: Warren Zeiders: Relapse Tour with special guest TBA

August 1: In This Moment: Hell Hath No Fury Tour with special guests Wargasm, Kat Von D and The Pretty Wild August 22: Brothers Osborne with special guest TBA

September 11: Mudvayne: L.D. 50 25th Anniversary Tour with special guests Vended and Static-X

By Bryce Parks

Every Back Waters Stage season tends to have a defining highlight that sets the tone for what's to come. While this year is no different, the main focal point lies a year in the future, an exciting development that's also influencing this season's plans. Every challenge comes a silver lining.

Everyone knows by now that the highly-anticipated Iowa Amphitheater at Q Casino + Resort is set to open in 2026. A glance at the rear parking lot of the casino already reveals significant construction underway. Before we reach that longawaited moment, there's still an entire season of music and fun along the Mississippi River to enjoy. This year the challenge isn't just about timing-it's about space.

The construction doesn't just involve moving materials and equipment; it physically encroaches on the space that previously hosted the fan-favorite concert series.

"The biggest change this year is that we're working with a smaller footprint

compared to last year," shared Brian Rakestraw, chief operating and financial officer at Q Casino + Resort. "So, things are set up differently, which we're actually excited about."

Rakestraw is enthusiastic about the new look for the temporary Back Waters Stage, and that the concert series is happening at all despite the major construction taking place just yards away. They didn't have to skip a season, and that's something to celebrate.

"We knew we'd have to scale back the shows since the venue's crowd capacity has decreased significantly compared to prior years. While we're losing some capacity this year, we're already thinking ahead to next year when we'll be able to host up to 8,000 people here in Dubuque for major shows."

That reduced capacity also means they couldn't book an act like Jelly Roll for 2025; the ticket sales wouldn't make financial sense. Still, they're welcoming several thousand fans to each show this season. Fewer tickets per event also

means they could sell out quicker, so don't wait too long to grab yours. The lineup is diverse, so there's something for everyone. It's time to choose your shows and dust off your lawn chairs.

"We've got two shows in June, two in July, two in August, and one in September. It balanced out really well," Rakestraw said. "We already hosted the Kickoff to Summer and have Summer's Last Blast and Oktoberfest on the future calendar. We've got a mix of pop-country, some dirt-road country, older rock and roll, and even some metal. We're super excited about this year's lineup; it's going to be a great season."

Some initial frustration over not being able to fit bigger acts into this year's space has turned into something of a blessing in disguise.

"We're already working hard on next year making sure we have a solid tech package and stage drawings ready ahead of time. Some artists we hoped to book this year were just too big-but they're excited to come in 2026. When we put

out offers for 2025, they asked why the venue was smaller. Once we explained that we're building an amphitheater they were enthusiastic about being part of it."

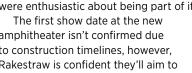
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The first show date at the new amphitheater isn't confirmed due to construction timelines, however. Rakestraw is confident they'll aim to extend the season in coming years. That could mean more concerts from spring through fall, not just during summer.

Q Casino + Resort is also looking forward to partnering with community events offering a new home that makes events easier and more cost-effective to host. There's even potential to launch entirely new events thanks to the expanded venue.

Once the amphitheater opens, the current festival grounds can revert to much needed parking for a venue that will welcome up to 8,000 guests. In the end, it all works out.

For tickets and more information about this summer's lineup, check out the next two pages or visit BackWatersStage.com.











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 on Schmitt Island. The shows are all ages and are held rain or shine. All listed prices include fees before tax. Check out the concert lineup below, and get more details and, most importantly, advance tickets online at BackWatersStage.com.

Jake Owen: The Driftwood Ramble Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUEST UNCLE KRACKER

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 @ 7:30 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Jake Owen is a country music mainstay with multiple gold and platinum records, 10 No. 1 singles, and over 2.5 billion U.S. on-demand streams. Known for his laid-back style, Owen's hit songs include "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," "Beachin'," "Anywhere With You," "Alone With You," and "The One That Got Away."

Uncle Kracker first broke onto the scene with Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker Band, but his solo debut *Double Wide* made him a household name. He's known for chart-topping hits like "Follow Me," "When the Sun Goes Down," and his iconic cover of Dobie Gray's "Drift Away."

Ticket are \$71.25 for GA and \$91.25 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.

Hairball: The Silver Anniversary Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUEST THE PORK TORNADOES

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 @ 8 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Hairball delivers a rock & roll spectacle like no other bombastic, high-energy celebration of arena rock that feels like 20 concerts rolled into one night. With fire, smoke, lights, and theatrics, this isn't just a concert. It's an event.

Iowa-grown favorites The Pork Tornadoes will get the party started. They could easily headline on their own, but they're here to warm up the crowd with their trademark charm and musical versatility.

Tickets are \$41.25.

311: The Unity Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS BADFLOWER AND SITTING ON SATURN

SATURDAY, JULY 5 @ 7 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

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 of rock, reggae, funk, and rap. Across their 13 albums, they have earned 5X Platinum and 6X Gold certifications. 311 was induced into the The lowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association in 2024.

Joining them are Los Angeles rockers Badflower, whose 2024 single "Detroit" leads a growing list of rock hits. The show opens with the high-energy three-piece band of Sitting on Saturn, a powerhouse act hailing from Southern California.

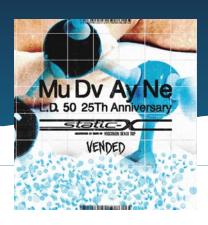
Tickets are \$71.24 for GA and \$91.24 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.











Warren Zeiders: The Relapse Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CHASE MCDANIEL

SATURDAY, JULY 26 @ 7 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Warren Zeiders is one of country music's fastest-rising stars. His debut album released in 2023, *Pretty Little Poison*, already achieved a No. 1 country radio single and a double platinum certification for the title track. In 2024, he won the CMT Award for Breakthrough Male Video of the Year.

Chase McDaniel brings relentless drive and heart to the stage. His *Billboard* Digital Sales No. 1 hit "Project" is just one example of his growing reputation as one of Nashville's most promising voices.

Tickets are \$75.25 for GA and \$95.25 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.

In This Moment: Hell Hath No Fury Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS WARGASM, KAT VON D, AND THE PRETTY WILD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 @ 6:30 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Grammy-nominated metal band In This Moment delivers haunting, theatrical performances like no other. Frontwoman Maria Brink leads the band with a commanding presence, joined by co-founder Chris Howorth and a powerhouse ensemble. Their song "The In-Between" earned them a Grammy nod in 2020, and their live shows are mesmerizing.

Also performing are Wargasm, a British electronic rock duo led by guitarist Milkie Way; Kat Von D, known for her tattoo artistry on LA Ink and her dark, synth-laden music; and The Pretty Wild, a sister act known for rebellious, genredefying rock with heartfelt lyrics.

Tickets are \$74.30 for GA and \$94.30 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.

Brothers Osborne

WITH SPECIAL GUEST TBA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 @ 8 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Brothers Osborne returns to the Back Waters Stage with their signature blend of country and rock. They have CMA Awards, six ACM Awards, and 10 Grammy nominations, they're one of the most acclaimed duos in country music. Their RIAA-certified hits and more than 2.5 billion global streams speak volumes.

Special guest to be announced—stay tuned!

Tickets are \$73.25 for GA and \$93.25 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.

Mudvayne: L.D. 50 25th Anniversary Tour

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS STATIC-X AND VENDED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 6:30 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Get ready for an intense night of metal as Mudvayne celebrates the 25th anniversary of their ground-breaking debut album, *L.D. 50*. They are known for their experimental sound, theatrical stage presence, and cult following. Mudvayne has sold over five million records and redefined the nu-metal scene. After a long hiatus, they're back and stronger than ever.

Joining them is Static-X, the industrial metal band from Los Angeles with a fierce, unforget-table aesthetic. Static-X push an aggressive thrash metal blend with industrial overtones and a techno pulse. They emered at the tail end of the '90s with their breakthrough debut, 1998s cult classic *Wisconsin Death Trip* featuring hit "Push It."

Plus Vended, a newer metal group from Des Moines, IA featuring sons of Slipknot members and known for their aggressive sound and high-octane performances.

Tickets are \$81.24 for GA and \$101.24 for VIP Turpin Tailgate.



Jet to know

This area welcomes visitors with rolling farmland, historic covered bridges. and the winding Wapsipinicon River carving through its fertile landscape.

This picturesque region of eastern lowa is steeped in art history. Grant Wood was born in Anamosa and drew inspiration from the natural landscape he grew up in.

The flavors of Jones County are as rich and diverse as its heritage. From charming smalltown cafés to inventive eateries, the local dining scene offers cuisine to satisfy every appetite.

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TOWNS TO VISIT ALONG THE WAY

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- CENTER JUNCTION 45 miles ☐ MARTELLE 55 miles
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EXPLORE

NATURE & OUTDOORS

Wapsipinicon State Park: Wander through limestone bluffs and lush forests along the scenic Wapsipinicon River, where hiking trails lead to hidden caves and panoramic views of the rolling countryside. ANAMOSA

Central Park: Discover this 217-acre natural gem with pristine lakes, miles of hiking trails, and abundant wildlife viewing opportunities perfect for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. CENTER JUNCTIO

Hale Bridge: Cross this historic three-span bowstring arch bridge, carefully preserved and relocated to Wapsipinicon State Park, offering a glimpse into Iowa's transportation heritage alongside picturesque river views. ANAMOSA

ARTS & CULTURE

Stone City: Step back in time in this limestone village where Grant Wood found inspiration and established his influential Art Colony during the 1930s. STONE CITY

Grant Wood Art Gallery: Immerse yourself in works of Iowa's most famous artist at this gallery showcasing the American Gothic painter's connection to Anamosa. ANAMOSA

TOTALLY UNIQUE

Edinburgh Manor: Explore the

Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum: Delve into the fascinating history of lowa's oldest prison through artifacts, exhibits, and illuminating stories. ANAMOSA



BREWS & BITES

The Blind Pig: Savor craft cocktails and elevated pub fare in a stylishly rustic atmosphere balancing small-town charm with contemporary dining. MONTICELLO

Lalo's Mexican Restaurant: Experience authentic southof-the-border flavors from family recipes served with genuine hospitality in a welcoming space. WYOMING

Pictured Rocks County Park: Observe diverse wildlife along limestone bluffs and forested trails at this natural sanctuary where the Maquoketa River creates habitats for native birds, deer, and aquatic

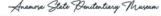
Mon-Maq Dam: Witness the seasonal fish migrations at this historic dam site where anglers and wildlife photographers gather to capture the natural rhythms of the Maquoketa River ecosystem.

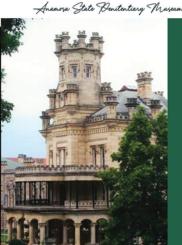
SHOPPING

Keeper of the Crafts: Browse unique handcrafted treasures at this artisan marketplace where local makers showcase pottery, textiles, woodwork, and seasonal décor. OXFORD JUNCTIO

Muddy Boots: Step into this charming boutique where outdoor enthusiasts find quality gear alongside country-inspired home goods in a perfect blend of functionality and rustic style.

Market 113: Discover unique finds at this eclectic downtown shop where vintage treasures, local artisan goods, and carefully curated home décor create an inspiring shopping experience filled with unexpected delights. ANAMOSA





Market at the Tap MONTICELLO Tyler & Downing's ANAMOSA

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT TRAVELDUBUQUE.COM/JONESCOUNTY

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The Dubuque area is surrounded by neighboring counties with so much to see and do! Make sure Jackson, Jones, and Delaware counties are on your travel bucket list this summer and stay tuned for more regional inspiration in upcoming issues of 365ink

Dubuque County Events



Downtown Summer Nights JUNE 13; AUGUST 8

DOWNTOWN DYERSVILLE, IA

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!

Dyersville 3rd of July **Celebration & Fireworks** JULY 3

COMMERCIAL CLUB PARK (DYERSVILLE, IA) Festivities starting late afternoon. Live music, food, games, and more. Fireworks at dark.

Field of Dreams Ghost Saturdays JULY 5 & 19; AUGUST 2 & 16

FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE (DYERSVILLE, IA)

Free event, concessions, and autographs available. Just bring your chair and sunscreen for the Greatest Show on Dirt! 1 p.m. (8/16 at 6 p.m.).

FieldOfDreamsMovieSite.com.

Delaware County Events

River Days

JUNE 5-7

300 W MAIN ST (MANCHESTER, IA) Held at the peak of rhubarb season and just in time to try out a new kayak or tube on the White Water Park, try rhubarb pies, brats, or shop the rhubarb store! Plus, more vendors for you to sample or buy, kids' games, and live music! DelawareCountylowaTourism.com.



Civil War Days **JUNE 6-8**

DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM (HOPKINTON, IA) A nearly 50-year tradition, this marks the opening of the museum for the season with reenactors, and Let-

ters From Home presentation. Plus, a parade, battles, food, raffles, and more. DCHSIA.org/civil-war-days-2025.

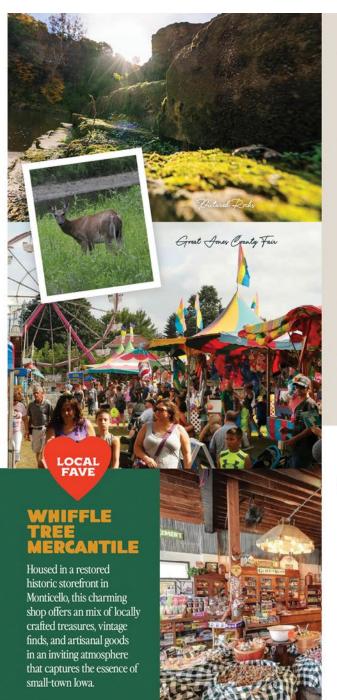
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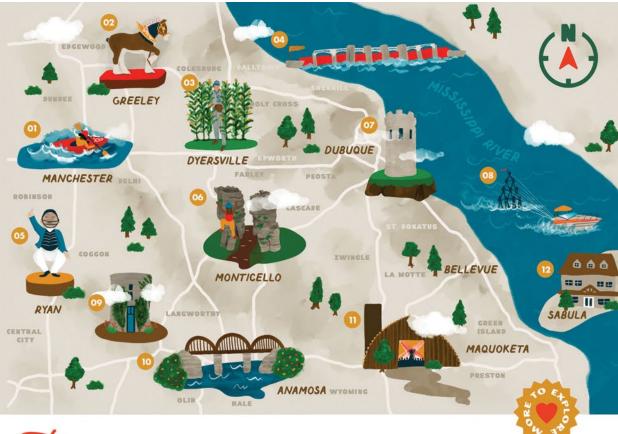
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Discover THE AREA

Get out and explore Jackson County and it's neighbors in Delaware, Dubuque, and Jones counties and experience the wonder of Eastern Iowa.

- Manchester Whitewater Park: lowa's first whitewater park offering six engineered rapids for kayakers and paddleboarders on the Maquoketa River. MANCHESTER
- O2. Clydesdale Statue: Life-sized bronze monument honoring the draft horses central to Eastern Iowa's agricultural history. GREELEY
- Field of Dreams Movie Site: Iconic baseball diamond and farmhouse from the classic film attracting visitors worldwide.
- O4. 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
- **08. Ski Bellevue:** Unique water ski team performing acrobatic shows on the Mississippi during summer months. **BELLEVUE**
- Stone City: Historic limestone quarry town featured in Grant Wood's painting, known for 1800s stone architecture. STONE CITY
- 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. MAQUIDINGTA
- 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.

Music on the Maquoketa

and your favorite drinks. 6 p.m.

RIVERFRONT PARK (MAQUOKETA, IA) Live music on the beautiful Maquoketa River. Bring a blanket or chair



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**.

Bellevue Heritage Days JULY 4-6

DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE, IA

Bellevue celebrates the Independence Day holiday with Heritage Days, two days of family-friendly activities including carnival rides, a queen contest, dance, parade, petting zoo, a show by Ski Bellevue, vintage tractor, car and motorcycle displays, and fireworks. Live music nightly.

Facebook.com/BellevueHeritageDays.

Jones County Events

Monticello Farmers Market SATURDAYS & WEDNESDAYS THROUGH 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 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.



Great Jones County Fair JULY 16-20 GREAT JONES COUNTY FAIR (MONTICELLO, IA)

Famous for live music! This year is no different with Sam Hunt, Nelly & Chingy, Hardy and Sammy Kershaw, and Aaron Tippen and Colin Raye. **GreatJonesCountyFair.com**.

FEATURE STORY 365



Dubuque Pride Festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ NOON-5 PM TOWN CLOCK PLAZA (680 MAIN ST)

Changes are happening at the DBQ Pride Festival 2025! The annual openair event returns to downtown Dubuque in its new location, the Town Clock Plaza, on Saturday, June 7, noon to 5 p.m., in the largest ever Pride celebration in Dubuque history. The festival is expanding to a new, prime location to better feature the multiple entertainers, food trucks, and almost 80 vendor and resource booths, double the amount of last year.

Beginning 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. This year's event has expanded to five hours to feature increased entertainment featuring local DJ service Brandon's Sound Check, with 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 Adam's Dance Connection. There are nearly 80 vendor and resource booths 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.

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

The new DBQ Pride Festival 2025 T-shirt design will make its debut with an exciting twist; this year's T-shirts will be printed live onsite by PGP Printing, a local maker specializing in screen printed apparel. This fun format allows festival goers to choose their size and experience watching it being made. The updated design pays tribute to the new Town Clock location and can be found on DBQ Pride's social media accounts. It is exclusively available 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. In addition to the fun party atmosphere, it's the smiling faces and the feeling of belonging and safety that the DBQ Pride Festival aims to achieve. For festival planners, it's a lot of work, but the reward of serving the community and advancing understanding and equality in a city as unique as ours makes every minute worth it.

Free and open to the public, there is free parking available all day in the Iowa Street Ramp located behind NICC. In the event of forecasted inclement weather, the Five Flags Center will serve as an alternative venue, with an announcement made the evening of Thursday the 5th on social media if needed. For more information visit **dbqpride.org** and follow the event on Facebook and Instagram.



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!

FRI **6/6**

First Fridays: Pride and Freedom!

5-8 PM @ THE STU
The Stu hosts *Pride and*Freedom! featuring work by
Indigo Perry, Queene Massey,
and Moni Hughes. 1533 Central Ave. facebook.com/
TriPhoenixGroup.

First Fridays: Without Permission: Celebrating Identity in the LGBTQIA+ Community

7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK 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. 62 E 7th St. **DubuqueArts.com**.

SAT **6/7**

Dubuque Pride Festival

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

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 OWI facilitator. 80 Market St, Platteville, WI. 608-348-6578. office@uccplatt.org.

MON **6/9**

Galena Hookers

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

WED **6/11**

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
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.

Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

6-8 PM @ THE INNOVATION

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. 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.

LoJo RuSSo

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.

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, Synwxye

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.

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

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 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. 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 **6/20**

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.

SUN **6/22**

Gender Affirming Clothing Pop Up

1-3 PM @ TBA
Ritual Beauty teams up
with the Dubuque LGBTQ+
Resource Network to offer
gender-affirming care/

safe places for ALL BOD-IES to have a judgement free shopping experience. **DBQresource.net**.

MON 6/23

Galena Hookers

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

WED **6/25**

50+ LGBTQ+ Coffee Meetup

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

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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. eventbrite.com.

SAT **6/28**

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-dbq.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.

Galena Hookers

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



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) Ozzy & Bon JoeB 6 PM @ First Reserve

Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Roy Schroedl 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Rock'n the Plaza; Tapestry 6 PM @Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Daniel Eric 6 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

lan 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

MiniMonster 8 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

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)

Scales Mound Music in the Park: Aaron Erdenberger @ 2 PM Walking Molly @ 3 PM Meghan Davis @ 6 PM Rock Steady @ 7 PM High Point Park (Scales Mound, IL)

Music on Pearl: Krause Family Band 2 PM @ UU Church of Stockton (Stockton, IL)

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

Darin & Amber 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker 5 PM @ Pizzeria Uno Annex (Platteville, WI)

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

Adam Beck 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

lan 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

Kickoff to Summer Rooftop Comedy Show: Ken Hamlett 8 PM @ Smokestack

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
1PM @ 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)

DR Band 1:30 PM @ Bellevue Golf Club (Bellevue, IA)

Rock Steady 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Semi Retired 2 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

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)

Brushfire Bandits Duo 2 PM @ HWY 20 Brewing Co (Elizabeth, IL)

The Mighty MudCats 2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery (Guttenberg, IA)

Jordan Danielson 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Blues in the Vineyard: 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)

Brushfire Bandits Duo 7 PM @ First Reserve

Glenn Miller Orchestra 7 PM @ Five Flags Theater

THU 6/12

Millwork Night Market: The Daddy Longlegs 5 PM @ 7th-9thand Jackson St

Brushfire Bandits 5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL) 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

Back Booth Duo 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Platteville Music in the Park: Stay Tuned 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Forrest McCurren 6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Maquoketa Summer Concert Series: Wonderful Smiths 6 PM @ 100 S Main St, Maquoketa, IA

Tri-State Wind Symphony: Dr. Nolan Hauta, Accordion Divas 6:15 PM @ Alliant Energy Ampitheater

Scott Waterhouse 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

FRI **6/13**

Food Festival Fridays: Burn Cruise Noon @ Washington Park

Juneteenth 5 PM @ Multicultural Family Center

Mick & Gerry Staebell 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Jimmy Welty Band 5 PM @ Potosi Brewing Co (Potosi, WI)

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

Downtown Summer Night: On the Rocks 5:30 PM @ Legacy Square (Dyersville, IA)

Steve & Randy 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Shannon Woulfe 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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Galena Pride Drag Bingo 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Ben Dunegan 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Back Booth Alley 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Tapestry 7 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

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

Molly Shannon 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Sushi Roll 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Gasoline Lollipops, Riff & the Heist 8 PM @ Smokestack

Boogie Monster 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Charlie Cook 8:30 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

SAT **6/14**

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

Sam Day 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Travis Busch 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Daniel Stratman 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

Kurt & Steve Duo 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Lojo Russo 2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Michael Mikrut 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Charlie Cook 3 PM @ Mid-Town Marina (East DBQ, IL)

RatchetJaw 5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon Marzipan Mailbox, Stiggy Pop 5 PM @ Smokestack

Jacquie Miller Band 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

John Moran 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Hunter Fuerste & His American Vintage Orchestra 6 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

Johnnie Walker 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Rocktail 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Meatplow, JT Ripper 7 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

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

Jimmy Welty Band 7 PM @ Whitetail Bluff (Cassville, WI)

Tony Walker 7:30 PM @ Mid-Town Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

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

Faux Doubt 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Daniel Eric 8 PM @ Wicked Dame

Detour Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Pride Party Welcome for All: Boogie Monster 8:30 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Shenanigan's Veterans Freedom Center Benefit & Ride: Willie & The Buzzhounds 9 PM @ Eichman's Bar & Grill Pride Night: Big Sloth, If I Could Just Get Some Sleep, Synwxve 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 6/15

The Crazy Hollar Boys 1 PM @ The Yardarm

Tony Brown Duo 1 PM @ The Hilltop at Menominee (Menominee, IL)

Forrest McCurran Duo 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Luke Thomas 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Brushfire Bandits Duo 2 PM @ Lubben Vineyards (Anamosa, IA)

Burn Cruise 2 PM @ Hooks & Bobbers (Winslow, IL)

Tony Walker 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Music in the Gardens: Ocean's Rat Pack 6 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

Danny Parker Project 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Music at the Star: Hunter Fuerste and His American Vintage Orchestra 6:30 PM @ Alliant Energy Amphitheater

Stolen Grace 7 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

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

Watchhouse, Two Runner (SOLD OUT) 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

MON 6/16

Lancaster Community Band 7 PM @ Ryland Park (Lancaster, WI)

TUE **6/17**

JJ Schmitz 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Hangin' Around Band 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Backpocket's 13th Anniversary: Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7:30 PM @ Backpocket DBQ



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WED 6/18

Charlie Cook 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Cuba City Community Market: Jesse Bauman Duo 4 PM @ Veterans Memorial Park (Cuba City, WI)

DR Band 5:30 PM @ Eagle Ridge Marina (Galena, IL)

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL) Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr 7 PM @ First Reserve

Chicago 7 PM @ Five Flags Arena

THU 6/19

Tangle Creek
11 AM @ Mount Carmel Bluffs

Three Quarter Buzz 5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL) Cruisin' Thursdays: Jimmy Welty Band 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Lina's Lounge

Wayne Cook 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Platteville Music in the Park: Scrap Metal 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Kristina Marie Castañeda 6 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Sushi Roll 7 PM @ The Yardarm

Charlie Roth 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Jake Owen, Uncle Kracker 7:30 PM @ Q Casino + Resort Back Waters Stage

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

The Matchsellers 8 PM @ The Lift The Jayhawks (SOLD OUT) 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maguoketa, IA)

Jake Dodds 11 PM @ Q Showroom

Jackson County Pro Rodeo: 50 Pound Rooster Bellevue Horsemen's Club (Bellevue, IA)

FRI **6/20**

Kristina Marie Castañeda 4:30 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Daniel Eric 5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Liliana Asta 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

Great Galena Balloon Race: Wundo Band 5:30 PM @ Eagle Ridge Resort (Galena, IL)

Rock Steady 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Johnnie Walker 6 PM @ Pizzeria Uno Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Woodbine Bend Golf (Woodbine, IL)

Stockton, IL Music in the Park: Vince Chiarelli Band 6 PM @ Stockton Park South Shelter House (Stockton, IL)

Eric Richards Duo 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Max Kowalske 7 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

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

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

Jake Beaty 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ The Burg (Shullsburg, WI) Paul Little 8 PM @ First Reserve

Southern Accents 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Jake McVey 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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

Divas of Pop Drag Show 10 PM @ Reyna's Taco Bar (Galena, IL)

Jackson County Pro Rodeo: River Moonshine Bellevue Horsemen's Club (Bellevue, IA)

SAT **6/21**

Southwest Wisconsin Pride in the Park 10 AM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

World Make Music Day: Scott Rische @ 10 AM Roy Schroedl @ 11 AM Tracey Roberts & Friends @ 2:15 PM Driftless Market (Platteville, WI)

Corkless in Galena Wine Festival: Kelly Steward, Ernie Hendrickson Trio, Mr. Falcon 11 AM @ Depot Park, Galena, IL

World Make Music Day: Community Singing w/ Alyssa Zasada 11 AM @ Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums (Platteville, WI)

World Make Music Day: House of Music Piano Recitals @ Noon Jemma Holden @ 1 PM Alethea Holden @ 2 PM Platteville Public Library (Platteville, WI)

Tony Walker 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Summer Solstice: Joie, Kristina & Lexi @ 1 PM Atomic Blonde @ 8 PM The Yardarm

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

World Make Music Day: John Roethke @ 1 PM David Czech @ 2 PM Badger Brothers Coffee (Platteville, WI) World Make Music Day: Roy Schroedl 1 PM @ Holiday Inn Express (Platteville, WI)

Steve Kalmes 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

Johnnie Walker 1:30 PM @ Fergedaboudit Winery (Hanover, IL)

Heartbeat 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

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

World Make Music Day: Piano in the Park @ 2 PM Sousapalooza @ 6:30 PM Smith Park Wood Shelter (Platteville, WI)

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

Shannon Woulfe 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

World Make Music Day: Prairie Lights String Band @ 3 PM Plucky Strummers @ 6 PM First Congregational UCC (Platteville, WI)

3 on the Tree 3 PM @ Off Shore Resort Pool (Bellevue, IA)

Noah James Hittner 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Great Galena Balloon Race: Ten Gallon Hat 5:30 PM @ Eagle Ridge Resort (Galena, IL)

Jacquie Miller 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tangle Creek 6 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA)

The Broken Rubber Band 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Michael Breitbach 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Massey Road 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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





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Upcoming Entertainment



Maurice Benard

JULY 11 @ 7 PM

Join General Hospital star Maurice Benard as he tours in 2025—celebrating more than 30 years portraying the iconic character of Sonny Corinthos. He looks forward to connecting with his fans as he discusses his acting career, life struggles, and of course, General Hospital, as well as engaging in a Q&A session with fans. Maurice has been nominated for several Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Lead Actor and has won in 2003, 2019, and 2021. He was cast as Sonny in 1993, playing the manic-depressive mobster for the ABC soap. Maurice has also been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and is an advocate for mental health. Maurice is very active in the bipolar community. Maurice's book, Nothing General About It: How Love (and Lithium) Saved Me On and Off General Hospital, was a New York Times Best Seller. Maurice also hosts a successful weekly show on YouTube, State of Mind.



Peter Antoniou

AUGUST 2 @ 8 PM

Peter's shows are interactive and unforgettable. Join him as he reads minds and tickles funny bones, telling jokes and fortunes live onstage.



Electric Avenue

AUGUST 8 @ 8 PM

Experience all the youthful energy and sonic celebration of the 1980s' new wave and radio pop era. Every sound. Every nuance. Every feeling.

Additional Entertainment

WHITEY MORGAN AND THE 78'S

AUGUST 15 @ 8 PM

COLT FORD

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 8 PM

SAMANTHA FISH

OCTOBER 18 @ 8 PM

DUSTY SLAY DECEMBER 12 @ 7 & 9:30 PM

DIAMOND JO

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



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FRI 6/27 KARAOKE WITH JAKE

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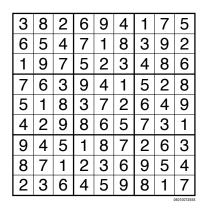
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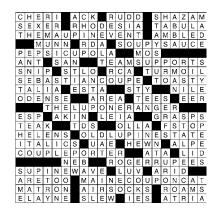
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OTHERSIDE **LUNCH SPECIALS**

JUNE

- 5 Wedge Salad
- 6 Shredded Pork & Gravy
- 9 Soups & Sandwiches
- 10 Chicken Parmesan
- 11 BrO.S.ted Chicken
- 12 Philly Lasagna
- 13 Beef Tip Marsa
- 16 Soups, Salads, Sammys
- 17 Corned Beef & Reubens
- 18 BrO.S.ted Chicken
- 19 Panzerotti
- 20 Open-Faced Beef
- 23 Wedge Salad
- 24 Italian Beef Sandwich
- 25 BrO.S.ted Chicken
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Solitary Man w/ Will Chalmers 7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maguoketa, IA)

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

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

Night Moves, Anthony Worden & The Illiterati, Shady Cove 7:30 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maguoketa, IA)

Jimmy Welty Band 7:30 PM @ Jellystone Park (Monticello, IA)

Cal Coohey 8 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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Rock Steady 8 PM @ Mid-Town Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

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

Cirque du Buque Drag Cabaret 10 PM @ Smokestack

Jackson County Pro Rodeo: Big John Hammer and the **Rusty Nails** Bellevue Horsemen's Club (Bellevue, IA)

SUN 6/22

John Gay 1PM @ Barrel Head Winery

BJ McAndrew 1 PM @ Dockside Bar & Grille

Summer Solstice: MiniMonster 1PM @ The Yardarm

Elizabeth Mary 1PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

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

Jimmy Welty Band 1 PM @ Worthington Memorial Park (Worthington, IA)

Friends Trivia 2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Haphazard 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

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

DR Duo 2 PM @ HWY 20 Brewing Co (Elizabeth, IL)

Three Quarter Buzz 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Blues in the Vineyard: **Bob Dorr Trio** 3 PM @ Tabor Home Winery (Baldwin, IA)

Backpocket's 13th Anniversary: Throwback Bingo 5:30 PM @ Backpocket DBQ

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

Music at the Star: Luke Viertel & Amy Friedl w/ the Skyline Band 6:30 PM @ Alliant Energy Amphitheater

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

TUE **6/24**

Sarah Day 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Johnnie Walker 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED **6/25**

Jesse Bauman 4 PM @ The Yardarm

Jukebox Bingo 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Danny Parker Project 6 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

The Broken Rubber Band 7 PM @ First Reserve

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 7 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

THU 6/26

Rock Steady 5 PM @ Jimmv's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Johnnie Walker 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Live @ The Plaza: Americana Band 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL)

Jeff Theisen 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Moonshine Run 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Rebel Wells 6 PM @ Mid-Town Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Platteville Music in the Park: City Band 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Plum St. Jam 6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Maquoketa Summer Concert Series: Slandash Bluegrass 6 PM @ 100 S Main St, Maguoketa, IA

Tri-State Wind Symphony: Rodney Matthews "A Star-Spangled Spectacular!" with Legion Post 6, Accordion Divas 6:15 PM @ Alliant Energy Ampitheater

Barry Cloyd 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

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

St. Paul & The Broken Bones. Cece Coakley (SOLD OUT) 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maguoketa, IA)

FRI **6/27**

Mark Zalaznik 5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery



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Open Mic w/ Scott Rische 1PM @ 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 Jst Sun

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

Trivia w/ Think & Drink 7 PM @ Barrel House

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 Ft 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) F* 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 1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

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

Karaoke 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL) Open Mic Karaoke 8:30 PM @ The Big House (Petersburg, IA)

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

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

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

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THE BUSINESS, THE DZ COMBO, ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FRIDAY, JUNE 6 @ 5-10:30 PM

TOWN CLOCK PLAZA (680 MAIN ST)

One of Dubuque's earliest and 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: bringing together thousands of locals on Friday nights for a good time and a great show.

On the 30th anniversary year of the series, Dubuque Main Street is rekindling Dubuque & All That Jazz for one big night under the Town Clock in the heart of downtown Dubuque on Friday, June 6, from 5 to 10:30 p.m.

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.

Bring your lawn chairs. Bring your friends. Celebrate 30 years of unforget-table music, summer nights, and community pride. For more information, call Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** or visit **DubuqueMainStreet.org**.



Will Chalmers: Solitary Man

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 @ 7 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)
Will Chalmers has been performing his
tribute to Neil Diamond since 2002,
and he's bringing it to the Ohnward
Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on
Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. 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.

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



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FR **6/6**



Drama Kings

8 PM @ THE YARDARM (1201 SHIRAS AVE EXT)

The Drama Kings are a fun rock band out of Cedar Rapids Iowa playing party rock since 2014. Formed from Bad Habits, Shock Doktor, and various other eastern lowa rock bands over the years, The Drama Kings play a wide variety of music from the 80's and 90's rock, alternative and grunge rock and just plain fun music! The band has been rocking the Yardarm since 2014 and love coming back every summer! Brian, Brian Dave and Tony bring a wide variety of music genres and experiences to this circus of goofballs who love to entertain and rock crowds all over eastern Iowa. The Drama Kings is a fun show, keeps you laughing and always entertaining! You will be dancing and singing along as they play all your favorites and surprise you with a few you forgot about! dubuquemarina.com.

SAT **6/7**



Music on Pearl: Krause Family Band 2 PM @ UU CHURCH OF STOCKTON (219 NORTH PEARL, STOCKTON, IL) TICKETS: \$15

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. uuchurchofstockton.org.

SUN **6/15**



Music in the Gardens: Ocean's Rat Pack

6 PM @ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM &
BOTANICAL GARDENS PACKARD PAVILION
AMPHITHEATER (3800 ARBORETUM DR)
COVER: FREE

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. 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. Bring a lawn chair along with your favorite appetizers. 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. **DubuqueArboretum.net**.



Music at the Star: Hunter Fuerste & His American Vintage Orchestra 6:30 @ ALLIANT ENERGY AMPHITHEATER (600 STAR BREWERY DR)

COVER: FREE

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. 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. DubuqueArtsCouncil.com.

THU 6/19



The Matchsellers

8 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: FREE

For more than a decade, The Matchsellers have infused traditional roots music with a modern, art-house twist. From outer-space operas to bluegrass bookclubs and electronic banjo music mixed with dystopian podcasts, The Matchsellers grapple with ideas of tradition, modernity, and Midwestern identity in fiery, beautiful and often hilarious ways. Hailing from Kansas City, The Matchsellers create a rich tapestry of storytelling, humor, and sentimentality. Top notch harmonies, musicianship and idiosyncratic song and stagecraft have made the group one of the most original and sought-after acoustic

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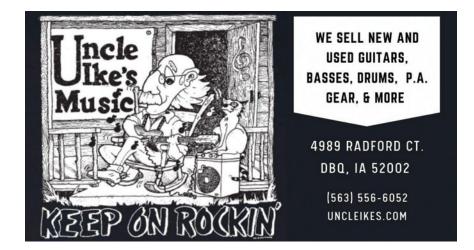
FRI 6/20



Stockton Music in the Park: Vince Chiarelli Band

6 PM @ STOCKTON PARK SOUTH SHELTER HOUSE (600 N PEARL ST, STOCKTON, IL) COVER: FREE

Stockton Music in the Park 2025 announces the first concert of the summer season on June 20th at the South Park Shelter House. We welcome The Vince Chiarelli Trio to provide the music for this evening. One of the most original and eclectic Italian groups, they have entertained audiences from coast to coast. The band offers classic Italian favorites with their own modern twist and Latin flair. They mix Italian American favorites with bossa nova and flamenco rhythms. While the Vince Chiarelli Trio pays homage to Italian music, "...they are not your grandmother's Italian music." The music of the Vince Chiarelli Trio continues the legacy of Vince Sr. who achieved national success in the music business as a songwriter and musician recording hits in The Barn recording studio in Nashville. Not only did he play and record in Nashville, but he was also heavily involved in the music scene in Chicago. Vince Jr. continues to play his grandfather's songs to show the influence Italian music has had on American popular music. A food truck will be on site prior to and during the concert. Bring your lawn chair for comfortable seating. If the weather is not co-operative, the concert will be held in the Park House. The concert is free and open to the public however a donation basket will be passed to help cover the costs. The generosity of our attendees has allowed us to continue to provide music to the community. marss-stockton.org.









The Rice is Nice

By Danny Fairchild

This column is long overdue. Like...MONTHS overdue. We planned to write about The Rice is Nice way back last fall. This food truck, based out of Mineral Point, WI, was parked right outside my day job on an in-office day, and it seemed like the perfect time to sample their food and write about them for you. Unfortunately, as I sat down to write it, we learned that they would be closed for the season. And it made no damn sense to write a column about a food truck you can't even try until spring. And now I'm sitting back down, I'm 102 words into this thing, and nobody has told me to stop, so I'm finally going to get this out of my system.

I agree with The Rice is Nice that the rice IS nice, and it's nice that rice is so nice. Because come on, dammit, name me ONE culinary tradition that DOESN'T prominently feature rice. Don't say Italian because risotto is friggin' awesome. Maybe some native cultures in

the colder climates historically didn't mess with rice, but they sure do now.

That's what I love about The Rice is Nice. They point right to the center of the culinary Venn diagram and show how rice is used to great effect in so many different culinary traditions.

It's a culinary tour you take by food truck. Join me, won't you? Because every single thing I tried I just want to keep shoveling into my mouth. Because it tastes good, and rice is the perfect medium for shoving into your mouth.

One thing you should know before we board: If you're averse to cilantro, make sure you let them know. It's a lovely garnish as far as I'm concerned, but I know I'm not the only one concerned in this matter. The paper-thin slices of radish are a super nice garnish too, so keep those on your dish, if you can help it. Not everything is served with cilantro, but just be aware of the ones that do.

Funny quirk: On the menu board for The Rice is Nice, each dish concludes its description with, "Served on rice." It's like...yeah, dude, we know. That's your whole thing, heh-heh.

Nah, I know they have to say "Served on Rice" to avoid confusing the easily confused, but it's still kind of funny to a word guy. For example:





KOREAN BBQ
 BLACK BEANS & RICE
 SPRING ROLLS
 THE RICE IS NICE TRUCK

Korean BBQ. Beef, ginger, chili sauce, cilantro, roasted vegetables, chili flakes, radish, sesame seeds, SERVED ON RICE. (Emphasis mine)

Their Korean BBQ dish is The Rice is Nice's take on bulgogi beef. It certainly scratches that itch. Unless, of course, you're a snobby "purist" who can only appreciate something if you can call it "authentic." But nobody has time for people like you, so just shut up and enjoy what tastes good.

Now don't let this dish fool you. It doesn't look like much is going on with it. There's not a lot of sauce going on for the rice to absorb. But you're wrong. There's so much flavor packed into that beef that you wonder where it keeps it all. There's a little bit of heat to it as you might have surmised from the aforementioned chili sauce and chili flakes, but it's not overpowering. The Tri-States can handle it, though I have noticed we're all getting a little braver with the spice. Good on us!

From Korea we go to the Indian subcontinent for...

Chicken Curry. Chicken, bell peppers, onion, mushrooms, ginger, radish, cilantro, SERVED ON RICE.

Remember how I said that the Korean BBQ, despite big flavor, didn't

have as much sauce as you'd expect? With The Rice is Nice's chicken curry, things start to get saucy.

Again, for you annoying purists, this is The Rice is Nice's take on a curry. And really...EVERYBODY'S curry is just their take on a curry because, well... there's so many damn curries in the world. I'm not saying there are TOO many damn curries in the world. I'm not a monster. I'm just saying I can't keep track of them all, so if this is a specific kind of curry, I can't name it. But if you want a comparison, think butter chicken or maaaaaybe a chicken masala. Butter chicken is definitely closer.

The morsels of chicken are so melt-in-your-mouth moist. It doesn't get stringy in your teeth; it disintegrates in your mouth. So nummy.

From the Indian subcontinent, let's cross hemispheres to Latin America and the Caribbean with black beans and rice. Yeah, I know that's a lot of ground to cover. It gets even more complicated when you factor in the beans and rice dishes of the southern U.S., but usually red beans instead of black. Look, it's not beans and rice's fault that it provides complete proteins without meat, which means even the poorest can enjoy it and get the nutrition a human body needs. That kind of thing makes you stand out and cross borders.

Oops! Forgot to do it this time: Black beans and rice. Black beans, onion, cilantro, lime, SERVED ON RICE!

Unlike the other dishes I tried, this one is a little difficult to describe as The Rice is Nice's TAKE on black beans and rice. I mean...it's beans and rice. Hard to have a fresh take on it, and you don't need to because...again...it's beans and rice. The idiom "meat and potatoes" gets used to describe ordinary, fundamental things. "Beans and rice" works better for that idiom, I think. The Rice is Nice doesn't bill this as a vegan or vegetarian option, so make sure that's the case, if that's what you're going for. But so many beans and rice recipes add meat even though you already have complete proteins through beans and rice. You won't find that here. This...is black beans and rice cooked up deliciously and served together.

You might want to add some salt to the black beans and rice dish. I didn't, and you don't HAVE to, but I can see how one might want to add it. It's easier to add it than to take it out, am I right? I talked about The Rice is Nice featuring rice dishes that make you want to just shovel it into your mouth. The black beans and rice is the most shovelable to me. So incredibly hearty, and I'm not kidding. The lime wedge added a super nice acidity to it, so take advantage of it, too.

As of this writing, The Rice is Nice culinary tour has stops in pork carnitas, pork fried rice, sweet and sour chicken, and orange chicken. That hits just about all the continents by my count. I'm sure the Australian continent has some killer rice dishes, too. The Rice is Nice does specials AND rotates its menu to keep the culinary voyage new, so make sure you follow them on socials to see where they'll be and what they have.

And don't sleep on the apps, which are as culturally diverse as their entrees, with crab rangoons, cheese curds, mini tacos, and fresh spring rolls (the cold kind). The desserts, too, follow this model with cannoli, deep-fried cheesecake, funnel fries, and chocolate mousse.

Confession time: I'm very bad at making rice. I don't know what it is. I'm generally a good cook, but...I don't know. It's a block I have, I think. To know there's a food truck out there that specializes in an ingredient I'm hopeless at that not only acknowledges rice's importance in food WORLDWIDE, but celebrates that importance? That's awesome to me. After all, not all food trucks tell a story.



The Rice is Nice

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Homemade Trail Mix SERVES 8

All You Need:

- 1 cup California Walnuts
- · 1 cup roasted sunflower seeds
- ½ cup dried cranberries or raisins
- ½ cup mini dark chocolate chips or cacao nibs
- 1 cup whole grain cereal (like oat squares or puffed rice)
- ½ cup unsweetened coconut flakes

All You Do:

- 1. Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- 2. Store in an airtight container or divide into individual bags for on-the-go convenience.

Bonus Tips for a Smooth and Nourishing Journey:

- Prep a snack station in the car or hotel room so healthy choices are always in reach.
- Stock up on single-serve items like nut butter packets, applesauce cups, and granola bars with less added sugar.
- Set a "stretch and sip" timer every 90 minutes, stop for a quick stretch and hydration break.
- Make it a game! Challenge kids (and adults) to track how many fruits and veggies they eat each day of the trip.
- Start the day right with a balanced breakfast to set the tone—think eggs with fruit, or oatmeal with nut butter and berries.

Healthy Summer Travel

A Hy-Vee Dietitian's Guide to Nourished, Active Adventures

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

As the school year ends and warmer days are finally here, you may be thinking about your summer travel plans. Whether you're heading out on a long road trip, spending the day by the lake, or simply enjoying a well-deserved staycation, summer is all about creating joyful memories and savoring the season of adventure.

But with the freedom of vacation often comes the temptation of sugary snacks, fast food stops, and more screen time than steps. Luckily, with just a bit of preparation, you and your family can stay nourished, energized, and fully enjoy everything your summer getaway has to offer. Your Hy-Vee dietitian is here to help with a simple four-step guide to making summer travel a breeze.

1. Stay Organized.

Before hitting the road, a little planning can go a long way. Start by mapping out your travel days and pinpointing when meals and snacks will be needed. Pack a cooler with grab-and-go items like string cheese, Greek yogurt, pre-cut fruits and veggies, whole grain crackers, or homemade trail mix. For longer trips, look for hotels with kitchenettes or plan to find grocery stores or restaurants with some nutritious options. This helps you avoid the fast-food trap and keep your family feeling their best.

Roll call! Does everyone have their own water bottle? Keep these handy to encourage hydration, even if it requires an extra restroom stop.

2. Stay Nourished.

Just because you're on the go doesn't mean nutrition has to take a back seat. Aim for balance at most meals by including protein, fiber, and healthy fats to keep everyone full and fueled for fun. Readyto-drink protein shakes are another great snack to pack in your cooler. Oikos Readyto-Drink Protein Shakes are a convenient on-the-go option offering 30g of protein and 5g of prebiotic fiber—great for keeping those tummies happy and hunger at bay!

Again, don't forget about hydration. It's easy to push fluids aside when on the go, but water is key, especially in the heat. Add slices of lemon or cucumber for a refreshing twist.

3. Stay Active.

Incorporating movement into your summer travel is easier than you think. Look for ways to stay active that are entertaining for the whole family—think swimming, hiking, bike rides, or even just a game of tag at a rest stop. Speaking of rest stops, get in some light stretching or walking with each travel break.

If you're staying home, plan active outings like visiting the zoo, local parks, or taking evening family walks. Movement keeps energy levels up and is a great way to bond with your loved ones.

4. Stay Mindful.

Hey, it's OK to treat yourself—it's a vacation after all! Balance, moderation, and mindfulness are just as important in helping you and your family feel their best. Try not to skip meals or overindulge just because you're out of routine. Enjoy the summertime treats but balance them with nourishing choices that offer protein and fiber (check out our Homemade Trail Mix recipe below).

Encourage everyone to listen to their body—eat when hungry, stop when full, and check in with how different foods make them feel. Mindfulness isn't about restriction; it's about tuning in and feeling good in your body.

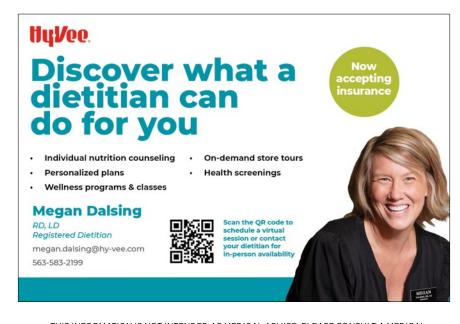
Lastly, put the screens down and take time to unplug. Adventure awaits!

The Bottom Line

With a little planning, you can enjoy all the flavors and fun of summer travel while keeping your family's health and wellness front and center. Remember: It's not about perfection—it's about making choices that support your energy, enjoyment, and connection throughout the journey. Happy travels from your Hy-Vee Dietitian team!

Homemade Trail Mix Recipe: The Perfect Travel Snack

Need a snack that checks all the boxes: easy, portable, kid-approved, and nourishing? Our Homemade Trail Mix is just the thing. Make a big batch before your trip and portion it into resealable bags or containers for convenient, mess-free snacking.



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Twist

By John McAndrew

"The mind begs for logic but gets the actual world."

"All of us, of course, are capable of the most extraordinary self-deceit."

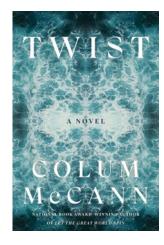
Twist, the new novel by National Book Award-winner Colum McCann, challenges the reader to make sense of what doesn't—and then to recognize that this is what we have done. Pareidolia, in a word. (A great word that describes what we do as children when we "see" dogs, ducks, and dragons in the clouds. Or, as adults, when we describe what we "see" in Rohrshach tests.)

Anthony Fennell is an Irish novelist and playwright who is sent on a journalistic assignment. One of the trans-oceanic cables that carry the internet around the world has suffered a break. He is to accompany the boat sent out to locate and repair the break and report on their work. His contact is a man named John Conway, who has an enigmatic past and demeanor and is in charge of the repair operations. Fennell chronicles the frustrations of the hunt for the cable and the changes in Conway as he handles the stresses of work and the shock of an event back home, which is as inaccessible as another planet.

McCann's story echoes Apocalypse Now, Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, and the plays of Samuel Beckett. Twist, like life, is intriguing, begging to be deciphered but resisting those efforts all the same. The reader alternates focus, micro to macro, certain that there is a pattern here, if only the right perspective is used. We seek meaning; not finding it, we will impose it.

Metaphors abound—which is fitting, since a metaphor is a way of describing something that is befuddling, by comparing it to something else which is more familiar. Facts, like people, are not always self-explanatory. Not always what they appear.

McCann's prose gives the reader a deceptively smooth path, so that you think you're uncovering the pattern you just can't see yet, but are sure is about to reveal itself. Along the way, his



observations and phrasing offer tantalizing glimpses of familiar experiences.

"The initial mystery of any journey is not so much where you will end up, but how you got to the starting point at all. There were my books, and there were my failures, and there were my losses. There was my youth, there was my pride, and there was my ongoing silence. There were all the lights that I had blown out in my life. All the times that I'd been the stage actor in the wrong play."

McCann gives the impression that his senses synergize differently, better, than the rest of us. The same data reveals more to him than to us. But there are no pretenses of an omniscient narrator here. Fennell struggles, like the rest of us, to figure out what the hell is going onwithin himself, as much as within others.

We float in chaos and mysteries and try to make sense of them as if our survival depends on not drowning in them. McCann seems to want us to be reassured that we're not wrong to be disoriented. We search for well-defined geometric shapes in a world of Rohrshach tests; discovering symmetry may be the best we can hope for. If this is the first McCann you read, it won't likely be the last.

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who is beginning her training in the assassin traditions of the Ruska Roma.

THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME (PG-13)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Free

Consultations!

Wes Anderson's espionage blakc comedy story of a family and a family business. A caper made with all the intricacy of a

Rube Goldberg machine, The Phoenician Scheme doesn't deviate from Wes Anderson's increasingly ornate style but delivers the formula with mannered delicacy.

THE MATERIALISTS (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker finds herself torn between the perfect match and her imperfect ex. Casrt includes Pedro Pascal, Cheis Evans, Dakota Johnson and Celine Song.

THE UNHOLY TRINITY (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

A tale of revenge, dark secrets, and buried treasures set against the turbulent backdrop of 1870s Montana. Isaac

Broadway gives his estranged son an impossible task, to murder the man who framed him for a crime he didn't commit, which brings him to the remote town of Trinity and caught between the town's upstanding new sheriff, and a mysterious figure named St. Christopher.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 In the live-action(ish) remake of the beloved animagred film, Hiccup and Toothless the dragon re-tell the tale of saving their Viking town.



Movie Buzz

Marvel Studios has delayed Avengers: Doomsday and Avengers: Secret Wars. The MCU's upcoming



Avengers movies will bring in Fox's original X-Men to the franchise, see the Fantastic Four team up with the Avengers, and introduce Robert Downey Jr.'s Doctor Doom. Avengers: Doomsday is pushed back from May 1, 2026, to Dec. 18, 2026, and Avengers: Secret Wars from May 7, 2027, to Dec. 17, 2027. The delays come as the first of those two movies recently entered production.

The Multiverse Saga is nearing its end, as Phase 6 is about to start this summer with The Fantastic



Four: First Steps being released in theaters. The Avengers movie delays were not the only changes to the MCU's schedule. Disney has removed the February 2026 date for an "Untitled Marvel" movie and also made changes to the dates of Nov. 6, 2026, and Nov. 5, 2027, which once belonged to Marvel films but are now slotted for "Untitled Disney" movies. Marvel Studios still has three dates for untitled movies in 2028: Feb. 18, May 5, and Nov. 10.

Top Gun: Maverick's writer-producer Christopher McQuarrie offers an update on Top Gun 3.



"It's already in the bag. I already know what it is. It wasn't hard. I thought it would be, and that's a good place to go from. [Writer] Ehren Kruger pitched something and I went, 'Mhm actually,' It's not the action, it's not even the level of or intensity...it's the emotion."

James Cameron has announced his next fantasy movie coming after Avatar: Fire and Ash



which is currently in post-production and is scheduled to arrive in theaters on Dec. 19. Cameron and his company, Lightstorm, have purchased the rights to Joe Abercrombie's novel The Devils. The upcoming project will be co-written by the author and the filmmaker.



The Wisdom of Being Fed Up

By Matt Booth

Sometimes the wisest thing that can happen to you...is to get fed up.

Fed up with the clutter.

Fed up with the noise.

Fed up with your job, your health, your relationships, your weight, your laziness, or the never-ending junk pile in the garage.

You've probably heard me quote my great-grandpa more than once. He used to say:

"Do something—right or wrong— I don't care. Just do something."

And that, right there, is the gold. Because when you're fed up, that's when you finally do something.

We've all been there. Sitting in our favorite recliner-comfortable, cozy, and completely stuck. Why move when it's so easy to stay exactly where you are? But then-boom-life calls. Or your bladder does. Either way, discomfort kicks in, and suddenly, you're on your feet. Action follows discomfort like lightning follows thunder.

There's wisdom in that discomfort. It's not always pretty. It's not always polite. But it is powerful.

Here's the truth:

Nothing changes until you get uncomfortable enough to change it.

Take your garage, for example. You've stepped over the same pile of Christmas lights and broken folding chairs for three straight years. Then one morning, you go to find your fishing pole and trip over a box of Halloween skeletons. You throw your hands in the air and declare, "That's it-I'm done!"

And that, my friend, is the day change begins.

Or maybe it's your job. Gallup recently reported that nearly 60% of workers are emotionally detached at work, and 19% are miserable. That's a lot of

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people feeling fed up on their way to and from the breakroom. And what does that discomfort do? For some it lights the fire to ask for a raise. For others, it leads to job training, a new resume, or even launching a small business on the side.

The same is true with health.

A CDC study showed that nearly 70% of American adults are overweight or obese yet the fitness industry is booming. Why? Because people are getting fed up with feeling bad, looking bad, and being tired all the time. Fed-up turns into a walk around the block, which turns into a healthy meal, which turns into a new routine. That's real transformation-fueled by frustration.

Closer to home, maybe you're fed up with the rising cost of groceries or the pothole outside your driveway that's been there since Dubuque was founded. Use that energy. Make a call. Join the meeting. Start the letter. Do something.

Even being fed up with your laziness is a gift.

You stare at the treadmill one too many times...and finally step on. You keep skipping the gym...until your ieans slap you with the truth. That discomfort you feel? That's the wisdom whispering, "There's more for you."

When we get fed up, we move.

We trv.

We risk

We make mistakes—but we learn.

And that's the real wisdom of being fed up? It pushes us out of the recliner and into the arena.

So if you're feeling fed up with something in your life, don't just stew in it. Use it. Get fired up enough to take a step-even if it's a shaky one.

Remember what my great-grandpa said:

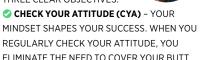
"Do something. Right or wrong. Just do something."

Because even the wrong step teaches you something.

And the right step? Might just change your life.

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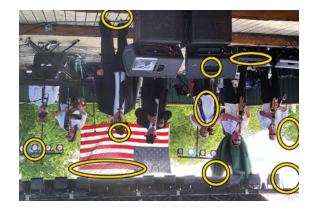
Spot the Difference

Can you spot 10 differences in this photo of the Brew Bros. Band performing live at the Sandy Hook Tavern on Memorial Day in Hazel Green, WI? Photo by Craig Reber.





Spot the Difference Answers





Upcoming Family Events

SAT **6/7**

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

10 AM-6 PM @ O'LEARY'S LAKE (HAZEL GREEN, WI) Jamestown Township proudly presents the O'Leary's Lake Family Day & Kids Fishing Tournament. Celebrate "Get Your Kids Out and Fish Weekend" with a fun-filled day where no fishing license is required statewide! 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. Rain date 6/8. 900 Eagle Point Rd, Hazel Green, WI. facebook.com/ eaglepointfishingbarge.

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Goodbye to All That

While weeding my books the other day, I came upon a surprising collection. Ten books about pain

In my house, there are—let me count them—nine bookcases. Some tall, some squat, most of them crammed with volumes. Even the guest room has one.

If you'd asked me last week which books sat in that bookcase, I would have said, books about writing, as well as my journals/diaries/datebooks going back to high school. I did find a dozen books about writing poetry, memoirs, even a novel. But I was taken aback by this small collection with titles like Why We Hurt, The Language of Pain, All in My Head, You Are Not Your Pain, Taming Chronic Pain, The Pain Chronicles, and How to Be Sick.

Each author suffered from some kind of ongoing pain, from migraines with aura to the all-in-your-head agony of amputated leg pain. All of them sought to explain their torment, to link it to some kind of existential meaning, and to lead the reader to a slightly better life despite the pain.

I bought them for two reasons: to understand the migraines that punctuated my days and to, if possible, learn not to live with them but to rid myself of them. I took whatever advice I could to solve them. I tried acupuncture, Botox, rivers of pills, weeks in a special hospital in Michigan, tinted glasses, meditation. Okay, let's be honest—I've never been able to meditate. But I tried whatever seemed feasible, with no tangible results.

Still, I kept ordering books and reading them, although that's deeply ironic because one thing you cannot do with a migraine is read. When my pain—two to three debilitating headaches each week—hit my eyes with photophobia, I had to give up all but the shortest newspaper or magazine article. Halfway through a novel by Jhumpa Lahiri when my eyes gave out, my husband kindly read the rest aloud to me. The book's title was another dose of irony: *The Interpreter of Maladies*.

As a librarian, especially as a medical librarian, I became a sort of interpreter of

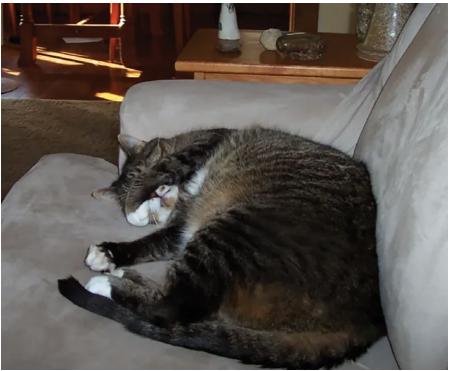
my own malady. I'll never forget talking with an ER doctor in the library at Mercy, listening as he told me about his teenage son's brutal history of headaches. That boy had been saved. He had a very specific kind of pain caused by an operable disorder. Lucky boy. Dr. Butzier and I said its name together, but I've forgotten it.

I had migraine friends, joined online migraine groups, wrote for a migraine website. I missed out on work, parties, visits from my kids. I did not feel sorry for myself; I felt angry at the world. This was a band I didn't want to play in. This was a summer camp I didn't want to ride a horse around. This was a collection of books I didn't want to take notes on. This was a book I didn't want to write.

But now, it's over. Four years ago, a neurologist in Janesville, WI, told me about Vyepti, a new drug that is infused rather than swallowed. I had tried taking this drug—anti-CGRP—both orally and as a self-administered shot in my thigh, but it did no good. I had resigned myself to a life of pain—deep, excruciating pain in my head, my skull, my brain. And then I went to the infusion center, lay back on a recliner, started an audiobook, as this stuff dripped quietly into my veins. The first of my quarterly infusions was in June 2021.

My headaches lowered and then, I'm not kidding, they stopped. I haven't had one since. There are some days, when I've had a bad sleep or too much to do, when I sometimes think a migraine might be sneaking up on me, and I take a so-called preventive, which is anti-CGRP in a pill. I don't think they do much. I think I was just imagining the incipient migraine. It's an affliction not easily forgotten.

My title for this column is from Joan Didion's piece about leaving New York. She also wrote an essay about migraine titled "In Bed," a searing depiction of an awful disease, one I am glad to be done with. She wrote, "That in fact I spent one or two days a week almost unconscious with pain seemed a shameful secret, evidence not merely of some chemical inferiority



LOOKS LIKE LEO HAD PHOTOPHOBIA, TOO

but of all my bad attitudes, unpleasant tempers, wrongthink." It was not her fault, nor mine. Describing the pain, she stated, "That no one dies of migraine seems, to someone deep into an attack, an ambiguous blessing." I understand.

A dear friend of mine, one I've known since junior high, suffers from fibromyalgia, an all-body nerve pain that sends her back to bed with a handful of pills that don't stop the pain but induce blessed sleep. She perceives the onset of this misery, 40 years ago, as her "dark night of the soul," and she has told me that she values it and would not change a thing. It has, she says, made her stronger and deeper; she says it helped develop her "real core." Even Didion saw pain as a "circuit breaker" that left her grateful for small things.

As for me, I learned nothing from migraines except that pain hurts and robs you of your life. If I could relive my life without migraine, I would do it in a heartbeat. I would get my college years, my young-mother years, my new wife years back *sans* pain. I would not have to retire early.

I empathize with anyone I meet who suffers from them. I have two words for them: Try Vyepti. ■

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By Dave Green

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Ready to turn up the heat on summer fun? Whether you're hosting backyard BBQs, casual patio parties, or festive holiday gatherings, Steve's Ace Home & Garden has everything you need to entertain in style—with practical essentials, festive flair, and all the flavor.

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Just in time for summer celebrations, the new YETI Patriotic Collection has landed! Keep drinks icy and food fresh all day long with their rugged coolers, ultra-durable ramblers, and a must-have pitcher—perfect for lemonade, cocktails, or mocktails. This limited-edition line is built for adventure and backyard gatherings alike—snag them before they're gone!

Easy, Breezy Hosting Essentials

Take the stress out of setup with Fancy Panz, the stylish solution for transporting and serving foil pans with ease. Add in Geometry's bold, ultra-absorbent tea towels, dishcloths, and reusable napkins—they're not just sustainable, they make amazing hostess gifts too!

Want to serve up frozen drinks without the fuss? Noble Micks single-serve cocktail mixers are a summer game changer. Just mix with your favorite spirit and freeze—voilà, instant frozen margaritas, daiquiris, and more.

Serveware That Steals the Show

Elevate your spread with Nora Fleming's melamine platters—durable, outdoor-friendly, and perfect for any occasion. Personalize them with their

iconic interchangeable minis to match holidays, birthdays, or summer themes. New from Mudpie, discover charming serveware featuring their own twist-on interchangeable toppers, making it easy to decorate for every get-together.

Set the Table with Style

Ditch the boring paper plates and impress guests with Sophistiplate's premium disposable tableware—offered in a range of elegant and fun themes. Add flair with Slant's cheeky and colorful cocktail napkins, and drop in a Glitter Lab glitter bomb to make any drink sparkle (literally!). It's the little touches that turn a gathering into a party.

Grilling Season's Secret Weapons

No summer bash is complete without mouthwatering barbecue, and Steve's Ace has your flavor lineup ready to go. Our huge selection of spices and rubs includes favorites from Traeger, known for their smoky blends crafted for everything from brisket to veggies. Bob's Bitchin' BBQ-from Dodgeville, WI-delivers bold Midwest-inspired flavor with a kick, while LoudMouth lives up to its name with punchy profiles perfect for wings and ribs. Meat Church rubs are a favorite among pitmasters nationwide, from their savory Holy Cow to the sweetand-spicy Honey Hog. Whether you're a seasoned griller or just getting started, the right rub makes all the differenceand we've got plenty to choose from.

Whether you're hosting a full-blown cookout or sipping frozen drinks under the string lights, make this summer one to remember with must-haves from Steve's Ace Home & Garden. Stop in today to stock up and get the party started!

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DEAR ANGELA,

I'm a teacher and so glad to be out of school for the summer. I have big plans every spring and come up with a whole long list of projects around the house, craft projects, and books to read. But then summer hits, and it's as though I blink and poof! It's over, nothing done. No fresh paint on the walls, no cute embroidery, and all those summer beach reads remain stacked haphazardly, collecting dust on my bookshelf. Any tips for making the most of my summer vacation?

—Short Summer on Sumner Street

DEAR SHORT SUMMER,

Ah, the beginning of summer blues. Even those poor fools who toil away 52 weeks a year (or in my case, one day every 14 days or so) may fall into those summertime blues. Yes the first blush of spring brings with it such energy, so many lists and grandiose plans, but then. Then the heat rises, the bugs start flying, and all those projects seem too expensive or difficult, the crafts take too much concentration. and you remember that reading books at the beach is actually really annoying. It's too sunny, too sandy, and usually smells like dead fish. Your only real option is to get everything done the first day of break. Set your alarm for 3 a.m., download your reads as audiobooks and play them at 4x speed while getting to work on that first coat of paint. While that dries, tie dye some shirts and learn to crochet. Finish up with a few more coats of paint, and then fall into bed 24 hours later knowing you've done it all and can relax the rest of the summer watching reruns of *The Office* and eating ice cream.

DEAR ANGELA,

What is your favorite summertime treat?
—Snackin' on Sycamore Street

DEAR SNACKIN',

I would say cold puppy chow right out of the freezer, or perhaps a warm peach cobbler with ice cream. Now lately, I've learned that there are people out there who don't know what either of these desserts are, so I'll explain it. Puppy Chow is dog food coated in powdered sugar. Any brand works, but I prefer Purina. Peach cobbler is peaches topped the insoles of shoes that you no longer wear, which is then baked until golden brown. I hope you try both soon!

DEAR ANGELA.

My husband just sprung a bombshell on me. Without consulting me, he quit his job, took out all the money from his 401k, and sold our car! He explained that he has had a longtime dream that he decided it was time to act on it. Honestly, other than that one time he rolled down the hill with our kids, I can't remember him ever telling me that he has a passion for competitive cheese rolling. Apparently, coaching costs a pretty penny, and renting out the best training hills is really expensive. He has assured me that these competitions have really big payouts. I did some research, and winners get paid in wheels of cheese! A family can't survive on cheese alone. He has asked me to bring the kids to his first competition, but I'm afraid its too violent for the children to see their dad rolling down a 200-yard hill with hundreds of other guys. Am I off base in thinking that this is a really awful career move for a 42-year-old with recurring back pain? -Tumbling down Tanglewood Ct.

DEAR TUMBLING,

Ok, but is he any good at it? Think of all the things you could barter for with a wheel of cheese. My dentist will trade a standard cleaning and fluoride treatment for a creamy camembert. Honestly, just be glad he isn't into door bracing. Its an old German sport where two people brace themselves on door frames and whoever can keep their feet off the floor the longest is the winner. The costs for training for that sport are astronomical. I mean, have you purchased a door frame lately?

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By Danny Fairchild. Friend to the Cosmos

ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13) Now would be the perfect time to advance down your professional path. Unfortunately, your professional path was paved by an amateur.



TAURUS

(MAY 14-JUNE 19) If you're going to eat minnows and nightcrawlers like that, then you're just going to keep waiting with baited breath.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20-JULY 20) Your new soft drink delivery route might be absolute hell, but you have to give the devil his Dew.

CANCER (JULY 21-AUG 9) A rakishly handsome man will briefly enter your life. And while he seems a bit emotionally distant what with his Aston Martin and his vodka martinis, you two will inevitably

share an intense bond...James Bond.



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(AUG 10-SEP 15)

You put too much focus on being centered. Sometimes leftaligned or even right-aligned just make for a more effective graphic design.



VIRGO

(SEP 16-OCT 30)

You wish you could understand people who revolt, but you just don't have the incite.

LIBRA (OCT 31-NOV 22) While some people wilt when they finally get their just deserts, you've wanted the freedom to just get desserts since you were little.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29) Unfortunately, your innate ability to get the ball rolling will not help in your pursuit to become a professional bowler.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30-DEC 17) With the way things are, you will have no choice but to plow forward. Literally. I mean have you ever tried to plow backward? The plow don't wanna go that way.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18-JAN 8)

Your geological and geometrical brains will simultaneously explode when you discover that they sell containers of quartz measured in liters.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9-FEB 15) You'll find yourself fired up to please the powers that be. Unfortunately, that's just how ritualistic human sacrifice works.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16-MAR 11)

Taping wax lips to your chest doesn't make you ready to speak from the heart. You also have to add a pair of googly eyes so your heart can see who it's speaking to.



PISCES

(MAR 12-APR 18)

It's hard to key in on success when you keep losing your friggin' keys.

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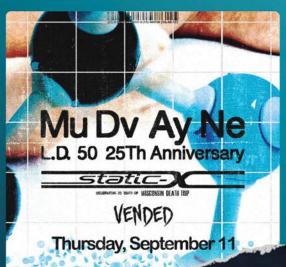








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