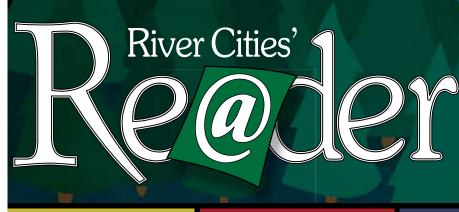
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by Rich Miller

Heading Into the Holiday "Dark" Period, Hynes Is in Trouble

February 2 is just

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campaign weeks left.

he original hope of Dan Hynes' Democratic gubernatorial campaign was that it could outspend and beat up Pat Quinn on TV by Thanksgiving to the point where the governor was vulnerable in the February 2 primary.

Early benchmark polling for Quinn had him leading Hynes 54-26, with other polls showing similar results. Hynes' name ID was a relatively

low 67 percent, compared to Quinn's 88 percent.

Since then, Hvnes has spent close to \$2 million on TV ads, but Quinn has matched him pretty much dollar for dollar. And while Hynes stopped running network TV ads on November 11 and went dark

on cable last week, Quinn was up with a positive bio ad last week on both network and cable.

The governor has raised more money much faster than many people expected, given his historical aversion to the activity. Ouinn has also run a much better, tighter, and more visible campaign than many had expected. The governor is getting "earned" media coverage on the all-important Chicago TV almost every day, and the state's multi-billion-dollar capital construction bill has allowed him to cut ribbons all over the state, which is something Hynes simply can't match.

Recent polling conducted by other statewide Democratic candidates shows Quinn ahead of Hynes 50-38 and 50-35, sources say.

While clearly demonstrating that the

race is significantly tightening, the polling

shows Quinn has not yet been brought below 50 percent – a crucial benchmark for all incumbents, even though there are more than two candidates in the race at this point. (Both of the secondtier candidates face petition challenges, however, and could be booted from the contest.) At least one of those polls has Quinn with about a two-to-one favorable rating, which shows that Hynes' ads haven't yet succeeded in roughing up the governor.

The Hynes people believe they have significantly closed the gap and are now in a position to make the final fourweek run beginning in January. But big questions remain about what the "dark" period – when nobody is running ads between now and January will do to the polling numbers. Will Hynes fade

back to the status-quo ante? Or will his numbers roughly hold steady while voters' attentions turn to decidedly unpolitical things? There are reports from inside that Hynes plans to run a Christmas ad in December, but that will be a purely positive message and won't do much to bring Quinn down.

Because Hynes hasn't yet fully put the governor on his

back, there are those who believe that the comptroller's campaign message won't really work in the final four weeks, either. I have said publicly that I believe this race could be over by Thanksgiving if Hynes didn't have Quinn bleeding from every political

orifice by the traditional holiday-season kickoff date – after which negative ads would likely be a huge liability. He doesn't appear to have done that to Quinn, but I'm not quite ready to pronounce Hynes' campaign officially dead, although everybody would have to admit that he does face some very, very difficult odds.

Both campaigns have indicated privately that polling and focus grouping show that Governor Quinn's proposed income-tax hike "works" much better against him than attempting to tie Quinn to his ousted predecessor and two-time running mate Rod Blagojevich. Hynes has focused his advertising on the tax issue, but the ads clearly haven't put Quinn down yet. It's not known whether Hynes will

attempt to somehow use the Blagojevich issue in his January ad campaign. Quinn has a pretty solid reputation for honesty among voters, and he is probably seen as a "safe" choice considering the last two governors. They also clearly want to see him succeed and have so far given him something of a pass on his many stumbles in office.

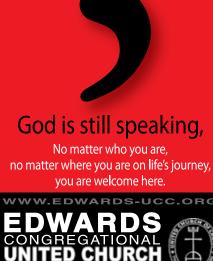
That hopeful voter attitude could all fade by next fall, after Quinn has another legislative session under his belt, but February 2 is just around the corner. After this week, there are really only about four campaign weeks left, and every candidate who can afford it will be up on TV come January. There will be a lot of cash flowing, and messages will easily be buried under all the clutter.

Rich Miller also publishes Capitol Fax (a daily political newsletter) and TheCapitolFaxBlog.com.

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Guantanamo-Detainee Plan Stirs Controversy

he issue of housing accused terrorists in the Midwest was at

the forefront last week as Thomson Correctional Center, in Illinois just over the Mississippi River from Iowa, is considered as a potential landing spot for Guantanamo Bay detainees after they leave Cuba.

Iowa Republicans spoke out against the possible transfer, while Democrats said they'd be open to the option.

Governor Chet Culver said that the transfer could create much-needed jobs.

The governor said in an interview with reporters that he spoke with U.S. Representative Bruce Braley (D-Waterloo), whose district is just across the river from Thomson, about the issue.

"We both are interested in getting more information out to our citizens, out to our constituents, that will be impacted," Culver said. "But we also understand that during these tough economic times, jobs are critically important. So it's really up to the local leadership, the residents in eastern Iowa there that could benefit from this prison, to weigh in on the decision and decide for themselves whether or not it will be an overall benefit or not."

Culver said the key is to get citizen input. "I've encouraged the federal government to do all they can inform the local residents, especially there in Clinton and Jackson counties, and to weigh the pros and the cons," he said. "I'll be part of that review."

Meanwhile U.S. Representative Tom Latham (R-Ames) announced legislation to block the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to Iowa and 10 other Midwestern states.

"Iowa families deserve the guarantee of the federal government that some of the world's most dangerous terrorists, many of whom helped plan the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will not be housed or tried just minutes from the neighborhoods where they live and work," Latham said.

Republican Party of Iowa Chair Matt Strawn quickly voiced support for Latham's legislation, while Braley accused Republicans of fear mongering on the

"We already hold 400 international people in our federal prison system," Braley said, "including some who participated in the first bombing attempt of the World Trade Center, those who participated in the bombing of our embassies in Kenya, and some of them are housed in federal prisons right now in Marion. So I don't want to escalate this into a political chess match; that's not what this is about. This is about making sure

that the safety and security of Americans is protected."

by Lynn Campbell, IowaPolitics.com

Braley, who toured the facility in Thomson last week, said additional security measures would be taken "to make sure that it was on par with if not more secure than the super-max facility in Florence, Colorado," should the detainees be brought here.

The state Republican Party and U.S. Representative Steve King (R-Kiron) have both pushed for Braley to oppose housing the prisoners in the Thomson Correctional Facility.

"Congressional reaction will be a key factor in whether or not terrorist detainees are moved to the Thomson Correctional Center," King said. "I am asking Bruce Braley to break with the president and Nancy Pelosi and join me to keep the worst of the worst Al-Qaeda terrorists off of U.S. soil."

School Leaders Say Using Reserves Won't Work

Culver faced a crowd of more than 1,000 Iowa school-board members and administrators and explained why he had to cut their budgets by \$360 million, but several educators said they don't like his solution of forcing districts to use their cash reserves and said that property taxes will ultimately increase

At the Iowa Association of School Boards annual convention in Des Moines, Culver asked educators to support his legislative proposal that would require certain school districts to spend down a portion of their cash reserves to offset the 10-percent statebudget cut before increasing property taxes. "I'm doing this because I want to do all I can to avoid a tax increase on hard-working Iowans," he said.

Alta school-board member Ila Galvin, whose district has about 500 students, said there's no question that property taxes will increase in her district despite what Culver said.

"I can't agree with him on not having to raise property taxes because I don't see any other solution," she said. "We don't all have the cash reserves he's talking about. Property taxes definitely will have to be increased."

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This weekly summary comes from IowaPolitics.com, an online government and politics news service. Reporter Andrew Duffelmeyer and other correspondents contributed to this report.

The Line in the Sand Is Drawn. Will You Help Hold It?

he Continental Congress 2009 concluded its 11 days of deliberating on Saturday, November 21. The work product that is emerging, titled "Articles of Freedom," is a testament to a measured, thoughtful, and lawful process that all Americans can be proud of. The more than 100 delegates that convened from 48 states set out to end the violations of the Constitution through which the People's administrative and judicial processes have already been exhausted – i.e., exercising their First Amendment Right to Petition for a Redress of Grievances with no legitimate response from the federal government.

The resultant document, "Articles of Freedom," is the proverbial line in the sand that, if 3 to 5 percent of America embraces it, can restore Constitutional order in America. The "Remedial Instructions to Congress & the States" as well as the suggested "Civic Action" for the people to take to enforce these instructions illustrate that we are in our Republic's 11th hour. If we are to remain a free people, it is time to take action beyond two-party elections, beyond unheard petitioning, and beyond rallies and marches. Those efforts have not worked.

On whichever side of the mediamanipulated left/right paradigm you find yourself, it is undeniable that every branch of government and every major political party has failed to uphold their oaths of office. The expansion of government programs, massive spending of money we do not have, and unlawful wars are patently unconstitutional and violate their oaths of office. The result is economic ruin, less national security, and an ever-escalating police state. We are over-extended militarily across the globe, and our stature as a nation of innovators has been reduced to that of debtors and mindless consumers. This is not due to the failure of capitalism and free markets. It is due to our own lack of vigilance that allows for the advancement of corporatism under the guise of democracy.

In full disclosure, I have been involved in the organization and implementation of Continental Congress 2009. I am excited about this popular-sovereignty approach to remedying what is wrong in America, as any right that is not enforceable is no right at all. And if we don't stand up and begin

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to exercise our rights to hold our servant government accountable, then our natural rights, guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, will ultimately atrophy and die. These "Articles of Freedom" are more than a patriotic feelgood declaration. This is the culmination of dozens of years of exhaustive research, and thorough and legal petitioning for a redress of grievances to avail the People of their constitutionally mandated consent of the governed. Silence by our servant government is an admission of guilt. And so it is time to instruct our servants on how to remedy what we have allowed them to ruin.

I have met many people who just don't care about such matters. Their lives are not dramatically impacted enough at this moment for any of this to matter. They are more concerned with who won the game or the latest celebrity scandal. Their thinking is that all the debt and ruination of our country's infrastructure and ability to produce anything of real value is a problem for future generations, not ours. I got involved because I vehemently disagree. It is our responsibility to future generations that we exhaust all possible peaceful remedies to restore America to its constitutional governance that made us the most innovative and prosperous nation on Earth.

We have forgotten that it is our civic duty to ensure our servant government plays by the rules that created our Republic in the first place. It is our own fault we are in the predicament we now face as a nation. The good news is that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, if followed, will remedy what ails America.

To that end, I encourage you to review the "Preamble" and "Civic Action" sections of the "Articles of Freedom" that Continental Congress 2009 authored, printed to the right. Watch the Web site ArticlesOfFreedom.us these next few days as the full text of each area of "Violation" and "Instructions to Congress & the States" are posted. Go to CC2009.us/archives to watch videos of the presentations and deliberations of the Delegates. Consider taking the pledge and becoming part of the 3 to 5 percent of Americans that enforce these instructions so that the modern-day revolution of ideas that have served us so well in the past are no longer taken for granted.

In defense of a free people, the time has come to reassert our God-given natural rights and cast off tyranny Let the facts reveal – the Federal

November 21, 2009

Preamble

Government of the United States of America, which was instituted to protect the rights of individual citizens, instead - threatens our life, liberty, and property through usurpations of the Constitution; and emboldened by our own lack of responsibility and due diligence in these matters, has exceeded its mandate, and abandoned those founding principles which have made our nation exceptional;

Our servant government has undertaken these unconstitutional actions in direct violation of their enumerated duties, to the detriment of the People's liberty and the sovereignty of our Republic;

Over many years and spanning multiple political administrations, the People who have, in good conscience, attempted to deliberate our grievances and voice our dissent against these offensive actions through both petition and assembly, have been maligned and ignored with contempt;

The people of the several States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming,

justly alarmed at these arbitrary and unconstitutional actions, have elected, constituted, and appointed delegates to meet, and sit in general Congress in the city of St. Charles, Illinois.

by Todd McGreevy

Whereupon these delegates, as duly elected representatives of the several States, have gathered in defense of divine justice, liberty, and the principles of limited government, and we stand in clear recognition of the supreme law of the land - the Constitution of the United States of America

Therefore, We demand that Government immediately re-establish Constitutional rule of law, lest the People be forced to do so themselves; and we hereby serve notice that in the defense of Freedom and Liberty there shall be NO COMPROMISE to which we shall ever vield.

Civic Action

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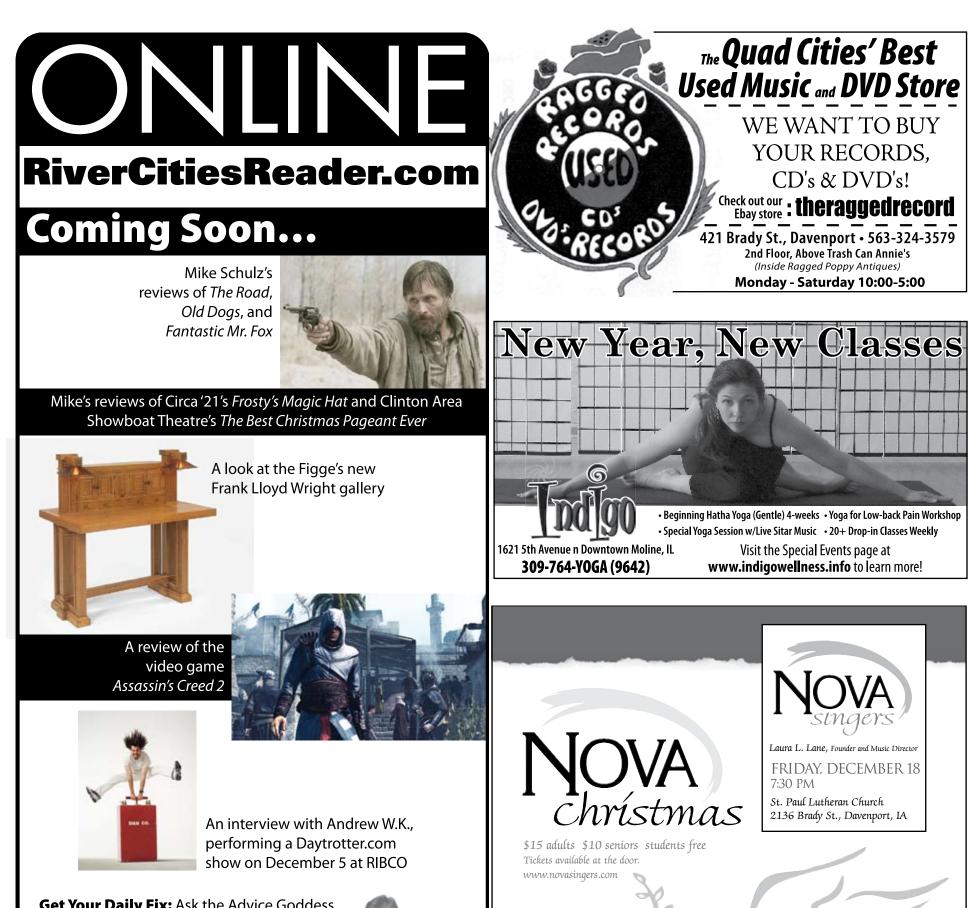
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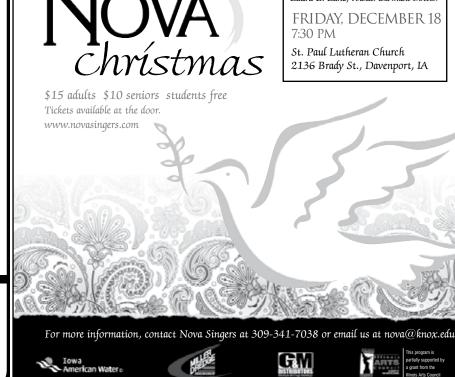
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Rare Fusion

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Los Coscorrones, November 28 at Bent River Brewing Company

he Quad Cities band Los Coscorrones sounds like it finds its groove so effortlessly that it's easy to fall into the Santana vibe and explore no further.

But the quintet – which will be celebrating the release of its self titled debut on Saturday at Bent River - is deceptive, couching some thrilling instrumental interplay in party songs that repel

analysis with rote lyrics, gangvocal refrains, and most critically irresistible hooks. In that way, the band crafts smart music disguised as something lesser, and it's never so smart that it's no longer fun.

Santana is the obvious source of the rhythms and many of the guitar leads by John Nache – "We're all huge fans [of Santana]. That's a really big inspiration," said drummer Max Tapia – but there's a clear heavy-metal influence, too, with a progressive bent. That's not much of a surprise, given that bassist Carlos Terronez and guitarist/lead singer Tom Vretis came from metal bands.

On the instrumental break of

opening track "Banana Mango," a solid, straightforward guitar solo is followed by two guitars dueling over a throbbing bass, prog-rock-like, for nearly 30 seconds, and that leads to a lovely keys- and bass-led interlude that segues into more twin-guitar fireworks, but slightly softer this time

On "Case Fiesta," the final intertwined guitar solos come straight from metal school, both in terms of speed and the use of a two-guitar attack. "Just Jose" draws heavily from the guitar harmonies of metal bands such as Metallica. It might be missing the dynamic range and an epic scope, but it plays like "Orion" with Latin rhythms and percussion. And "Orale Ese" even throws **8** some hard-edged rockabilly into the mix.





"We touch base on a lot of different things," Tapia said, and it's a cliché that in this case is true. Although it's not on the record, Tapia said there's a hip-hop element that's recently been added to the band.

Recorded and co-produced by Ray Malone at Sound & Vision Records, Los Coscorrones is clear and well-defined, the compositions are tight, and there's a welcome attention to detail. On a lengthy workout between Tapia and percussionist Segio Mendoza on album closer "Maria Juanita," a bass rumble is barely perceptible, more felt than heard

Yet that type of subtlety can often be lost if you're not paying attention. Throughout the album, catchiness obscures complexity - an admirable thing. The loose group vocals on many choruses and occasionally sloppy playing are charming and make the recording feel nore casual than it actually is. But the words

undermine those accomplishments;

they sound like placeholders and are the least interesting thing about the record.

The lyrics have a companion problem in the songwriting: As structures for jamming, they're fantastic and efficient, but there's not much to many of them beyond that. Three of the eight songs here have by-the-numbers openings, a deficiency that's highlighted by the introductions to the other tracks such as the piercing guitars of "Just Jose" and the four-note keyboard cheese of "La Muerta Es Mi Amor." When something is as consistently invigorating as this record, the weak spots stand out a little bit more.

But what's plainly evident from its debut is that Los Coscorrones have abundant musical talent and, when the band is on, it hits a rare twofer:

simultaneously accessible and challenging. If it works some on its songcraft, this band could become lethal.

Los Coscorrones will play a CD-release show on Saturday, November 28, at Bent River Brewing Company (1413 Fifth Avenue in Moline). The bill includes E-Sho, music starts at 10 p.m., and cover is \$4.

For more information on the band, visit MySpace.com/loscoscorrones. The group's CD will be available at shows and at Mixtapes (830 15th Avenue in East Moline)

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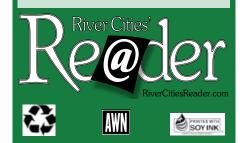
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Mark D. Lingenfelter in The Santaland Diaries Theatre

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non't let that elf's sour mug fool you – actor Mark D. Lingenfelter is actually *thrilled* to be taking part in our area's winter-theatre season. (Uh ... you are, aren't you, Mark?) The performer will reprise his role as David Sedaris' doppelgänger in the Harrison Hilltop Theatre's remount of The Santaland Diaries, opening December 16, and the show is just one of a dozen comedic and dramatic gifts in store for audiences this winter. (Two of them, in fact, are productions from organizations more frequently associated with summer theatre; the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre stages Barbara Robinson's beloved The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, opening November 27, and the Timber Lake Playhouse presents the holiday comedy The Santa Class on December 5 and 6.) The Harrison Hilltop will also deliver poignant monologues in *Birth* (December 10 through 13), and Edward Albee's dramatic comedy Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (opening January 28). Less corrosive fare can be found in Davenport's Junior Theatre's student-actor takes on Scrooge! (opening December 12) and Ramona Quimby (opening February 20), with a omantic-comedy option in the Richmond Hill Barn Theatre's Wrong for Each Other (opening February 11). The Playcrafters Barn Theatre delivers a show-biz satire in Moon Over Buffalo (opening January 15); St. Ambrose University offers a Tennessee Williams masterpiece with The Glass Menagerie (February 19 through 21); and New Ground Theatre stages family

dvsfunction with Lee Blessing's Grand Falls

Jniversity, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/catich.5pm Fri Dec 4 Art Noir Anti-Social, chat with members, tour the galleries and enjoy discussions of art, music, and culture (and drinks); for information, e-mail artnoir@ desmoinesartcenter.org, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www

esmoinesartcenterl.org/, 12pm Sat Dec 5 Winter Magic, entertainment, refreshments, art activities for all ages, live music and dance rformances, storytelling, and more free for informatio call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave Des Moines, IA, http://www esmoinesartcenter.org, 12pm Sun Dec 6.

Reception of Ukiyo-e in the East and the West, with guest speaker Dr. Naoko Gunii, assistant professor of art history and Asian , studies at Augustana College, who received her doctorate n Japanese art history with a further specialization in Japanese Buddhist art history; reception following; free; for informatior call 309-794-7231, Larson Hall Augustana College, Bergendo Hall of Fine Arts. Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http:// 7:30pm Wed Dec 9.

Closing Reception for "Student Exhibition Childrer and Adults, Fall 2009", free; for nformation, call 515-277-440 Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA,

org, 5pm Thu Dec 10. 3rd Annual Figge Art Nuseum Member Dinner, with Executive Director Sean O'Harrow and new Board of Trustees President Andy Butler: 6:15 ba opens, 7pm buffet-style dinner, 8:15pm Art Talk w/ Senior Curato Gregory Gilbert: to reserve, call Horan at 563-326-7804, ext. 2007, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, o://www.figgeartmuseum.org 6:15pm Thu Dec 10.

Reception for Sue Hettmansperger & Lawrence Fritts, for information, call 319 398-4956, Iowa Hall Gallery, Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.kirkwood edu, 6pm **Fri Dec 11**.

Creative Connection Artists in Action: Joyce Schmidt Natercolors, collaborative effo between the museum and local artists to reach and teach nonartists about the artistic processes for information call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids IA, http://www.crma.org, 10:30an Sat Dec 12.

Museum Detectives: Return to Function, a smART Second Saturdays program, best for ages 8-12: uncover unexpected or surprising details in artwork in the "Return to Function" exhibit and share your responses with the group; free; for information, call 515-271-0328. Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des nesartcenter.org, 10:15am Sat De

Drop-In Tour: Return to Function, docent-led tour of functional-art exhibit: free: for information. call 515-277-4405. Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www. lesmoinesartcenter.org, 11:30am Sat Dec 12

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Closing Reception for Senior Honors Exhibit, works by SAU students graduating with degrees in fine arts and graphic design; for information, call 563-333-6444, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/catich, 5pm Fri Dec 18.

Final Friday Before Christmas: Bucktown Event/Reception for information, visit MidCoast.org, Bucktown Center for the Arts. 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, 6pm **Fri Dec 18**.

Hopper & Dubuffet, a Winter Break Workshop for ages 6-8 and 9-12; fashion a diorama inspired by a scene from one of Edward Hooper's paintings, and make an expressive drawing on scratchboard influenced by Jean Dubuffet's work: \$50-\$40. for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, 9am Mon Dec 28.

Monet & O'Keefe, a Winter Break Workshop for ages 6-8 and 9-12; paint an impressionistic landscape inspired by Claude Monet and create an abstract landscape similar to one of Georgia

O'Keefe's; learn to mix unusual colors of paint; \$50-\$40; for information, call 515-277-4405. Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, 9am Tue Dec 29.

Trek to the Future, a Winter Break Workshop for ages 6-8 and 9-12; design and build models of vehicles, clothes, and living quarters that serve new purposes for the future; \$50-\$40; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, 9am Wed Dec 30.

Creative Connections - Artists in Action: Michelle Fisher, Foil Painting, collaborative effort between the museum and local artists to reach and teach non-artists about the artistic processes: for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.org, 10:30am Sat Jan 9.

Drop-In Tour: Return to Function, docent-led tour of functional-art exhibit; free; for information, call 515-277-4405. Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www. desmoinesartcenter.org, 11:30am Sat Jan 9. Opening Reception for Steve Banks - Terry Rathje - Monica

Correia - Susan Czechowski, for information, call 309-793-1213, Ouad City Arts Center, 1715 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www quadcityarts.com, 7pm Fri Jan 15.

Reception for "Homesick Blues", works by Joey Borovicka for information, call 563-333-6444, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/catich, 5pm Fr Jan 22.

Family Fun Day, activities for children of all ages in conjunction with the exhibit "Less Is More: The Vogel Collection"; free; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.org, 11am Sat Jan 23.

Gallery Talk, associate curator Laura Burkhalter discusses Edward Hopper and the works in the "Images & Influence" exhibit; free: for information, call 515-277-4405. Des Moines Art Center. 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter org, 6:30pm Thu Jan 28

Reception for Heidi Hernandez, for information, call 563 333-6254, Morrissey Gallery, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin/morrissey. html, 5:30pm Sat Jan 30.

Tables for Ladies: Edward Hopper and the Modern Woman, Patricia Junker on the pivotal place women occupy in the development of Hopper's painting career; free; for information, call 515-277-4405 Levitt Auditorium - Des Moines Art Center 4700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter. org, 6:30pm Thu Mar 4.

Exhibits & Shows

Leslie Bell - Peter Xiao, paintings; for information, call 309-793-1213, Quad City Arts Center, 1715 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.quadcityarts.com, thru Fri Nov 27.

Paintings by Corbin Bailey, The Old Post Office Gallery, 28 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA, thru Fri Nov 27.

The Art Collective: Fall Exhibit, works by a group of established regional artists from eastern lowa and western Illinois, showcasing creative fine art, and covering a wide range of two- and three-dimensional representations: works by Sherv Lammers (pastel), Brent Langley (acrylic/watercolor/oil), Lori Miller (fiber/mixed-media), Andi Naab (watercolor), Amy Nielsen (calligraphic watercolor/pen & ink), Nancy Lindsay (oil/panel), Jay Stratton (wood) and Bill Wohlford (wood/acrylics); for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://figgeart.org, thru Fri Nov 27.

Aaron Doerder, copper sculptures, in the 1st floor display case; for information, call 563-344-4177, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.

com. thru Mon Nov 30. Ali Kirsh - Carolyn Krueger, mixed media; for information, visit MidCoast.org, MidCoast at the i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, thru Mon Nov 30.

It It Really Retro? 1920's to 1940's Jewelry from the Art Decorative to the Retrospective Period, featured exhibit

featuring art-deco items from the Roaring Twenties to the Jazz Age M.C. Ginsberg Objects of Art, 110 East Washington, Iowa City, IA,

Naidine D'Angelo - Belinda Talbot, photography and drawing by D'Angelo, photography by Talbot; for information, visit MidCoast org, MidCoast Centre Station Gallery, 1200 River Dr, Moline, IL, **thru** Mon Nov 30.

The Age of Progressive Reform: Creating Modern America, 1900-1917, exhibition examines the period leading up to WWI when America was transformed into a modern industrialized society: highlights include government legislation to improve labor conditions and rein in big business, the establishment of voting rights for women, as well as the efforts of reform groups to improve urban conditions and address the impact of immigration; for information, call 309-736-5737, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, thru Mon Nov 30. Student Exhibition Children and Adults, Fall 2009, for

information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, thru Thu Dec 10.

Refuge(e) lowa, an installation by Donna Stack: lower level of McAuley Hall, Mon-Fri 4-6pm; for information, call 319-368-6475, ext. 6, Janalyn Hanson White Gallery, Mount Mercy College, Cedar

Rapids IA. thru Fri Dec 11.

Sue Hettmansperger & Lawrence Fritts, for information, call 319-398-4956, Iowa Hall Gallery, Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW. Cedar Rapids, IA. http://www.kirkwood edu, thru Sat Dec 12. Molecules That Matter, large models of molecules, important

works of contemporary art that comment on these materials. and works of popular culture; artists include Roxy paine, Alexis Rockman, Dan Peterman, and Ed Ruscha, Faulconer Gallery, Grinne College, Grinnell, IA, http://www.grinnell.edu/faulconergallery, thru Sun Dec 13 Joan Liffering-Zug: A Photographic Display from the Book "Finding My Way" by May McGregor Bourret, part of the

autobiographical book of the black Labrador who shares her life treat recipes, and philosophies with readers, West Bank, corner of Dubuque & Burlington, Iowa City, IA, thru Tue Dec 15.

Migration Interpretation, for information, call Eileen Eitrheim at 563-333-6254, Morrissey Gallery, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin morrissey.html, thru Wed Dec 23.

Dream of Consciousness, installation in four parts, by sculpto Lori Roderick: for information, call 309-732-7303, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, thru Tue Dec 29.

... unattached.... exhibit and sale of works by Talva Arbisser Phoenix Art Gallery, 1530 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www. nstitute.org, **thru Thu Dec 31**.

A Legacy for Iowa: Pollock's Mural and Modern

asterworks, Works from the University of Iowa Museum of Art; for more information visit Ulowa.edu/uima, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA. http://www.ujowa.edu/ujma. thru Thu Dec 31.

Art Works by Rita Tomanek, US Bank, 204 E Washington S lowa City, IA, **thru Thu Dec 31**.

Dawn's Staff Show, see the designs and technical talents of the Dawn's staff members: for information, call 319-338-1566. Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, http://www dawnsbeads.com. thru Thu Dec 31.

Dreaming Cows, interactive exhibit of vibrant paintings, pen drawings, and color photographs by artist Betty LaDuke, on her work with Heifer International: for information, call 319-291-4490. Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St., Waterloo, IA, http://www.waterloocenterforthearts.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Feathers and Fronds: Nature's Ornaments, three stunning noliday trees in the lobby, adorned with nature's ornaments, including pine cones, bittersweet, seed pods, and feathers; for information, call 309-794-0991, ext. 30, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.qcgardens.com, **thru**





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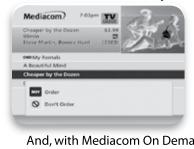
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Jay Stratton - Matt Moyer - Karen Kurka Jensen, wood works by Stratton, wood-fired variations on flower vases by Mover American sumi-e by Kurka Jensen; for information, call 309-793-1213, ext 108 or e-mail dwmetallo@quadcityarts.com, Quad City Arts at the Airport, Quad City International Airport, Airport Rd. Moline, IL, http://www.quadcityarts.com, thru Thu Dec 31. Jonathan Barnewolt - Mark Baker, multi-media by Barnewol sculpture by Baker; for information, visit MidCoast.org, MidCoast Gallery West, 2nd Ave & 16 1/2 St, Rock Island, IL, thru Thu Dec 31. Lucy David: After the Flood, assemblages of paper, wood, scraps, metal, wire, and thread, MidWestOne Bank - Iowa City, 102 S. Clinton St., Iowa City, IA, thru Thu Dec 31.



J.J. Abrams' science-fiction adventure is a dream of a franchis re-boot, a snappy and gloriously imagined trip to both the future and our collective past. The movie is playful without slipping into parody, serious without being sanctimonious, and reveren





Grand Wood: In Focus, a single-gallery installation culled from the museum's extensive collection; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Handmade for the Holidays, annual festival of holiday ornaments, seasonal items, and unusual gifts; for information, call 319-351-8686, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, http://www.iowa-artisans-gallery.com, thru Thu Dec 31. Jack "The Door Guy" Wilhoit, for information, call 563-940-1504, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA http://www.bucktownarts.com. thru Thu Dec 31.

Malvina Hoffman: Rodin's Last Student, works from famed sculptor; for information, call 319-366-7503, http://www.crma.org, hru Thu Dec 31.

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Pamela Ohnemus - Betsy Zmuda-Swanson - Natalie Nels acrylics by Ohnemus, oils by Zmuda-Swanson, photography by Nelson; for information, visit MidCoast.org, MidCoast at the RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.midcoast.org, thru Thu Dec 31

Rivers & Rain: Pieces of Denali, new paintings by Emily Christenson, featuring 11 large oil paintings started in the rain or water in Denali National Park and Healy, Alaska in the spring of 2008; for information, call 309-269-1984 or e-mail emily@ milychristenson.com, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St Davenport, IA, http://www.emilvchristenson.com, thru Thu Dec 31

The Positive Message Project: Positivity as a Form of Public Art, quotes, mantras, drawings, photos, lyrics, and poems by artists, customers, and friends, RSVP, 140 N Linn St, Iowa City, IA, **thru Thu**

VOD: Schulz's Reviews

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(500) Days of Summer

In its small-scale way, director Marc Webb's film is altogethe extraordinary – a romantic comedy that feels fresh, truthful, and vital, that achieves its effects through consistently surprising and incisive means, and that's as funny and touching as anything seen all vea

Julie & Julia

Not buoyant and ceaselessly watchable celebration of food and the cople who love it, featuring an utterly sensational performance by Meryl Streep, who plays legendary chef Julia Child as a esplendently happy woman who would hunarily devour the ntire world if she could.



without being kitsch

Pixar's latest exceptional entertainment. Director Pete Docter's comic adventure is fast-paced and imaginative and gloriously well animated, and boasts scenes of deep emotionalism – such as the opening, wordless love-story montage - so pure you feel ou miaht never foraet them.

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Weitz's movie boasting not one but two absolutely outstanding jokes. One occurs after our neroine, Bella (Kristen Stewart), arrives in Italy naving crossed an ocean to prevent her undead oulmate, Edward (Robert Pattinson), from ending nis "life." (Spoiler alert: She succeeds.) The lovers are subsequently forced into a meeting with an







OVIE REVIEWS

Not to My Lycan

THE TWILIGHT SAGA:

Like last November's film version of Stephenie

Meyer's Twilight, this November's follow-up, the

elpfully titled The Twilight Saga: New Moon, is a

elite, malevolent cadre of vampires called the

stand in silence – and listen to a tinny. Muzak

rendition of grand opera. It's a smart, hysterical

cutaway shot of Bella's plane heading to Italy. It

in New Moon: werewolf Jacob (Taylor Lautner).

in human form, scampering up the side of Bella's

house and leaping through her window; a smooth

camera move that circles the despondent Bella as

utumn turns to winter and winter turns to spring.

But like the film's two best gags, these bits were met

attended. What *did* the audience respond to? Well,

ust about everything that Bella's dad (Billy Burke)

and high-school pals said, even when it wasn't

funny, elicited cackles. Every mild reference to a

ruck, Edward's trapped-at-age-17 hottie actually

being 107 years old - cracked the crowd up. And

when, early on, Lautner took off his shirt to reveal

a truly intimidating six-pack, the mostly female

audience giggled excitedly for a full 10 seconds

In short, New Moon will probably make a sizable

portion of its Twilight-loving target demographic

very, very happy, even if those viewers ignore the

elements that might make The Rest of Us happy.

Personally, as a middle-aged man who hasn't read

Meyer's books and isn't feeling the loss, I remain

inmoved by this unfurling cinematic saga, with

good-looking but desperately uninteresting leading

ts determined, almost solemn pacing and its

characters. (If I want to experience a moody,

metaphoric love triangle between a human, a

vampire, and a shape-shifter, I'll just watch the

first season of HBO's True Blood again, which at

afterward

particular *Twilight* touchstone – Bella's clunker

with dead silence at the packed Friday matinée I

turns out she's flying Virgin America.

moment, and one topped only by a previous, quick

There are several other flashes of wit to be found

Volturi, and while riding the elevator to the cabal's

underground lair, Bella, Edward, and their captors

NEW MOON

neartache, romantic

nging, chastity, and

occasional levity, it's a

Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart, and Robert Pattinson in New Moon

east features occasional scares, raunch, narrative surprises, Cajun blues music, and Anna Paquin.) Yet while I'm not crazy about the screen material or its doggedly earnest presentation - or, for that matter, the special effects, which are distractingly weak for a series that's going to reap untold million - I'll readily admit that there's just enough that's

good about New Moon to make it a painless sit. Though their screen

time is unfortunately diminished in this sequel, there are exceedingly likeable comic turns by Anna

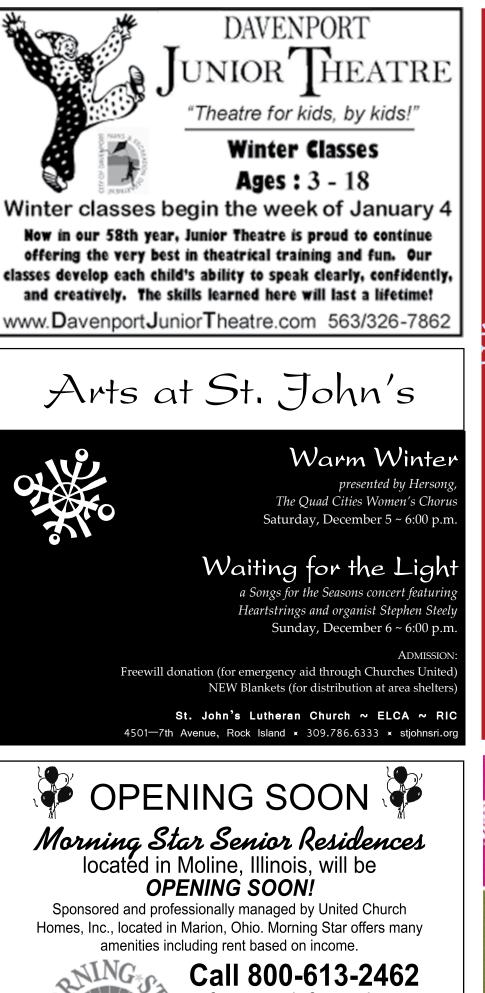
Kendrick and Michae Welch, and Weitz continually comes through with cleverly unforced visuals; a scene of Edward exiting his car and opening Bella's passenger-side door a split second later is a spectacular bit of throwaway amusement. And those late-film sequences in Italy give New Moon a visceral kick that you might be inprepared for even if you have read Meyer's books Not only does the great Michael Sheen show up, elegantly vicious as the Volturi leader, but so does Dakota Fanning, who, in the few minutes that her vampire is around, effectively steals the movie with

her fierce, red-eved focus and wicked Mona Lisa smile. The Internet Movie Database reveals that Fanning will return in next year's The Twilight Saga: Eclipse. I might become a fan of this franchise yet.

THE BLIND SIDE

No one could've been less enthused than I at the prospect of *The Blind Side*, the true – or, more likely, truthy - story of Michael Oher's rise to profootball greatness, and, seemingly, yet another opportunity for Sandra Bullock to strong-arm audiences into finding her plucky and adorable and other adjectives she hasn't been in over a decade. Amazingly, though, this predictable, feel-good weepie actually kinda works. On almost any level you could name, director John Lee Hancock's movie is incredibly easy to tear apart (and don't think mean-spirited jokes weren't running in my head all throughout). But even at its most saccharine and phony, the film exudes a spirited, family-friendly charm that's surprisingly infectious, and Bullock, against all expectation, is better here than she's been in ages: toughminded, quick-witted, and refreshingly free of affectation. It's a proudly cornball, inspiringly big hearted entertainment, and earns bonus points for country singer Tim McGraw as Bullock's contentedly put-upon spouse, who is as dryly hilarious as he is effortless. After meeting Oher's apologetically liberal tutor, McGraw turns to Bullock and deadpans, "Whoever thought we'd have a black son before we knew a Democrat?" A Hollywood movie with a major character who's an endearing, funny Republican? What will they think of next?!

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www.museum.state.il.us. thru Sun Jan 10

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Return to Function, functional artworks by contemporary artists; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcente org, thru Sun Jan 10.

Branching Out: The Art of Wood, works by an international roster of accomplished woodturners, including David Ellsworth. Lane Phillips, Bruce Hoover, Dixie Biggs, Jack Wohlstadter, Michae Mode, Alain Mailland, and others; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www. figgeartmuseum.org, thru Sun Feb 14. Art in Roman Life, over 50 works, including coins, glass vessels,

artist; for information, call 319-366-7503, http://www.crma.org,

thru Wed Mar 3 German American Immigrant Experience, new permaner exhibit in newly-quadrupled exhibit space; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St. Davenport, IA, http://www.gahc.org, thru Wed Mar 3.

Ange Glade of the A.K. Glade Collection, by appointmen at the inside gallery at 3rd & Brady: nostalgic black-and-white photographs; vibrant color photographic illustrations of the Quad Cities' riverfront parks and other areas of interest: for information call 563-499-6570, Union Arcade Building, 200 Block Brady Street, Davenport, IA, thru Wed Mar 3. Liberal Arts through the AGES, this introduction to western

visual art history and its multicultural links builds on the museum's previous exhibitions and catalogues prepared for the AGES Liberal Studies program; open Tue, through Sat, from noon-4 p.m., closed during breaks Dec. 18 - Jan. 12. and Feb. 14 - March 9; free; for information, call 309-794-7231, Augustana College Art Museum Centennial Hall Building, Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana

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20th Century art; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapid Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http:

Treasures from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Collection, examples of fine, folk, and decorative art, textiles embellished with beads and embroidery, costumes, fine Royal Dux porcelain pieces, glass and crystal, and more; for information, call 319-366-7503. Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.org, thru Thu Dec 31 Twelve Views of Water, retrospective of the works of Nancy Purington, featuring four decades of paintings, collages, and photographs; for information, call 319-291-4490, Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St., Waterloo, IA, http://www waterloocenterforthearts.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Voice to Vision, exhibition documenting the experiences o holocaust and genocide survivors through artwork by Holocaust and Rwandan genocide survivors; for information, call 319-291 4490, Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St., Waterloo, I/ http://www.waterloocenterforthearts.org, thru Thu Dec 31. 2nd Annual College Invitational, featuring work by art majors at Augustana College, Black Hawk College, Knox College

University, and Western Illinois University; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA http://www.figgeartmuseum.org, **thru Sun Jan 3.** Holidays with the Hoovers, featuring 20 decorated Christmas

trees based on the life and travels of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover; 9am-5pm daily except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day; for information, call 319-643-5301, Herbert Hoove Presidential Museum, Off I-80 at exit 254, West Branch, IA, http:// www.hoover.archives.gov, thru Sun Jan 3. Norman Rockwell: Fact and Fiction, featuring five, newly

conserved and restored watercolors by the master artist, along with numerous photographs taken by local photographer Wes Panek investigating the many facts and fictions associated with Rockwell's Cedar Rapids visit; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.

Paper Trail: A Decade of Acquisition from the Walker

Art Center Exhibition Preview, features a wide range of prints and drawings that address complex social and cultural issues, employing everything from pen and ink to elaborately layered multimedia compositions; for information, call 563-326-7804, http://www.figgeartmuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

Stitches for the Holiday, show by the Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild, exhibited in the lobby; for information, call 309-794-0991. ext. 30. Ouad Citv Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island,

http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, thru Sun Jan 10. From Humble Beginnings: Lincoln's Illinois 1830-1861, learn about the Illinois that Lincoln knew through objects and stories of the people who lived there: free: for information, call 217-782-7386 Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring Street, Springfield, IL, http://

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ceramic lamps, marble sculptures, and more; for information, call 319-366-7503, http://www.crma.org, thru Wed Mar 3. Mauricio Lasansky, new takes on the important lowa City

edu/artmuseum. thru Wed Mar 3

A Forest Journey, Thursdays thru Sundays; traveling exhibit on he history of wood throughout the world, forest products, and the relationship between forests and the benefits of trees; \$3-\$2, free for ages 5 and under; for information, call 566-242-0343 or e-mail SawmillMuseum@aol.com. Clinton Sawmill Heritage Experience, or the corner of 23rd Avenue North and Grant Street, Clinton, IA, 10am Thu Nov 26 thru Sun Dec 20.

Ange Glade of the A.K. Glade Collection, Tuesdays and Saturdays; nostalgic black-and-white photographs; vibrant color photographic illustrations of the Quad Cities' riverfront parks and other areas of interest; for information, call 563-499-6570. Freight ouse, 421 W River Dr, Davenport, IA, 3pm Sat Nov 28 thru Tue Mar 2.

Senior Honors Exhibits, works by SAU students graduating with degrees in fine arts and graphic design; for information, call 563-333-6444, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA http://www.sau.edu/catich, Tue Dec 1 thru Fri Dec 18.

David Houk - Jeanne O'Melia, mixed media by Houk, sculpture by O'Melia; for information, visit MidCoast.org, MidCoast t the i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr., Moline, IL, **Tue Dec 1 thru** Sun Jan 31

Diane Bruce - Brent Langley, pastels and watercolors by Bruce, oils, acrylics, and watercolors by Langley; for information, visit MidCoast.org, MidCoast Centre Station Gallery, 1200 River Dr, Moline, IL, Tue Dec 1 thru Sun Jan 31.

William Hannan, mixed media; for information, visit MidCoast. org, Mississippi Valley Welcome Center, 900 Eagle Ridge Rd, LeClaire, IA, Tue Dec 1 thru Sun Jan 31.

Louise Rauh - Diane Navlor - Elizabeth Shriver, aluminum by Rauh, paintings by Naylor, ceramic sculpture by Shriver; for information, call 309-793-1213, Quad City Arts Center, 1715 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.guadcityarts.com, Fri Dec 4 thru Fri Jan 8.

Edward Hopper: Images & Influences, featuring "Chop Suey and five other works by Hopper, alongside a selection of works by later artists whose art reflects Hopper's influence; for information call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Noines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, Fri Dec 18 thru Wed Mar 3

Dawn Wohlford-Metallo - Daniel Otten - Cindy Caraway handmade paper by Wohlford-Metallo, painting by Otten, beaded jewelry by Caraway; for information, call 309-793-1213, Quad City Arts at the Airport, Quad City International Airport, Airport Rd, Moline, IL, http://www.guadcityarts.com, Fri Jan 1 thru Sun Feb

Steve Banks - Terry Rathje - Monica Correia - Susan Czechowski, for information, call 309-793-1213, Ouad City Arts Center, 1715 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.quadcityarts.com Fri Jan 15 thru Fri Feb 26.

Homesick Blues, contemporary Midwestern painter Joey Borovicka on such common experiences as growing up, moving away from home, and losing loved ones; for information, call 563-333-6444, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA ://www.sau.edu/catich, Tue Jan 19 thru Fri Feb 26.

Less Is More: The Vogel Collection, 50 works featuring ninimal and conceptual works amassed by Dorothy and Herber Vogel: for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.crma.org, Sat Jan 23 thru Sun May 2.

Heidi Hernandez, for information, call Eileen Eitrheim at 563-333-6254, Morrissey Gallery, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose Jniversity, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin/morrissey html, Sat Jan 30 thru Tue Mar 30.

Journey Stories, artistic representations of how we and our ancestors came to America: for information. call 309-734-3033. Buchanan Center for the Arts, 64 Public Square, Monmouth, IL, **Sa**t Jan 30 thru Wed Mar 3

Visions of Iowa: Arthur Geisert "Country Road ABC" featuring illustrations from the legendary master etcher's upcoming children's book: for information, call 563-326-7804 Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www ggeartmuseum.org, Sat Feb 27 thru Sun May 30.

In-Between: The Architecture of Migration, wearable eadable, and touchable structures designed to explore the psychology of personal and cultural migration, by Jane Gilmor; for information, call 563-333-6444, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose Jniversity, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/catich, Tue Mar 2 thru Fri Apr 16

Classes Dawn's Hide & Bead Away Open Studio Night, on Thursdays; share beading techniques and offer and receive technical assistance; participants are welcome to bring their own materials, projects, and ideas; torch studio available to those with experience for \$12/four hours; for information, call 319-338-1566, Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, http://www dawnsbeads.com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Fabulous Felting Workshop, with instructor Bonnie Grebner \$25-\$20, with \$15 materials fee; for information, call 563-326-7804, ext 2045 or e-mail haaronson@figgeartmuseum.org, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://wwv figgeartmuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 5.

Knitting 202, with Mary Masterson; create a more advanced project with Mary; bring a pair of #17 knitting needles; \$20; to register, call 563-343-2765, Inspirational Cup and Gift Gallery, 2724 Brady St, Davenport, IA, http://cupandgallery.com, 1pm Sat Dec 5. Advanced Glass Jewelry for Holiday Gifts, with Silvia Engel;

create an advanced piece of glass jewelry for yourself or someone special on your holiday list; it will then be fired for you, to be picked back up at the gallery; \$25; to register, call 563-343-2765, Inspirational Cup and Gift Gallery, 2724 Brady St, Davenport, IA, http://cupandgallerv.com, 1pm Sat Dec 12.

Get Great Holiday Photos: Tips and Tricks, with Diane Wall; learn simple tips and tricks to make your photos look like a pro



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Des Moines Art Center Arts & Ends Call for Entry, donate gently used items (such as fine furniture, silver, crystal, rugs, linens, china, artwork, jewelry, etc.) to the Des Moines Art Center's Arts and Ends sale, schedule for April 30-May 2, 2010. To donate, contact Debra Lehmann at 515-271-0336 or dlehmann@ desmoinesartcenter.org., Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave. Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, thru Wed

MUSIC

Concerts

The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Show, world-famous country musicians in concert; \$41.50-\$34.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www. adlertheatre.com, 7:30pm Wed Nov 25. Rare Earth, popular band with dance hits including "I Just Wan

o Celebrate" and "Get Ready"; \$15-\$30; for tickets, call 800-THE-ISLE, Ouad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 1777 Isle Parkway Bettendorf, IA, http://bettendorf.isleofcapricasinos.com, 7:30pm Fri Nov 27.

Skillet, American Christian rock band, performing with Hawk Nelson, special guest Decyfer Down, and The Letter Black; \$52-\$24: for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E, 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.adlertheatre.com, 7pm Sat Nov 28.

BHC Student Piano Recital, for information, contact Jon Palomaki at 309-796-5478 or palomakii@bhc.edu. Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL, 7:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Rachel Price, jazz vocals with visiting artist, in Building 4, room 101; for information, contact Dr. Edgar Crockett at 309-796-5479 or rockette@bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave. Moline II. 11am Mon Nov 30

lowa Brass Quintet, featuring guest artists from the Wisconsin Brass Quintet, early English and Civil War tunes, and compositions by Shostakovich; free, St. Thomas More Church, Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, 7:30pm Tue Dec 1.

SAU Music Department Student Recital, in Madsen Hall: students perform as partial fulfillment of their music performance degree; for information, call 563-333-6000, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu, 7:30pm **Tue**

Voice Seminar for information call 309-794-7233 Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www. augustana.edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Dec 1.

Jamev Johnson and Randy Houser, country music superstars in concert; \$32-\$27; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, http://www.riverctr.com, 7:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Senior Day: Bettendorf Middle School Holiday Special, annual holiday concert: coffee from Dewey's Cafe and other refreshments made by Palmer Hills Retirement Community will be available after the program; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 1:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Christmas at Augustana, featuring performances by the Augustana Symphony Orchestra, Augustana Brass Ensemble, Augustana Choir, Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble, Ascension Singers, Cantilena Augustana, and the Wennerberg Men's Chorus; hymn: carols, and songs of Christmas; \$8-\$16; for information, call 309-794-7236, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/music, 8pm Fri

Choral Dynamics of Galesburg: Ringing in the Season the ensemble's annual holiday show; \$7.50-\$15; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St. Galesburg, IL, http://www.theorpheum.org, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4.

Christmas at the Figge, annual madrigal dinner and concert with the Quad City Singers, hosted by Kirby Winn, under the direction of Lori Potts; holiday music from the Renaissance through contemporary jazz; 5:30pm social hour, 6:30pm dinner & program: \$44; to reserve, call 563-326-7804 or e-mail i.brooke@ figgeartmuseum, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, 5.30pm Fri Dec 4

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5th Annual Warm Winter Concert w/ Hersong, presented by Hersong, the Quad Cities Women's Chorus, and St. John's; admission is any donation of cash or new blankets to be distributed by Churches United to the Quad City community; for information, contact Brooke Wilson at 309-737-9898 or Hersong@earthlink.net, St. John's Lutheran Church, 4501 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL. http://

www.hersong.us.6pm Sat Dec 5

Alexander Markov, violinist; \$29-\$24; a presentation in the 2009-10 "Season of Headliners" series; for information, call 515-277-3727, Levitt Auditorium - Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, 8pn Sat Dec 5.

Choral Dynamics of Galesburg : Ringing in the Season, the ensemble's annual holiday show; \$7.50-\$15; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299. Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, http://www.theorpheum.org, 7:30pm Sat Dec 5. Christmas with Musick's Feast, featuring music sacred and

secular, from German chorales to English madrigals, with a set of variations on the tune "In dulci jubilo"; all proceeds benefit hunger relief locally and globally; for information, call 319-337-7917 or e-mail musicksfeast@mchsi.com, First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA, 7:30pm Sat Dec 5.

Fall Jazz Concert '09, featuring Bob Sheppard on saxophone. with the Cedar Rapids Jazz Big band and the Kirkwood Jazz Ensemble: directed by Dr. Tim Feldkamp: for information, call 319-398-4956, Ballantyne Auditorium, Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.kirkwood.edu, 7:30pm **Sat** Dec 5

Natalie MacMaster: Christmas in Cape Breton, traditional Christmas carols with Celtic melodies, foot-tapping rave-ups, heart-wrenching ballads, and world-class step dancing; a Hanche Auditorium presentation; for tickets, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, http://www hancher.uiowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Dec 5.

Quad City Symphony Orchestra: Mast works III

featuring Hannah Holman on cello. Dvorak's Cello Concerto, and Shoshtakovich's Symphony No. 5; conducted by Mark Russell Smith; for information, call 563-322-QCSO (7276), Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.gcsymphony.com, 8pm Sat Dec 5.

Annual Zither and Bell Choir Concert, \$5; for information, call 563-322-8844 or e-mail ach@gahc.org. German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.gahc.org, 2pm Sun Dec 6.

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acsymphony.com, 2pm Sun Dec 6. Choral Dynamics of Galesburg: Ringing in the Season the ensemble's annual holiday show; \$7.50-\$15; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St.,

Galesburg, IL, http://www.theorpheum.org, 3pm Sun Dec 6. Christmas at the Figge, annual madrigal dinner and concert with the Quad City Singers, hosted by Kirby Winn, under the direction of Lori Potts; holiday music from the Renaissance through contemporary jazz; 5:30pm social hour, 6:30pm dinne & program; \$44; to reserve, call 563-326-7804 or e-mail j.brooke@ figgeartmuseum, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA,

5:30pm Sun Dec 6. Waiting for the Light, a Songs for the Seasons concert featuring Heartstrings and organist Stephen Steely; freewill donations and new blankets accepted; for information, call 309 786-6333. St. John's Lutheran Church, 4501 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL.

ttp://www.stjohnsri.org, 6pm Sun Dec 6. BHC Student Vocal Recital, for information, contact Jon Palomaki at 309-796-5478 or palomakij@bhc.edu, Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL, 7:30pm Mon Dec 7.

Megadeth - Suicide Silence - Warbringer - Archanium legendary rockers in concert, with special quests; \$38-\$36.50; for ickets, call 800-745-3000, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA http://www.riverctr.com, 6:30pm Mon Dec 7.

Weekend Warriors Concert Performance, showcase concer featuring musicians from the six-week "Weekend Warriors" jam workshops: for information, contact C.J. Ward at 309-764-9300 or cward@westmusic.com, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http://www.rivermusicexperience.org, 6pm Mo Dec 7.

BHC Community Band Concert, in Building 4, second floor; for information, call Jim Crowder at 563-332-5879. Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, 7:30pm Tue Dec 8.

SAU Music Department Student Recital, in Madsen Hall: students perform as partial fulfillment of their music performance degree; for information, call 563-333-6000, Galvin Fine Arts Center 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA. http://www.sau.edu, 7:30pm **Tue** Dec 8.

Christmas Sing-a-long, free; for information, call 563-322-8844 or e-mail ach@gahc.org, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.gahc.org, 7pm Tue Dec 8.

Straight No Chaser, holiday tunes with 10-man a cappella ensemble; a Hancher Auditorium presentation; for tickets, call 319-335-1160, Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.hancher uiowa.edu, 7:30pm **Tue Dec 8**.

Student Solo and Ensemble Recital, for information, call 319-398-4956. Ballantyne Auditorium, Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.kirkwood.edu, 11am Tue

Student Recital: Various Student Musicians, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Dec 8.

BHC Holiday Choral Concert, for information, contact

Jon Palomaki at 309-796-5478 or palomakij@bhc.edu, First Congregational Church, 101 W Pearl St, Geneseo, IL, 7:30pm **Thu**

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Holiday Show, swing band in concert 41-\$34; for information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 8pm Thu Dec 10

Brown Bag Lunch: Pleasant Valley High School Choir, Meg





Bryne, choir director at Pleasant Valley High School, will bring a group of singers to entertain with holiday themed songs; coffee m Dewey's Cafe provided; free; for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 12:15pm Fri Dec 11. Chorale Concert, directed by Ray Salucka; for information call 319-398-4956. Ballantyne Auditorium, Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.kirkwood.edu 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Cross Canadian Ragweed, for information, call 515-223-6152, Val Air Ballroom, Des Moines, IA, http://www.valairballroom.com

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Insane Clown Posse, world-touring hard rockers in concert; \$25; for information and tickets, visit www.jaytv.com, East Peoria Convention Center, Peoria, IL, http://www.epeventcenter.com, 8pm

SAU Christmas Showcase, performances by the University Chorale, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band and SAU-Community Orchestra, Jazz Combo, and STAMVO JA: for information and tickets, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin, 7pm Fri Dec 11. Opera Without Elephants, a fascinating look at the skills of the singer-actor as they are applied to performance; spanning a range of operatic repertoire from classic to modern, comic to dramatic, Mozart to Britten; all selections sung in English with piano accompaniment; directed by Gary Briggle; free; for information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Opera Without Elephants, a fascinating look at the skills of the singer-actor as they are applied to performance; spanning a range of operatic repertoire from classic to modern, comic to dramatic, Mozart to Britten; all selections sung in English with piano accompaniment; directed by Gary Briggle; free; for information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA. http://www.englert.org. 1pm Sat Dec 12.

Kirkwood Concert Band, directed by Dr. Beth Zamzow; for information, call 319-398-4956, Ballantyne Auditorium, Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www. kirkwood.edu, 7:30pm Sat Dec 12.

Rachel Price, a Quad City Arts Visiting Artist evening with the jazz vocalist; \$15-\$8; doors 6:30pm; for information, call 309-793-1213, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http://www guadcitvarts.com, 6:30pm Sat Dec 12.

Handel's Messiah, thrilling annual presentation, featuring 62 Augustana Choir singers and approximately 200 others from the Ouad-City community, joined by the 37-member Handel Oratoric Society Chamber Orchestra and four professional soloists; with Sarah Hibbard, Jessve Wright, Brent Wilson, and Mark Walters: Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; \$8-\$16, reduced rated for seniors, students, children, and groups; for tickets and information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, v.augustana.edu/tickets, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13. Blind Boys of Alabama, inspirational musicians performing in their "Go Tell It On The Mountain - The Christmas Show" tour; \$38-\$10: for information and tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 7pm

Papa Roach - Shinedown - Halestorm, multi-platinum,

Grammy-nominated rocker in concert, with openers Shinedowr and Halestorm; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.uscellularcenter.com

Voice Seminar, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www. augustana.edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Dec 15. Lessons and Carols. Christmas service chronicling Christ's birth through song and readings; with the Augustana Chamber Singers; at 4 & 8pm; free; for information, call 309-794-7233, Ascensior Chapel, Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http:// www.augustana.edu/academics/music, Thu Dec 17. A Nova Christmas, a Nova Singers concert, directed by Dr. Laura Lane; \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, free for students; for

information, call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, http://deptorg. knox.edu/novasingers/concerts.html, 7:30pm Fri Dec 18. Creative Christmas, presented by Heritage Church; Christma comes alive through this upbeat production utilizing lights, sound, video, dancers and a wide variety of musical styles and arrangements including your all time Christmas favorites \$14.50-\$18.50; Fri-Sat 7pm, Sat-Sun 3pm; for tickets, call 800-745-

3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www. adlertheatre.com, Fri Dec 18 thru Sun Dec 20.

The Bucktown Revue, an old-fashioned webcast radio variet program, drawing inspiration from such shows as "A Grand Ole Opry" and "A Prairie Home Companion"; featuring live folk music, poetry, and humor, with the Barley House Band as house orchestra and emcee Scott Tunnicliff: 6:30pm doors. 7pm show: \$7: for information, call 563-326-1333, River Music Experience, 129 Mai St, Davenport, IA, http://www.rivermusicexperience.org, 7pm Fri

A Christmas Celebration with Rachel West Kramer, Christian music event with selections from Kramer's newest CD. "On This Silent Holy Night"; \$6-\$12; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, http:// www.theorpheum.org, 7pm **Sat Dec 19**.

A Nova Christmas, a Nova Singers concert, directed by Dr. Laura Lane: \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, free for students: for information, call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu, First Lutheran Church - Galesburg, 364 E. Water St., Galesburg, IL, http://www.action.com/actional-actiona deptorg.knox.edu/novasingers/concerts.html, 7:30pm Sat Dec 19. Neil Diamond Tribute, Branson touring concert tells the life of Diamond through his songs, starring lookalike Keith Allynn; with an opener by 4-year-old Bobby Darin, "The World's Younges Elvis"; \$15-\$25; for information, call 800-35-AMANA, Old Creamer

Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, http://www.oldcreamerv.com 7pm Wed Dec 23.

Mannheim Steamroller, the 25th Christmas Anniversary Tour of the Grammy winners' spectacular and beloved holiday show; featuring favorite Christmas songs along with state of the art multimedia effects: \$35.50-\$55.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www. enter.com, 7pm Wed Dec 30.

Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles, multi-media musical experience covering the group's earliest beginnings through the psychedelic late-'60s; \$208-107; for tickets, call 309-673-3200, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, http://www eoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm Tue Jan 12 and Wed Jan 13.

The Bucktown Revue, an old-fashioned webcast radio variety program, drawing inspiration from such shows as "A Grand Ole Opry" and "A Prairie Home Companion"; featuring live folk music, poetry, and humor, with the Barley House Band as house orchestra and emcee Scott Tunnicliff; 6:30pm doors, 7pm show; \$7; for information, call 563-326-1333, River Music Experience, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http://www.rivermusicexperience.org, 7pm Fri

Jon Nakamatsu, pianist; \$29-\$24; a presentation in the 2009-10 "Season of Headliners" series; for information, call 515-277-3727, Levitt Auditorium - Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org, 8pm Sat Jan 16.

Live in the Promise, a community celebration and musical tribute in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; presented by the Augustana College Office of Diversity and the Dr. King Celebration Committee: free: for information. call 309-794-8274. Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, 6pm Sat an 16.

Honor Band Festival Finale Concert, for information, call 309-794-7233, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/music, 6:30pm Mon Jan 18.

Voice Seminar, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www augustana.edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Jan 19.

"Tennessee" Tony Cavitt, a Brown Bag Lunch concert; Cavitt performs an eclectic blend of Folk, Bluegrass, Country and Blues; free; for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorflibrary.com, 12pm Fri Jan 22.

Augustana Percussion Ensemble Concert, for information call 309-794-7233, Bergendoff Hall-Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/musi 7:30pm Fri Jan 22.

Rose 'n'Thorns, six-piece, high-energy band performing a liverse program ranging from covers of the Beatles and Bob Dylan to Jimmy Buffet and the Eagles; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. nolinelibrary.com, 2:30pm Sat Jan 23.

Diocesan Festival Choral Concert, features the high school choruses from the schools in the Davenport diocese; after a day of rehearsals the students will participate in a concert featuring outstanding soloists, a choir selected from Diocese school, a massed choir, and the St. Ambrose University Choral; for information, call 563-333-6001, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518W Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/music, 7pm Tue

Student Recital: Various Student Musicians, for information call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/music 10:45am **Tue Jan 26**.

Mozart's "La Finta Giardiniera", comic/dramatic opera teeming with Mozart's early musical genius, in a production in the University of Iowa Martha-Ellen Tye Opera Series; \$5-\$20; for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.ujowa.edu/~dpa/season.htm, Fri Jan 29 thru

Leo Kottke and Leon Redbone. for tickets and information. call 563-326-8820, Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.thecapdavenport, Sat Jan 30.

Sundays at Four: The Maia Quartet, for information, call 319 337-4301, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton St., lowa City, IA, http://www.uccic.org, 4pm Sun Jan 31.

Voice Seminar, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www. augustana edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Feb 2

Honors Recital, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www. augustana.edu/academics/music.8pm Fri Feb 5.

Rinde Eckert: Eye Piece, a theatrical meditation on blindness featuring performers from the UI Theatre Arts and Dance departments and the School of Music, as well as Eckert himself; a Hancher Auditorium presentation; Fri-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; for tickets call 319-335-1160. E. C. Mabie Theatre, UI Theatre Bldg., Iowa City, A, http://www.hancher.uiowa.edu, Fri Feb 5 thru Sun Feb 14.

Augustana Jazz Ensemble Concert, for information, ca 309-794-7233, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/academics/music, 8p Fri Feb 5.

Quad City Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks IV, featuring Jon Hurty, Guest Conductor; Mary Wilson, Soprano; Andrew Garland, Baritone; Alfred E. Sturgis, Countertenor; the Handel Oratorio Society; and Quad City Choral Arts; performing Mozart's Exsultate, jubilate and Orff's Carmina Burana; for information, call 563-322-QCSO (7276), Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, ttp://www.qcsymphony.com, 8pm Sat Feb 6.

The Knox-Galesburg Symphony Trio, featuring David Suda, violin; Carolyn Suda, cello; and Bruce Polay, piano, performing Robert Schumann's Second Piano Trio: \$12; for tickets, call 309-341 7268, Kresge Recital Hall, Knox College, Galesburg, IL, http://www. knox.edu, 7:30pm Sat Feb 6.

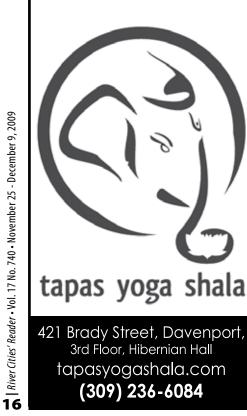


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We all know that Iowa City's Englert

a popular destination for some of the

most noted names in American music.

totally show off this December - with

So why the venue feels the need to

two of the country's most exciting

ensembles appearing *within three*

days of each other - I have absolutely

Englert presents an evening with Big

Bad Voodoo Daddy, the California-

based musicians who helped make a

cult smash of the 1996 Jon Favreau/

Vince Vaughn comedy Swingers, and

who were (literally) instrumental in

revitalizing the late-'90s swing-music

scene. And then, on December 13, the

theatre will host a night with the Blind

renowned performers who were recently

Boys of Alabama, the internationally

inducted into the Gospel Music Hall

Grammy Award for Best Traditional

of Fame, and who managed to win the

Soul Gospel Album every year between

of Tom Waits' "Way Down in the Hole"

season of HBO's The Wire, so you know

2002 and 2005. (The group's rendition

was also the theme song for the first

they're cool.) Other notable Englert

happenings this winter include a New

Year's Eve party with Public Property,

Euforquestra, and the Uniphonics; the

sketch and improv comedy of Second

that latter film, there's really only one

word to describe the venue's patrons

this winter: "Lu-cky!" For tickets and

information to all Englert Theatre

events, call (319)688-2653 or visit

Englert.org. – Mike Schulz

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Theatre has, for many years, been

Events

Englert Theatre

December through February

Sturgis, Countertenor; the Hande Oratorio Society: and Ouad City Choral Arts; performing Mozart's Exsultate, jubilate and Orff's Carmina Burana: for information, call 563-322 OCSO (7276), Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www qcsymphony.com, 2pm **Sun Feb 7**. Student Recital: Various

Student Musicians, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana. edu/academics/music, 10:45am Tue Dec 8, 10:45am Tue Jan 26, 10:45am Tue Feb 9.

An Evening with Rosanne Cash, perfo rmance by the country legend, with multimedia elements; a Hancher Auditorium presentation: \$10-\$47: for tickets. call 319-335-1160, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www. hancher.uiowa.edu, 7:30pm Wed Feb 10

Augustana Jazz Combo Soiree, for information, call 309-794-7233, Denkmann Memorial Hall, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustan edu/academics/music, 8pm Wed

Kris Kristofferson, Grammvand Golden Globe-winning singer and film star in concert; \$40-\$55; for tickets, call 877-677-3456, Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, http://www. 8pm Fri Feb 12.

Winard Harper Sextet,

featuring the jazz percussion legend; a Hancher Auditorium presentation; for tickets, call 319 335-1160, Jowa City High School 1900 Morningside Dr, Iowa City, IA, http://www.hancher.uiowa. edu, 7:30pm Fri Feb 12.

Augustana Concert Band Concert, for information, call 309-794-7233, Centennial Hall, ugustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www augustana.edu/academics/music 4pm Sat Feb 13.

Augustana Symphon Orchestra Concert, for information, call 309-794-7233. Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana edu/academics/music, 8pm Sat Feb 13

Musick's Feast and the Recliners, lowa City's early-mu ensemble in concert with the eclectic musicians of classic '60s and '70s hits in all genres all proceeds benefit hunger relief locally and globally; for information call 319-337-7917 o e-mail musicksfeast@mchsi.com First Presbyterian Church of lowa City, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA, 7:30pm Sat Feb 13. Shinedown, Florida-based

rockers performing with special guests Puddle of Mudd and Skillet: \$32.50: for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL http://www.jaytv.com, 7:30pm Sat Feb 13.

Senior Day - Juke Boxes Pool Halls, and Duck Tails, former teen rocker, songv

producer (as Jerry Martin), and one of the top radio personalities of the 60s Layton Zbornik delivers a musical trip back in time; free; for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary. com, 1:30pm Thu Feb 18.

The Bucktown Revue, an old-fashioned webcast radio variety program, drawing inspiration from such shows as "A Grand Ole Opry" and "A Prairie Home Companion"; featuring live folk music poetry, and humor, with the Barley House Band as house orchestra and emcee Scott Tunnicliff; 6:30pm doors, 7pm show; \$7; for information, call 563-326-1333, River Music Experience, 129 Main

St. Davenport, IA, http://www. experience.org, 7pm

Fri Feb 19. Morning Light and Evening

Rest, a Nova Singers concer irected by Dr. Laura Lane: \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, free or students: for information. cal 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@ x.edu, First Lutheran Church Galesburg, 364 E. Water St. alesburg, IL, http://deptorg.kno s/concerts.html,

:30pm Sat Feb 20. Morning Light and Evening

Rest. a Nova Singers concert. directed by Dr. Laura Lane; \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, free for students; for information, call 309 341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox edu, First Congregational Church, 101 W Pearl St, Geneseo, IL, http:// leptorg.knox.edu/nc concerts.html, 4pm Sun Feb 21. YL Male Voice Choir, 65-voice nsemble; a Hancher Auditorium

presentation; for tickets, call 319 335-1160, Iowa City West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA, http://www.hancher owa.edu, 2pm Sun Feb 21. Bryan Adams, for tickets

and information, call 563-326-8820, Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www thecapdavenport, Wed Feb 24. SAU High School Honor Bane Festival and Concert, an all-day band festival culminating in an All Star Band performance: \$5-\$2; for nformation and tickets, call 563 333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Cente 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin, 7pm Thu Feb 25.

St. Ambrose University Honor Band Festival Concert talented high school students will showcase their skills in a public concert; for more information, contact Gene Bechen at 563-333-6149. Galvin Fine Arts Center. 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, ttp://www.sau.edu/music, 7pr Thu Feb 25.

Smile, a Brown Bag Lunch oncert with the folk and rock band: free: for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorflibrary.com, 12pm Fri

Feb 26.

The Knox-Galesburg **Symphony**, conducted by Bruce Polay, with guest soloist Russell Peterson, alto saxophone performing works by Cooman. Peterson and Tchaikovsky; \$18-\$8; for tickets, call 309-341-7268, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, http://www.k edu, 7:30pm Sat Feb 27

Calls For Entry Winter Blues 2009-2010

register by Dec. 15 for session unning Dec. 28-31; vocal and instrumental workshops and rehearsals, as well as blues compositions and improvisation concluding with a Redstone Room blues jam on Jan. 2; open to musicians 8-18, led by Ellis Kell and Hal Reed; sharpen your skills and express yourself in the blues; sessions from 1-5pm; \$125; to register, call 563-326-1333, ext 113, or e-mail ekell@ ivermusicexperience.org, Rive Music Experience, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http://www experience.org, **thru**

Tue Dec 15. 2009 International Songwriting Competition, prizes include over \$150,000 in cash and merchandise, including a \$25,000 cash Grand Prize and a scholarship to Berklee Colleg of Music's Summer Performance Program for the winner in the Teen category: for information, call 615-251-4441, http://www. congwritingcompetition com. thru Thu Dec 31

Ars Nova Vocal Academy Accepting Students, specializing the proper technique of musical theatre singing, as well as the classics: private lessons available mornings & evenings; for information, call 309-292-1866 or e-mail arsnovavocal@yahoo.com thru Wed Mar 3

Karli Rose Kell Music Scholarship Fund, proceeds from new Ellis Kell CD to benefit area youth needing financial assistance pursuing their musical passions; for information, call 563-326-1333, ext 113, River Music Experience, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http:// cexperience.org, thru Wed Mar 3.

Moio's Seeks Local Performers, seeking individuals school groups, and bands to perform on the community stage; basic sound system and limited house musical equipment available; for information, call Anne Helms at 563-326-1333, ext 104 or e-mail ahelms@rivermusicexp erience.org, http://www ivermusicexperience.org. thru Wed Mar 3.

RME Financial Assistance Available, financial assistance available for private lessons and program fees at the RME: for information, call 563-326-1333, ext 113 or e-mail ekell@ rivermusicexperience.org, River Music Experience, 129 Main St Davenport, IA, http://www.rivermusicexperience.org, thru We

Vocal Lessons with Sunshine, private lessons available by appointment; for information, call 309-794-1410, Sunshine's Performing Arts Studio & Resale Store, 1303 30th Ave., Rock Island thru Wed Mar 3

The Quad City Wind Ensemble's 22nd Annual Young

Performer's Solo Competition, entries accepted thru Mar. 12; the winner will appear as quest soloist with the ensemble at their May 2 concert; performers must be high school students currently enrolled in their school band program; for more information about the competition or to obtain an entry form, contact Bob Fisher at fischer2258@yahoo.com, thru Wed Mar 3.

Bob Sheppard Saxophone Master Class, in room 375. Ceda Hall Band Room; for information, call 319-398-4956, Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd., Cedar Rapids, IA, http:// www.kirkwood.edu, 1pm Sat Dec 5.

Joe Filisko & Eric Noden Blues Workshop, with blues and roots musicians: free: for information, call 563-326-1333. River Music Experience, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, http://www. ivermusicexperience.org, 1pm Sat Dec 5.

LITERARY ARTS

Readings & Discussions

Beat Poetry Night, co-sponsored by the Midwest Writin Center, led by intern Broc Nelson; poets and musicians welcome no profanity allowed: for information, call 563-324-1410 or e-mai nelsonbroca@sau.edu, Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 6pm Mo Nov 30.

Poetry Slam, featuring Dasha Kelly; for information, call 319-351-9529, The Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City, IA, http://www. icmill.com, 6pm Wed Dec 2.

Sci-Fi Book Club, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib. il.us. 6:30pm Wed Dec 2.

Rob Schlegel, Montana poet reads from his works; free, Prairie Lights Bookstore, 15 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA, 7pm **Thu Dec 3**

Midwest Writing Center Author Book Signing, for information, call 563-324-1410, Barnes & Noble, 320 W Kimberl Rd, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 1pm Sat Dec 5

William Pepper, Quad Cities author signs his new book "In the St. Nick of Time"; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com. 1pm Sat Dec 5.

The Uncommon Reader, a discussion of Alan Bennett's nove with the Alpha Book Club: for information. call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 3pm Mon Dec 7. Poetry, Popcorn, & Poinsettias, an evening of verse about the

olidays; free admission and popcorn; for information, call 563-212-1933, River Arts Center, 229 5th Ave S. Clinton, IA, http://www. bestcellarplayers.com, 7pm Tue Dec 8.

Princess Academy, a Mother-Daughter Book Club discussion of Shannon Hale's book: for information, call 563-263-3065, Musser Public Library, 3rd St & Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA, http://www nusserpubliclibrary.com. 6:30pm Tue Dec 8.

Last Night at the Lobster, a Between the Lines Book Discussion of Stewart O'Nan's book; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St.,

Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm Wed Dec 9 Happy Birthday, Emily Dickinson, discussion of Dickinson's poems about mountains and volcanoes led by St. Ambrose ersity Professor of English, Bea Jacobson; event begins in the Emily Dickinson Garden and proceeds to the Program Room after a short commemoration of Dickinson's birth; free; for information, cal 563-344-4179, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA. http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 7pm **Thu Dec**

Civil War Book Discussion Group, for information, call 309 762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http:// elibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Track of the Cat. a Mystery Book Discussion of Nevada Barr's book; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Dec 12.

Teen Writers Inspiration Group, for ages 12-18; learn new skills, get feedback, and share your writing; free; to register, call 309-736-5737, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http:// www.molinelibrary.com, 7pm Mon Dec 14.

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com, 7pm Wed Dec 16. Dec 16.

Midwest Writing Center Book Discussions, local personalities share their favorite books in a casual setting; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 7pm Thu Dec 17

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Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 10am Mon Jan 11. David Dorris, local author signs his book "Life Is Too Short," with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Davenport Public Library; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library,

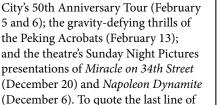
3000 N. Fairmount St. Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary com, 5pm Tue Jan 12. Romance Book Club, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib. il.us, 12:30pm Tue Jan 12.

Escape, a discussion of Carolyn Jessop's novel with the West End Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm Wed Jan 13. Civil War Book Discussion Group, for information, call 309-

Orlando, discussion of Virginia Woolf's novel, with the Classics American Wife, a discussion of Curtis Sittenfield's novel with

Club: for information. call 309-736-5737. Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 7pm Mon Jan 18 the West End Book Discussion Group; free; to register, call 563-888-3371, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm Tue Jan 19. Winter Reading Program: "Go for the Gold", adult reading program at all Rock Island library branches; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, Tue Jan 19 thru Fr

Feb 26



DAGOBAH, the Davenport Area Gathering of Books and Humanoids Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com

Short & Sweets Book Club, discuss a short story while eating delicious sweets: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmound Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.

A Version of the Truth, discussion of Jennifer Kaufman's novel with the West End Book Discussion Group; free; to register, call 563-888-3371, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N, Fairmount St. Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm **Tue Dec 15**.

The Ear, the Eve, and the Arm, a Contemporary Books Discussion of Nancy Farmer's book, led by Karen Hindhede of Black Hawk College; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorflibrary.com, 1pm Wed Dec 16.

Tried by War: Lincoln as Commander in Chief, a

Contemporary Books Discussion of James McPherson's book in commemoration of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.

Watchmen, an All Ages Graphic Novel and Manga Book Group discussion of Alan Moore's and Dave Gibbons' graphic novel; for information, call 563-263-3065, Musser Public Library, 3rd St & Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA, http://www.musserpubliclibrary.com, 7pm Wed

Out Loud Open Prose & Poetry Readings, for information. call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 7pm Thu

Tailgating Sports Book Discussion Group, discuss sportsrelated books and topics while enjoying chips & salsa; books provided to all members; free, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com,

Beat Poetry Night, co-sponsored by the Midwest Writing Center, led by intern Broc Nelson; poets and musicians welcome, no profanity allowed; for information, call 563-324-1410 or e-mail nelsonbroca@sau.edu, Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 6pm Mon

An Arsonist's Guide to Writers Homes in New England, a discussion of Brock Clark's novel, with the Pageturners Book Group; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 7pm Tue Jan 5. Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry Into the Value of Work a Traveling Book Group discussion of Matthew B. Crawford's bool

for information, call 563-263-3065, Musser Public Library, 3rd St & Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA, http://www.musserpubliclibrary.com, 7pn

Mystery Book Club, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib. Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter, discussion of Blaize Clement's

book with the Mystery Book Discussion group; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am

DAGOBAH, the Davenport Area Gathering of Books and Humanoids Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main). 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com

Short & Sweets Book Club, discuss a short story while eating delicious sweets; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount

762-6883. Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http:// www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Jan 14.

Olive Kitteridge, discussion of Elizabeth Strout's Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction, with the Contemporary Books Discussion group, led by Barbara Guss; free; for information, call 563-344-4175. Settendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, w.bettendorflibrary.com, 1pm Wed Jan 20.

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River Readings at Augustana: Robin Schiff and Nicl Twemlow, husband-and-wife poets reads from their works; reception following; free; for information, call 309-794-7823 or e-mail MargaretRogal@augustana.edu, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, 7pm **Thu Jan 21**.

Tailgating Sports Book Discussion Group, discuss sports related books and topics while enjoying chips & salsa; books provided to all members; free, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com 7pm **Tue Jan 26**.

The Future of the Internet--And How to Stop It, a Traveling Book Group discussion of Jonathan Zittrain's book; for information call 563-263-3065, Musser Public Library, 3rd St & Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA, http://www.musserpubliclibrary.com, 7pm Tue

The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap, a discussion of Stephanie Coontz's book, with the Pageturners Book Group; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary. com, 7pm Tue Feb 2.

Sci-Fi Book Club, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib. il.us, 6:30pm Wed Feb 3.

River Readings at Augustana: Richard Katrovas, award winning author from Western Michigan University reads from his works; reception following; free; for information, call 309-794-7823 or e-mail MargaretRogal@augustana.edu, Wallenberg Hal Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, 7pm **Thu Feb** 4. My Mother's House and Sido, discussion of Collette's nove

with the Classics Club; for information, call 309-736-5737, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary. com. 7pm Mon Feb 8

Short & Sweets Book Club, discuss a short story while eating delicious sweets; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 10am Mon Feb 8.

DAGOBAH, the Davenport Area Gathering of Books and Humanoids Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com 6pm Mon Feb 8.

A Mercy, discussion of Toni Morrison's novel, with the West End Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm Wed Feb 10.

Civil War Book Discussion Group, for information, call 309 762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, http:// www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Feb 11.

Whiskey Sour, discussion of J.A. Konrath's book, with the Mystery Book Discussion group; free; for information, call 563-344 4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Feb 13.

The Boreal Owl Murdery, discussion of Jan Dunlap's book. ith the Mystery Book Discussion group; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campu Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am Sun

Lethal Legacy, a discussion of Linda Fairstein's novel with the West End Book Discussion Group; free; to register, call 563-888-3371, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 7pm Tue Feb 16.

Contemporary Books Discussion, free; for information, cal 563-344-4175. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus. Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 1pm Wed Feb

Olive Kitteridge, discussion of Elizabeth Stout's Pulitzer Prize inning book, with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group, led by Barbara Guss: free: for information, call 563-344-4175. Bettendor Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. endorflibrary.com, 7pm Wed Feb 17.

Tailgating Sports Book Discussion Group, discuss sportselated books and topics while enjoying chips & salsa; books provided to all members; free, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com 7pm Tue Feb 23.

Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotte ungleCity, a Traveling Book Group discussion of Greg Grandin's book; for information, call 563-263-3065, Musser Public Library, 3rd St & Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA, http://www.musserpubliclibrary.com. 7pm Tue Mar 2.

The Blind Assassin. a discussion of Margaret Atwood's novel, with the Pageturners Book Group; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com. 7pm **Tue Mar 2**.

Mystery Book Club, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib. il.us, 6:30pm Wed Mar 3.

Workshops & Classes

Talk Art - Writer's Workshop, student readings from the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop; one poetry reading and one fiction reading: for information, call 319-351-9529. The Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City, IA, http://www.icmill.com, 9pm Wed Dec 2. The Writer's Studio, work with award-winning writers and

published authors: if you wish to read, bring a maximum of 5 louble-spaced pages; free; for information, call 563-324-1410 Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA,

THEATRE

Rats!

Of Mice & Men, at the Harrison Hilltop Theatre through November 29

n the Harrison Hilltop Theatre's current take on John Steinbeck's Of Mice & Men, actor Jim Seward plays the chatty, friendly ranch hand Candy, and at one point tells a story about his boss treating the workers to a gallon of whiskey for Christmas. It's a charming little reminiscence

– Candy, in the terrifically ingratiating personage of Seward, giggles with delight at the memory - but it's also one that would probably be quickly forgotten if the scenes that followed didn't keep bringing it to mind.

There were definitely strong

moments on opening night - the introductory sequence between the gruffly tolerant George (Steve Quartell) and the gentle giant Lennie (Matt Mercer) was especially well done – and a few strong pieces of acting on display. Yet like many a drunkard, Of Mice & Men more often lurched and stumbled, and only rarely maintained any sort of stable rhythm. If you're a fan of the material (and is there anyone who isn't?), director Wayne Hess' production is easy enough to sit through. But Thursday's awkward presentation and overall lack of confidence kept you from being emotionally invested, and the performances were all over the map; the show may have coasted along on goodwill, yet goodwill can only take you so far.

At least it all looks impressive. Designer Chris Walljasper's set – a scrappy, rustic playing area fashioned out of planks of wood - handily (and marvelously) suggests a Depression-era bunkhouse and barn, Peggy Freeman's costumes have a mangy authenticity, and Tristan Tapscott's lighting effects frequently provide their own melancholic air; all told, it's maybe the most visually arresting Harrison Hilltop offering I've yet attended. And when Quartell and Mercer engage in Steinbeck's opening, endearing conversation about beans and rabbits and "the fatta the lan," the performers' relaxed byplay and sweet-natured banter promise an earnest, thoughtful re-telling of this literary classic - exactly the *Of Mice & Men* you're hoping for.

Yet your first hint that the show may not wind up as sincere as you want it to be actually comes before it even starts, with a cheeky, pre-recorded plug for the theatre and its upcoming productions delivered - by the two Harrison Hilltop producers - in inappropriately jokey Southern drawls. (The announcement ends with a spirited "Yee-haw!", as if we weren't seeing Of Mice & Men, but rather Oklahoma!) Happily, the beautiful scene that follows allays your doubts for a few minutes, but it's not long before your defenses are up again; once other characters trickle into view, your faith in the proceedings grows more and more strained.

It should be said that Of Mice & Men's participants were faced with an unfortunate,

unforeseen obstacle during production week, as the show lost the actor playing the ranch hand Crooks mere days before its first performance. (The character was consequently excised from the script, and if you're acquainted with Steinbeck's tale, you might be surprised by how you barely

register Crooks' absence.) Yet this last-minute challenge still can't account for a number of performers appearing so under-prepared. Several, in truth, seemed so uncertain about their character intent, and read their lines with

so little (or, in actor Chuck McDoniel's case, such strange) dramatic conviction, that you were completely distracted from the story, and from those who actually were wholly engaged on-stage. It frequently felt like we weren't watching an *Of* Mice & Men performance on Thursday so much as Of Mice & Men auditions.

But even the show's most focused cast members were sometimes left floundering with characterizations that didn't jibe with Steinbeck's material. The wonderfully amusing Seward emerged unscathed, and Mercer, staying in slowwitted character, imbued Lennie with a hushed, delicate poignancy. Yet despite his excellent introductory scene and many first-rate moments - particularly his beaming joy when making plans for a ranch of his own - Quartell's George was too often condescending and flip, with his early intimidation of the boss' son (James Bleecker's Curley) a true head-scratcher: Was this George trying to get fired? And while the actor exuded unforced charisma, Bleecker was barely allowed to suggest Curley's volatility or hatefulness, due mostly to the others' too-easy dismissal of the character. There was no sense of danger when Curley was around – just as there wasn't when Jessica Merritt, as Curley's wife, made mild attempts at sexual advances - and an Of Mice & Men with no threat is no Of Mice & Men at all.

Steinbeck's tale is so inherently touching that you really, really want to like the Harrison Hilltop's latest, and Thursday's audience was clearly ready to enjoy a moving night of theatre. (Nearly all of Lennie's early dialogue was met with goodnatured, appreciative chuckles.) But you could feel the crowd's collective enthusiasm begin to dissipate from scene to scene, and at Of Mice & Men's climax, it became sadly clear that you were no longer feeling much of anything; by the time Lennie was spotlighted in what should've been a heartbreaking closing tableau, I'd doubt there was a wet eye in the house.

For tickets and information, call (309)235-1654 or visit HarrisonHilltop.com.





LITERARY ARTS

http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org, 10am Sat Dec 5 and Sat Dec 19.

Basics for Beginners, for information, call 563-324-1410. Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, ter.org, 1pm Sat Jan 23.

Calls For Entry

Voices of Disability, writing contest designed to encourage creative writing that explores and illuminates topics around the word "disability"; open to all University of Iowa faculty, staff and students, as well as residents of the Johnson County Corridor: submit writings of 1,500 words or fewer, all entries must be submitted electronically, there can be only one entry per person and organizers emphasize that participants do not have to have a disability to enter the contest; for information, contact Peter Gerhard at 319-353-5700., University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, http:// www.ujowa.edu/~cda/announcements.html, thru Tue Dec 1.

Life on the Mississippi: The New Millennium, seeking additions for manuscript recording life on the river, gathered b the Independent Scholars, Moline Club, 513 1/2 16th St., Moline, IL, http://www.qcinstitute.org, **thru Thu Dec 10**.

The Scott County Reads Together Writing Contest, write an essay in 500 words or less about your favorite place in Scott

County; anyone living within a 50-mile radius of the Ouad Cities ca enter; submissions can be returned to the Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire, Scott County, and Scott Community College libraries; grand prize \$100; free: for information, e-mail Hedy Hustedde at endorf.org, http://www.librariestogether.org, Mor Jan 4 thru Fri Feb 5

THEATRE

Performances

Kindertransport, a Festival 56 presentation of Diane Samuels World War II-era drama; for information and tickets, call 309-879-5656, Grace Performing Arts Center, 316 Main St., Princeton, IL, http://www.festival56.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Sat Nov 28. The Honky Tonk Angels' Holiday Spectacular, all-new

country-western musical comedy; Fri-Sat 7:30pm; Wed, Thu, Sat, & Sun 3pm; \$26.50-\$17.50; for tickets, call 1-800-35-AMANA or 319-622-6194, Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, http://www.oldcreamery.com, thru Sun Dec 20.

Holly Jolly Christmas, holiday-themed musical-comedy revu Wed, Fri. & Sat 5:45pm doors, 6-7pm buffet, 7:15pm pre-show. 7:45pm performance: Sun 3:45pm doors, 4-5pm buffet, 5:15pm pre-show, 5:45pm performance; Wed 11:30am doors, 11:45am-12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm pre-show, 1:30pm performance; for information, call 309-786-7733, ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.circa21.com, thru Wed, Dec 30.

Annie, Tony-winning Broadway musical smash; Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm; \$25-\$15; for tickets, call 319-366-8591. Theatre Cedar Rapids, 103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www. theatrect org. thru Sun Dec 6

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck's dramatic classic, directed by Wayne Hess; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sat-Sun 2:30pm; \$12-\$15; for tickets, call 309-235-1654 or e-mail info@harrisonhilltop.com, Harrison Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http://www. harrisonhillton com thru Sun Nov 29

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, family comedy adaptation of Barbara Robinson's beloved book, directed by Jalayne Riewerts; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 3pm; \$15; for information and tickets, call 563 242-6760, Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, Clinton, IA, http://www. clintonshowboat.org, thru Sun Dec 13.

Frosty's Magic Hat, a musical family adventure, directed by Kimberly Furness; 10:45am doors, 11am brunch buffet, noon show Thu-Tue, with scheduled morning and afternoon show-only, lunch and brunch performances; \$18-\$20; for tickets, call 309-786-7733, extension 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, L, http://www.circa21.com, Fri Nov 27 thru Sat Dec 26.

Cirque Dreams Illumination, featuring inventive costumes, special effects, and an international cast of acrobats, contortionist daredevils, musicians, and more; at 4 & 8pm; tickets staring at \$25; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson

Ave, Peoria, IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, Sat Nov 28. The Wizard of Oz, a lavish stage version of the classic movie, with dazzling special effects, choreography, and costumes; for information, call 563-326-8522, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St.,

Davenport, IA, http://www.adlertheatre.com, 7pm Sun Nov 29 A Christmas Carol, a YouTheater performance of Charles Dickens' classic; at 10:15am & 12:15pm; \$6; for information, call 309-673-8900, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com. **Tue Dec 1**.

Cirque Dreams Illumination, stage extravaganza with the world-renowned acrobats: \$17 50-\$45: for information and tickets call 515-246-2300, Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA, http://www.civiccenter.org, 7:30pm Tue Dec thru Sun Dec 6

Sister's Christmas Catechism, comedy in which Sister take on the mystery of what happened to the Magi's gold; Wed.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sat. 2pm, Sun. 1 & 6:30pm; \$36.50-\$32.50; for tickets and information, call 800-745-3000, Temple for Performing Arts, 101 Locust St, Des Moines, IA, http://www.civiccenter.org, Wed Dec 2 thru Sun Dec 13.

Babes in Toyland, family musical classic, with new book and lyrics by director John Donald O'Shea; Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$15-\$9; for tickets and information, call 309-762-6610, Quad City Music Guild - Prospect Park Auditorium, 1584 34th Ave., Moline, IL, **18** http://www.qcmusicguild.com, **Thu Dec 3 thru Sun Dec 6**.

Yellow City, debuting work by by Iowa Playwrights Workshop student Jen Silverman, directed by Master of Fine Arts candidate Anthony Nelson; Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; \$5, Theatre B, Theatre Building, UI Campus, http://news-releases.uiowa.edu/2009/ november/111709At-a-glance.html, Thu Dec 3 thru Sun Dec 6. Irving Berlin's White Christmas, Tony-nominated stage version of the beloved movie musical: \$13-Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sun

2pm; \$14; for tickets, call 319-462-4793, Starlighters Theatre, 136 E. Main St., Anamosa, Iowa, http://www.starlighters.org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 13. The Nutcracker, featuring a live orchestra conducted by Carey Bostian, professional dancers, and local children from Nolte Academy of Dance and other studios; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sat-Sun 2pm;

\$22-\$16; for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, Fri Dec 4 There's a Christmas Tree in Terminal C. a Festival 56

presentation of Dexter Brigham's holiday-themed musical comedy; Fri-Sun and Tue: for information and tickets, call 309-879-5656. Grace Performing Arts Center, 316 Main St., Princeton, IL, http:// www.festival56.com, Fri Dec 4 thru Tue Dec 22.

A Christmas Wizard of Oz, a new adaptation comes complete with child-friendly dialogue and familiar Christmas carols the audience and performers can sing together; Cast A Performance 10am & 1pm; Cast B Performance – 4 & 7pm; \$7.50; for information. call 309-788-5433, The Center for Living, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.center4living.com, Sat Dec 5.

The Santa Class, comedy about a man teaching his annual course is being an effective Santa Claus; Sat 7pm hors d'oeuvres, 8pm show: Sun 1pm hors d'oeuvres, 2pm show: \$30; for tickets, call 815-244-2035, Lake Carroll Clubhouse, 29-11 Ironwood Blvd., Lake Carroll, IL, 8pm Sat Dec 5 and Sun Dec 6.

A Year with Frog & Toad, musical-comedy adaptation of ed children's books; \$8-\$7; for information, call Arnold Lobel's bel 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport,

IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin, 3pm Sat Dec 5 thru Sun Dec 6. Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, a musical, dance and drama production depicting the journey of five magi and their guest to find the one prophesied for centuries in the scripture; written by Marvin Roebuck, directed by Karen Roebuck: Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm; \$5-\$10; for tickets, call 563-326-8820, Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.thecapdavenport, Sat Dec 5 and Sun Dec 6.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree, the familiar song comes to life in Lowell Swortzell's family musical; Saturdays at 1pm; for tickets, call 800-35AMANA, Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, http://www.oldcreamery.com, Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Dec 19.

Birth, monologues on childbirth, in a benefit performance for Friends of Iowa Midwives; Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; \$15; for information, call 309-235-1654 or e-mail info@harrisonhilltop.com Harrison Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http:// www.harrisonhilltop.com, Thu Dec 10 thru Sun Dec 13.

A Vacation to Die for, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe; \$35/dinner & show; for reservations, call 563-359-1607, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA,

http://www.itsamysterygc.com, 6:30pm Fri Dec 11. The Tag Sale Project, Maggie Conroy's piece about five friends and a vard sale, with the reflections of Nancy Hauserman, Casev Mahon, Mary New, and Susan Shullaw; Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$15-\$12; for tickets, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilber St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.riversidetheatre.org, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

Scrooge!, Davenport Junior Theatre presents a musical adaptation of Dickens' classic: Sat 2 & 7pm, Sun 2pm; \$5: for information, call 563-326-7862, Nighswander Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA, http://www Davenport Junior Theatre.com, Sat Dec 12 thru Sun Dec 20.

The Nutcracker, RiverPointBallet's full-length production of the holiday classic, with Artist in Residence Ramon Gaiton: 2 & 7:30pm: \$8-\$12; for information, call 563-326-1691, First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, IA, 7:30pm Sat Dec 12.

The Nutcracker, Ballet Quad Cities' annual presentation of the Tchaikovsky holiday classic, with choreography by Erica Attwood and Courtney Lyon: Sat 2 & 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$12-\$27: for information and tickets, call 309-786-3779, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.balletquadcities.com, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

The Nutcracker, RiverPointBallet's full-length production of the holiday classic, with Artist in Residence Ramon Gaiton: \$30 includes lunch; for tickets and information, call 309-756-4600, Jumer's

Casino & Hotel, I-280 & I-92, Rock Island, IL, 1pm Sun Dec 13 The Santaland Diaries. David Sedaris comedy about an aggrieved elf at Macy's, starring Mark D. Lingenfelter; Wed-Sat 8pm, Sat-Sun 2pm; \$13-\$15; for tickets, call 309-235-1654. Harrison

Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http://www harrisonhilltop.com, Wed Dec 16 thru Sun Dec 20. Murder in the Double Wide, comedy whodunit with the It's a Mystery players, written by Scott Naumann, and set in redneck

trailer-park heaven; cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and the solving of a murder mystery; \$35; for tickets, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.skellingtonmanor.com. 6:30pm Fri Dec 19. Holly Jolly Christmas New Year's Eve Show, debuting, holiday-themed musical-comedy revue; 7pm doors, 9:15pm

performance; wine fountain, prime rib dinner, champagne toast, party favors; for information, call 309-786-7733, ext. 2, Circa'21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www circa21.com. 9:15pm Thu Dec 31.

The Lion King, Disney's Tony-winning musical extravaganza Tue, Wed, & Fri 7:30pm; Sat 2 & 7:30pm; Sun 1 & 6:30pm (added performances Jan. 7 at 1 & 7:30pm); \$22.50-\$130; for tickets, call 800-745-3000. Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. 221 Walnut St. Des Moines, IA, http://www.civiccenter.org, Wed Jan 6 thru Sun Jan 24

Dixie's Tupperware Party, off-Broadway smash featuring funny tales, free giveaways, audience participation, and rware; Wed.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sat. 2pm, Sun. 1 & 6:30pm; \$36.50-\$32.50: for tickets and information, call 800-745-3000. Temple for Performing Arts, 1011 Locust St, Des Moines, IA, http://www civiccenter.org. Wed Jan 13 thru Sun Jan 24.

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Andrew Lloyd Webber's & Tim Rice's beloved rock musical; Wed, Fri, & Sat 5:45pm doors, 6-7pm buffet, 7:15pm pre-show, 7:45pm performance; Sun 3:45pm doors, 4-5pm buffet, 5:15pm preshow, 5:45pm performance; Wed 11:30am doors, 11:45am 12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm pre-show, 1:30pm performance; ; fo information, call 309-786-7733, ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.circa21.com, Wed Jan 13 thru Sat, Mar 20.

A Vacation to Die for, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe: \$35/dinner & show: for reservations, call 563-359 1607, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.itsamvstervgc.com. 6:30pm Fri Jan 15. Moon Over Buffalo, backstage farce by Ken Ludwig; Fri-Sat

7:30pm, Sun 3pm; \$10; for information and tickets, call 309-762-0330. Playcrafters Barn Theatre, 4950 35th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.playcrafters.com, Fri Jan 15 thru Sun Jan 24.

The Laramie Project, acclaimed drama of the Matthew Shepard killing, and its effect on Shepard's hometown of Laramie ning; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm; \$25-\$15; for tickets, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA http://www.theatrecr.org, Fri Jan 15 thru Sun Jan 24.

Church Basement Ladies, Minnesota-based musical comedy based on the books of Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson; at 2 & 7pm; \$25-\$22; for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 2pm

Sat Jan 16. The Drowsy Chaperone, Tony-winning musical show-withina-show: for information, call 563-326-8522. Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.adlertheatre.com, 7:30pm Mor

Jan 18. Fool for Love, the Curtainbox Theatre Company's production of Sam Shepard's romantic drama, directed by David Bonde; Tue and Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 3pm; for information, call 563-650-8121 or e-mail kim@thecurtainbox.com, Village Theatre, 2113 E 11th St Village of East Davenport, IA, http://thecurtainbox.com, Thu Jan 21 thru Sun Jan 31.

Murder in the Double Wide, comedy whodunit with the It's a Mystery players, written by Scott Naumann, and set in redneck trailer-park heaven; cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and the solving of a murder mystery; \$35; for tickets, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, http:// ngtonmanor.com, 6:30pm Fri Jan 22.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Edward Albee's classic, four character dramatic comedy, directed by Bryan J. Tank; Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; \$15-\$12; for information call 309-235-1654 or e-mail info@harrisonhilltop.com, Harrison Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http://www.harrisonhilltop.com, Thu Jan 28 thru Sat Feb 13

The Secret Garden, Tony-winning musical based on the beloved children's book; Fri-Sun 7:30pm (except for Feb. 6 performance at 1:30pm); \$10-\$12; for tickets, call 309-794-7306. Potter Hall-Augustana College, 3701 7th St., Rock Island, IL, http:// www.augustana.edu/tickets, Fri Jan 29 thru Sun Feb 7.

End Davs, Debroah Zoe Laufer comedy about a Goth girl, he porn-again mom, her depressed dad, Jesus, and Stephen Hawking; Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$25-\$12; for tickets, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, http://www. riversidetheatre.org, Fri Jan 29 thru Sun Feb 21.

Runt of the Litter, semi-autobiographical play about Houston Oiler Bo Easton, starring Easton; Wed.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sat 2pm, Sun. 1 & 6:30pm; \$36.50-\$32.50; for tickets and information, call 800-745-3000, Temple for Performing Arts, 1011 Locust St. Des Moines, IA. ww.civiccenter.org, Wed Feb 10 thru Sun Feb 21

The Vagina Monologues, fundraising performance of Eve Ensler's popular theatre piece, presented by the Augustana Chapte of Alpha Psi Omega; \$8; for tickets and information, call 309-794-7306, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.augustana.edu/tickets, 7pm Thu Feb 11 and Sat Feb 13

Wrong for Each Other, romantic comedy by Norm Foster, directed by Craig Michaels; Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 4pm; \$8; for tickets, call 309-944-2244, Barn Theatre in Richmond Hill Park. Geneseo, IL, http://www.rhplayers.com, Thu Feb 11 thru Sun Feb

A Vacation to Die for, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe; \$35/dinner & show; for reservations, call 563-359 1607. The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA.

http://www.itsamysterygc.com, 6:30pm Fri Feb 12. Augustana College Theatre Festival of Short Plays, student produced works: free: Fri 7:30pm, Sat 3pm; for information, call 309 794-7306, Potter Hall-Augustana College, 3701 7th St., Rock Island, II http://www.augustana.edu Fri Feh 12 and Sat Feh 13

It's Vegas, Baby!, comedy about a struggling '70s lounge act; \$13-\$20; for tickets and information, call 563-652-9815, Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maguoketa, IA, http://www. ohnwardfineartscenter.com, 7pm Sat Feb 13.

Wonderful Town, an Iowa City Community Theatre presentation of the Comden & Greene musical, directed by Ben Bentler, \$15-\$10; for tickets and information, call 319-338-0443, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Jowa City, JA, http://www iowacitycommunitytheatre.com, Thu Feb 18 thru Sun Feb 21.

Murder in the Double Wide, comedy whodunit with the It's a Mystery players, written by Scott Naumann, and set in redneck trailer-park heaven; cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and the solving of a murder mystery; \$35; for tickets, call 563-344-9187. Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St. Rock Island, IL, http:/ www.skellingtonmanor.com, 6:30pm Fri Feb 19.

The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee Williams' classic memory play; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 3pm; \$11-\$7; for information, call 563 333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA http://www.sau.edu/galvin, 7:30pm Fri Feb 19 thru Sun Feb 21.

The House of Blue Leaves, John Guare's Tony Award-winning tragicomedy: for information, call 319-398-4956, Ballantyne Auditorium, Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids A, http://www.kirkwood.edu/site/index.php?p=19645, Fri Feb 19 thru Sun Feb 21.

The Legend of Redwall Abbey, production by the Pearl City Players, in conjunction with the Muscatine Childrens' Choir and Rage Theatrics of Iowa City, Muscatine Center for the erforming Arts, Central Middle School Auditorium-901 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA, http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/ pearlcityplayers/, Fri Feb 19 thru Sun Feb 21.

A Year with Frog & Toad, touring musical based on Arnold Lobel's beloved storybook characters; \$10; for information and tickets, call 515-246-2300, Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA, http://www.civiccenter.org, 1pm Sat Feb 20.

Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Tony-winning version of the animated smash: Sat 8pm, Sun 2 & 7pm; \$107-\$208; for tickets, call 309-673-3200, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, L, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 8pm Sat Feb 20 and Sun, Feb 21

Ramona Quimby, Davenport Junior Theatre presents a stage adaptation of Beverly Cleary's children's books: Sat 2 & 7pm. Sun 2pm; \$5; for information, call 563-326-7862, Nighswander Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA, http://www Davenport Junior Theatre.com. Sat Feb 20 thru Sun Feb 28.

August: Osage County, Steppenwolf Theatre's darkly funny, Pulitzer Prize- and Tony-winning family drama; for information and tickets, call 515-246-2300, Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA, http://www.civiccenter.org, **Tue Feb 23** thru Sun Feb 28.

Great Falls, a New Ground Theatre presentation of Lee sing's road-trip drama; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Thu & Sun 2pm; \$15-\$12; for tickets and information, call 563-326-7529. Village ۲heatre, 2113 E 11th St, Village of East Davenport, IA, http://www. newgroundtheatre org. Thu Feb 25 thru Thu Mar 4

Tired American Dream, workshop performance of premiering rock musical about a group of artists preparing to graduate college, directed by Tristan Tapscott: Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; \$10; for tickets and information, call 309-235-1654, Harrison Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http://www.harrisonhilltop.com, 7:30pm Thu Feb 25 thru Sun Mar 7.

The Producers: Grand Re-opening Celebration, Tony

winning musical smash by Mel Brooks: \$75; for tickets, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.theatrecr.org, 7:30pm Fri Feb 26. Puppets and Pastries: Dessert Theatre for Adults, featuring

the Eulenspiegel Puppets, their talented friends, and delectabl desserts; for information, call 319-627-2487 or e-mail owlglass@ avalon.net, New Strand Theatre, 111 E. 3rd St., West Liberty, IA, //www.PuppetsPuppets.com, Sat Feb 27.

The Producers, Tony-winning musical smash by Mel Brooks; Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm; \$25-\$15; for tickets, call 319-366 8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http:// www.theatrecr.org, Sat Feb 27 thru Sun Mar 14.

Auditions & Calls For Entry

Workout for Working Actors, on Saturdays; with facilitator Matt Mclver; take more risks, delve deeper into your work, and explore new techniques: stretch your mind and muscles and grow your craft; \$25/class, \$100/series of 5; to register or for more information call 971-405-2877 or e-mail mmciver@ desmoinessocialclub.org, Des Moines Social Club, 1408 Locust St., Des Moines, IA, http://www.desmoinessocialclub.org, 10am **thru** Sat Dec 26.

Circa '21 Hiring Performing Wait Staff, full-time positions open for the theatre's performing wait staff, the Bootleggers; seeking intelligent, attractive, outgoing performers who sing and move well; waiting experience helpful but not necessary; must be available for evening performances Wednesdays thru Sundays. Wednesday matinees, and occasional rehearsals and special concert events; must be 21 years of age; for information and to schedule an audition, e-mail producer Denny Hitchcock at dpih@ circa21.com, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, II. http://www.circa21.com.thru.Thu.Dec 31

Dreamwell Theatre Playwriting Competition, accepting submissions for "The Dreamwell Writers Joust: A Fear Festival," with the winning play being staged in a full production in December of 2010, as well as staged readings of two or three runners-up; submitted plays should reflect the theme of "subjects we fea to talk about," in conjunction with the company's "Taboo Bijou" season; playwright must either live in lowa or have significant tie to the state; play must be full-length with a simple set; for specific requirements and more information, e-mail joust@dr http://www.dreamwell.com thru.Mon Mar 1

The Glass Menagerie, auditions for director Cory Johnson's see Williams' classic, running Feb. 19-21; for production of Tenr information, call 563-333-6251, Allaert Auditorium, Galvin Fine Arts Center - St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau. edu/galvin, 4pm Thu Dec 3 and Fri Dec 4.

"So You Want to Be a Star ...", workshop with renowned talent scout Peter Sklar, for aspiring dancers, singers, actors, and their parents: learn how self-image and health are the keys to success: open to teens, older children, and parents; no one under six admitted without a parent, and no one under 18 admitted without their own parent or legal guardian; free, but reservations required; to reserve, call 563-326-7872, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, http://www.DavenportJuniorTheatre com, 6:30pm Sat Dec 5.

Ramona Quimby and The Adventure of Aesop and His Fables, auditions for upcoming Junior Theatre productions,

thru Tue Jan 19.

riversidetheatre.org, Thu Jan 21.

Thursday Theatre Talk, the dish on the upcoming production of "Killadelphia: City of Numbers" and the issues it tackles, with professor Miriam Gilbert and invited guests; free; for information, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.riversidetheatre.org, Thu Feb 25.

thru Sun Dec 6.

and Sun Dec 13.

Davenport, IA, http://www.balletquadcities.com, Sat Feb 13 and

Sun Feb 14.

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for grades 6-12:"Ramona Quimby" rehearsals Jan 4 - Feb 16. performances Feb. 17-28; "Aesop" rehearsals Mar. 15 - Apr. 27, performances Apr. 28 - May 9; prepare a memorized, 1-minute monologue or story: wear comfortable clothes for theatrical warm-ups and games; be prepared to read from the scripts; Sun - 6pm Mon 5:45pm. Thu - 5:45pm; for information, contact Daniel Sheridan at 563-888-2216 or dsheridan@ci.davenport.ia.us. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, http:// www.davenportjuniortheatre.com/mainstage.htm, 6pm Sun Dee 13. Mon Dec 14, and Thu Dec 17.

The O'Connor Girls, auditions for forthcoming dramatic comedy, running Mar. 12-21, directed by Susan Zelnio; for information, call 309-762-0330; Playcrafters Barn Theatre, 4950 35th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www.playcrafters.com, 7pm, Sun Jan 17

Thursday Theatre Talk, the dish on the upcoming production of "End of Days" and the issues it tackles, with professor Miriam Gilbert and invited guests; free; for information, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.

DANCE

Performances

Ballroom with the Quad City Celebrities, a roof-raising spectacular with local favorites in competition, including Sean O Harrow of the Figge Art Museum and reigning Miss Iowa Anne Michael Langguth; with a 6pm pre-party; \$22; for tickets, call 563-326-8820, Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http:// www.thecapdavenport, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4.

The Nutcracker, featuring a live orchestra conducted by Carey Bostian, professional dancers, and local children from Nolte Academy of Dance and other studios; Fri-Sat 7:30pm, Sat-Sun 2pm \$22-\$16: for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, Fri Dec 4

The Nutcracker, RiverPointBallet's full-length production of the holiday classic, with Artist in Residence Ramon Gaiton; 2 & 7:30pm; \$8-\$12; for information, call 563-326-1691, First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, IA, 7:30pm Sat Dec 12.

The Nutcracker, Ballet Quad Cities' annual presentation of the Tchaikovsky holiday classic, with choreography by Erica Attwood and Courtney Lyon; Sat 2 & 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$12-\$27; for information and tickets, call 309-786-3779. Adler Theatre, 136 E 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.balletguadcities.com, Sat Dec 12

The Nutcracker, RiverPointBallet's full-length production of the holiday classic, with Artist in Residence Ramon Gaiton; \$30 includes lunch; for tickets and information, call 309-756-4600, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, I-280 & I-92, Rock Island, IL, 1pm Sun Dec 13. Thank You Gregory: A Tribute to the Legends of Tap, eight dancers salute the heroes of the art form, including the late Gregory Hines; with live music, film, photos, narration, and extraordinary dancing; a Hancher Auditorium presentation; for tickets, call 319-

335-1160, Iowa City High School, 1900 Morningside Dr, Iowa City, A, http://www.hancher.uiowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Jan 23. Thodos Dance Chicago, Windy City troupe blends beauty, complexity, and power into contemporary choreography; \$9-\$4; for information and tickets, call 563-333-6251 or visit http://www.sau edu/galvin, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA

http://www.thodosdancechicago.org, 7:30pm Sat Jan 30. Love Stories: A Performance of Mixed Repertoire, the highs and lows of love as told by choreographers Lovar Davis Kidd, Simone Ferro, Deanna Carter, and Erica Attwood, performed by Ballet Ouad Cities: Sat 7:30pm. Sun 2pm: for information and tickets, call 309-786-3779, Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St.,

Classes & Ongoing Events Line Dance Lessons with Cindy Baker, on Tuesdays; get

in shape to a blend of rock 'n' roll and country; free to Hampton residents, \$30/month to non-residents; for information, call 309-755-8398 or 309-496-9685, thru Tue Dec 29.

Dance Party, on Tuesdays; free; \$2 cocktails; for information call 319-337-6464, Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA, http://www.iowacityyachtclub.org, 9pm thru Tue Dec 29. Dance Group Session on Thursdays in the community roor for information, call 309-732-2999, Martin Luther King Center, 7th

Ave.& 9th St., Rock Island, IL, 6:30pm thru Thu Dec 31 Hip-Hop w/ Javon Green. Thursday classes with Quad City native and touring dancer/choreographer; for information, call 309-786-2677 Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance 617 17th St. Bock Island, IL, http://www.balletguadcities.com, 6pm thru Thu Dec 31. Live DJ & Salsa Dancing, on Thursdays; \$2 drafts; for

information, call 309-797-6722, Club Boulevard, 1801 10th St., Moline, IL, http://www.theclubQC.com, 8pm thru Thu Dec 31. Latin Ballroom Party, incorporating almost all dances in the Spanish/Latin languages; actual dancing, no lessons; on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month; \$6; for information, call Billy at 309-753-1961, Moline Club, 513 1/2 16th St., Moline, IL, http://www meetup.com/soda/, 7pm thru Sun Feb 28.

Adult Tap and Jazz Dance, on Mondays; beginners classes for those over 16, with professional dancer Stacy Poole: \$40/month: for information, call 309-788-5433, The Center for Living, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.center4living.com, 7pm thru Mon

Ballroom Dancing, incorporating waltzes, foxtrots, nightclub

two-steps, rumbas, boleros, and more, mixed with cha-chas, hustles, West & East Coast swing, American tangos, sambas, salsas, and others; actual dancing, no lessons; on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month: \$6: for information, call Billy at 309-753-1961, Moline Club, 513 1/2 16th St., Moline, IL, http://www.meetup. com/soda/. 7pm thru Wed Mar 3.

Learn to Dance the Arthur Murray Way, teaching dance to the world for 97 years; first lesson free; mention and save up to 25%; for information, call 563-326-4321. Arthur Murray Dance Studios, 221 1/2 Brady St, Davenport, IA, http://www. arthurmurray.com thru Wed Mar 3

Social Dancing, Listening, & Fellowship, with live music by the Freddie Steenbock Duo; \$5 donation per person; for information, call 386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, 12:30pm Wed Dec 2.

Polka Club of Iowa, Inc. Eastern Chapter Christmas Dance, with live music by Karl & the Country Dutchmen from Trempealeau Wisconsin; \$8/person; for information, call 563-285-5889, Walcott Coliseum, 116 F Bryant St. Walcott, IA, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4

QC SoDa (Quad Cities Social Dancing) Winter Dance, on the 3rd floor ballroom; cha chas, waltzes, fox trots, swings, and more dances: instructors available for those new to dancing: \$10 or \$5 with student ID; for information, call 815-590-6446 or e-mail qcsoda@gmail.com, Moline Club, 513 1/2 16th St., Moline, IL, http://www.gcsoda.com, 7pm Fri Dec 4.

Barn Dance, with caller Nikki Herbst and music by the Gilded Bats: square dances, contras, circles, waltzes, and more; singles, couples, families, beginners, and veterans welcome; all dances taught and called; \$5/person; for information, call 643-7600 or email treadway@netins.net. Scattergood Friends School. 1951 Delta Ave, West Branch, IA, 8pm Fri Dec 11.

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Summer Soul Spin Dance Party, A dance party featuring DJ's featuring members of the Diplomats of Solid Sound (Doug and Nate) playing deep cuts from soul records from the 60's & 70's; for information, call 319-351-9529, The Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City IA, http://www.icmill.com, 8pm Wed Jan 13.

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Sunday Afternoon Social Dance w/ the Ken Paulsen Quartet & Darlene (3pm), \$10; membership not required; for information e-mail e-solymossy@wiu.edu, Viking Club of Moline, 1450 41st Street, Moline, IL, 3pm **Sun Feb 28**.

OTHER EVENTS

Quad City Arts Festival of Trees, annual festival featuring lights, decorated trees, an art exhibit, children's activities, concer vendors, appearances by Santa, and more; for information, call 309-793-1213 ext. 104, or e-mail dmcdaniel@guadcityarts.com http://www.guadcityarts.com thru Sun Nov 29

December Angel Food Ministry Orders, thru Dec. 4; purchase up to \$75 worth of delicious, top-quality food for only \$30; orders accepted in the office 9am-noon and 5-7pm; for information, call 309-786-2631, Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St., Rock Island II thru Fri Dec 4

Quad City Art\$ Dollars: Community Access to the Arts Applications Available, artists may receive up to \$2,000 to produce new work along with mandatory work in-progress workshops and public presentations of the finished work; all projects must occur between April 15, 2010 and March 15, 2011; application deadline Dec. 19; for information, call 309-793-1213, ext 03 or e-mail Jessi Black at jblack@guadcityarts.com, Quad City Arts Center, 1715 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.guadcitvarts.com thru Sat Dec 19.

Christkindlmarkt Holiday Market, featuring items including nutcrackers, smokers, steins, linens, crystal, candles, tree toppers, inge-glass ornaments and more; holiday gift memberships are \$5 off during the Christkindlmarkt market: for information, call 563-322-8844 or e-mail ach@gahc.org, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.gahc.org, thru Wed Dec 23.

Saturday Night Christian Entertainment, music, comedy, karaoke, movie nights, and more every Saturday; for information call 563-322-1302. The Solid Rock Cafe, 1411 Brady St. Davenport. IA, 7pm thru Sat Dec 26.

Sensational Sunday Slot Tournament, on Sundays; win part of \$3,700; participants have three minutes at the machine to rack up as many credits as they can; for in formation, call 309-756-4623, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, I-280 & I-92, Rock Island, IL, http://www. jumerscasinohotel.com, 10am thru Sun Dec 27.

Monday Night Beer Pong League, on Mondays; for information, call 563-359-1015, Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www. ptownbargrill com. 7pm thru Mon Dec 28

Bags/Cornhole Challenge, on Wednesdays; for information, call 563-359-1015, Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www.uptownbargrill.com pm thru Wed Dec 30.

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OTHER EVENTS

information, call 563-285-4794, Eldridge Library, 200 N. 6th Ave. Eldridge, IA, http://www.scottcountylibrary.org, thru Thu Dec 31 Spanish-Language Volunteers Needed for Make-a-Wish seeking bilingual residents to become wish-granting volunteers working in teams of two to help grant the wishes of children in their communities; must complete the volunteer application and have taken the online training in advance of 2-hour in-person training to be held in the area; must be over 18; for information contact Dan White at white@wishes.org, or call 800-978-9474 or 309-637-1659, http://www.wishes.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Blackiack Tournament, on Thursdays; win part of \$1,000; \$100 buy-in required; for in formation, call 309-756-4623, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, I-280 & I-92, Rock Island, IL, http://www.jumerscasinohotel. com, 7am thru Thu Dec 31.

Holiday Parties with the Supernovas Show Choir, create a festive, memorable holiday party with holiday songs by show choir featuring ages 10 & up; for information, call Sunshine at 309-794-1410, Sunshine's Performing Arts Studio & Resale Store, 1303 30th Ave., Rock Island, IL, thru Thu Dec 31.

VFW Post 9128 Friday Night Dinner, on Fridays; steaks, fish, burgers, and other dinners served, starting at \$5.99 & up; whole catfish \$6 on the 2nd Fr. of the month; ham steak \$7 on the 3rd Fri. of the month; for information, call 563-355-8528, V.F.W. Post 9128, 2902 State St. Bettendorf, IA, 5:30pm thru Fri Feb 26.

Heartland Central Model Railroad Club Open House, on Saturdays; in the lower level; with HO scale model trains running every Saturday: donations accepted: for information, call 563-323-9042, Major Art & Hobby Center, 201 E. 2nd St., Davenport, I/ cities.com/gcsms/mah/index.html, 12:30pm thru Sat Feb 27

Davenport Farmers' Market, open all year, indoors and out; Sat 8am-1pm, Tue 3-6pm; Davenport Farmers' Market, 421 West River Drive, Davenport, IA, http://www.localharvest.org, **thru Tue** Mar 2

Girls' Night Out at Broadway Church, RSVP by Nov. 25 for Nov. 27 event; a free evening of fun and fellowships with snacks and a showing of the musical "Mamma Mia!"; to RSVP, call 309-786-2631. Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St., Rock Island, IL, 6pm Wed Nov 25.

Holiday Hat Bash, RSVP by Nov. 25 for Dec. 3 event; fundraiser featuring a wine & beer tasting, appetizers, music, a raffle, and a Christmas light show: donations accepted: for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, http://www.holidayhatbash.com, 5:30pn Wed Nov 25.

Specifically for Seniors: Remembering the Holocaust, presentation by Ida Kramer, local Holocaust educator and chairperson of the Holocaust Education Committee of the Greater Quad City Area; free; for information, call 563-888-3371, Fairmoun Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 1pm Wed Nov 25.

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fellowship, featuring the Cherub, Kirkwood, and Jubilation Choirs providing music leadership; a sharing of homemade pies following the service; for information, call 563-326-1691. First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, 1702 Iowa St., Davenport, IA, 7pm Wed Nov 25.

23rd Annual Scott County Family Y / McCarthy Bush Turke Trot, annual one-mile family fun run (8:30am) and 5-mile run/wal (9am), benefiting the YMCA's character-building programs; \$20-\$35: for information, visit http://www.scottcountyfamilyy.org, Scott County Family Y, 606 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www. getmeregistered.com, 8:30am Thu Nov 26.

Thanksgiving Day Service, with a reflection on what it means "to be not anxious" in challenging economic times; several of the congregation's members will dress in traditional Pilgrim outfits and follow Pilgrim customs; for information, call 309-762-0787, First Congregational Church, 101 W Pearl St, Geneseo, IL, 10am Thu Nov 26.

Thanksgiving Potluck, turkey, mashed potatoes, and drinks provided; bring a dish to pass; RSVP at 309-786-2631, Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St., Rock Island, IL, 1pm **Thu Nov 26**. 2009 Community Vitality Snapshot, RSVP by Nov. 27 for

Dec. 4 event: join your colleagues in learning how the Ouad Cities is becoming a more vibrant community; hear from nationally recognized speaker and social entrepreneur Tyler Harris; for information, contact Amy Daniels at 563-344-0344 or e-mail

adaniels@unitedwayqc.org, Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA, 7:30pm Fri Nov 27. Huge Arts & Crafts Show, \$3, ages 12 & under free; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.uscellularcenter.com, 9am Fri Nov 27 Lindguist Ford Holiday Open House, hot chocolate, snacks

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for Nov. 29 event, hosted by the

UI Alumni Association: featuring

5pm refreshments and discussion

production manager Rick Loula

and RiverCenter Adler Theatre

member; 7pm "Wizard of Oz"

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that are chanted during the

Vespers services the nights of

Christmas Eve: for information.

call 309-788-6357, Church of

org, 10:30am Sun Nov 29.

Pioneer Village Annual

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village decorated for Christmas

with costumed crafters: 1:15-5pm

visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus,

2pm Moline Boy's Choir Cadets;

free; donations accepted for

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the North Scott Food Pantry: for

e-mail jnoon@scottcountyiowa

Village, Scott County Park, 18817

290th St., Long Grove, IA, http://

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GSEIWI.org, Clarion Hotel &

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309-788-6357, Church of Peace

1114 12th St. Rock Island, IL,

org 11:45am Thu Dec 3

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Sat Dec 5.

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Friends Holiday Show, Quad Cities media personalities perform

(and daughter of

the legendary Johnny) will bring her soulful country, folk, blues, and rock stylings to the just one of many thrilling Visiting Artist events that Hancher will sponsor between December demonstrates her invigorating Celtic talents Straight No Chaser bring yuletide spirit to the Iowa Memorial Union on December 8. Music, dance, and drama are on-hand when Hancher presents Rinde Eckert's adventurous Eye Piece voices will blend for the Iowa City West High School performance by the YL Male Voice Choir (February 21); and a true jazz explosion will be experienced when Iowa City High School hosts the Winard Harper Sextet (February 12). The school will precede that jazz with tap, as eight gifted hoofers pay tribute to the late, great Gregory Hines in January 23's multimedia dance extravaganza Thank You, Gregory. Thank you, Hancher. For more information and tickets to these Hancher Auditorium presentations, call (319)335-1160 or visit http://www.Hancher. Ulowa.edu. - Mike Schulz

Church, Buffalo Bill Museum tours, and more, Downto Black Hawk College International Holiday Bazaar, in the LeClaire, IA, http://www.leclairechamber.com, 10am Sat Dec 5 lower lobby of Building 1; unique holiday gifts, a 50/50 raffle, and East Moline Public Library Christmas, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East more: all proceeds benefit the International/ESL Scholarship fund

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GALLERY HOURS Tuesday - Friday, 12-5 P.M. or by appt. at 563-333-6444

OPENING RECEPTION Friday, December 4, 5-7 P.M Moline, IL, http://www.eastmoline.com, Sat Dec 5

Waffle Breakfast, for information, call 563-324-1054, ext 223, Center for Belgian Culture, 712 18th Avenue, Moline, IL, http://www acheritageleague.com, 8am Sat Dec 5.

Season of Light Holiday Show, multi-media show using the planetarium's sky projector, music, and narration to explain how holiday traditions relate to the winter sky: followed by a O&A session with director Dr. Lee Carkner and director emeritus Dr. Mel Peterson: not recommended for children under 7: doors open 15 minutes before each program, latecomers will not be admitted; free; to reserve, call 309-794-7327, John Deere Planetarium-Augustana College, 820 38th Street, Rock Island, IL, http://helios augustana.edu/astronomy, 2pm Sat Dec 5 thru Thu Dec 17.

19th Century Christmas, traditional holiday festivities in a historic setting, including live music, children's activities, an art how, historic displays, caricatures by Josh Wright, face-painting by Xochi Pannell, and costumed volunteers; performances by the trombone quartet Slide (1-1:45pm & 2:30-3:15pm), piano and organist Selma Johnson (noon-2pm), the Moline Boys Choir (2 & 4pm), organist Steve Steely (2:45-4pm); video presentations shown hroughout the afternoon; free; for information, call 309-743-2701, Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.butterworthcenter.com, 12pm Sun Dec 6.

Christmas in LeClaire, free carriage rides from noon-4pm, a craft fair, a silent auction, a living nativity scene, pictures with Santa, sales, a bazaar at the 4-Square Church, Buffalo Bill Museum tours, and more, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, http://www. leclairechamber.com, 10am Sun Dec 6.

Hanging of the Greens, spaghetti lunch prepared by the Rights of Passage Experience class: crafts and activities for all ages. Unitarian Church of Davenport, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, http://www.gcuu.net, 12:30pm Sun Dec 6.

Jingle in the Jungle, a special performance of the Center of iving's "A Christmas Wizard of Oz," meetings with your favorite characters, hot dogs, chips, holiday punch, kids' crafts, a caroling workshop directed by Dino Hayz, and more; \$10; for information, call 309-794-0991, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.gcgardens.com, 1pm Sun Dec 6.

Lunch in LeClaire, networking and updates from Chambe nembers as well as information about community events. Bie Stube LeClaire, 1001 Canal Shore Dr., LeClaire, IA, http://www. eclairechamber.com, 12pm **Tue Dec 8**.

Meet, Merry, and Mingle, hosted by the Young Professionals letwork of the Quad Cities; to register, call 309-757-5416, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, 5pm Tue Dec 8. Business After Hours, mingle with other Ouad Cities

professionals; to reserve, call 563-355-4753, Bettendorf Home Repair, 3221 State St., Bettendorf, IA, http://www. pettendorfchamber.com, 5pm Thu Dec 10. Holiday Bus Trip, bus trip to the East Peoria Festival of Lights;

refreshments at the center, an Italian dinner at Avanti's Ristorante and the festival from the comfort of the warm motorcoach; \$65 \$75: for information, call Beth at 309-794-0991, ext 30 or e-mail vs@ qcgardens.com, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www.gcgardens.com, 3:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Church of Peace Advent Service, music, meditation, and scripture to enhance the Advent season; followed by a complimentary light lunch from 12:30-1pm; for information, cal 309-788-6357, Church of Peace, 1114 12th St, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.ChurchofPeaceUCC.org, 11:45am Thu Dec 10.

Newcomb Presbyterian Dinner & Trivia Night, fundraise or the youth group's summer missions; 5:30pm dinner, 6;30pm trivia; \$5/dinner, \$5/trivia; for information, call Shawn Skinner a 563-508-4968, Newcomb Presbyterian Church, 2619 N. Division St., nport, IA, 5:30pm Fri Dec 11.

2nd Annual Family Fun Festival, free event with activities for all ages, including Breakfast Bingo, prizes, make 'n' take tables, games, photos with Santa, and more; for information, call 563-386-7477, ext 235 or e-mail eharrison@casiseniors.org, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, http://www. casiseniors.org. 9am Sat Dec 12.

Black Hawk Hiking Club Hike, to Phipps Prairie Park in Silvis; 10-acre park with 7 acres of upland forest, some hills, and 1 1/2 acres of prairie plants: for information, call 309-496-9024, http:// olackhawkhikingclub.bravehost.com, 2:30pm Sat Dec 12. Santa's Coming to Town, for information, call 309-764-9842,

Downtown East Moline, East Moline, IL, http://www.eastmoline. com. Sat Dec 12 UFC 107 & After Party, for information, call 563-359-1015.

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UPCOMING SHOW

Homesick Blues Joey Borovicka–Painting

January 19 – February 26 **OPENING RECEPTION** Friday, January 22



1:00 - 4:00 pm





Check out our upcoming events at www.sau.edu/catich

service detailing the "O Antiphons" that refer to the seven antiphons December 17-23 leading up to Rosanne Cash Peace, 1114 12th St, Rock Island, II http://www.ChurchofPeaceUCC.

Englert Theatre on February 10, and hers is and February. Fiddler Natalie MacMaster at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort on December 5, while the *a cappella* artists of (February 5 through 14); an astonishing 65

Tuesday Night Trivia, for information, call 563-359-1015, Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www uptownbargrill.com, 7pm thru Tue Dec 29



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Saturday Dec. 26th

oline	Davenport	LeClaire			
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WINTERFEST

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Sunday, December 6 Admission is free with the donation of a non-perishable food item.

There will be a host of joyful family activities for everyone again this year including music, dancing by the Family Museum LimeLight Dancers, refreshments, fun activities, and a visit from Santa later in the afternoon!

Communit

)on year's eve

Thursday, December 31; 10am - 1pm Event is included with paid admission.

Happy Noon Year! The grown-ups get to have their New Year's Eve fun at night, but kids get to celebrate the arrival of 2010 during the daylight hours! Our Noon Year's Eve festivities will include art activities for the whole family to enjoy, a countdown to 12:00 PM with noisemakers and confetti, and a toast to the year to come.

Family Museum

2900 Learning Campus Drive Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 (563) 344-4106 www.familymuseum.org



Hand made jewelry and gifts will be for sale, perfect for your holiday gift list Saturday Dec 5th from 10am-6pm at Hampton Inn on Utica Ridge Davenportmore info? Call 355-1519

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2009 Advent and Christmas Calendar of Events

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Weekend Worship Services **Chrismas Eve Worship Services**

First Sunday of Advent • November 29th "Universal Savior"

 Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th "Promises and Silences"

• Third Sunday of Advent • December 13th

"Twas the Year Before Christmas"

Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 20th "Topping the Charts"

Brady & 14th Street Worship Information SkateChurch - Fridays & Saturdays

Jesus Country - Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Worship - Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship - Sundays @ 11 a.m.

The Edge Youth Worship - Sundays @ 6 p.m.

The Center Worship Information

Living Faith! Worship - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. doare is available for all events in our secure

Small Group Opportunities

FEARLESS

and hopeful look at what car when fear meets faith. This six-week study will vs. beginning January 6th at 6:30 p.m

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vers fill the pews of the churcl ar about the greatness and power of God. They are told rience it, yet few ever do. If you hunge wer, hear His voice, and live in the en this study is for you. This esdays, beginning January 5t at 6:30 p.m. at The Center

St. John's United Methodist Church

• 109 E. 14th Street, Davenport, IA 52803 • (563) 324-5278 • www.stjohnsume-dav.com •

• December 24th •

ce with candlelight especially for

4 p.m. Contemporary style service featuring the Living Faith! band. Pastor George will preach a

7 p.m. Contemporary style service featuring the

11 p.m. Traditional style service including Chance

Special Events and Happenings

December 5th 9 a.m. - Noon Children's Bazaar

Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00. Cookies, coffee &

Choir and organ. Pastor George will preach

bration band. Pastor Ron will preach including

ding with candlelight and singing "Silent Night

December 12th 9 a.m. Children's Advent

Breakfast Join the Children's Ministry Team for a cial event for the whole family. Breakfast and eraft activities (Children's Christmas musical arsal following). Free admission with <u>require</u> tions to Peggy Sage

December 12th 5:30 p.m. Jesus Country

Christmas Dinner Come worship at Jesus Country and stay for the annual Christmas Dinner with all the fixin's. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a special n

December 13th 4 - 6 p.m. Center Christmas

Open House You are invited to stop in at The Center for an open house where you will learn about the outreach ministries of The Center and enjoy made treats before attending St. John's Christmas Concert.

December 13th 6:30 p.m. St. John's Christmas **Concert** A service focused on music featuring the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir and our new Children's Chapel Choir. Free will offering will be taken.

Childcare is available for each worship service

George White, Senior Pastor • Ron Carlson, Associate Pastor

What's Happenin'

Music Rare Earth

Health

Satva Center

Ouad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center Friday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.

D are Earth, the rockers who achieved national fame with Ktheir hit singles "Get Ready" and "I Just Want to Celebrate," will appear at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center on November 27, and it's fairly easy to see how the group might be considered "old school." "Get Ready," after all, hit number four on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1970, and "I Just Want to Celebrate" peaked at number seven in 1971.

But while the band's biggest professional successes came during its early days, with one platinum and two doubleplatinum albums released over a three-year span, it's not like Rare Earth's members have comfortably settled into rocking chairs. As musicians Gil Bridges, Randy "Bird" Burghdoff, Ray Monette, Mike Bruner, and Floyd Stokes Jr. continue to amass

The Jov of Life Weekend Retreat

Friday, December 4, through Sunday, December 6

winter when it isn't even freakin' December yet.

et's face it: You're a little stressed. The holidays are upon

River Cities' Reader is determined to get you thinking about

us, you haven't begun your shopping, and this week's

Thankfully, Rock Island's Satva Center (located at

1918 Seventh Avenue) has a sure-fire cure for holiday-

related anxiety in its Joy of Life Weekend Retreat, led by

internationally renowned yoga instructor Kambiz Naficy

pictured). Taking place from December 4 through 6, this

hree-day seminar will provide insight into, and practice of,

Kriya Yoga, an ancient system designed to accelerate spiritual

development along with mental and physical health, and

one that emphasizes breath control as a key to inner peace.



gigs in North America and Europe (Rare Earth has thus far performed more than 3,000 concerts worldwide), new generations of fans continue to be influenced by the group's high-energy sound, among them plenty of fans in the entertainment industry. Over the past 10 years alone, snippets from Rare Earth recordings have been used

as samples by artists as diverse as Beck, Black Sheep, Scarface, and Ghostface Killah. The group's songs have been heard in Six Feet Under, Entourage, and throughout the George Clooney movie Three Kings. "I Just Want to Celebrate" was employed in national commercials for AT&T and the Ford Motor Company.

Besides, the group first came to prominence in 1968 – the same year I was born! So if Rare Earth is considered "old school," that means I am, too, and ... um ... as we all know. I'm ... er ... uh Shut up

Tickets to Rare Earth's Friday-night concert are \$30 for general admission and \$20 for IsleOne members, and can be reserved by calling (800)843-4753 or visiting Bettendorf. IsleOfCapriCasinos.com.



According to Satva Center Reiki practitioner Julie Skoff, Kriya Yoga allows her to feel "more energetic and at the same time relaxed" - and who doesn't need to feel more of *both* at this time of year?

In addition to the retreat's yoga and meditation sessions, time will be allotted for fellowship with other attendees, personal reflection and journaling, and even one-on-one sessions with Naficy, who will share his philosophies on maintaining what he calls one's individual "life-engine." As Naficy himself says, "A person who does not want to manage stress or find inner peace is like a driver who does not stop at

the gas station." And I've just figured out what I'm getting my dad for Christmas.

The Joy of Life retreat's four individual sessions will occur from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, and reservations can be made by calling (563)209-7167 or visiting SatvaCenter.com.

Music

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra's Masterworks III Adler Theatre and Augustana College Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Mark Russell Smith, is set to debut the third of its season's six Masterworks concerts. And while the presentations will no doubt be exhilarating, I'll be honest: I'm feeling a bit intimidated just *writing* about them.

Composed of two classical pieces of roughly 45 minutes each, Masterworks III opens with a performance of Antonin Dvořák's "Cello Concerto," featuring the symphony's principal cellist, Hannah Holman (pictured). Dvořák's musical achievement would certainly be impressive enough - upon hearing the piece, Johannes Brahms reportedly asked, "Why on Earth didn't I know that one could write a cello concerto like this?" – but Holman's credentials are pretty staggering in themselves, as she's also played for the English String Orchestra under Yehudi Menuhin, and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle.

Theatre and Music

Babes in Toyland

and "Christmas at the Figge"

Prospect Park Auditorum and Figge Art Museum Thursday, December 3, through Sunday, December 6



The program's second half. meanwhile, is the symphony's presentation of Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich's legendary "Symphony No. 5 in D Minor." Not only was the 1937 composition an extraordinary critical

smash upon its opening - piano master Heinrich Neuhaus called it "deep, meaningful, gripping music, classical in the integrity of its conception, perfect in form" - but according to the Quad City Symphony Web site, its premiere "elicited open weeping and a 40-minute ovation."

Taken together, Masterworks III should make for an unforgettable live-music experience, but if that Web quote is correct, you're probably advised to have some tissues on hand. And quite possibly some blister cream

Masterworks III will be performed at Davenport's Adler Theatre at 8 p.m. on December 5 and at Augustana College's Centennial Hall at 2 p.m. on December 6; for tickets and information, call (563)322-0931 or visit QCSymphony.com.

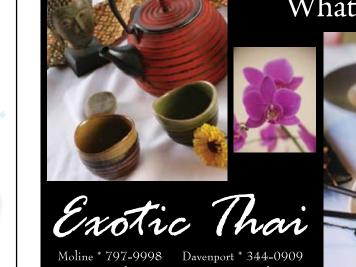
word of advice if you were Ahoping to recruit Quad City Music Guild singers for your company's holiday bash: If the party falls between December 3 and 6, you might wanna make alternative arrangements. Those folks are biz-zay.

Many of them will be booked at the Guild's home venue, Moline's Prospect Park Auditorium, for the organization's holiday presentation: a lavish staging of the 1903





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Come See



Music

Megadeth Davenport RiverCenter Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

The legendary thrash-metal musicians of Megadeth are performing at Davenport's RiverCenter on December 7. And since the group's



albums, two EPs, 26 singles, and 32 music videos – and since, it goes without saying, they're rock icons

long history

includes the

release of

12 studio

albums six

live albums,

compilation

three

imagined! ("Hey, you like Friends? I like Friends!") with a nearly religious worldwide fan Favorite Movie Favorite TV Shows Favorite Hobbies Favorite Holiday Favorite Cliché Chris Broderick. The Shawshank Wake-boarding, Anything on the Independence Day "Carpe diem." lead guitar Redemption **Discovery Channel** jet-skiing Shawn Drover, The Carol Burnett Golf, watching NFL "Be careful what you Halloween Christmas drums Show. Friends football wish for." "You're damned if lames Lomenzo Politically Incorrect The Tingler Photography Halloween you do and damned with Bill Maher if you don't."

Surfing, Yoga

Megadeth performs with opening acts Suicide Silence, Warbringer, and Archanium, tickets are \$36.50 in advance and \$38 on the day of the show, and more information on the night is available by calling (563)326-8500 or visiting RiverCtr.com.

musical Babes in Toyland. Yet even if you're familiar with this classic children's tale and Victor Herbert's beautiful music, Music Guild's rendition will surely be unlike any version vou've seen before. With a new book and lyrics by Babes in Toyland director (and frequent Guild performer) John Donald O'Shea, the production promises to deliver a brand-new spin on beloved material, and includes a cast featuring Jonathan Schrader, Jim Pearce, Lyle Sears, and Greg and

Dave Mustaine,

rhythm guitar

Ian Golz.

The Good, the Bad, &

the Uqly

You've likely seen those performers in previous Guild endeavors, and more of the organization's gifted regulars can be found at this year's "Christmas at the Figge" presentations. The art museum's annual madrigal dinners will find the Quad City Singers harmonizing to all genres of holiday choral music while guests dine on a sumptuous meal, and among the familiar singers are such noted Guild veterans as Nathan Bates, Sheri Hess, J. Adam Lounsberry, Kevin Pieper, Jennifer Sondgeroth, Joe Urbaitis, Todd

24, SportsCenter

Weber, and Jenny Winn. Bring your appetites, and maybe an autograph book.

"It is what it is."

Thanksgiving

base - you might think that you have

absolutely nothing in common with

Megadeth members Chris Broderick,

Shawn Drover, James Lomenzo, and

Not so! Check out this convenient

chart listing some of the guys' personal

favorites - you might find that a post-

concert conversation with Megadeth

would be less awkward than you

Dave Mustaine.

Babes in Toyland will be performed at 7:30 p.m. December 3 through 5, and at 2 p.m. on December 6, and tickets can be reserved at (309)762-6610 or QCMusicGuild.com.

"Christmas at the Figge" will take place on December 4 and 6 – the evenings' 6:30 p.m. dinners and concerts preceded by 5:30 p.m. social hours - and tickets are available by calling (563)326-7804 or e-mailing j.brooke@ figgeartmuseum.org.

What Else Is Happenin⁴ MUSIC

Saturday, November 28 – Skillet. Grammy Award-nominated Christian rockers, performing with guests Decyfer Down and The Letter Black. Adler Theatre (136 East Third Street, Davenport). 7 p.m. \$24-\$47. For tickets, call (800)745-3000 or visit AdlerTheatre.com.

Saturday, November 28 – Richard Mary, Chart-topping Grammy Award-winning pop-rock singer/ songwriter. Riverside Casino & Golf Resort (3184 Highway 22, Riverside). 8 p.m. \$39-\$50. For tickets and information, call (877)677-3456 or visit RiversideCasinoAndResort.com

Thursday, December 3 – Jamey Johnson and Randy Houser.

Country-music stars performing with "CMT on Tour 2009." Davenport RiverCenter (136 East Third Street, Davenport). 7:30 p.m. \$27-\$32. For tickets and information, call (800)745-3000 or visit RiverCtr.com.

Saturday, December 5 – Hersong. The Quad Cities' women's chorus performs the fifth-annual Warm Winter benefit concert. St. John's Lutheran Church (4501 Seventh Avenue, Rock Island), 6 p.m. Donations of cash or new blankets accepted. For information, call (309)737-9898 or email hersong@earthlink.net.

Saturday, December 5 – Natalie McMaster. Celtic fiddler and vocalist performs her "Christmas in

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Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr.

wines and champagnes from around the world; light hors d'oeuvres included: all wines available for purchase; \$10-\$12; reserve at 563-326-7804, ext 1227; for information, e-mail info@RosettiWineShop.com Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www rosettiwineshop.com, 3:30pm

Sun Dec 13. **Church of Peace Advent** Service, music, meditation

and scripture to enhance the Advent season; followed by a complimentary light lunch fron 12:30-1pm; for information, call 309-788-6357, Church of Peace, 1114 12th St. Rock Island, IL, http://www.ChurchofPeaceUCC org, 11:45am **Thu Dec 17**.

Hike, 134-acre tract located on Davenport's west side: miles of hiking/biking trails ranging fror flat to hilly; for information, call 309-496-9024, Sunderbruch Park, 4500 Telegraph Rd, Davenport, IA, http://blackhawkhikingclub bravehost.com, 2:30pm Sat Dec 19 Family Day-Care Provide

Appreciation Luncheon, in the Student Life Center; a fellow day-care provider shares her ideas for great cold-weather activities; space limited to 50 people; to register, call 563-468-2305, Scott Community College, 500 Belmon Rd., Bettendorf, IA, Sat Dec 19. St. Ambrose University

2009 Winter Commencem 198 bachelor's degrees, 74 master's degrees, and 35 doctora degrees will be conferred during the ceremony; with St. Ambrose Professor of Theatre Corinne Johnson delivering the commencement addres for information, call 563-333-6275, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA, http://www sau.edu/graduation, 11am Sat Dec 19. Posada Navidena, traditional

Mexican Holiday Celebration; free customary food hot chocolate music, children's programming on the feeding of wintertime birds, and the breaking of pinatas sponsored by the Hola America English/Spanish newspaper; for information, call 309-794-0991 ext 30, Quad City Botanical Cente 2525 4th Ave. Bock Island, II http://www.gcgardens.com, 5pm

Mon Dec 21. 6th Annual Holiday Open House, holiday treats and refreshments; meet caregivers Home Instead Senior Care, 1977 Spruce Hills Dr, Bettendorf, IA, 10am Tue Dec 22. Holiday Party, cookies and

crafts; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 2pm Tu Dec 22.

Hamilton Lodge Trivia Night, proceeds benefit the 7pm Tue Dec 29.

Taco Dinner Fundraiser, proceeds benefit the Hamilton Lodge Friends of the Rock Island Public Library Big Book Sale, big

\$5; for information, call Bob Durrett at 563-508-9593, Hamilton Lodge, 2412 Grant Street, Bettendorf, IA, 5pm Tue Dec 29. bargains on used books and more; proceeds benefit the library; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org

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OTHER EVENTS

Bettendorf, IA, http://www.uptownbargrill.com, 9pm Sat Dec 12 VFW Post 9128 Saturday Breakfast, 2 eggs (any way) or pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee for \$6; for information, call 563-355-8528, V.F.W. Post 9128, 2902 State

St, Bettendorf, IA, 7:30am Sat Dec 12. Champagne and Sparkling Wine Tasting, taste 15 sparkling

Theatre

Musicals

Black Hawk Hiking Club

lodge; teams of 8, \$10/person; for information, call Bob Durrett at 563-508-9593, Hamilton Lodge, 2412 Grant Street, Bettendorf, IA,

9am Thu Jan 7

16th Annnual Red Ribbon Dinner & Great Art Auction, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, http://ww Sat Jan 9.

St. Ambrose Alumni Association Trivia Night, 10 rounds of questions on various subjects are played with 6-8 players per team: bring your own snacks: drinks will be available for purchase; cash prizes for top three winning teams; \$10; to register or for more information, call 800-SAU-ALUM or e-mail alumni@sau edu, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St.,

Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu, 7pm Sat Jan 9. VFW Post 9128 Saturday Breakfast, 2 eggs (any way) or

pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee for \$6: for information, call 563-355-8528, V.F.W. Post 9128, 2902 State St, Bettendorf, IA, 7:30am

> Sat Jan 9. WeddingMAX Bridal Show noon: for tickets, call 800-745-3000; i wireless Center, 1201

River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www weddingmaxbridalshow.com 12pm Sun Jan 10. Quad Cities Boat, RV, & Vacation Show, new model boats and RVs on display along with fishing, hunting and

vacation opportunities; family entertainment and seminars also featured: Fri 2pm, Sat 10am, Sun 11am; \$5-\$3, ages 9 & under free; Friday 2-5pm \$3, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, http:// riverctr.com, 2pm Fri Jan 15 thru Sun Jan 17.

LeClaire Trivia Night, proceeds benefit area no profits such as the library, Little League, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Civic Center 8/table, \$10/person, \$50/table minimum; doors 6:30pm, trivia 7pm; beverages available, doo prizes; for information, e-mail Chris Cournoyer at chris@ccx.ne LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S Cody

Rd, LeClaire, IA, 7pm Sat Jan 16. 27th Annual Martin Luthe King Jr. Memorial Service & Award Presentation for information, call 309-732-2999 Martin Luther King Center, 7th Ave.& 9th St., Rock Island, IL.

10:30am Mon Jan 18. OC Parrot Head Club 6th Annual Havana Daydrea

RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, http://www com, Sat Jan 23. Davenport Jaycees Bridal

Expo, with fashion shows at 11am & 4pm; \$10-\$8, RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, http://www. icexpo.com, 9am Sat Jan 30.

Jason Latimer, high-energy performance with master illusionist; \$15; for tickets, call 877-677-3456, Riverside Casin and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, http://www riversidecasinoandresort.com

8pm Sat Jan 30. 11th Annual Share the Power of a Wish Gala, benefit for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, in the Mississippi Hall; with hosts Shawn and Janelle Langan of GCO Carpet; 6pm silent auction and cocktails, 7.30pm dinner, program live auction, and dance; black tie optional to reserve, contact Dan Konrardy at 563-343-4794 or Dankonrardy@ruhlho com RiverCenter 136 F 3rd St Davenport, IA, 6pm Sat Feb 6

Girls Night Out: The Road to Engineering, for female high school and community college students: celebrate "Women in Engineering" week with a free program and dinner; meet female engineering professionals, current students and recent graduates

from St. Ambrose University and Eastern Iowa Community College District; free; for information, contact Miranda Nelp at 563/333-6152 or engineering@sau. edu., Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St. Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu, 5:30pm Mon Feb 8. Trinity Auxiliary Chocolate Sale, annual Trinity Auxiliary Fundraiser: purchase from a wide selection of South Bend

Chocolate Company's gourmet specialties, Trinity at Terrace Park, Utica Ridge Rd, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.trinitygc.com, 7am Wed Feb 10

Trinity Auxiliary Chocolate Sale, annual Trinity Auxiliary

Fundraiser: purchase from a wide selection of South Bend Chocolate Company's gourmet specialties, Trinity 7th Street Campus, 500 John Deere Rd, Moline, IL, http://www.trinityqc.com 7am Thu Feb 11.

Trinity Auxiliary Chocolate Sale, annual Trinity Auxiliary Fundraiser; purchase from a wide selection of South Bend Chocolate Company's gourmet specialties, Trinity West Campus, 2701 17th St., Rock Island, IL, http://www.trinityqc.com, 7am **Fri** Feb 12.

Monster Trucks XL Tour 2010, featuring your favorite monste trucks, freestyle extreme motorcycles, and quad racers; \$15-\$20; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, edar Rapids, IA, http://www.uscellularcenter.com, 7:30pm Fri Feb 12 and Sat Feb 13.

The Peking Acrobats, treacherous wire-walking, trick-cycling precision tumbling, somersaulting, and gymnastics with the legendary troupe; at 2 & 7pm; \$30-\$20; for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http:// www.englert.org. Sat Feb 13

VFW Post 9128 Saturday Breakfast, 2 eggs (any way) or pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee for \$6; for information, call 563-355-8528, V.F.W. Post 9128, 2902 State St, Bettendorf, IA, 7:30am Sat Feb 13.

LeClaire Trivia Night, proceeds benefit area non-profits such as the library, Little League, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Civic Center; 8/table, \$10/person, \$50/table minimum; doors 6:30pm, trivia 7pm; beverages available, door prizes; for information, e-mail Chris Cournoyer at chris@ccx.net, LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S Cody Rd, LeClaire, IA, 7pm Sat Feb 20.

COMEDY

Comedy Sportz, two teams of improv comics compete, and you're the judge; \$10 advance, \$12 door; for reservations, call 786 7733 extension 2, Comedy Sportz, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL. http://www.myspace.com/cszqc, 7pm thru Sat Feb 27.

Open Mic Competition, 7:30pm sign-up, 8pm show \$3 for non-performers; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www gcfreighthouse.com/penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, 8pm Wed Nov 25.

Master Hypnotist Dr. Jim Wand, at 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthouse.com, penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Fri Nov 27.

Carl LaBove - Jack Wilhite, Thu 7:30pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr. Davenport, IA, http://www.gcfreighthouse.com/ penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Thu Dec 3 thru Sat Dec 5. Comedy Night, an evening of improv comedy: for informatio

call 309-755-8131, Racer's Edge, 936 15th Ave, East Moline, IL, 9pm Fri Dec 4.

Don Hepner, stand-up comedy with frequent area performer with openers Jimmy Peterson and "Bustin" Dustin; \$10-\$15; for tickets and information, call 309-235-1654 or e-mail info@ harrisonhilltop.com, Harrison Hilltop Theatre, 1601 Harrison St, Davenport, IA, http://www.harrisonhilltop.com, 8pm Sat Dec 5

A Vacation to Die For, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe; \$35/dinner & show; for reservations, call 563-359-1607, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.itsamvstervgc.com, 6:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Loni Love - Joe Zimmerman, Fri 8pm, Sat 7:30 & 10pm for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.gcfreighthouse.com

penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Fri Dec 11 and Sat Dec 12. Michael Pace - Richie Holiday, Thu 7:30pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthouse. com/penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Thu Dec 17 thru Sat

Murder in the Double Wide, comedy whodunit with the It's a Mystery players, written by Scott Naumann, and set in redneck trailer-park heaven; cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and the solving of a murder mystery; \$35; for tickets, call 563-344-9187, Skellingtor Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.skellingtonmanor.com. 6.30pm Sat Dec 19

Nate Craig - Doug Thompson, 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthouse.com/penguinsComedyClub. upcoming.php, Sat Dec 26.

Master Hypnotist Jim Wand, 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr. Davenport, IA, house.com/penguinsComedyClub.upcoming php. Thu Dec 31.

Costaki Economopolous & Scott Dunn, Bob & Tom Show comedians; \$31; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, http://www. heorpheum.org, 8pm Thu Dec 31.

Gale Becwar - Chris Schlicting, Fri 8pm & midnight, Sat 7:30pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthous penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php. Fri Jan 1 and Sat Jan 2.

Dan Chopin - Vince Martin, Thu 7:30pm, Fri 8pm & midnight, Sat 12:30am: for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comed Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthouse.com penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Thu Jan 7 thru Sat Jan 9.

Tim Cavanach - John Burton, Thu & Sat 7:30pm, Sat 10pm for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighthouse. penguinsComedvClub.upcoming.php. Thu Jan 14 and Sat Jan 16.

A Vacation to Die for, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe; \$35/dinner & show: for reservations. call 563-359-1607, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA,

http://www.itsamvstervgc.com, 6:30pm Fri Jan 15.

Tom Arnold, stand-up, film, & TV star; 7:30 & 11pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr. Davenport, IA, http://www.gcfreighthouse.com/ penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Fri Jan 15.

Mike Brody, Thu 7:30pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 7:30 & 10pm; for information, call 563-324-5233, Penguin's Comedy Club, 421 River Dr, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcfreighth penguinsComedyClub.upcoming.php, Thu Jan 21 thru Sat Jan 23.

Murder in the Double Wide, comedy whodunit with the It's a Mystery players, written by Scott Naumann, and set in redneck trailer-park heaven; cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and the solving of a murder mystery; \$35; for tickets, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St. Rock Island, IL, http:// www.skellingtonmanor.com, 6:30pm Fri Jan 22.

Second City's 50th Anniversary, a look back at 50 years of classic sketch comedy; \$27-\$22; for tickets, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www nglert.org, 8pm Fri Feb 5 and Sat Feb 6.

A Vacation to Die for, interactive mystery-comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe; \$35/dinner & show; for reservations, call 563-359-1607, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA. http://www.itsamysteryqc.com, 6:30pm Fri Feb 12.

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Jeff Dunham, comedian and ventriloguist on his national tour. \$45.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, http://www.uscellularcenter.com, 7:30pm Thu Feb 25.

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Divining the Human: The Cathedral Tapestries of John Nav on Sat & Sun; the film explores artist Nava's innovative creation of tapestries for the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles; directed by David Tlapek, narrated by Edward Jones Olmos; view one of Napa's tapestries in the museum lobby; for information, call 563-326-7876, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, http://www.figgeartmuseum.org, 2pm thru Sun Dec 27.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, the animated comedy smash in IMAX format; for information and showtimes, call 563-324-1054, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

The Polar Express: The IMAX Experience, Robert Zemeckis holiday hit in IMAX format; for information and showtimes, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Van Gogh: Brush with Genius, award-winning IMAX film or the legendary artist, based on more than 900 of his personal letters: for a schedule and showtimes, call 563-324-1054, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www. putnam.org, thru Thu Jan 28.

Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince, the summertime smash in IMAX format: for information and showtimes, call 563-324-1933. Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, //www.putnam.org, Wed Nov 25.

Nosferatu, F.W. Murnau's silent, 1922 vampire classic; for information, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.uiowa.edu/~bijou/, 7pm Mon Nov 30.

His Girl Friday, classic Cary Grant comedy; St. Ambrose University professor Sandra Ouinn will introduce the film and facilitate a short discussion afterwards; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 7pm Tue Dec 1

Night of the Living Dead, George A. Romero's 1968 zombie classic: free: for information. call 319-335-3041. Bijou Theatre. University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www. iowa.edu/~bijou/, 7pm Tue Dec 1.

M, Fritz Lang's paranoid masterpiece from 1931; free; for information, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.uiowa.edu/~bijou/, 7pm Wed Dec 2.

In Love We Trust, screening of the Chinese drama; a screening in the 5th Annual Independent Film Series; popcorn, soda, and discussion afterward; free; in the 2nd floor Community Room; free; for information, call 309-732-READ, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Thu Dec 3.

Metropolis, Fritz Lang's science-fiction classic from 1927; free: for information, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.uiowa.edu/~bijou/, 7pm Thu Dec 3.

Antichrist, Lars von Trier's controversial, Cannes Film Festival award winner; \$5 regular admission, \$4 Sunday afternoons; for schedule information and tickets, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www. uiowa.edu/~bijou/, Fri Dec 4 thru Thu Dec 10.

The Beaches of Agnes, 2008 autobiographical documentary by director Agnes Varda, in French with English subtitles; \$5 regular admission, \$4 Sunday afternoons; for schedule information and tickets, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.uiowa.edu/~bijou/, Fri Dec 4 thru Thu Dec 10.

Napoleon Dynamite, cult comedy classic-in-the-making; \$5; for information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East shington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 9pm **Sun** Dec 6

Crude, Joe Berlinger's 2009 documentary on oil-drilling

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November through February

There will be numerous winter musicals

for area audiences to choose from over

the next several months, but let's be clear:

Frosty's Magic Hat (opening November 27). Yes, Quad City Music Guild will premiere a festive new version of Babes in Toyland (December 3 through 6). And yes, Davenport's Capitol Theatre will present the debut of Marvin & Karen Roebuck's Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh (December 5 and 6). But that doesn't mean Wait, what was I saying? Oh yeah, there are also plenty of non-seasonal musicals ontap between December and February. St. Ambrose University, for instance, will stage the joyous family entertainment A Year with Frog & Toad (December 5 and 6), while Augustana College presents the Tony Award-winning children's-book adaptation The Secret Garden (opening January 29). Iowa City's Englert Theatre hosts a group of singing Church Basement Ladies (January 16 and 17), and Davenport's Harrison Hilltop Theatre presents workshop performances of the debuting rock musical Tired American Dream (opening February 25). Circa '21 delivers the return of the everpopular Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (opening January 13), while

Davenport's Adler Theatre brings in touring

productions of the musical farce The Drowsy

Chaperone (January 18) and The Wizard of

Oz (November 29). Plus, another rendition

of that classic tale will be offered when The

Center for Living, on December 5, presents

.. er ... A Christmas Wizard of Oz. Hey,

I didn't say there weren't a lot of holiday

musicals this winter - Mike Schulz

Dinner Playhouse is currently presenting a revue titled *Holly* Jolly Christmas, and is set to unveil a **The Drowsy** family presentation **Chaperone** for the holidays, in

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practices; \$5 regular admission, \$4 Sunday afternoons; for schedul information and tickets, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.ujowa.edu/ -bijou/, Fri Dec 11 thru Thu Dec 17.

Ong Bak 2: The Beginning, Tony Jaa's 2008 martial-arts action thriller; \$5 regular admission, \$4 Sunday afternoons; for schedule information and tickets, call 319-335-3041, Bijou Theatre, University of Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA, http://www.ujowa edu/~bijou/, Fri Dec 11 thru Thu Dec 17.

Movie Night, for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib.il.us, 7pm Sat Dec 12

Living in Emergency: Stories of Doctors with Borders Live, a one-night only showing of documentary, followed by the broadcast of a live town-hall discussion hosted by Elizabeth Vargas of "20/20". Showcase Cinemas 53, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www FathomEvents.com/doctorswithoutborders, 6:30pm Mon Dec 14

Life Is Beautiful, Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning Holocaust film, a presentation in the OBI: Off-Beat Independent Film Series; for information, call 563-888-3371, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 6pm Wed Dec 16.

Miracle on 34th Street. Oscar winning tale of the real Santa Claus; \$5; for information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, http://www.englert.org, 7pm Sun Dec 20.

Independent Movies at Your Library, free; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, Thu Jan 7.

Off-Beat Independent Film Discussion, view foreign and independent films, then discuss them with other film fans; free popcorn; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 6pm Wed Jan 20.

Independent Movies at Your Library, free; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, Thu Feb 4.

The Real World of Fiii, a presentation in the World Adventure Series, with a post-film discussion by filmmakers and quest speakers; screenings at 1, 4, & 7pm; for information, call 563-324-1933. Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St. Davenport IA, http://www.putnam.org, Tue Feb 9.

Off-Beat Independent Film Discussion, view foreign and independent films, then discuss them with other film fans; free popcorn; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 6pm Wed Feb 17.

MUSEUMS

Christmas Village Exhibit, includes the collection from Arlene Rose Considine, featuring items from Christmas markets, antique shops, and flea markets in Slovenia, Austria, and Germany; fo information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.gahc.org, thru Thu Dec

Images of the Floating World: An Exhibit in Memory of Ray and Yone Tanaka, exhibit features brilliantly colored Japanese woodblock prints from the Edo period (1603-1868), showing scene from Kabuki theater productions, folk tales, history, and daily life; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatr 1717 W 12th St. Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Unearthing Ancient Egypt, visit the newly renovated Egyptian gallery, with updated components including new lighting, new mummy cases, and a touch-screen video monitor that features results from the CT scans performed at genesis; for information, cal 563-324-1054, ext 219, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 V 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, thru Thu Dec 31

Veterans Oral History Project, project honoring veterans of foreign wars by preserving their individual stories of Military service or civilian efforts that supported the military: interview will be conducted in November and December, and eventually added to the collection of stories from around the country; for an appointment, call Mary Evans at 319-643-6031, Herbert Hoover

Blue Man Group - Making Waves, 1,500 square foot traveling exhibit providing a multi-sensory exploration of sound, featuring the exhibit components Entry Tube, Intro Wall, Tube Phones, Seeing Sound, Slide/Build-u-lum, Sand Drum, PVCs, Belly Drum and Surround Sound Theater: free with museum admission: for formation, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

The Museum Goes to the Fair, a special exhibit displaying artifacts from the museum of natural history's Philippine co acquired during the 1904 World's Fair: for information, call 319-335-0606, http://www.uiowa.edu/~nathist/, thru Wed Feb 10.

Let's Pretend!, on Fridays; for ages 3-5; act out favorite childhood stories complete with props and silly costumes; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 11:15am thru Fri Feh 26 Under the Big Tree with Buzz and Honey, on Fridays; for ages

5 & under; Join Ms. Kim, Buzz, and Honey for stories and songs under the Big Tree; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. familymuseum.org, 9:30am thru Fri Feb 26.

Sleepytime with Buzz and Honey, on Tuesdays: quiet bedtime stories and songs for ages 5 & under; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 6pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 15.

Storybook Buddies, on Tuesdays; for ages 3 & up; Ms. Candy starts with a great book and follows with a fun activity that digs deeper into the story; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. museum.org, 4pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 15. Test It and Try It Lab. on Tuesdays: experiments with Mr. Glenn on topics ranging from chemistry to physics to biology; for

information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 3:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 15. Toddler Time, on Tuesdays; for ages 12-36 months; join Ms.

Nancy for play, songs, and explorations just right for little hands and growing minds; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. familymuseum.org, 9:15am Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 15. Young at Art Open Exploration Studio-Tuesdays, on Tuesdays for ages 3 & up; museum artist and educator Ms. Candy will

guide families as they paint, sculpt, collage, and more in our fullyequipped art studio; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. nilymuseum.org, 9am Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 15.

Move Your Feet!, on Wednesdays; for ages 3 & up; Ms. Alyssa will lead families through simple dance exercises, great movement games, and gentle stretches to keep young bodies strong and healthy; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www nilymuseum.org, 10am Wed Dec 2 thru Wed Dec 16.

PlayHouse Playtime, on Wednesdays; for ages 4 & under; fun projects and group games with Ms. Kim; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 9am Wed Dec 2 thru Wed Dec 16.

Young at Art Open Exploration Studio-Wednesdays, o Wednesdays; for ages 3 & up; museum artist and educator Mr. Glenn will guide families as they paint, sculpt, collage, and more in our fullyequipped art studio; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. familymuseum.org, 3:30pm Wed Dec 2 thru Wed Dec 16.

Dancing Tales, on Thursdays; for ages 3 & up; use creative movement to tell favorite stories from movies, ballet, fairy tales, and storybooks; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. familymuseum.org, 10am Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17. Great Art, on Thursdays: for all ages: draw a little something here.

add a bit of paint there, and add your own touches to a community art project; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. familymuseum.org, 9am Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17. Play Pals: Playgroup for Children with Special Needs

on Thursdays; for ages 8 & under; with Ms. Kim; play, try out art activities, experience our senses, and explore creative movement; fo information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 4pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17.

Sensory Studio, on Thursdays; for ages 12-36 months; join Ms. Nancy for lap songs and fingerplays, followed by super sensory art experiences; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www. ymuseum.org, 9:15am Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17. Sound and Music Lab. on Thursdays: for ages 4 & up: Mr.

Glenn will help visitors explore sound and music in the "Blue Man $\label{eq:Group: Making Waves'' exhibit; enjoy guided exploration of the$ exhibits, instruments, sound experiments, and lots of science fur or everyone; for information, call 563-344-4106, http:/ familymuseum org. 3:30pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17. Happy Birthday, Walt Disney, learn about the famous animator, orable characters he created, and how his most famou

creations have changed over time: try your hand at drawing your own cartoons and animation art; free with museum admission; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr. Bettendorf, IA, http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 5.

Holiday on the Hill, for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St. Davenport, IA, http://www. putnam.org, Sat Dec 5.

Busy Bees Play Station, on Saturdays: for ages 3 & up: museum artist and educator Ms. Michelle will guide families as they paint, sculpt, collage, and more in our fully-equipped art studio; for information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org. 9:30am Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Dec 19

Move Your Feet! Saturdays, on Saturdays; for ages 3 & up, from 10-10:30am & 11-11:30am; Ms. Stephanie leads families through simple dance exercises, great movement games, and gentle stretches to keep young bodies strong and healthy: for information

call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Dec 19 Open Clay Studio, on Saturdays; for ages 3 & up, from 11am-12:30pm and 1:30-3pm; Ms. Carolyn guides artists as they explore a variety of clavs and clav building techniques; for information, call

563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Dec 19 Family Museum Winterfest, annual holiday celebration; free

with museum admission; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. familymuseum.org, 10am Sun Dec 6. Putnam Explorers Kids Science Club: Frozen Science, for

information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre. 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, Sun Dec 6 Busy Bees Play Station, on Mondays; for ages 18-36 months; for

information, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, 5pm Mon Dec 7 and Mon Dec 14. Music in Motion, on Mondays: from 10-10:30am (ages 18-36

months) and 11-11:30am (ages 3-5); lots of music and plenty of action as little ones jump, skip, roll, run, and scoot through a variety of movements, all while learning to follow directions and take turns; mation, call 563-344-4106, http://www.familymuseum.org, Mon Dec 7 and Mon Dec 14

Polar PJ Party, for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www. putnam.org, Fri Dec 11. Poinsettia Day, make paper poinsettias that will last long

past the holidays; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr. Bettendorf, IA, http://www. familymuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 12.

Putnam Museum Birthday Party, with free museum admission for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.putnam.org, Mon Dec 14 Games Day, make and play board games from around the world; test your skills and grow your brain as you learn new strategies through games both familiar and brand new to you; for information.

call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf. IA. http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 19. Drop and Shop, bring your 4-8 year old to the Family Museum for a two hour break; museum staffers will provide games, crafts, movement, play, and a story; for information, call 563-344-4106.

Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, http:// www.familymuseum.org, 5:30pm Mon Dec 21. Moose Magic, stir up some "Chocolate Moose" truffles for a yummy treat, then mix up a little paint, dab it on our hands and watch a "moose" terpiece magically appear when we print it on paper: for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 earning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Tue Dec 22.

Cookie Concoctions, whip up some homemade play dough, rol it out, and cut it into cookie shapes to take home for a pretend treat; there will be real sugar cookies to eat, too; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Wed Dec 23.

The Remarkable Pig, Miss Tracey tells some pig-tales, makes pig crafts, and shares a portion of her big pig collection; for information, call 563-344-4106. Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr. Bettendorf, IA, http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Mon Dec 28

Snow Day!, make snow pictures and snowflakes, read snow stories, sing snow songs, and try walking in snow shoes; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr. Bettendorf, IA, http://www.familymuseum.org, 10am Tue Dec 29.

New Year's Party Poppers, make a New Year's confetti surprise

create and decorate a popper filled with confetti and a prize, and then join us at Dec. 31's Noon Year's Eve to pop open a surprise to take home: for information, call 563-344-4106. Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr. Bettendorf, IA. http://www.familymuseum.org. 11am Wed Dec 30

Noon Year's Eve, celebrate the arrival of 2010 during the davlight hours: festivities include art activities for the whole family to enjoy, a countdown to 12pm with noisemakers, and a toas to the year to come; for information, call 563-344-4106, Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA, http://www familymuseum.org, 10am Thu Dec 31

SPORTS

Peoria Rivermen, vs. the Abbotsford Heat; \$20-\$15; for tickets call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7pm Wed Nov 25.

Quad City Mallards, vs. the Port Huron IceHawks; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www wirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Wed Nov 25.

Peoria Rivermen, vs. the Manitoba Moose; \$20-\$15; for tickets call 800-745-3000. Peoria Civic Center. 201 SW Jefferson Ave. Peoria

L, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7pm Fri Nov 27. Peoria Rivermen, vs. the Grand Rapids Griffins: \$20-\$15; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave

Peoria, IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7pm Sat Nov 28. Ouad City Mallards, vs. the Bloomington PrairieThunder: for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL,

://www.iwirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Sat Nov 28. Ragbrai Preparation Forum, informal discussion and multiedia presentation with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club, in preparation for next year's event: discussion will include the application process. training, luggage, logistics, and safety; cash bar and food available; RSVP with Ken Urban at 563-326-3427 or KDU1936@msn.com. Fron Street Brewery, 208 E. River Dr., Davenport, IA, 7pm **Tue Dec 1**.

Peoria Rivermen, vs. the Manitoba Moose; \$20-\$15; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7pm Fri Dec 4.

Hawkeye Shootout, annual youth basketball tournament offered to seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls across lowa: free; for information, contact contact Mike Widen at michael-widen@ uiowa.edu, University of Iowa Fieldhouse, Iowa City, IA, http://www recserv.uiowa.edu/events/shootout.htm, Fri Dec 11 thru Sun Dec 13

Quad City Mallards, vs. the Dayton Gems; for tickets, call 800 745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www

wirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Fri Dec 11. Peoria Rivermen, vs the San Antonio Rampage; \$20-\$15; for

tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave. Peoria, IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7pm Sat Dec 12. Ouad City Mallards, vs. the Flint Generals; for tickets, call 800-

745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www wirelesscenter.com, 4:05pm Sun Dec 13. Peoria Rivermen, vs the Grand Rapids Griffins: \$20-\$15; for

tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria II. http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com.7pm **Tue Dec 15**

2009 Central States Hockey League Junior Showcase, featuring 13 teams from across the Midwest and the Jr. Flames; f information, call 563-322-5220, Quad City Sports Center, 700 W. River Dr., Davenport, IA, Fri Dec 18 thru Mon Dec 21.

Quad City Mallards, vs. the Fort Wayne Komets; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www. elesscenter.com, 7:05pm Sat Dec 19.

Quad City Mallards, vs. the Muskegon Lumberjacks; for tickets call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http:// wirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Tue Dec 22.

Quad City Mallards, vs. the Bloomington PrairieThunder; for ickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, ://www.iwirelesscenter.com, 4:05pm Sun Dec 27.

Peoria Rivermen, vs the Chicago Wolves; \$20-\$15; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com.7pm Thu Dec 31.

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Quad City Mallards, vs. the Port Huron IceHawks; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www.



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esscenter.com, 7:05pm Sat Feb 6. Quad City Mallards, vs. the Dayton Gems; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www. center.com, 7:05pm Wed Feb 10.

iwirelesscenter.com. 4:05pm Sun Feb 21.

6:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

9am thru Thu Dec 31.

http://rockislandlibrary.org. 9am thru Wed Mar 3.

IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 11am thru Wed Mar 3.

http://rockislandlibrary.org, 11am thru Wed Mar 3.

wirelesscenter.com. 7:05pm Fri Jan 8

The Harlem Globetrotters, gravity-defying basketball tement with the legendary team; \$20.75-\$87.75; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www

wirelesscenter.com, 7pm Sat Jan 9. Ouad City Mallards, vs. the Port Huron IceHawks; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www

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Quad City Mallards, vs. the Fort Wayne Komets; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http://www

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Quad City Mallards, vs. the Fort Wayne Komets; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www

iwirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Wed Feb 24. Quad City Mallards, vs. the Bloomington PrairieThunder; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL

http://www.iwirelesscenter.com, 4:05pm Sun Feb 28. Quad City Mallards, vs. the Muskegon Lumberjacks; for tickets,

call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr. Moline, IL, http:// www.iwirelesscenter.com, 7:05pm Wed Mar 3.

COURSES

Disability Assistance Dog Training, on Tuesdays: lessons by appointment; for information, call 563-505-2182, NorthPark Mall, Between Harrison and Welcome Way on E. Kimberly, Davenport, IA

Itchin' to Stitch Class, on Wednesdays; encompassing all forms of stitching: for information, call Bey Skelton at 309-523-2516. River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, http://www. rivervalleylibrary.org, 6:30pm thru Wed Dec 30.

Technology Now Computer Fundamental Training, on Thursdays; free; in the computer lab room; for information, call 309 732-2999, Martin Luther King Center, 7th Ave.& 9th St., Rock Island, IL,

uter Classes, on Fridays; for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://empl.lib.il.us, 9:30am thru Fri Feb 26.

Basic Internet Class, on Wednesdays; walk-in course for those seeking basic computer skills; for information, call 309-732-7303, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL,

Basic Word Processing Class, on Wednesdays; walk-in course for those seeking basic computer skills; for information, call 309-732-7303, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island,

Creating a Resume in Word, no appointment needed; in the Computer Lab, ground-floor level; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL,

Woodland Creations Program, register by Nov. 26 for Nov. 28 event: learn how twigs, bark, seeds, and leaves can be used to create miniature figurines; free; to register, call 563-328-3286, Wapsi River Environmental Center, 31555 52nd Ave., Dixon, IL, http://www scottcountviowa.com/conservation, 1pm Thu Nov 26.

Lifeguard Training, register by Nov. 25 for course running Dec 2 thru 16; participants must be at least 15 years old, able to swim 300 vears, and be able to retrieve a diving brick from the deep end and swim 20 yards back with the brick; \$130; to register, call 309-796-5601, Black Hawk College - Community Aquatic Center, 6600 34th

Avenue, Moline, IL, 5pm Wed Nov 25.

Ace the Interview, learn to ace job interviews by preparing ahead, with tips provided by Illinois Department of Employment Security representative Ken Lilly, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 9am Tue Dec 1. Fabric/Rope Baskets, a class in the "Crafty Classics - Homemade Gifts" series: \$13: for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www. extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 6pm Tue Dec 1.

Fumigation Continuing Instructional Course, topics include safe application techniques, pests, pest management, and pesticides and pesticide labels; \$45-\$35; to register, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension. 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/PME, 9am Tue Dec 1. Grain Fumigation Commercial & Private Pesticide, for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875

Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://dbs.extension.iastate edu/calendar 9am Tue Dec 1

Master of Education in Teaching Information Sessio

designed for licensed and working teachers to complete a master's degree and prepare for National Board Certification; meet faculty; as questions about MEdT accelerated courses; learn about admission requirements: and obtain information about tuition: for information. all, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/medt, 4pm Tue Dec 1

Wellbeing: Holiday Gifts for Men & Women, make all-natural, eco-friendly soaps, candles, soaks, scents, and more; \$35; for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 5.30pm **Tue Dec 1**.

Forklift Operator's Training, includes a driving module that allows participants to operate a forklift; \$75; for information and to register, call Glo Hanne at 563-441-4081, Blong Technology Center. 8500 Hillandale Rd., Davenport, IA, http://www.bettendorfchamber. om, 12pm Wed Dec 2.

Forklift Safety, covers mechanics, inspection and maintenance of forklifts, ANSI driving procedures, special operating rules, stacking and tiering, and refueling procedures \$35; for information and to registe call Glo Hanne at 563-441-4081 Blong Technology Center, 8500 Hillandale Rd., Davenport, IA, http://www.bettendorfchamber com, 8am Wed Dec 2.

Forklift Safety fo Supervisors, includes the training requirements pertaining to various types of powered industrial trucks, requirements relating to an employee incident or acciden and how to conduct driving skill audits: \$25: for information and to register, call Glo Hanne at 563-441 4081, Blong Technology Center, 8500 Hillandale Rd., Davenport, IA http://www.bettendorfchamber com, 10am Wed Dec 2. Pest Control Operator

Continuing Instructional Course topics include safe application techniques and calibration, pests and pest management, pesticides and pesticide labels, and laws and regulations: \$70-\$60: to register. call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://www ion.uiuc.edu/PME, 9pm Wed Dec 2.

Pest Control Operator Webcast. for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane Suite B. Bettendorf, IA. http://dbs extension.iastate.edu/calendar, 9am Wed Dec 2.

Cooking with Angel Food arah Nimrick and Cali Smith offer new and different recipes; free; for information, call 309-786-2631, Broadway Presbyterian Church 710 23rd St., Rock Island, IL, 6pm Thu Dec 3.

Gifts from the Kitchen mak candy, cookies, and gifts in a jar to give as gifts; \$35; for information call 309-756-9978. ext 10. Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland 5:30pm **Thu Dec 3**.

Private & Commercia Pesticide Applicator Testing or information, call 563-359 7577. Scott County Extension 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://dbs extension.iastate.edu/calendar. 10am Fri Dec 4.

Christmas Crafts, create a beautiful Christmas ornament or decoration from various ReStore materials: \$5. Habitat ReStore, 3629 lississippi Avenue, Davenport, IA, http://www.habitatgc.org, Sat Dec 5.

Lewis and Clark Expedition participants will have the opportunity to make a "winter

count" similar to those created by many Native American groups to record important events of the previous year; other activities include learning how to track animals by their footprints, as the expedition did for hunting and scientific purposes, and communicating with sign language as Lewis did with the Plains tribes they encountered, Jniversity of Iowa Museum of Natural History, 10 Macbride Hall, Iowa City, IA. http://news-releases.ujowa.edu/2009/november/111809ata-glance.html, 2pm Sat Dec 5.

Understanding Church Interims and Transitions. Sundays thru Dec. 20: with facilitator Terry Fortman: an adult religious education ourse; for information, call 563-359-0816, Unitarian Church of

Davenport, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, http://www.gcuu.org, 10am Sun Dec 6.

College of Business MSITM Showcase/Info Session, offers a blend of information systems theory and business management that provides the skills needed to successfully manage the IT department vihin a corporate environment: free: for information, contact Tammy Reichelt at 563-333-6354, New Ventures Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/mba, 12pm Mon Dec 7.

MBA Info Session, internationally recognized and accredited program offering both part-time and full-time options, geared to meet the needs of working professionals, recent college graduates, and those making a career change; for information, contact Tammy Reichelt at 563-333-6354, New Ventures Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/mba, 12:30pm Mon Dec 7. Master of Organizational Leadership Information Session, an

lisciplinary graduate progra

of study designed to develop skills and nurture abilities for effective leadership: for information, call, Downtown Education Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA http://web.sau.edu/mol/, 12:30pm Non Dec 7.

Help for Homeowner Norkshop, foreclosure-preventior vorkshop, with materials to help homeowners take action and resolve mortgage issues, and learn how to avoid foreclosure "rescue scams: free: for information and to sign up, call 309-788-6311 or 309-793-6391, ext 148, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, L, http://www.gcdollarwise.org, 6pm Tue Dec 8.

Business Xchange, share our "commercial" with a differen guest every 6 minutes, allowing ou to meet 10 new contacts a each event: at the end of each event, each attendee will receive a networking list, which will allow them to follow up on all contacts nade at the event; \$15-\$25; to register, call 309-757-5416 Hampton Inn & Suites, 5290 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA, http:// www.guadcitychamber.com 11:30am Wed Dec 9.

Holiday Han Horticulture & Cuisine, Shirley Camp and Martha Smith offer a joint program on holiday plants and healthy foods; learn about the types and care of holiday plants and create a paperwhite project to take home; learn about how to make your holiday foods more healthy with new recipes, cooking with fresh herbs; door prizes awarded: \$35: for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave Milan, IL, http://www.extension uiuc.edu/rockisland, 5:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Ward Off Winter Weight Gain, egistered dietitian Chrissy Mitze shares tips and recipes that will help you stay slim all winter long; with a cooking demonstration and samples; \$3; to register, ontact Chrissy at 309-793-0684 or cmitzel@hv-vee.com. Hv-Vee Rock Island Club Room, 2930 18th Ave Rock Island, IL, 3pm Thu Dec 10.

Youth Develop Academy: Learning Is Fun.. When You Just Experience It, comprehensive training program for adults, led by youth educators Jennifer Best and Diane Baker; learn the technique of experimental learning and encouraging young people to share, process, generalize, and apply for what they've learned to their futures: \$15: for information call 309-756-9978 Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://wv uiuc.edu/rockisland. 9:30am Fri Dec 11.

Gingerbread House Class, craft a gorgeous gingerbread house using a variety of materials, from fresh flowers to stencil frosting; \$25; for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc. edu/rockisland, 9am Sat Dec 12.

Holiday Fresh Floral Arrangement, learn how to design and arrange a beautiful fresh flower holiday centerpiece: \$22 plus a 425 naterials fee; to register, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College Outreach Center, 301 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, IL, 6pm Tue Dec 15

Knit Washcloths, a class in the "Crafty Classics - Homemade

Gifts" series: includes varn & knitting needles: \$13; for information call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd e, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 6pm Tue Dec 15

Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Certification, for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://dbs.extension.iastate. edu/calendar, 9am Wed Dec 16.

Healthy Holiday Treats for Kids, for ages 5-13; treats with dietitian Chrissy Mitzel, including Black Bean Brownies, Soda Pop Cupcakes and Shortcut Chocolate Crackles: each child will have a plate of treats to take home: \$5: to register, contact Chrissy at 309-93-0684 or cmitzel@hy-vee.com for more information, Hy-Vee Rock Island Club Room, 2930 18th Ave, Rock Island, IL, 10am Tue Dec 22.

Help for Homeowners Workshop, foreclosure-prevention vorkshop, with materials to help homeowners take action and resolve mortgage issues, and learn how to avoid foreclosure "rescue" scams; free; for information and to sign up, call 309-788-6311 or 309-793-6391. ext 148. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://www.qcdollarwise.org, 6pm Tue Dec 22.

Baby Sign, Wednesdays thru Jan. 27; teach your baby sign language; free; to register, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. nportlibrary.com, 2pm Wed Jan 6

Youth Development Academy: Culture, Family, & Diversity, comprehensive training program for adults, led by youth educator lennifer Best and Diane Baker: learn about socio-cultural value systems, working with diverse audiences, and the causes and effects of discrimination; \$15; for information, call 309-756-9978, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B. Bettendorf, IA. http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 9:30am Fri Jan 8.

Winter Wreath Class, Learn to make seasonal decor for your front door or entryway, and leave with a completed project. \$30 includes supplies and course materials. To register, call 309-756-9978, ext. 10., Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 1pm Sun Jan 10.

Developing Web Applications Using Visual Studio 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities. com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Jan 11 thru Fri Jan 15.

Photoshop CS3 Level 1, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 11 and Tue Jan 12.

Dick and Jane Meet Technology - Internet Basics, attendees should have mouse and keyboarding skills but no previous Inter experience is required; with presenter Julia Cozad; register at 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9am Tue Jan 12.

Leadership Encounter, a one-day workshop, created by author Ken Blanchard, examines Jesus as a model for leadership. Participants will engage in action-oriented learning and reflection: \$99: for more information, contact Denise Hollonbeck or Jennifer Prinz at 563/441 9950, St. Ambrose University College for Professional Studies, 1950 E 54th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/pdc, 8am Tue Jan 12.

Business Xchange, share your "commercial" with a different guest every 6 minutes, allowing you to meet 10 new contacts at each event; at the end of each event, each attendee will receive a networking list, which will allow them to follow up on all contacts made at the event: \$15-\$25: to register, call 309-757-5416. Hampton Inn & Suites, 5290 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA, http://www. guadcitychamber.com, 11:30am Wed Jan 13

Photoshop CS3 Level 2, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities.com, New Horizons Compute Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsqc.com/, Wed Jan 13 and Thu Jan 14.

Illustrator CS4 Level 1, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities.com. New Horizons Compute Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com. Fri Jan 15.

Master Gardener Training, Fridays thru Mar. 26; classes taught by University of Illinois Extension educators, and cover such topics as botany, entomology, fruits & vegetables, turf grass, and more: \$175: for information and to register, call 309-756-9978, ext 19 or e-mail tmullv@illinois.edu, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 9am Fri Jan 15.

Configuring and Troubleshooting a Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/, Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22.

Deploying Windows Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhouadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// pewhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22.

Excel 2007 Level 1, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B. Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/, Mon Jan 18.

nting SharePoint Services 3.0, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities.com. New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22.

Maintaining SQL Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center. 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22.

Updating Your Networking Infrastructure Technolog Skills to Windows Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B. Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22.

Updating Your SQL Server 2005 to 2008, for information, call



Ballet Quad Cities' annual Gilda's Glub The Nutcracker fundraiser Dancing

with the Quad Cities Celebrities on December 4 – participants include the reigning Miss Iowa, Anne Michael Langguth, and Figge Art

Museum Executive Director Sean O'Harrow - and Ballet Quad Cities' staging of exhilarating romantic encounters in February 13's and 14's Love Stories. Between those balletic bookends. you'll be treated to Hancher Auditorium's taptastic Gregory Hines tribute Thank You, Gregory (at Iowa City High School on January 23), and the exuberant modern stylings of Thodos Dance Chicago (at St. Ambrose University's Galvin Fine Arts Center on January 30), appearing locally as Quad City Arts Visiting Artists. And if you're one of those who enjoys a little Tchaikovsky with your dance, boy oh boy, are *you* in luck this winter! Not only will the Nolte Academy of Dance perform *The Nutcracker* at the Englert Theatre December 4 through 6, but both Ballet Quad Cities and RiverPointBallet will deliver their own renditions of this holiday classic, with the former's being staged at the Adler Theatre, and the latter's at the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport and Jumer's Casino & Resort. And get this - both Nutcracker productions are taking place on the same weekend of December 12 and 13! It's gonna be like the Sharks and the Jets! With ballet slippers! (Which, now that I think about it, is kinda redundant.) - Mike Schulz

should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once." Well, the German philosopher would be happy to know that there Nutcracker of lost days around

Dance

Area Performances

December through February

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("Happy," of course,

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563-441-1515 or e-m Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA http://newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22

Updating your Applications Infrastructure Technolog Skills to Windows Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Jan 18 thru Fri Jan 22

Writing Queries with SQL Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@ uadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA,

Events

Adler Theatre

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Scott Turow

November through February

Tot to toot our own horn or anything.

N but one of the great things about the

Reader's annual Winter Guide is that it gives

vou a convenient sampling of area highlights

for stealing our thunder, guys. Beginning with

November 25's presentation of The Oak Ridge

Boys' Christmas Show, the Davenport venue

will be filled with musical treats this season.

including Masterworks performances by the

Quad City Symphony Orchestra (December

rock with Skillet (November 28), and a joyful

mélange of holiday tunes in the Quad Cities'

annual Creative Christmas (December 18

and 19). The gifted dancers of Ballet Quad

Cities take the Adler stage in their annual

presentation of The Nutcracker (December

12 and 13), while the 70th anniversary of a

legendary film is celebrated in a lavish stage

version of The Wizard of Oz (November 29).

- comes courtesy of the Tony Award-winning

More theatre – mixed with hearty laughs

musical comedy The Drowsy Chaperone

(January 18), and a literary giant will be on

hand when Presumed Innocent author Scott

Turow appears as part of the Eastern Iowa

Community College District's "Viewpoint

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1515, ext 702, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Feb 1 thru Fri Feb 5. Excel 2007 Level 2, for information, call 563-441-1515 or

e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// ewhorizonsqc.com/, Tue Feb 2.

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Business Xchange, share your "commercial" with a different guest every 6 minutes, allowing you to meet 10 new contacts at each event; at the end of each event, each attendee will receive a networking list, which will allow them to follow up on all contacts

made at the event: \$15-\$25; to register, call 309-757-5416. Hampton Inn & Suites, 5290 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA, http:// www.guadcitychamber.com, 1:30am Wed Feb 10.

Dreamweaver CS4 Level 1 or information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities. com, New Horizons Computer arning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// ewhorizonsqc.com/, Thu Feb 11.

Human Resource Certification Institute Series Emerging Issues in HR, 6-wk urse on Tuesdays: learn the latest legislation and trends in human sources and receive HRCI CEUs \$365 non-GRHRA member/\$300 GRHRA member: for more information, contact Denise Hollonbeck at 563/441-9950, St. brose University College for Professional Studies, 1950 F 54th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau. du/pdc, 11:30am **Tue Feb 16**.

PowerPoint 2007 Level 2, for nformation, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities. com, New Horizons Computer earning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B. Davenport, IA. http:// ewhorizonsqc.com/, Tue Feb 16.

Proiect Management: Tools, Principles, and Practice, learn proven tools and techniques used by world-class companies to get results on time, on budget, and at the right level of performance conducted by James Lewis, an expert and author with 15 years of industry experience and 28 years of leading project management seminars; \$1,395; for more information, contact Denise Hollonbeck or Jennife Prinz at 563/441-9950, St. Ambrose University College for Professional Studies, 1950 E 54th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/pdc, 8am Tue Feb 16 thru Thu Feb 18.

Word 2007 Level 2, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities com. New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// ewhorizonsac.com/. Wed Feb 17

Access 2007 Level 2/3, for nformation, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities. com, New Horizons Computer earning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// horizonsqc.com/, Thu Feb 18 and Fri Feb 19.

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Academy: Group Management & Communicating with Young People, comprehensive training program for adults, led by youth educators Jennifer Best and Diane Baker; learn how to create rule and consequences, manage groups, and communicate effectively with young people; \$15; for information, call 309-756-9978, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://

www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 9:30am Fri Feb 19. Configuring Windows Server 2008 Active Directory Domain Services, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@ nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Feb 22 thru Fri Feb 26

tals of Windows Server 2008 Active Directory, for

information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Feb 22 thr Fri Feb 26.

Implementing SQL Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Feb 22 thru Fri Feb 26.

Introduction to Installing and Managing Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@ nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B. Davenport, IA. http://newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Feb 22 thru Wed Feb 24

St. Ambrose Business Graduate Programs Info Session, learn more about St. Ambrose University business graduate programs: MBA, Master of Organizational Leadership, Master of Accounting, Master of Science in Information Technology and Doctor of Business Administration; free; for information, contact Graduate Student Recruitment at 563/333-6354 or ReicheltTammvS@sau edu. New Ventures Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu,

12pm Mon Feb 22. Updating Your Active Directory Technology Skills to Window Server 2008, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@ adcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsgc.com/, Mon Feb 22 thru Fri Feb 26.

Visual Studio 2008: ASPNET 3.5 for information call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Compute Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http:// newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Feb 22 and Tue Feb 23.

3-Day Leadership Through People Skills (LTPS), an intensive ng experience that transforms managers into leaders by creating the skills necessary to meet today s business challenges and turn vision into reality; \$1,095; for information, contact Denis Hollonbeck at 563/441-9950. St. Ambrose University College for Professional Studies, 1950 E 54th St, Davenport, IA, http://www.sau. edu/pdc. 8am Tue Feb 23 thru Thu Feb 25

Visual Studio 2008: ADO.NET 3.5, for information, call 563-441 1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B. Davenport, IA. http:// newhorizonsqc.com/, Wed Feb 24 and Thu Feb 25.

Monitoring and Troubleshooting Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@

nhquadcities.com, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Thu Feb 25 and Fri Feb 26. Project Management Fundamentals, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhguadcities.com. New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA,

http://newhorizonsgc.com/. Mon Mar 1 thru Fri Mar 5 Project Management for Professionals, for information, call 563-441-1515 or e-mail learning@nhquadcities.com, New Horizon Computer Learning Center, 2206 52nd Street Suite B, Davenport, IA, http://newhorizonsqc.com/, Mon Mar 1 thru Fri Mar 5.

HEALTH

Classes, Lectures, & Events Boost Camp Yoga - Winter Version, on Mondays; drop-in class with Daina Lewis: for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline,

IL. http://www.indigowellness.info. 6:30pm thru Mon Dec 28. Gentle Yoga w/ Shannon, on Mondays: drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www. indigowellness.info, 5:15pm thru Mon Dec 28.

Gentle Yoga, on Tuesdays; \$10/1 class, \$50/6 classes, \$75/10 classes: for information, call Janet at 309-391-5723 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:/ www.satvacenter.com, 4pm thru Tue Dec 29. Gentler Hatha Yoga w/ Carol Mackel, on Tuesdays; drop-

in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.indigowellness.info, 7:15pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Hatha Yoga, on Tuesdays; \$10/1 class, \$50/6 classes, \$75/10 classes; for information, call Janet at 309-391-5723 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.satvacenter.com, 5pm thru Tue Dec 29.

/Advanced, on Tuesdays; donations accepted; fo information, call Rita at 309-793-7881 or e-mail info@satvacenter com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www. satvacenter.com, 6:15pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Pilates w/ MarvAnne Gale. on Tuesdays: drop-in class with a focus on strengthening the core muscles and stretching; for information, call 309-764-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www. ss.info, 9am thru Tue Dec 29.

T'ai Chi Classes, on Tuesdays; \$7/class; for information. call 309-523-3440, River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, vervalleylibrary.org, 6:30pm thru Tue Dec 29. Yoga Classes, on Tuesdays; \$8/class; for information. call 309-

523-3440, River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, http:// rivervallevlibrary.org, 5:30pm thru Tue Dec 29. Ashtanga/Power-Style Yoga w/ Shannon, on Wednesdays

drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.indigowellness.info, 6:30pm thru Wed Dec 30.

Mid-Level Yoga w/ Shannon, Wed 4pm, Fri 4:15pm, Sat 9am; drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// windigowellness info thru Wed Dec 30

Yoga w/ Daina Lewis, on Wednesdays; drop-in class; fo tion, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave, Moline, IL, http://www indigowellness.info, 9am thru Wed Dec 30.

Lunchtime Yoga, Mon-Fri; drop-in class with various instructors for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www. indigowellness info 12pm thru Thu Dec 31

Drop-In Yoga for Mamas & Infants, on Thursdays; with nstructor Daina Lewis; stretching, breathing, and bonding for mothers and ages 6 months and under: for information, call 309-764-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www.indigowellness.info, 9:30am thru Thu Dec 31.

Meditation/Beginning, on Thursdays; donations accepted; for information, call Rita at 309-793-7881. Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 6:30pm **thru Thu De**

Mid-Week Messages and Meditations, on Thursdays: facilitated by Dan O'Dell; love offerings appreciated; for information, call 309-762-1066, Unity Church, 5102 47th Ave, Moline, IL, http://www unitygc.com, 6:45pm thru Thu Dec 31.

Power Yoga w/ Mark, on Thursdays; drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA. Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www. ndigowellness.info, 5:45pm thru Thu Dec 31.

Pure & Simple Yoga w/ Courtney Miller, on Thursdays; a inner's class exploring movement and breath; for informatior call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www.indigowellness. info, 4:30pm thru Thu Dec 31.

Yoga w/ L. Langley, on Thursdays; drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http://www.indigowellness info, 6:30am thru Thu Dec 31.

Hatha Yoga, on Fridays; drop-in class open to all levels, with James Wesson; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// vindigowellness.info. 9am thru Fri Jan 1.

Come as You Are Gentle Yoga w/ Carol Mackel, on Saturdays; drop-in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave, Moline, IL, http:// www.indigowellness.info, 7:30am thru Sat Jan 2.

Power Yoga for Women Only w/ Michelle Ladwig, or

Saturdays: drop-in class: for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, L. http://www.indigowellness.info, 12:30pm thru Sat Jan 2.

Prenatal Yoga, on Saturdays; \$10/1 class, \$50/6 classes, \$75/10 classes; for information, call Marcie at 641-781-0940 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com. Satva Center. 1918 7th Ave. Rock Island. IL. http:// www.satvacenter.com, 10:30am thru San Jan 2. Prenatal/Gentle Yoga w/ Daina Lewis, on Saturdays; drop

in class; for information, call 309-794-YOGA, Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.indigowellness.info. 10:30am thru Sat Jan 2.

Mindfulness Meditation, on Sundays; donations accepted; for information, call Somnieng at 563-340-0679 or Steve at 563-326-6412, or e-mail info@satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 3pm thru Sun Jan 3.

Mindfulness Yoga, on Sundays; \$10/1 class. \$50/6 classes. \$75/10 classes; for information, call Steve at 563-326-6412 or e-mail nfo@satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 1:30pm thru Sun Jan 3.

T'ai Chi, on Sundays; \$10/1 class, \$50/6 classes, \$75/10 classes; for information, call John at 309-793-7881 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.satvacenter.com, 5:30pm thru Sun Jan 3. Childbirth Preparation Course, in IL: Mondays thru Dec

21; prepare yourself physically and emotionally; topics include anatomy and physiology of labor and birth, breathing and relaxation techniques, the role of the labor partner, hospital procedures, and more; \$50; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Birth Review Class, for couples who had a prepared childbirth experience within a four-year period: topics include reviews of the labor process, breathing, relaxation and hospital procedures; \$25; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899. Trinity Regiona Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com, 6:30pm Tue Dec 1.

Developing a Home Yoga Practice w/ Daina Lewis, drop in class: for information, call 309-794-YOGA. Indigo, A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, LLC, 1621 5th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// ww.indigowellness.info, 4pm **Tue Dec 1**.

Great Expectations, allows future parents the chance to complete the mandatory paperwork before going into labor; includes vital pre-admission information, a review of consents with explanations, and more; free; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc com, 5pm Tue Dec 1.

Health-Care Provider CPR Renewal Class, for persons working in the health-care field or daycare providers; this certification from the American Heart Association good for two years; \$45; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 4pm Tue Dec 1.

Level 1 Joy of Life Retreat, with Kambiz Naficy, a meditation master who teaches the art of joyful and stress-free living through the integration of Kriya Yoga meditation, energetic breathing, and neuro-linguistic programming; Fri 6-9:30pm, Sat 9am-12:30pm & 3.30-7.30pm, Sun 9am-12.30pm; \$300; for information, call 563-209 7167, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.joyoflife org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 6.

Infant Care Class, in IA: topics include normal newborn appearances and behaviors, choices for feeding your baby, safety, and well-baby care: for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242 8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 6:30pm Mon Dec 7

Look Good... Feel Better, in lowa: beauty techniques for female cancer patients; learn to cope with skin changes and hair loss using free cosmetics and skin-care products donated by the cosmet industry: free: for information. call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899. Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 3pm Mon Dec 7

8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com, 6:30pm Tue Dec 8. T'ai Chi, with instructor Jessica Reimer; improve balance and concentration, and experience renewed vitality and energy: \$5: for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland,

7pm Tue Dec 8. Dec 10.

Health-Care Provider CPR Renewal Class, for persons working in the health-care field or daycare providers; this certification from the American Heart Association good for two years: \$45; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com, 8am Thu Dec 10 Vitamin D Class, course on the vitamin's importance, with Dr. Jenny Sechler; on the consequences of its deficiencies in this climate, the role it plays in overall health, strategies for raising a low level, and more; dinner included; free; for information and to RSVP, call 309-751 9790, Hampton Health and Wellness, 510 State Ave. #3, Hampton, IL, http://www.hamptonhealthandwellness.com_6.30pm Thu Dec 10 Sibling Class, in IA; ages 3-10 learn about their roles as big brother or sister; hands-on demonstrations, discussions of safety issues, a tour, and the making of a keepsake for the baby; have your child bring a doll or stuffed animal to class; free; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System

http://www.trinitvac.com, 5:30pm Mon Dec 14.

Surgical Weight Loss Seminar, learn the latest about different types of bariatric surgeries available at Trinity, including lap-band surgery; free; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899 Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 6pm Mon Dec 14.

com, 5pm Tue Dec 15. T'ai Chi, with instructor Jessica Reimer: improve balance and concentration, and experience renewed vitality and energy; \$5; for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 10, Rock Island County Extension 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland,

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Health-Care Provider CPR Renewal Class, for persons working in the health-care field or daycare providers; this certification from the American Heart Association good for two years: \$45: for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.com, 8am Wed Dec 16 Staving On Top of Medicare Coverage, information and answers with SHIIP's Darrell Lietz; free; for information, call 563-344 4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9am Wed Dec 16. Breastfeeding: A Gift for Baby, in IA; topics include getting started in the hospital, your first few weeks at home, returning to work, and beyond; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-

8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com,

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Health-Care Provider CPR Renewal Class, for persons working in the health-care field or daycare providers; this certification from the American Heart Association good for two years: \$45; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899. Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com, 5:30pm Mon Dec 7. AARP Driving Safety, may entitle participants to a 10% reduction on their auto insurance; \$14-\$12; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899. Trinity Regional Health System. http://www.trinityqc.com, 12:30pm Tue Dec 8 and Wed Dec 9. Infant Care Class, in IL; topics include normal newborn appearances and behaviors, choices for feeding your baby, safety, and well-baby care; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-

Cooking with Donna, healthy recipes for seniors, with Donna Minear: free for information call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899 Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinityqc.com, 2pm Thu

Great Expectations, allows future parents the chance to complete the mandatory paperwork before going into labor; includes vital pre-admission information, a review of consents with explanations, and more; free; for information. call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, http://www.trinitygc.

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Nutrition Before, During, and After Cancer Therapy, a Trinity dietitian will discuss nutrient needs before, during, and after cancer; information on common herbal and vitamin supplements and antioxidants; free; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899 Trinity Regional Health System, 5pm Thu Dec 31

Senior Day - Exercise for the Older Adult, featuring a speaker from the Trinity Speakers Bureau, who will cover ways to stay active through the senior years; free; for information, call 563-344-4187. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 1:30pm Thu Jan 28.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class, for ages 11-14; to register, call 309-743-2166, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Feb 27.

Community Health Care "Jazz It Up", appetizer and drink reception, dinner, silent auction, and jazz music by the Edgar Crockett Quartet; proceeds go to the care of uninsured patients; \$65, \$600/table of 10 for information call 563-336-3004 Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel, 421 W. River Dr., Davenport, IA, http://www.trinitygc. com, 5:30pm Sat Feb 27.

Groups

Changing Families/Healing Hearts, on Mondays and Tuesdays; for children ages 5 and older who have been having difficulties because of a parental separation or divorce; for information, call 563-324-9580, Rick's House of Hope, 4867 Forest Grove Dr., Bettendorf, IA http://www.genesishealth.com/services/ricks house hope/index. aspx, 5:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

I Feel Better Now, on Mondays and Tuesdays: for ages 4-12 who have experienced the death of loved one through traumatic circumstances, such as suicide, homicide, crime-related incidents vehicular accidents or sudden deaths; for information, call 563-324 9580, Rick's House of Hope, 4867 Forest Grove Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www.genesishealth.com/news/2009/ricksgroups09.aspx 5:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Rainbow Club, on Mondays and Tuesdays; for bereaved children ages 5 and older who have experienced the death of a loved one: or information, call 563-324-9580, Rick's House of Hope, 4867 Forest Grove Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www.genesishealth.com/services/ ricks_house_hope/index.aspx, 5:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Rick's House of Hope Adult Support Group, on Mondays and Tuesdays: for parents or guardians of participating children: receive empathy and guidance for your needs and those of your kids; for information, call 563-324-9580, Rick's House of Hope, 4867 Forest Grove Dr., Bettendorf, IA, http://www.genesishealth.com/services/ icks_house_hope/index.aspx, 5:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Why Me?, for teens hurting from the loss of a special person in their lives; for information, call 563-324-9580, Genesis Medical Center West. 1401 W. Central Park Ave, Davenport, IA, http://www genesishealth.com/services/ricks house hope/index.aspx, 7pm . thru Thu Dec 31.

Scott County/CASI Caregiver Support Group, on the 2nd Monday of the month; provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents currently raising grandchildren: \$3 lunch available; for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, 11am thru Mon Feb 8.

Aledo Caregiver Support Group, on the 2nd Thursday of the nonth; provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents currently raising grandchildren; coffee and cookies provided; for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988. Mercer County Senior Center 137 W. Main Street, Aledo, IL, 1:30pm thru Thu Feb 11.

Geneseo Caregiver Support Group, on the 2nd Thursday of the month: provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents currently raising grandchildren; held in the conference room by the lunch room: for information. call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988. Hammond Henry Hospital, 600 N. College Ave., Geneseo, IL, 12pm thru Thu Feb 11

Moline/InTouch Caregiver Support Group, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents. currently raising grandchildren; lunch provided; for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988. In Touch Adult Day Care 4011 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL, 12pm thru Tue Feb 16.

Moline/Sage Center "After-work" Caregiver Support Group on the 3rd Thursday of the month: provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents currently raising grandchildren; coffee and light dessert provided: for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988, Alternatives for the Older Adult, 1518 5th Avenue, Moline, IL, 6:30pm thru Thu Feb 18.

General MDA Support Group, on the 4th Fri of the month; for individuals and families affected by muscular dystrophy; for information, call 319-393-8905, Trinity 7th Street Campus, 500 John Deere Rd, Moline, IL, thru Wed Feb 24.

Moline Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group on the 4th Thu of the month; provides counseling and resource information for grandparents currently raising grandchildren; childcare available for \$2: scholarships available: children need to wear socks; for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988, Moline YMCA, 2040 53rd St, Moline, IL, 6:30pm thru Thu Feb 25.

Kewanee Caregiver Support Group, on the 1st Monday of the month; provides counseling and resource information for those who are caring for a senior loved one, and for grandparents currently raising grandchildren; coffee and cookies provided, lunch available; for information, call 309-277-0167 or 800-798-0988, Kewanee Senio Center, 219 W 2nd St. Kewanee, IL, 1pm thru Tue Mar 2.

The Shamanic Journey Group, donations accepted; for information. call Kathleen at 563-332-4361 or e-mail ostrichkc@ hotmail.com, Davenport School of Yoga, 421 Brady Street, Davenport, IA, 2pm Sun Dec 6.

Alzheimer's: Beginning the Conversation, designed to address the challenges confronting families of those newly diagnosed; information for caregivers on everything from disease progression to support programs and services; in the third floor meeting room for information, call 563-324-1022 or 800-272-3900, or e-mail Jerry. Schroeder@alz.org, Senior Resources Senior Center, 1808 Mulberry Muscatine, IA, 3pm Tue Dec 8.

Group Meditation, take time for spiritual practice and meditation with fellow seekers: on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month; for information, call 309-762-1066, Unity Church, 5102 47th Ave, Moline, IL, http://www.unityqc.org, 9:45am Sun Dec 13. Alzheimer's: Beginning the Conversation, designed to address

the challenges confronting families of those newly diagnosed information for caregivers on everything from disease progression



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Group Meditation, take time for spiritual practice and meditation with fellow seekers; on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month; for information, call 309-762-1066, Unity Church, 5102 47th Ave. Moline, IL, http://www.unitygc.org. 9:45am Sun Dec 27 Group Meditation, take time for spiritual practice and

meditation with fellow seekers; on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month; for information, call 309-762-1066, Unity Church, 5102 47th Ave, Moline, IL, http://www.unitygc.org, 9:45am Sun Jan 24.

Services Toning and Chanting, on Fridays; for information, call Colleen a

563-340-4453, 11am thru Fri Feb 26. Acupuncture, on Tuesdays; by appointment; \$65-\$75; for

information, call Dr. Mehta at 309-343-0160, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 2:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Acupuncture, Acupressure, Reflexology, on Tuesdays; by appointment, with licensed acupuncturist Lynn Carstens; \$30-\$45; for information, call 563-445-6640 or 563-650-6747, or e-mail sacredlotusac@aol.com, Take Action Wellness & Fitness, 901 E. Kimberly Rd. #5, Davenport, IA, http://www.takeactioninc.com, 11am thru Tue Dec 29.

Ayurveda, on Tuesdays; by appointment; \$75-\$65; for information, call Dr. Mehta at 309-343-0160 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.satvacenter.com, 2:30pm thru Tue Dec 29.

Homeopathy, on Tuesdays; by appointment; \$65-\$75; for information, call Dr. Mehta at 309-343-0160, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 2:30pm thru Tue Dec 29

Art & Sound Healing: Group Sessions, on Wednesdays; \$25; for information, call Colleen at 563-340-4453 or e-mail info@satvacenter. org, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www. satvacenter.com, 4pm thru Wed Dec 30.

Art & Sound Healing: Individual Sessions, on Wednesdays; by appointment; \$50; for information, call Colleen at 563-340-4453 or e-mail info@satvacenter.org, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL. http://www.satvacenter.com, 9am thru Wed Dec 30.

Art & Sound Healing: Singing Bowl Group Sessions, or Wednesdays: \$10: for information, call Colleen at 563-340-4453 or email info@satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 5pm thru Wed Dec 30.

Feng Shui Consultations, by appointment: for information, call Vicki at 309-794-7362, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Noon-Time Walk-In Massages, Mon-Fri; \$1/minute, from 5 - 30 minutes; first-come, first-served basis, appointments okay; for information call 309-797-3529 Two Rivers Massage 1411 6th Ave Moline, IL, http://www.tworiversmassage.com, 11am thru Thu Dec

One-Hour Swedish Massage, Mon-Fri: \$39: for information, cal 309-797-3529, Two Rivers Massage, 1411 6th Ave., Moline, IL, http:// www.tworiversmassage.com, 9am thru Thu Dec 31.

Quantum Touch, by appointment; donations accepted; for information, call Wendy at 309-796-4134, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Reflexology, Mon-Fri; by appointment; \$50/hour, \$25/half hour; for information, call 309-793-7881 or e-mail info@satvacenter.org, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Reiki Treatment, Mon-Fri: \$50/60 min, \$25/30 min; for information, call Renee at 309-496-9006, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, 9am thru Thu Dec 31.

Shamanic Counseling, power animal discovery, soul retrieval: services free to veterans of war; for information, call Kathleen at 563

332-4361 or e-mail ostrichkc@hotmail.com, thru Thu Dec 31. Thai Foot Massage, Mon-Fri: by appointment: \$25/half hour, \$45/hour; for information, call 309-793-7881 or e-mail info@ satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.satvacenter.com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Thai Full Body Massage, Mon-Fri; by appointment; \$35/half hour, \$50/hour, \$80/90 minutes; for information, call 309-793-7881 or e-mail info@satvacenter.com, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www.satvacenter.com, thru Thu Dec 31. Integrative Reflexology, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; by

appointment; \$50/60 min, \$25/30 min; for information, call Amy at 563-381-1030, Satva Center, 1918 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http:// www.satvacenter.com, thru Thu Dec 31.

Thai Yoga Massage, available by appointment only; for information, contact Kelly at 309-236-6084, Tapas Yoga Shala, 421 Brady St, Davenport, IA, http://www.blissfulbodywork.blogspot.com thru Thu Dec 31.

House Clearings and House Blessings, move out stagnant, old energy and feel safe, comfortable, and at ease; for information, call Debra at 608-279-4319 or e-mail debramorrill@charter.net, The Healing Heart Center, 3481 Utica Ridge Rd., Bettendorf, IA, thru Wed Mar 3

Shamanic Healing Appointments, specializing in soul retrieval, ancestral healing, and releasing patterns from the energy field; for information, call Debra at 608-279-4319 or e-mail debramorrill@ charter.net, The Healing Heart Center, 3481 Utica Ridge Rd., Bettendorf, IA. thru Wed Mar 3.

Trinity VHNA Foot Care Clinic, 10-minute foot soak, cleaning, clipping, and filing of the nails, and a lotion massage for the calve and feet: for information, call 309-752-2643. South Moline Township Senior Center, 637 17th Ave, East Moline, IL, http://www.trinityqc. 30 com, 9am Thu Nov 26.

Trinity VHNA Foot Care Clinic, 10-minute foot soak, cleaning, clipping, and filing of the nails, and a lotion massage for the calves and feet; for information, call 309-779-7401, Trinity VNHA, 106 19th Ave., Ste. 101, Moline, IL, 1pm Tue Dec 1.

Trinity VHNA Foot Care Clinic, 10-minute foot soak, cleaning clipping, and filing of the nails, and a lotion massage for the calves and feet: for information, call 309-779-7401, Trinity Enrichment Center, 5510 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA, http://www.trinitygo com, 1pm Wed Dec 9.

Trinity VHNA Foot Care Clinic, 10-minute foot soak, cleaning, clipping, and filing of the nails, and a lotion massage for the calves and feet; for information, call 309-779-7401, Trinity VNHA, 106 19th Ave., Ste. 101, Moline, IL, 12:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Free Pulmonary Screenings, for information, call 563-421-9263, 9am Fri Dec 11 Trinity VHNA Foot Care Clinic, 10-minute foot soak, cleaning,

clipping, and filing of the nails, and a lotion massage for the calves and feet; for information, call 309-779-7401, Trinity VNHA, 106 19th Ave., Ste. 101, Moline, IL, 9:30am **Fri Dec 18**.

KIDS' STUFF

Weekly Storytimes, for ages 0-5, stories and related activities free; for information, call 309-732-7360, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 10:30am thru Wed Dec 2.

"What Music Means to Me" Contest, for ages 8-18; write a short essay for the chance at winning a musical-instrument package and a free music lesson; winners chosen on Dec. 15; for information, contact Ellis Kell at 563-326-1333, ext 113 or ekell@ rivermusicexperience.org, River Music Experience, 129 Main St. Davenport, IA, http://www.rivermusicexperience.org, thru Fri Dec

Preschool Storytimes, on Mondays; for ages 3-5; stories, songs, fingerplays, and action games; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 6:30pm thru Mon Dec 14.

Wee Wigglers Toddler Time, on Mondays; for ages 18-36 months with an adult: on Mondays at 9:30am or 10:45am; stories, action plays, and hands-on activities; free; register at 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www

molinelibrary.com, thru Mon Dec 14. Preschool Storytimes, for ages 3-5; stories, songs, fingerplays, and action games; join a game in progress or bring your own group; Tue-Thu 10am, Wed 2pm; for information, call 563-344-4175,

Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, thru Wed Dec 16. Anime Club, on Mondays; young adults are invited to watch the

first few episodes of that month's selected anime: for information. call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 4pm thru Mon Dec 28. Rhyme Tyme Storytime, on Mondays; for ages 2-5; for

information, call 309-523-3440, River Valley Library, 214 S, Main St. Port Byron, IL, http://www.rivervalleylibrary.org, 11am thru Mon Toddler & Preschool Story Time. on Tuesdays and Fridays: for

information, call 563-285-4794, Eldridge Library, 200 N. 6th Ave., Eldridge, IA, http://www.scottcountylibrary.org, 10am thru Tue Dec

Mommy & Me Storytime, on Wednesdays; for ages 4 months-2; for information, call 309-523-3440. River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, http://www.rivervalleylibrary.org, 9:15am thru Wed Dec 30

Toddler & Preschool Story Time, on Wednesdays; for information, call 563-285-4794, Buffalo Library, 329 Dodge St., Buffalo, IA, http://www.scottcountylibrary.org, 10am thru Wed Dec

Toddler & Preschool Story Time, on Wednesdays; for information, call 563-285-4794, Princeton Library, 328 River Dr., Princeton, IA, http://www.scottcountylibrary.org, 10am thru Wed Dec 30

Ballet/Hannah Montana Birthday Parties, themed birthday parties for your little girl; for information, call 309-794-1410, Sunshine's Performing Arts Studio & Resale Store, 1303 30th Ave., Rock Island, IL, thru Thu Dec 31.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting, on the 1st Thursday of the month; for ages 11-18; tell the Young Adult Librarian what you'd like to see the library doing just for teens; talk about upcoming teen programs and ideas: free: for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, thru Thu Feb 4. Teen Volunteer Council Meeting, on the 2nd Tuesday of the

month; teens can volunteer at the library for credit and for fun; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 5:30pm thru Tue Feb 9

Hispanic Teen Leadership Group, on the 3rd Monday of the month; open to all teens in junior high and high school; the group will help teens expand their leadership skills as they help plan community events, perform community service projects; the experience helps them build their college and work resumes as well as helps them network and meet other teens with similar interests: for information, call 309-756-9978, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland 5pm thru Mon Feb 15.

Ultimate Card Gaming, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; teens are invited to play the latest and greatest card games like "Magic: The Gathering" and "Yu-Gi-Oh"; free; for information, call 563-3267832 Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St. Davenport, IA. http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 5:30pm thru Tue Feb 16.

Pajama Story Time, on the last Monday of the month; bring you favorite stuffed animal and hear new stories: free: for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http:// www.molinelibrary.com. 7pm thru Mon Feb 22. Teen Tech Lab, on the 4th Tuesday of the month; teens are

invited to learn new technologies at this innovative, hands-or program; free; for information, call 563-326-7832. Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 5:30pm thru Tue Feb 23. Books Alive! Reader's Theater, on the last Wednesday of the

nonth; fast-paced reading of fun stories for children of all ages; free for information, call 309-736-5739. Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 7pm thru Wed Feb 24

Tummy Time, on the 2nd & 4th Mondays and Wednesdays of the months; for ages 0-3 and their caregivers; stories, songs, fingerplays, and action rhymes; Mon 10am, Wed 6:30pm; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 6:30pm thru Wed

Baby Story Time, on Fridays: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 10am thru Fri Feb 26. Family Story Time, on Saturdays; free; for information, call

563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 10am thru Sat Feb 27.

Role Playing Group, on Saturdays; group composed mostly of teens plays such games as Dungeons & Dragons or Battle Tech; join a game in progress or bring your own group; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus

Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 1pm thru Sat Feb 27. Preschool Story Time, on Mondays; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St.,

Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 10am thru Mon Mar 1. Feen Advisory Group Meeting, on the 1st Monday of the

month; for teens in grades 6-12; help plan teen events, recommend books, and have fun; for information, call 309-736-5737, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary. com, 3:30pm thru Mon Mar 1. Family Story Time, on Tuesdays; with the Quad City Animal

Welfare Center's "Waggin'Tales" stories on the 2nd Tuesday of the month; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com. 6:30pm thru Tue Mar 2.

Story Time, on Tuesdays; for information, call 309-755-9614, East Moline Public Library, 740 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, 10:30am thru Tue Mar 2.

Feen Anime Club, on the 1st Tuesday of the month; all things anime; free; for information, call 563-326-7832. Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www. rtlibrary.com, 5:30pm thru Tue Mar 2.

4-H Clover Kids, on the 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month; non-competitive program for ages 5-9 allowing kids to learn social, life, and personal skills through hands-on programs and activities: \$10/year; to register, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.extension.uiuc edu/scott, 1pm thru Tue Mar 2.

Get Your Game On!, on Wednesdays; teens can play video games on the Wii and Playstation2, featuring Rock Band, Guitar Hero DDR, and Super Smash Bros.; free; for information, call 563-326-7832 Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com. 3pm thru Wed Mar 3.

esday Craft-ernoon, on Wednesdays; make 'n' take crafts for kids of all ages; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary.com, 4pm thru Wed Mar 3.

Iowa Machine Shed Cooking Class for Kids, kids get to mix ingredients, use kitchen gadgets, follow recipes, and learn about etiquette, safety, and nutrition; with chef Bryan Tyler; an adult must attend with their child: free: for information or to register, call 563-391-2427, Iowa Machine Shed, 7250 Northwest Blvd., Davenport, IA 6pm Wed Nov 25.

Frosty's Magic Hat, a musical family adventure, directed by Kimberly Furness; 10:45am doors, 11am brunch buffet, noon show Thu-Tue, with scheduled morning and afternoon show-only, lunch and brunch performances; \$18-\$20; for tickets, call 309-786-7733, extension 2, Circa'21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, II http://www.circa21.com, Fri Nov 27 thru Sat Dec 26.

Read with a Dog, fun and great reading practice for grades 1-6: for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 3:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Monarch Mondays, the reading of "Chicks & Salsa" and a related craft, for grades K-3; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:/ rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Nov 30.

Weekly Storytimes, for ages 0-5, stories and related activities; free: for information, call 309-732-7360. Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary. org, 10:30am Tue Dec 1.

Deck the Ornament, for ages 11-18; celebrate the beginning of winter by decorating an ornament to take home; free; for information, call 309-732-7323; Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 5:30pm Tue Dec 1.

Disney on Ice: Princess Classics, an all-new Disney stage show, featuring Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan, and Snow White: Wed-Fri 7pm: Sat at 11am, 3pm, and 7pm: Sun at 1 & 5pm; \$11-\$47; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, http://www.iwirelesscenter.com, 7pm Wed Dec

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Baby Time, puppets, songs, stories, and age-appropriate activities for babies and their caregivers; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, A, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 9:15am **Thu Dec 3**.

Teen Advisory Group, teens in grades 6-12 are encouraged to share their opinions, help plan events for teens, recommend books and have fun; free; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 3:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Wii Free Play, free time on the Nintendo Wii; for information call 563-344-4175. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus. tendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 3:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Toddler Story Time, on Thursdays; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 10am **Thu Dec 3** thru Thu Dec 17.

Weekly Storytimes, for ages 0-5, stories and related activities; free; for information, call 309-732-7360, Rock Island Public Library 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlik org, 10:30am Fri Dec 4.

"So You Want to Be a Star ...", workshop with renowned talent scout Peter Sklar, for aspiring dancers, singers, actors, and their parents: learn how self-image and health are the keys to success: open to teens, older children, and parents; no one under six admitted without a parent, and no one under 18 admitted without their own parent or legal guardian; free, but reservations required; to reserve, call 563-326-7872, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, http://www.DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6:30pm Sat Dec 5.

A Year with Frog & Toad, musical-comedy adaptation of Arnold Lobel's beloved children's books; \$8-\$7; for information, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, http://www.sau.edu/galvin, 3pm Sat Dec 5 thru Sun Dec 6.

Santa at the Library, on Saturdays; from 10am-noon, and 1:30-3pm: children receive a free photo with Santa, a candy cane, a book, and a goodie bag; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www. davenportlibrary com. Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Dec 19

Cinnamon Spice Holiday Program, kids will make cinnamon applesauce ornaments and other holiday decorations, bell crafts, hear the classic "The Polar Express," and enjoy other activities and refreshments; free; to register, call 309-732-7360, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org. 6pm Mon Dec 7.

Icicle Mobile Craft, for ages 8-12; create an icy-looking mobile to decorate your room for winter; free; to register, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com. 6:30pm Wed Dec 9.

Teen Book Club, for ages 11-18; group meets monthly and hooses the books to be read; free; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th. Rock Island. IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 3:30pm Wed Dec 9.

Nerdposium, young adults are invited to hang out and discuss everything from "Star Wars" to "Twilight" to YouTube to Lego's; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com 3:30pm Thu Dec 10.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class, for ages 11-14; must sign up with the American Red Cross at 309-743-2166, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorflibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Dec 12.

Holiday Craft Time, kids and families can make a special holiday gift for friends and family; all supplies provided; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 2pm Sat Dec 12.

Kidgits Breakfast with Santa, meet Santa and tell him what's on your holiday gift list: for information, call Darcy at 309-797-8450. SouthPark Mall, 4500 16th St, Moline, IL, Sat Dec 12.

Ramona Quimby and The Adventure of Aesop and His Fables auditions for upcoming Junior Theatre productions, for grades 6-12; "Ramona Quimby" rehearsals Jan. 4 - Feb. 16, performances Feb 17-28: "Aesop" rehearsals Mar. 15 - Apr. 27. performances Apr. 28 - May 9; prepare a memorized, 1-minute monologue or story; wear comfortable clothes for theatrical warm-ups and games; be prepared to read from the scripts; Sun – 6pm, Mon 5:45pm, Thu – 5:45pm; for information, contact Daniel Sheridan at 563-888-2216 or dsheridan@ ci.davenport.ja.us, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportjuniortheatre.com/mainstage. htm, 6pm Sun Dec 13, Mon Dec 14, and Thu Dec 17.

Little Tykes, stories and activities for ages 0-5 and their parents free; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com.6pm Mon Dec 14.

Monarch Mondays, the reading of Melanie Watt's "Scaredy Squirrel" and a related craft, for grades K-3; free; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th. Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Dec 14.

Magical Muggles 4-H Club, for ages 8-18, with activities inspired by the Harry Potter series; for information, call 309-756-9978, ext 14, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland. 6:30pm Tue Dec 15.

Gingerbread Ornaments, from 2-4pm or 6-8pm; decorate a gingerbread ornament and watch the Little Gingerbread Man story; drop-in program for all ages; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com. Wed Dec 16

MLK Children's Christmas Party, for ages 3-12; for information, call 309-732-2999, Martin Luther King Center, 7th Ave.& 9th St., Rock Island, IL, 5pm Wed Dec 16.

4-H Teen Tech, grades 5-8 learn about different technology topics including wind energy, robotics, bridge building, rocketry, and more, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http:// ion.uiuc.edu/rockisland, 6pm Thu Dec 17.





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GAMING

by Luke Hamilton ssj 4luke@hotmail.com

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2: War Is an Addiction

fter another trip to World War II last year for the annual *Call of Duty* series, Infinity Ward has finally released the sequel to its monster hit Modern Warfare, and it has already gone beyond anyone's expectations. In the first 24 hours the game was available, more than 4.7

million copies were sold, generating \$310 million in revenue, Activision reported. That made Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 the biggest entertainment launch in history, with higher day-one receipts than *The Dark Knight* movie or the final Harry Potter book. The buzz around *Modern* Warfare 2 is outrageous, but it's well deserved.

The story picks up five years after the events of Modern Warfare. The death of the Ultranationalist leader

Irman Zakhaev has turned him into a martyr, and his party has taken control of Russia. Vladimir Makarov, his former lieutenant, continues to target Europe and the United States with terrorist attacks. Specialized, multinational units of soldiers form the military group Task Force 141 and focus their efforts on finding Makarov and bringing him to justice.

The same thrill-ride style of storytelling returns and is amplified with even more pulsepounding moments, ranging from jumping a ravine with a snowmobile to nuclear missiles being launched. The first-person perspective plunges you into the action with touches such as your vision being blurred or obscured from flash-bang grenades or blood while the controller mimics a racing pulse. The effect is done so well that I found myself breathing heavily with a mixture of tension and panic. Jumping for a chopper and realizing at the last second that you aren't meant to make the leap leaves you running for life, unarmed, against dozens of militants, with a genuine sense of urgency.

It's a perfect way to tell the story, and unlike other games that offer third-personperspective cut scenes, you only get what your soldier sees and hears. Unfortunately, the story only runs six to eight hours depending on the difficulty setting.

Gameplay is almost identical to previous Call of Duty titles, with the smooth movement and shooting style that no other game has been able to replicate. The majority of your time is spent shooting it out with enemies. Holding the left trigger gives you an accurate aim down the barrel of your gun as opposed to firing from the hip, and provides a quick-lock function that allows you to snap onto your enemies with

a click. It's probably the most unrealistic part of the game, but with enemy numbers so large, it's the only way you'll be able to handle them without being superhuman.

Spec Ops is a new cooperative mode with specialized missions that can be played alone



or with a friend. The missions, each with three difficulty options, range from running through an obstacle course to going through an enemy compound with a friend covering you from an AC-130 gunship.

Online play is the biggest selling point for many players. The first Modern Warfare introduced a pair of features that set the bar for online multiplayer for the past two years: an experience system in

which players build up points to access better weapons, and a rewards system in which players who meet certain accomplishments (multiple kills, ending someone else's kill streak) will be given bonuses. Modern Warfare was the first online shooter to utilize these features, with similar games jumping on this bandwagon afterward. These Call of *Duty* systems have been improved with new gameplay styles and rewards.

On top of these are several new modes for team-based play with traditional games such as Capture the Flag and King of the Hill, and new games in which one team tries to set bombs while the other team tries to defuse them. It's a solid improvement from the previous multiplayer, and considering that every other online shooter struggled to keep up with Modern Warfare, the sequel has made the hill an even steeper climb.

Modern Warfare 2 has all the ingredients to make a game beyond successful when it comes to both sales and play. It packs in an epic story that truly immerses players. It plays smart and intuitively, with little experience needed to pick up and play well. Online and cooperative play deliver revamped experiences to keep fans coming back for months, maybe even years, to come. If there is any game worth playing this holiday season, it's Modern Warfare 2.

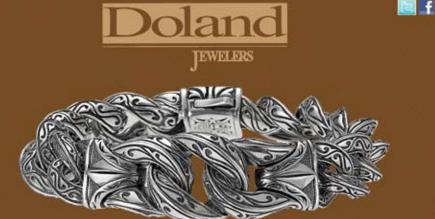
Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 is now available for \$59.95 on Xbox 360, PlayStation *3, and PC. For this review, the author completed* the campaign on "veteran" difficulty, played several Spec Ops scenarios, and played multiple matches online

Luke Hamilton is a buyer, creative designer, and online coordinator for Video Games Etc.

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as Monopoly, Munchkin, Magic, and Pokemon; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 3:30pm Thu Dec

39 Clues Adventure Club. for ages 7-13:"A Maze of Bones:" by Rick Riordan begins readers on the journey of solving 39 clues that could lead to the Cahill family fortune; compare notes from the books in this series, guess at clues, and study the trading cards and game; for information, call 563-344-5704, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary com, 4pm Thu Dec 17.

Young Performers' Open Mic Night, skits, routines, songs, dances, monologues, stand-up comedy, and instrumental solos by talents ages 4-18; concessions available for purchase; \$7; for information, call 309-788-5433 or e-mail info@center4living.com The Center for Living, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, http://www. ving.com, Fri Dec 18.

Ouad Cities Bug Club, open to ages 8-12 who want to learn more about bugs through hands-on activities on the themes "Extreme Insects" and "Bugs in Movies"; for information, call 309-799 3482. Niabi Zoo, Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, http://www.niabizoo. com, 1pm Sun Dec 20.

Story-Time Explorers, readings in the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History's Story-time Explorers series; geared toward elementary-aged children and their families; explore the associated exhibits with museum staff, and children will have an opportunity to participate in activities or have an activity to take home: free: for information, call 319-335-0606. University of Iowa Pentacrest, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, http://www.uiowa. edu/~nathist, 2pm **Sun Dec 20**.

Messy Mondays: Handprint Wreath, a book reading and a messy craft activity for grades K-3 in the Children's Room; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Dec 21.

Pajama Storytime, wear your p.j/s and bring your favorite stuffed animal to hear new stories; free; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com, 7pm Mon Dec 28.

Vacation Station, explore different cultures with make & take crafts, books, and other activities; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. y.com, Mon Dec 28 thru Wed Dec 30.

Snow-a-Thon, hot cocoa, crafts, and a viewing of "Frosty the Snowman"; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www davenportlibrary.com, 2pm Tue Dec 29.

Game Day, for ages 11-18; a wide selection of board games will be available: free: for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 1:30pm Tue Dec 29.

Curious George Live!, live musical stage production, with George helping Chef Pisghetti save his restaurant by winning a world-famous meatball competition: at 19:30am & 7pm: \$32-\$16; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, ww.adlertheatre.com, Tue Dec 29.

Iowa Machine Shed Cooking Class for Kids, kids get to mix ingredients, use kitchen gadgets, follow recipes, and learn about etiquette, safety, and nutrition; with chef Bryan Tyler; an adult mus attend with their child; free; for information or to register, call 563-391-2427, Iowa Machine Shed, 7250 Northwest Blvd., Davenport, IA, 6pm Wed Dec 30.

Rhyme Times at Southwest Branch, word play for ages 0-5; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Jan 4.

Littlenovas Show Choir, weekly show-choir lessons for ages 5-9 with instructor Sunshine Ramsey; for information, call 309-794-1410, Sunshine's Performing Arts Studio & Resale Store, 1303 30th Ave., Rock Island, IL, 6:30pm Tue Jan 5.



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Book Bunch Club, on Tuesdays; activities for ages 7-9; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Tue Jan 5 thru Tue Jan 26

Toddler Story Time, on Thursdays; free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 10am Thu Jan 7 thru Thu Mar 4.

Rhyme Times at Main Library, word play for ages 0-5; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 11am

Preschool Story Time, on Thursdays; program for ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten; registration required; for information, call 309-736-5739, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www molinelibrary.com, 10am Thu Jan 7 thru Thu Jan 28.

Preschool Storytime, on Thursdays; stories, songs, and fur for ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten: free: to register, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com, 10am **Thu Jan 7 thru Thu Jan 28**.

Second Saturdays: Wapsi River Environmental Center, live itters and fascinating information about our natural world; free, for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 2pm Sat Jan 9.

Rhyme Times at 30/31 Branch, word play for ages 0-5; free; for nformation, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 11am **Thu Jan 7**

Teen Read Challenge, for ages 11-18; pick up a reading log to participate: prizes given out to everyone who meets their goals along with a pass to attend the big finale party; at all Rock Island library branches; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// ockislandlibrary.org, Sun Jan 10 thru Sat Jan 30.

Little Tykes: Fun and Learning, on the 2nd Monday of the month; for ages 0-5 and parents; free; register at 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www molinelibrary.com, 6pm Mon Jan 11 thru Mon Feb 8.

Messy Mondays at Southwest, kids' activity and craft program dress for a mess; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, L, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Jan 11.

Weekly Storytimes, on Tuesdays and Fridays; for ages 12 & under; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL. http:/ rockislandlibrary.org, 10:30am Tue Jan 12 thru Fri Feb 12.

Cartooning with Artist Bill Douglas, for ages 9 and up; watch a demonstration and learn the art of cartooning; free: to register, cal 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http:// molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Wed Jan 13.

Weekly Storytimes, on Wednesdays; for ages 12 & under ree; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 10:30am Wed Jan 13 thru Fri Feb 10.

Winnie-the-Pooh's Birthday!, crafts and games in celeb of creator A.A. Milne: free: for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary. om, 1pm Sat Jan 16

How Did They Create That?, hands-on art experiences for children to explore art techniques used by artists throughout history in different parts of the world: free: for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. nolinelibrary.com, 2pm Mon Jan 18.

Messy Mondays at Main, kids' activity and craft program dress for a mess; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Jan 18.

Ani-Manga Club, for ages 11-18; meet each month to talk about your favorites and what's coming out, watch new anime before it's eleased, and suggest what the Library should have available; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Mair Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 4:30pm

Winter Reading Program: "Go for the Gold". children's reading program at all Rock Island library branches; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th. Rock

Sun Jan 24.

Pajama Storytime, wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal to hear new stories; free; for information. call 309 762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www. molinelibrary.com.7pm Mon Jan 25

College, FAFSA, and You, for teens and their parents or caregivers; Melissa Flowers from the Illinois Student Assistance Corps will answer your questions about filling out the FAFSA and applying for financial aid for college; Q&A following; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 7pm Tue Jan 26.

Jan 28.

Youth Development Program: My Five Senses, Jan. 28, and Feb. 11 & 25; hands-on fun and learning for home-schooled students ages 5-9; \$10; to register, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.extensior uiuc.edu/scott, 1pm Thu Jan 28. Theatre Club, for ages 8-14, on Thursdays: fun. interactive

com, 4pm Thu Jan 28 thru Thu Feb 25.

Messy Mondays at Southwest, kids' activity and craft program; dress for a mess; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Feb 1.

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7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org 6:30pm Wed Feb 10. Un-Valentine's Day Party, for ages 11-18; come dressed in your best goth gear, and enjoy food & crafts; free; for information, call 309 732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Fri Feb 12.

Second Saturdays: Valentine's Love Fest, love stories, Rhyme Times at Southwest Branch, word play for ages 0-5;

Valentine's crafts, punch, and cookies; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St. Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 2pm Sat Feb 13 free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Librar - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Feb 15. 39 Clues Adventure Club, for ages 7-13; "A Maze of Bones:" by

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Thu Feb 18

Books Are Great (BAG), for ages 2-5, highlighting a different theme each month; listen to stories, sing songs, try crafts and tabletop explorations, and more: for information, call 563-344-4178. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 10am Thu Feb 18. Rhyme Times at 30/31 Branch, word play for ages 0-5; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org 11am Thu Feb 20

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theme each month; listen to stories, sing songs, try crafts and tabletop explorations, and more; for information, call 563-344-4178, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrary.com, 10am Thu Jan 21.

Asian Granny Tales!, by Eulenspiegel Puppets; three tales from Japan and Turkey, featuring rod puppets, paper puppets, masks, and a combination rod puppet/rod marionette; for information, call 319-627-2487 or e-mail owlglass@avalon.net, New Strand Theatre, 111 E. 3rd St., West Liberty, IA, http://www.PuppetsPuppets.com

Lego Club at 30/31 Branch, free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 3pm Wed Jan 27. Ocean Currents, for grades 4-6, on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays

of the month thru Mar. 25: hands-on program allowing youths to understand more about our oceans; \$40; for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/scott, 1pm Thu

workshops and rehearsals for the Apr. 22 showcase performance; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary

Wee Wigglers Storytime, at 9:30am and 10:45am; stories, finger plays, and hands-on activities for ages 18-36 months and an adult: free; to register, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, Mon Feb 1 thru Mor

Lego Club at Main, free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, scavenger hunts, activities, and tea: come dressed as your favorite "Alice in Wonderland" character: free; to register, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 3:30pm Wed Feb 3. Valentine's Day Craft, for ages 6 and up; give your special

Valentine a gift from your heart made with your hands; free; to register, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Wed Feb 10. Lego Club at 30/31 Branch, free; for information, call 309-732-

7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 3pm Wed Feb 10. The Lightning Thief, a discussion of Rick Riordan's book with the Coming Attractions Book Club: free: for information. call 309-732-

Rhyme Times at Main Library, word play for ages 0-5; free; for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 11am

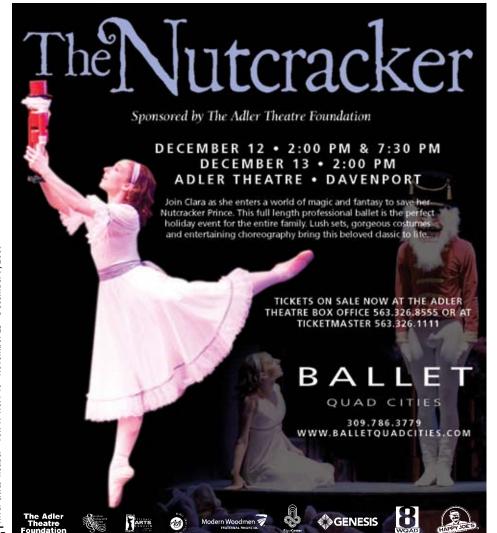




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Messy Mondays at Main, kids' activity and craft program dress for a mess; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http:// rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm Mon Feb 22.

Hansel and Gretel, the Regional Touring Theatre Company from Western Illinois University presents their version of the storybook tale; free; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Tue Feb 23.

Children's Writing Workshop, the annual WQPT writing contest for grades K-3; presented by Gretchen Small, program Director of the Deere-Wiman House & Butterworth Center; free; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, http:// molinelibrary.com, 10am Sat Feb 27.

The Cat in the Hat Is Coming Back!, performed by Ann Cobb: hear Dr. Seuss stories and participate in activities; free; for information, call 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St,

Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Mon Mar 1. **Book Bunch Club**, reading, refreshments, and fun for ages 7-9; free; register at 309-762-6883, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 6:30pm Tue Mar 2.

LECTURES

Oakdale Memorial Gardens Lecture Series, guest speakers on topics including local history, funerary customs, and cemetery symbolism; free, with donations accepted; for information, call 563-324-5121, Oakdale Memorial Cemetery, 2501 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA, 2pm Sun Nov 29.

Knowledge at Noon, topics include advertising strategies for small- to medium-sized businesses, proper planning prior to advertising, saving resources, SWOT analysis for external marketing, and more; to reserve, call 563-355-4753, Quad City Area Realtors Association, 1900 State St, Bettendorf, IA, http://www. bettendorfchamber.com, 12pm Tue Dec 1.

Diversity in Iowa, Dr. Christopher Whitt, political science professor at Augustana College, presents an informative lecture coinciding with the unveiling of a display on diversity in lowa; sponsored by the African American Museum of Iowa: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 6pm Thu Dec 3.

Joy Calico, Calico will speak on "Regieoper or Eurotrash? The Legacy of East German Theater Directors on the Opera Stage," and discuss the practice of radical staging as the most significant development in opera staging since Wagner; for information, contact Heidi Vekemans at 319-335-3862 or heidi-vekemans@uiowa.edu, University Capitol Centre, Downtown Mall Main Floor, Iowa City, IA, 4.45pm Thu Dec 3

Joy Calico, in Room 2520D; Calico will speak about the Metropolitan Opera high definition (HD) transmission of Stauss's "Der Rosenkavalier: the transmission will be shown live at the Sycamore Mall Theaters in Iowa City on Jan. 9; for information, contact Heidi Vekemans at 319-335-3862 or heidi-vekemans@uiowa.edu University Capitol Centre, Downtown Mall Main Floor, Iowa City, IA 5:30pm Fri Dec 4.

Speaking Across Borders: Emergent Subjects in Asia and the Pacific, hosted by the UI Center for Asian and Pacific Studies; Ul graduate students from diverse disciplines related to East and Southeast Asia will exchange ideas, share their research and get to know others who are also working in Asia; free; for information, e-mail dongwang-liu@uiowa.edu, University Capitol Centre, Downtown Mall Main Floor, Iowa City, IA, 9am Fri Dec 4.

Concert Conversations w/ Kai Swanson, a quick tour of highlights from the subsequent Quad City Symphony Orchestra concert, with conductor/director Mark Russell Smith and guest artists: free: for information, call 563-322-0931, ext 16, Adler Theatre 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.qcsymphony.com, 7pm Sat Dec 5.

Concert Conversations w/ Kai Swanson, a quick tour of highlights from the subsequent Quad City Symphony Orchestra concert, with conductor/director Mark Russell Smith and guest artists: free: for information, call 563-322-0931, ext 16, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, http://www. qcsymphony.com, 1pm Sun Dec 6.

Scott Turow, a presentation in the Eastern Iowa Community College District's Viewpoint Distinguished Speakers Series, with the attorney and author of "Presumed Innocent" and "Reversible Errors" \$34-\$30; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.adlertheatre.com, 7:30pm Tue Jan 26. Concert Conversations w/ Kai Swanson, a guick tour of

highlights from the subsequent Quad City Symphony Orchestra concert, with conductor/director Mark Russell Smith and quest artists; free; for information, call 563-322-0931, ext 16, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.qcsymphony.com, 7pm Sat Feb 6.

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Migration of African American Catholics, the Rev. Cyprian Davis delivers the Catholic Studies Chair Lecture; free; for information, contact the Rev. Charles Adam at AdamCharlesA@sau.edu, Rogalski

Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W Locust St. Davenport, IA http://web.sau.edu/migrationproject, 7pm Wed Feb 24. Robert Shetterly, lecture with painter, illustrator, activist, humanitarian, and Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar; free: for more

MEETINGS

Rainbow AA Group, on Fridays; for information, call 309-764 6721?, Riverside Methodist Church, Moline, IL, http://www.gcuu.net 7pm thru Fri Dec 18.

Bettendorf Kiwanis Club of Division 16. on Tuesdays: for information, call J.R. Stradt at 563-570-0000 or e-mail

bettendorfkiwanis@gmail.com, 12pm thru Tue Dec 29. Davenport High Twelve Club #47, on Tuesdays; 11am lunch,

noon program, Hickory Gardens Family Restaurant, 3311 Hickory Grove Rd. Davenport, IA, 11am thru Tue Dec 29. OUT: Our United Truth, on Tuesdays; a GLBT support group;

for information, call 563-359-0816, Unitarian Church of Davenport, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, http://www.qcuu.net, 7pm thru Tue Dec 29.

The Ouad Cities Go Club, every Wednesday: for beginners and experienced players of Go, Weigi, Baduk, Igo, and other ancient poard games with modern appeal; for information, contact Michael at 563-508-3261 or info@gcago.org, Borders Books, Music & Cafe, 4000 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, http://www.qcago.org, 6pm thru Wed Dec 30

Young Adults Social, on Wednesdays: for information, call 309-786-2508, Quad Citians Affirming Diversity Center, 1705 2nd Ave., Suite 308, Rock Island, IL, http://www.gcuu.net, 7pm **thru Wed** Dec 30.

Quad Cities Overeaters Anonymous, for meeting locations/ times and general inquiries, call 309-762-0306, http://www.qcoa.org, thru Thu Dec 31

Diversity AA Group, on Thursdays; for information, call 563-676-6727, Metropolitan Community Church, 3019 N Harrison St., Davenport, IA, http://www.qcuu.net, 6:30pm thru Thu Dec 31.

Roosevelt Masonic Lodge #626, on Thursdays; for information call 563-386-5520, Roosevelt Lodge #626, 1525 Washington St, Davenport, IA, 7pm thru Thu Dec 31. Let's Talk About: Local Foods Salon, on the 2nd Tuesday of

the month; explore the movement locally as well as nationally, with a sampling of such texts as "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver; \$5 per session includes refreshments and handouts for information, 309-756-8879, ext 12, Rock Island County Extension 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland. 6:30pm thru Tue Feb 9.

Knit/Crochet for Good, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: craft items for local non-profits; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org. 6pm thru Tue Feb 9.

Eagle View of the Sierra Club Monthly Meeting, on the 3rd Monday of the month; for information, call Jerry Neff at 563-332 5373, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, A, 7pm thru Mon Feb 15

Rock Island Public Library Board Meeting, on the 3rd Tue of each month; the public may address the board at the beginning of each meeting; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://

rockislandlibrary.org, 11:30am thru Tue Feb 16. Davenport Horticultural Society, meets the 4th Thursday of the month; visitors and new members welcome; for information, call

Ed at 563-441-9884, Duck Creek Park Lodge, Davenport, IA, 6:30pm thru Thu Feb 25. Beth Moore Bible Study, on Mondays; unveil the reality of your

destiny through God's word; for information, call 309-781-5262, River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, http://www. ivervalleylibrary.org, 1pm thru Mon Mar 1.

Fireside Knitting, on Tuesdays; knit and crochet items for various social organizations throughout the Quad Cities; supplies provided; for information, call 563-888-3371, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, http://www.davenportlibrary.com, 6:30pm thru Tue Mar 2. Friends of Bettendorf Public Library, on the 1st Tuesday of the

month; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.bettendorflibrar com, 7pm **thru Tue Mar 2**.

Quad City SnB, on Wednesdays; knitting and crocheting group; free lessons available; for information, e-mail quadcitysnb@gmail. com, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf A, http://qcsnb.blogspot.com, 7pm thru Wed Mar 3.

Earth Keepers, a gathering of the "Green Teams" from Trinity Lutheran and First Lutheran Churches of Moline, St. John's Lutheran, St. James Lutheran, and Broadway Presbyterian Churches of Rock Island, and First Congregational Church of Geneseo: for information. call 309-762-3624, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park, Davenport, IA, http://trinitylutheranmoline.org/earth.htm, 7pm Mon Nov 30.

Iowa Chamber Alliance Legislative Leadership Luncheon RSVP by Nov. 25 for Dec. 2 luncheon in the Governor/State room; RSVP at 515-286-4924 or jmaldonado@desmoinesmetro.com, Hotel Fort Des Moines, 1000 Walnut St, Des Moines, IA, http://www bettendorfchamber.com, 11:30am Wed Nov 25.

Moline Lodge #1014, for information, call 309-787-4845, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1800 - 7th Ave, Moline, IL, 7pm Wed Dec 2.

Region 16 Council Meeting, for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://dbs.extension.iastate.edu/calendar, 6pm Wed Dec 2.

Network @ Night: Moline Centre Station monthly event for young professionals, featuring light appetizers and a cash bar; free



Photography Club.)





Featured Image from the Quad City Photography Club



Technical data: Canon 1DS Mark II, 24-millimeter lens, ISO 100, f/8, 0.6 seconds. The image was captured in raw mode and processed in Capture One software. Very little Photoshop work was done to this image - just a slight bit of saturation in the clouds and the reflection in the water, and a slight bit of burning in the foreground.

(Editor's note: The River Cities' Reader each month will publish images from the Quad City

his month's image was taken by Lara Grossman, a Rock Island resident and the studio manager/owner of John

Thomas Photography in Rock Island. Lara and her husband John have traveled many places, but their favorite place to relax is the Colorado Rockies. This image was created on a cool, crisp mountain morning in early October at Bear Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park.

The Quad City Photography Club holds digital and print competitions most months. At its meetings, members discuss the images, help each other to improve, and socialize. The club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month September through June at the Butterworth Center, 1105 Eighth Street in Moline. The club

also has special learning workshops and small groups that meet on specific photography topics.

For more information on the club, call (563)332-6522 or visit QCPhotoClub.com. To see works by club members, visit QCCC. SmugMug.com.



ASK THE ADVICE GODDESS **BY AMY ALKON**

The Mobile Savage

private dinner party, you do have the expectation

of privacy. Sure, assume people might tell a friend

or two something you said, but nobody has the

right to release your whereabouts and dinner

conversation to your friends, enemies, and five

their houseboat in Belarus.

utter strangers who now get mobile broadband on

In general, people think (other!) people are

ruder than ever, but as I explain in my new book,

beat some manners into impolite society, rudeness

absorbed, and these gizmos bring out the worst in

them. (They don't call it the iPhone for nothing.)

is actually the human condition. People are, by

nature, self-absorbed, they've always been self-

In the absence of social norms for device

binkies are asking, "Wait... is there some

tiny chance in hell this guy doesn't want his

whereabouts published for an international

audience?" Unfortunately, the thumb jockey

at Elaine's dinner apparently leapt straight to

"Hmmm, he seems important... if I tweet about

him, I'll seem important!" (And then, it's back to

his regular profundities like "late to yoga" and "I

Just as we're forced to ask grown adults barking

into cell phones to "please use your inside voice,"

Because it's presumptuous to set policy for a party

we need to get proactive about our privacy.

you aren't giving, you might tell future hosts

about your experiences with these antisocial

networkers - hinting at the need to announce a

"what happens at dinner stays at dinner" media

embargo. Guests will have to satisfy themselves

with being rude in old-fashioned ways - hogging

the mashed potatoes, passing gas and glaring at

the host's medicine chest... but refraining from

Yes, nothing to make small-town life less

socially awkward than standing up at some

event, clinking your glass with a butter knife,

and announcing, "Guess whose wife I had sex

with!" Come on, what you're really interested in

lessening is your load of guilt by opening up a

of being a 43-year-old man is living with your

mistakes - terrible as it must be, getting the

on his bedroom floor.

really old can of worms and passing them around

at parties. Sorry, kitten. Part of the job description

occasional squinty-eye or cold shoulder from the

guy who came home to your acid-washed jeans

uploading a shot of its contents to Flickr.

the person next to them, and rummaging through

had the ham.")

use and abuse, many people with these wireless

I SEE RUDE PEOPLE: One woman's battle to

At a recent dinner, the hostess' cousin rudely spent most of the evening thumbing through his BlackBerry. Upon returning home, received an e-mail from an acquaintance: "How was dinner at Elaine's?" When I asked how he knew I was there, he said Elaine's cousin had Twittered my presence. (I'm known for my business accomplishments, but I'm a private person, and felt violated.) Days later, I dined with an old business colleague, and got Twittered again. I came home to four forwarded e-mails he'd received from our former colleagues, one of whom invented from whole cloth an anecdote painting us as great friends. (He'd actually tried to get me fired.) Again, I felt my privacy had been violated. What are the rules here, for the Twitterer and their unwitting victim?

- Publicized

Suddenly, everybody's internationally famous. Not because they write like Cormac McCarthy, or they're co-starring with Robert De Niro, or they saved 30 people's lives, but because they posted a 30-second clip of their dog wearing sunglasses.

We've come to the point where everyone from assassins and terrorists to eight-year-olds has in their pocket a level of telecommunications power that, just decades ago, would have taken up an entire wing at MIT. This is simultaneously thrilling and terrible. The average person now has the power to expose injustice, ruin lives, and upload video of you picking your nose in your car that's viewed around the world before you even have a chance to roll and flick.

If you're a movie star, spare us the whine that you can't make tens of millions of dollars on a movie and also pick up a quart of milk without having 100 lenses trained on you to see whether you go for skim or two-percent. But as an ordinary (or relatively ordinary) citizen at a

Twenty-five years ago, when I was 18, I had a several-month affair with an older married woman, ending when I met my wife. The woman's still with her husband, who still hates me. My wife knows nothing about the affair, but we live in a small town and are starting to run into these two at parties. Should I reveal any of this to our mutual friends? It would make things less awkward when we're all ogether.

- Boy Toy of Yore

Got A Problem? Ask Amy Alkon. 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405 or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com (AdviceGoddess.com)

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Keep Yore Big Trap Shut

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What Else Is Happenin'

Cape Briton" concert, in a presentation sponsored by Iowa City's Hancher Auditorium. Riverside Casino & Golf Resort (3184 Highway 22, Riverside). 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$45. For tickets and information, call (319)335-1160 or visit http://www. Hancher.Ulowa.edu.

Tuesday, December 8 – Straight No Chaser. Holiday concert featuring the a cappella recording artists, in a presentation sponsored by lowa City's Hancher Auditorium. Main Lounge – Iowa Memorial Union (University of Iowa, North Madison Street, Iowa City). 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$28. For tickets and information, call (319)335-1160 or visit http://www. Hancher, Ulowa, edu.

THEATRE

Friday, November 27, through Saturday, December 26 – Frosty's Magic Hat. Holiday-themed family musical, with a guest appearance by Santa Claus. Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse (1828 Third Avenue, Rock Island). Scheduled lunch, brunch, and show-only performances Thursdays through Tuesdays. \$10.50-\$20. For tickets and information, call (309)786-7733 extension 2 or visit Circa21.com.

Friday, November 27, through Sunday, December 13 – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Holidaythemed family comedy based on Barbara Robinson's beloved book. Clinton Area Showboat Theatre (311 Riverview Drive, Clinton). Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. \$15. For tickets and nformation, call (563)242-6760 or visit ClintonShowboat.org.

Sunday, November 29 – The Wizard of Oz. Touring production of the stage and screen classic, in conjunction with the film's 70th anniversary. Adler Theatre (136 East Third Street, Davenport). 7 p.m. \$25-\$52.50. For tickets, call (800)745-3000 or visit AdlerTheatre.com

Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, **December 6** – A Year with Frog & Toad. One-act version of the Tony Awardnominated musical comedy, based on the children's stories of Arnold Lobel. Allaert Auditorium – St. Ambrose University's Galvin Fine Arts Center (2101 Gaines Street, Davenport). 3 p.m. \$6-\$8. For tickets and information, call (563)333-6251 or visit http://Web.SAU.edu/galvin.

Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6 – Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh. Musical, dance, and drama production depicting the journey of five magi, written by Marvin Roebuck. The Capitol Theatre (330 West Third Street, Davenport). Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 6 p.m. \$5-\$10. For tickets and information, call (563)326-8820 or visit TheCapDavenport.com.

Saturday, December 5 - "So You Want to Be a Star ... " Workshop. New Yorkbased talent scout Peter Sklar offers tips on success for aspiring actors, singers, and

dancers. Davenport Junior Theatre (2822 Eastern Avenue, Davenport). 6:30 p.m. Free admission, but reservations required. For information, call (563)326-7862.

DANCE

Friday, December 4 – Ballroom with the Quad City Celebrities. Annual Gilda's Club fundraiser modeled after TV's Dancing with the Stars, with performers including reigning Miss Iowa Anne Michael Langguth and Figge Art Museum Executive Director Sean O'Harrow. The Capitol Theatre (330 West Third Street, Davenport), 7:30 p.m. \$20. For tickets and information, call (563)326-8820 or visit TheCapDavenport.com.

VISUAL ARTS

Friday, December 4 – Gallery Hop! Annual winter event featuring art galleries, shops, clubs, and restaurants offering a variety of music and visual and performing arts. The District of Rock Island. 5-9 p.m. Free admission. For information, call (309)788-6311 or visit RIDistrict.com.

COMEDY

Saturday, December 5 – Don Hepner. Comedian and frequent area actor performs stand-up, with openers Jimmy Peterson and "Bustin" Dustin. Harrison Hilltop Theatre (1601 Harrison Street, Davenport). 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. For tickets and information, call (309)235-1654 or visit HarrisonHilltop.com.

EVENTS

Thursday, November 26 – Scott **County Family Y/McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot.** The 23rd-annual five-mile run/walk and one-mile family fun run, with proceeds benefiting the YMCA's character-building programs, Davenport Family YMCA (606 West Second Street, Davenport). 8:30 a.m. fun run, 9 a.m. run/walk. \$20-\$35. For

information, visit ScottCountyFamilyY.org. Wednesday, December 2, through Sunday, December 6 – Disney on Ice: Princess Classics. Debuting ice-skating spectacular, featuring Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, and other storybook characters. i wireless Center (1201 River Drive, Moline). Wednesday through Saturday 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday 1 and 5 p.m. \$11-\$47. For tickets, call (800)745-3000 or visit iwirelessCenter com

Sunday, December 6 – 19th-Century Christmas. Annual holiday event featuring children's activities, an art show, historic displays, video presentations, and live music by Selma Johnson, the Moline Boys Choir, Steve Steely, and the trombone guartet Slide. Deere-Wiman House and Butterworth Center (1105 Eighth Street, Moline). Noon-5 p.m. Free admission. For information, call (309)743-2701 or visit ButterworthCenter.com.

7pm Thu Dec 3.

Fri Dec 4. Zombie Survival Club, learn survival techniques, discuss Library Knits Group, on Saturdays; for knitters of all ages; no Christian Women's Connection Monthly Luncheon, reserve

books and movies about zombies, and help save the world!, for information, call 309-736-5737, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL, http://www.molinelibrary.com, 3pm Sat Dec 5. registration or prior knowledge required; bring projects to work or work on the group's practice yarn; for information, call 563-285 4794, Eldridge Library, 200 N. 6th Ave., Eldridge, IA, http://www. scottcountylibrary.org, 12pm Sat Dec 5 thru Sat Feb 20.

by Dec. 7 for Dec. 9 event; featuring holiday gift ideas from Kirlin's Hallmark in Moline; music provided by Deanna Severs; quest speaker Ann Deisher will share "The High Cost of Measuring Up"; \$11; for reservations and complimentary childcare, call Carla at 563-324-2291, The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA, 12:30pm Mon Dec 7.

Rock Island Chapter 40 - AARP Christmas Party, for information, call Stephen Tecter at 309-788-3684, St. James Lutheran Church, 18th and Oak, Bettendorf, IA, 12pm Tue Dec 8. Scott County Extension Council Meeting, for information, call 563-359-7577, Scott County Extension, 875 Tanglefoot Lane, Suite B, Bettendorf, IA, http://dbs.extension.iastate.edu/calendar, 7pm

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Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org 11:30am Mon Dec 14. Davenport NAACP Meeting, for information, call Ms. Phillips at 309-269-5534, http://www.unitedneighbors.com, 7pm Tue Dec 15. Storelva Lodge, Sons of Norway Meeting, featuring the lule Bord Potluck and membership dinner with Norwegian raffle \$10; for information, call John Lee at 563-359-4339 or e-mail JL87654321@aol.com, Grace Evangelical Free Church, 5520 Eastern

Ave, Davenport, IA, 6pm Mon Dec 21. Gaia Women's Circle Meeting, learn new skills, become more open-minded, and create positive change in your life; women of all

ages and beliefs welcome; suggested donation \$4; for information call 309-523-3440, River Valley Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL Friends of the Rock Island Library Meeting, program will \$6; reservations are required; to reserve, call Sue Bjorkman at 309 Friends of the Rock Island Library Meeting, lunch includes

http://www.rivervallevlibrary.org.8pm Tue Dec 22. feature Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley's State of the City address; lunch includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and dessert; 786-5909, First Baptist Church of Rock Island, 3020 30th Street, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org 11:30am Mon Jan 11. meat loaf, baked potatoes, salad and cherry pie; \$6; reservation are required; to reserve, call Sue Bjorkman at 309-786-5909, First Baptist Church of Rock Island, 3020 30th Street, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org 11:30am Mon Feb 8.

MEETINGS

for members and \$10 for guests; to register, call 309-757-5416, Centre Station, 1200 River Dr., Moline, IL, 5:30pm Thu Dec 3. Independent Scholars Evening, come in and make additions to the manuscript "Life on the Mississippi - the New Millennium", Moline Club, 513 1/2 16th St., Moline, IL, http://www.gcinstitute.org

Arts/Culture Collaborative Update Lunch Meeting, hosted by the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau and Quad City Presenters; with a presentation on the latest information on the collaboration discussed in August, including the status of fundraising and implementation timelines, the composition of an advisory committee, a new name for the effort, and Q&A; \$10 deli buffet if reserved for by Dec. 1 (\$15 afterward): RSVP with Jessica Waytenick at 563-277-0937, ext 103 or jwaytenick@visitquadcities. com, River Music Experience, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, 12pm

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Knit/Crochet for Good, craft items for local non-profits; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Mair Library, 401 19th, Rock Island, IL, http://rockislandlibrary.org, 6pm

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Davenport Horticultural Society Christmas Banquet, for information, call Ed at 563-441-9884, Hickory Gardens Family Restaurant, 3311 Hickory Grove Rd, Davenport, IA, 6:30pm Thu

Midwest Writing Center Board and Member Holiday Party for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, http://www.midwestwritingcer

Scott County Historic Preservation Society Monthly Meeting, for location and information, call 563-324-0257, http:// www.gcheritageleague.com.7pm Thu Dec 10. The Institute of Noetic Sciences Quad Cities (IONS-QC)

Community Group Monthly Meeting, with a presentation on Merkabah; free; for information, call 563-332-7259 or e-mail ionsqc@aol.com, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus, Bettendorf, IA, http://www.noetic.org. 6:30pm Thu Dec 10. Friends of the Rock Island Library Meeting, program will feature Chris Minor, of WOAD TV Newschannel 8: lunch includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and cake; \$6 reservations are required; to reserve, call Sue Bjorkman at 309-786 5909, First Baptist Church of Rock Island, 3020 30th Street, Rock

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY by Rob Brezsny

ARIES (March 21-April 19): One of the greatest superpowers a human being can have is the ability to

change herself in accordance with her intentions. Let's say you're tired of feeling shame about something there's no good reason to feel shame about, and you decide to do whatever it takes to dissolve that shame, and you succeed in doing it. Or let's say you no longer want to attract bad listeners and flaky collaborators into your life, and you resolve to transform that pattern, and you ultimately achieve your goal. These are acts of high magic, as amazingly wizardly as anything a shaman does. It so happens, Aries, that this superpower is especially accessible to you right now.



splendor and the rot are all mixed up. The line between your strengths and liabilities are hair thin. But have no fear. One of your dormant talents will activate in the nick of time. Your wild guesses will shed bright light whenever the darkness creeps in. And you'll have even more emotional intelligence than usual. P.S. If your psyche tingles like a funny bone that has been tapped, it means that unanticipated help or useful information will arrive within 12 hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "The more you do what you want," says Santa Fe artist Erika Wanenmacher, "the more magic happens." And what she wants, in part, is to be surprised by how life's random events ask to be included in her creative process. During her long walks along the irrigation ditch near her home, for example, odds and ends on the ground call to her, suggesting that she use them in her art pieces heart-shaped rocks, miniature liquor bottles, bent spoons, parts of toys. One of her gallery pieces, "Spell Wall," consists of amulets made from this found stuff. "I'll make whatever I want," Erika says. "Out of whatever I want. About whatever I want." She's your role model, Gemini. Borrow from her perspective. Go in quest of unexpected clues that make you feel oose and free and fertile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): O O Needing a creative disruption in my routine, I hiked into a forest I'd never visited. The late afternoon light was wan and the wind was chilly. In places, the trail narrowed to a scruffy rut barely big enough for me to walk on, leading me to wonder if I was reading my map wrong. Three times this happened, but always the wider path resumed. Were there bobcats here? When I spied a flash of fur in the distance, I wished I'd researched that subject before I'd come. Still I pressed on. Then I came upon a single segment of a wooden fence, inexplicable in this remote area. One end of its upper slat had come loose and fallen. Moved by a whimsical urge to insert order into the midst of my disorientation, I fixed the slat. My mood

brightened, my anxiety dissipated, and the rest of my hike was filled with small epiphanies. Everything I just described, my fellow Cancerian, is an apt metaphor for your week ahead.

LEO (July 23-August 22): I believe that in the coming weeks you'll enjoy 00 experiences that have an emotional resemblance to those referred to in this passage by French novelist Gustave Flaubert: "I want to cover you with love, with caresses, with ecstasy. I want to gorge you with all the joys of the flesh... I want you to be astonished by me, to confess to yourself that you had never even dreamed of such transports... When you are old, I want you to recall those few hours. I want your dry bones to quiver with joy when you think of them." Please note, Leo, that I'm not necessarily saying the pleasures you gather in will stem from an engagement with an actual lover. They might. But your delight may also have a more mysterious origin.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): It's not just our era that has a tormented relationship with time. Many cultures have been frustrated by

its tyranny. During France's July Revolution in 1830, for instance, rebels shot guns at public clocks. While I think that's too extreme for you, I do recommend that you perform a ritual to empower yourself as you wrestle with the passage of the hours and days and weeks. How about smashing a cheap alarm clock with a hammer? Or spending an entire day without ever referring to a timepiece? Or taking ten deep breaths as you imagine you're inhaling eternity and exhaling the grinding tick-tock? It's a perfect moment to claim more freedom from temporality.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): I agree with football coach Lou Holtz, who said, "The problem with having a sense of humor is often that people you use it on aren't in a very good mood." It's possible to work around this difficulty, however. What you have to do, before you unleash your levity, is conjure up empathy for the sourpuss in question. You should also make sure that your intention is not to mock or poke at the person, but instead offer a potential escape from his or her locked energy. By my calculations, you could be an expert at this kind of psychic judo right now. For best results, practice on yourself. Whenever you're headed toward a negative thought or emotion, nudge yourself away with a jest or wisecrack.

SCORPIO (October 23-November **21):** Do you know what you're really worth? Not as measured by your bank account and luxurious possessions. Not as reflected by your boss's or parents' or enemies' images of you. Not as distorted by what you wish vou were worth or fear you're not worth. I'm talking about taking an illusion-free inventory of the skills you have that are fulfilling to you and useful to others. I'm talking about your wisdom more than your knowledge, your self-love more than your popularity, your ability to *be* good

more than to look good.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): The surest way to beat the system, my dear, is to elude it and erect your own system. The strategy most likely to leave your competitors babbling in the mirror, sweetheart, is to go completely over their heads. That doesn't mean, darling, that you should be a remote and grandiose narcissist who listens to no one but yourself. Smile sweetly as you describe why your way is the best way, you gorgeous genius. Enlist worthy collaborators through the irresistible force of your guileless charisma.



CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): "A neurosis is a secret that you don't know you are keeping," wrote theater critic Kenneth Tynan. Your assignment is to uncover

one of those secrets in yourself. It may not result in an instantaneous cure of your minor personality glitch, but it will be a potent first step that will set in motion a series of healing events. Be brave, Capricorn. I guarantee that any ugliness you might find lodged deep inside you will be entangled with surprising beauty.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Seventy percent of the world's fresh water is locked away in Antarctica's ice, which is 7,000 feet thick. Let's hope it remains that way for the foreseeable future. If global warming melted that giant slab even a little, sea levels all over the planet would rise and coastal lands would be inundated. As for your frozen areas, however: I'd really like to see at least 30 percent of them thaw. Would you consider doing whatever it takes to release a mini-flood of summery feelings?

PISCES (February 19-March 20): While walking in an unfamiliar neighborhood, I saw a huge red wooden chair on someone's front lawn. It was big enough for a 20-foot-tall giant. An equally oversized martini glass was perched on the arm of the chair. Nearby was a sign that read, "I have flying monkeys at my command, and I'm not afraid to use them." I assumed this scene was the handiwork of an adorable crazy person who's an admirer of *The Wizard of Oz* mythology. I also flashed on how I could totally see you sitting in that chair. Metaphorically speaking, you too have flying monkeys at your command. I just hope you use them to accomplish good deeds, not evil ones.

Homework: Go to Youtube and watch me give some pep talks and crazed lectures. Start here: http://tinyurl.com/lyr99n.

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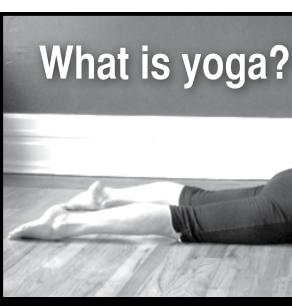
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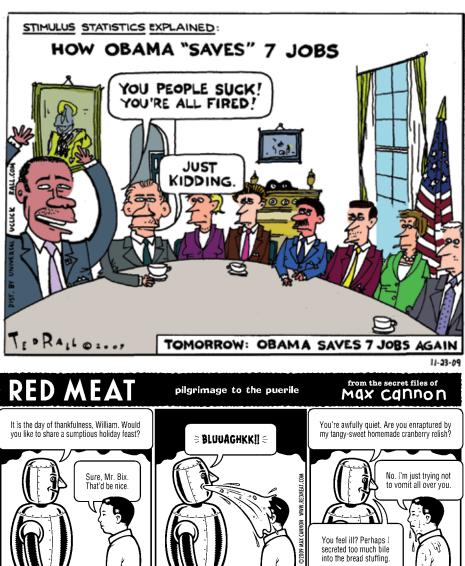
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Christian Care Cuts Staff by Half

he Christian Care Board of Directors, facing an operating-budget deficit, has reduced personnel by close to 50 percent. The faith-based, not-for-profit organization in Rock Island has provided food and shelter to record numbers this year - 42,193 meals and 10,346 nights of lodging to those in need. The organization has two facilities, a domestic-violence shelter for abused women and children and a rescue mission for homeless men, at which it also hosts a community meal site. The organization does not receive any funding from the state or federal government. To find out more about Christian Care, visit ChristianCareQC.org.

ejervary Park will light its holiday display at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, at 1800 West 12th Street in Davenport. For more information, call (563)326-7812 or visit http://www.CityOfDavenportIowa.com.

he Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is helping to support soldiers and families affected by the Fort Hood shootings. AUSA has established a fund to respond to the unmet soldier and family needs of this tragedy. Donations may be made at any Quad Cities U.S. Bank location or by sending a check to: RIA AUSA, P.O. Box 3276, Rock Island IL 61201. Checks should be made payable to AUSA Fort Hood Community Response. For more information, visit AUSARIA.org.

Ct. Ambrose University has established a **S**scholarship in memory of Department of Kinesiology Professor and Chair Michael Orfitelli, who passed away October 17 at age **63.** The Michael A. Orfitelli Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide an annual scholarship to a student majoring in exercise science, human performance and fitness, sport management, physical education, or physical-education teaching, or who is participating in varsity sports. Applicants must demonstrate community activism and involvement. A faculty member for more than 32 years, Orfitelli served many different roles in the athletic and kinesiology departments, including 16 years as chair of the kinesiology department. Nominated four times for Faculty Member of the Year, he was inducted into the St. Ambrose Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. For more information or to make a donation to the scholarship fund, contact P.J. Foley at (563)333-6025.

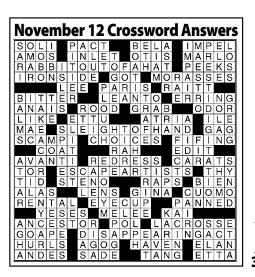
roadway Presbyterian Church (710 23rd **D**Street in Rock Island) will be expanding its weekly worship schedule beginning Sunday, November 29. The traditional service will move from 9:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The mosaic service will now meet at 10:45 a.m. instead of 11. A new Spanish-language worship service will meet at 11:45 a.m. Zion Temple's Kyumbya Guhimbaza also continues to meet at Broadway from 1 to 3 p.m every Sunday. For more information, call the church office at (309)786-2631 visit BroadwayQC.org.

he Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring its 24thannual Holiday Lighting Contest for Rock Island residents and businesses. To nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display to the Rock Island Beautification Commission, Rock Island City Hall, 1528 Third Ave., Rock Island IL 61201, or call (309)732-2900 with a nomination Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7. Judging will take place on Monday, December 14, and displays should be illuminated by 5:30 p.m. Winners of the 2007 and 2008 contests are not eligible.

Santa Claus will be making three trips to the Davenport Public Library (321 Main Street) on December 5, 12, and 19, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Families should be in line no later than 2:45. Children will receive a free photo with Santa, a candy cane, a book, and a goodie bag. For more information, call (563)326-7832 or visit DavenportLibrary.com.

The Family Concerns of Churches United has announced that its first "Love & Logic" parenting class will begin on Tuesday, January 26, and will be held at Broadway Church in Rock Island. The class will run for six weeks from 9 to 11 a.m. with child care provided. Parents will learn about setting limits, how to get their children to do chores, and how to end arguing and whining. The cost of the workbook is \$10. If you're interested in taking the class, call Jo at (309)786-6494.

Bluebox Limited Films has announced production of *Impulse*, starring Christopher Kennedy Masterson from the Fox series Malcolm in the Middle. The short film, described as a pre-apocalyptic adventure, was shot in early November around Perry, Iowa Impulse is the 19th film from Bluebox Limited Films, a production company founded in Iowa by writers/directors Scott Beck and Bryan Woods. Impulse is slated for completion in early 2010. For more information, visit BlueboxLimited.com.



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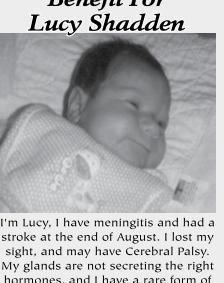
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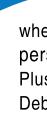
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Retro Ron (6pm) - Mojo's (River Music Expe rience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA

Richard Marx - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA

Rocketpark - Route 61 Bar & Grill, 4320 N. Brady St., Davenport, IA

Secret Sauirrel (6:30pm) - Huckleberry's. 223 18th St, Rock Island, IL

Skillet - Hawk Nelson - Decvfer Down - The Letter Black - Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St. Davenport IA52801

Southern Thunder Karaoke Contest Hollars Bar and Grill, 4050 27th St Moline, IL

Strange Neighbors - Bent River Brewing Company, 1413 5th Ave., Moline, IL

The Beaker Brothers - The Mill, 120 E Burlington Jowa City JA

The Krank Daddies - Zed - Rascals Rock Memorabilia Bar, 1414 15th St., Mo line. II

The One Night Standards - The Old 57's - Brutus & the Psychedelic Explosion

- Hal's Wagon Wheel, 1708 State Street, Bettendorf, IA

The Warmth - Autumn Falls - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave., Rock Island, IL Timespan - Cabana's, 4th Ave & 22nd St Rock Island, IL Tronicity - 11th Street Precinct, 2108 E 11th

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Landing, 1029 Mound St., Davenport, IA Blues Jam w/ the Steady Rollin' Blues Band Creekside Bar and Grill, 3303 Brady St., Davenport, IA

Country Jam Session (6pm) - East Moline Legion, 829 16th Ave., East Moline, IL Jim Ryan (2pm) - Len Brown's North Shore Inn

7th Street and the Rock River, Moline, IL Pianist Russ Reyman (10am-2pm brunch performance) - The Lodge Hotel, Spruce

Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA bbie Bahr's One Man Band (6pm) -

Lucky Frog Bar and Grill, 313 N Salina St, McCausland, IA

Rockstar Karaoke - Route 61 Bar & Grill 4320

N. Brady St., Davenport, IA Rockstar Karaoke & DJ - Uptown Neighbo

hood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA

ocial Dancing at the Men & Gals Dance Club (6pm) - V.F.W. 1303, 3715 9th St,

Rock Island, IL Sundav Afternoon Social Dance w/ the Ken Paulsen Quartet & Darlene (3pm)

- Viking Club of Moline, 1450 41st Street,

Terry Stone (10:30am) - Polyester Band (2pm) - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA Rob Dahms - The Dam View Inn, 410 2nd St, Davenport, IA

The Anthony Catalfano Trio (10am) - Brady Street Chop House, Radisson QC Plaza Hotel, Davenport, IA

MONDAY (30)

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Karaoke Night - The Old Stardust Sports Bar, Open Mic Night - The Old Stardust Sports Bar, 1191 19th Street, Moline, IL 1191 19th Street, Moline, IL Karaoke w/ Mouse - Bier Stube Moline, 417 Open Mic w/ Dave Ellis - Bier Stube Daven-

15th St. Moline, IL

Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA

Glenn Hickson (5:30pm) - The Button Factory. enport IA Chestnut St. & River Dr., Muscatine, IA I. Elliot - The Old Stardust Sports Bar, 1191

19th Street, Moline, II OH! Kuso - Buick McSnake - Scheusch - The

Mill, 120 E Burlington, Jowa City, JA Open Mic w/ Jordan Danielsen - Bier Stube Davenport, 2228 E 11th St. Davenport, IA

rue Blue Monday w/ Ellis Kell (noon) Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 \

2nd St, Davenport, IA WEDNESDAY

Blues Jam w/ Michael Fett - Iowa City Yacht Karaoke Night - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave., Rock



Tennessee," That Nashville Cat (noon) - Open Mic Night (7pm) - Mojo's (River

port, 2228 E 11th St, Davenport, IA

Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St. Dav-The Jam w/ Ben Soltau - Iowa City Yacht

Club, 13 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA tcrawlers 6-pc Jazz Band (6pm) The Busty Nail, 2606 W Locust, Day

enport, IA THUISDAY

ABC Karaoke - Overtime Sports Pub and Grub, 3700 Belmont Rd, Bettendorf, IA Bee All U Can Bee Karaoke & DJ - Commo-

dore Tap, 2202 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA

BHC Jazz Band (6:30pm) - Huckleberry's, Open Mic w/ Corey Wallace - Bier Stube 223 18th St, Rock Island, IL Blush w/ DJ B Empire - Nan's Piano Bar, 421

W. River Dr, Davenport, IA Sooter Unplugged - Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr.,

Rettendorf IA Bright Giant - The Mill, 120 E Burlington.

lowa City, IA Chris Miller - Kilkenny's, 3rd & Harrison Davenport, IA

- an Peart Mojo's (River Music Experience) 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA
- Johnny O Greenbriar Restaurant and Lounge, 4506 27th St, Moline, IL

Ellis Paul - Adam Exra - CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

> Jamey Johnson and Randy Houser - River Center, 136 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA

Jason Carl - Creekside Bar and Grill, 3303 Brady St., Davenport, IA

Karaoke Night - Bier Stube Davenport, 2228 E 11th St, Davenport, IA

Karaoke Night - Club Fusion, 813 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA

- (12:30pm) CASI (Center for Active Karaoke Night Racer's Edge, 936 15th Ave, East Moline, IL
 - Live DJ & Salsa Dancing Club Boulev 1801 10th St., Moline, IL

Live Lunch w/ Rose 'n' Thorns (noon) Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA

Maestro Karaoke - Hal's Wagon Wheel, 1708 State Street, Bettendorf, IA

Melt Banana - Supersonic Piss - Lwa The Picador, 330 E. Washington St.

lowa City, IA Open Jam Night - Starting Line, 217 Brady,

Open Jam Session featuring Free Time - Below Brady, 217 Brady St, Daven

port IA Open Mic Night - The Dam View Inn, 410

2nd St. D

Moline, 417 15th St. Moline, IL Open Mic w/ Dave Ellis - Bier Stube LeClaire,

1001 Canal Shore Dr., LeClaire, IA Pert Near Sandstone - Smokin' Joe Scar palino - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn

St. Iowa City, IA Red Wanting Blue - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave.

Rock Island, IL Rob Dahms - It's on the River, 201 N. Main St.

Port Byron, IL Steady Rollin' Blues Band featuring Jimm Lee Adams - Rascals Rock Memorabilia Bar

1414 15th St., Moline, IL Troy Harris, Pianist (6pm) - Red Crow Grille 2504 53rd St., Bettendorf, IA

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ABC Karaoke - Circle Tap. 1345 Locust St Davenport, IA

ABC Karaoke - Overtime Sports Pub and Grub 3700 Belmont Rd, Bettendorf, IA

BB Secrist (5:30 & 8:30pm) - Gary Puckett (7 & 10pm) - "Mr. Riverside" Dennis Albee (11:15pm) - Riverside Casino and Go

Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA Bee All U Can Bee Karaoke & DJ - Crabby's,

826 W. 1st Ave., Coal Valley, IL Booter Unplugged - Uptown Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 2340 Spruce Hills Dr., Bet tendorf IA

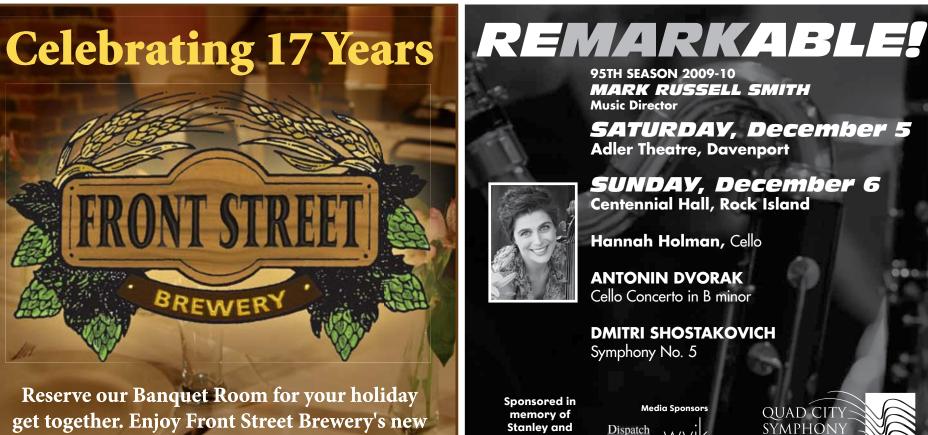
Buddy Olson (5pm) - Plamor Bowling Alley, 1411 Grandview Ave., Muscatine, IA Cross Mojo - Purgatory's Pub, 2104 State St

Bettendorf, IA Dawn's Coffeehouse (5pm) - Dawn's Hide

& Bead Away, 220 E Washington St, Iowa City IA DJ Kasey K (Main Room) - Lumpy's, 1509

Harrison St., Davenport, IA DJ Night - 110, 110 Main Ave, Clinton, IA

DJ Night at Club Boulevard - Club Boulevard 1801 10th St., Moline, IL



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Evolution - Purgatory's Pub, 2104 State St, Firesale - Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130

Bettendorf, IA

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enport, IA

Clinton, IA

Moline, IL

Ave, Clinton, IA

East Moline, IL

N., LeClaire, IA

N., Clinton, IA

Davenport IA

W 2nd St, Davenport, IA Grav Wolf Band - Club Boulevard, 1801 10th Hap Hazard - 11th Street Precinct, 2108 11th St, Davenport, IA

Joe Filisko & Eric Noden CD Release Party - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Dav-John (HeSo) Wasem - Kilkenny's, 3rd & Har

rison, Davenport, IA Karaoke Night - Finally Fil's, 134 5th Ave, Karaoke Night - Moe's Pizza, 1312 Camanche

Karaoke Night - Parker's, 635 15th St

Karaoke Night - Racer's Edge, 936 15th Ave,

Karaoke Night - Sneaky Pete's, 207 Cody Rd.

Karaoke Night - The Odeon, 8025 Avenue

Liberty Leg - Sarah Cram & the Derelicts The Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City, IA Natty Nation - Uniphonics - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St. Iowa City, IA Pianist David Holcomb (6:30pm) - Red Crow

Grille, 2504 53rd St., Bettendorf, IA Polka Club of Iowa, Inc. Eastern Chapter Christmas Dance - Walcott Coliseum, 11

E Bryant St, Walcott, IA RiverCity 6 - Catfish Bend Casino, 3001 Winegard Dr., Burlington, IA Southern Thunder Karaoke - Hollars Bar and

Grill, 4050 27th St, Moline, IL The Karry Outz - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W Locust, Davenport, IA

The Knockoffs - Fargo, 4204 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL

Chop House, Radisson QC Plaza Hotel,

The Mercury Brothers - Rascals Rock Mem rabilia Bar, 1414 15th St., Moline, IL The Rob Dahms Trio - Cabana's, 4th Ave & 22nd St, Rock Island, IL

Tony Hoeppner (noon) - Mojo's (Rive Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Dav enport, IA

(5) SATURDAY 5th Annual Warm Winter Concert w/ Her

song - St. John's Lutheran Church, 450 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL Alan Sweet - Eagles Lodge, 4401 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA

Caught in the Act - Mound Street Landing, 1029 Mound St., Davenport, IA Cosmic - 11th Street Precinct, 2108 E 11th St

Davenport, IA Crowding 50 "Electrified" (5 & 8:30pm) - BE Secrist (7:15 & 10pm) - "Mr. Riverside Dennis Albee (11:30pm) - Riverside

Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA Dave Zollo & the Body Electric - The Mill, 120

E Burlington, Iowa City, IA Davtrotter Holiday Benefit Showcase Andrew WK featuring Matt Sweeney and James Lo - Mac Lethal - School - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave., of Flyentology Rock Island, IL

Dennis McMurrin & the Demolition Band - Matt Skinner & James - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA

DJ Night at Club Boulevard - Club Boulevard 1 10th St., Moline, IL Down 4 Whatever - Parker's, 635 15th St.

Moline, IL Drama Major - In All Its Glory - The Feral Kids - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St,

Davenport, IA Glenn Hickson (5:30pm) - The Button Factory, Chestnut St. & River Dr., Mus-

Japanese Steak House

catine, IA The Manny Lopez Trio (6pm) - Brady Street

Hardball - Greenbriar Restaurant and Lounge 4506 27th St, Moline, IL

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John (HeSo) Wasem - Kilkenny's, 3rd & Har- RiverCity 6 - Viking Club of Moline, 1450 41st rison, Davenport, IA Street, Moline, IL Karaoke Night - Moe's Pizza, 1312 Camanche

Ave, Clinton, IA

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Open Mic Night - Coffee Dive, 226 W. 3rd St.,

Grille, 2504 53rd St., Bettendorf, IA

Sin City Orchestra - Toucan's Outdoor Grille n-Cantina, 2020 1st Street, Milan, IL sissippi Valley Blues Society Christ-

Smooth Groove - Martini's On the Rock, 4619 mas Party: James Armstrong - Rascals 34th St. Rock Island, IL Rock Memorabilia Bar, 1414 15th St., uthern Thunder Karaoke Contest - Hol

lars Bar and Grill, 4050 27th St. Moline, IL ommy's Little Monster - Route 61 Bar & The Karry Outz - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W Grill, 4320 N. Brady St., Davenport, IA st, Davenport, IA r. Whoopie - One More Round, 209-211 E.

Tri-Polar Xxxpress - Purgatory's Pub. 2104 State St. Bettendorf, IA

Nihil Seraph - Four Story Fate - Lost Na-Tronicity - Go Fish Marina and Ba tion - The Picador, 330 E. Washington St. Dr. Princeton IA W900 - Beer Belly's, 112 N College Ave

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anist David Holcomb (6:30pm) - Red C River Prairie Minstrels (6pm) - Mojo's Blues Jam w/ the Steady Rollin' Blues Band (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St,

- Creekside Bar and Grill, 3303 Brady St., Davenport, IA

Country Jam Session (6pm) - East Moline J. Elliot - The Old Stardust Sports Bar, 1191 Legion, 829 16th Ave., East Moline, IL

ianist Russ Reyman (10am-2pm brunch performance) - The Lodge Hotel, Spruce Hills & Utica Ridge, Bettendorf, IA

iverCity 6 (2pm) - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA ockstar Karaoke - Route 61 Bar & Grill, 4320

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Bettendorf, IA he Manny Lopez Trio (10am) - Brady Street Chop House, Radisson QC Plaza Hotel

Davenport IA /endy Fountain (11am) - RiverCity 6 (2pm Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184

Highway 22, Riverside, IA

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- Blues Jam w/ Michael Fett Jowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA
- 1191 19th Street, Moline, IL Karaoke w/ Mouse - Bier Stube Moline, 417
- 15th St. Moline, IL Megadeth - Suicide Silence - War Archanium - RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St
- Open Mic w/ J. Knight The Mill, 120
- Burlington, Iowa City, IA Frue Blue Monday w/ Ellis Kell (noo

Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA Veekend Warriors Concert Perf

(6pm) - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St. Davenport, IA

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19th Street, Moline, II Live Lunch w/ Steve Couch (noon) - Mojo's

- (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA Open Mic w/ Jordan Danielsen - Bier
- Stube Davenport, 2228 E 11th St, Davenport, IA Rob Dahms - The Dam View Inn, 410 2nd St
- Davenport, IA The Kim Wiseman & Mark Johnson Christ mas Show - The Redstone Room, 129
- Main St. Davennort, IA University of Iowa Jazz Performance
- Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City, IA

WEDNESDAY (9) BHC Jazz Band (6:30pm) - Huckleb berry's, 223 18th St. Rock Island, IL

- Jam Night w/ Frank Drew Bent River Brewing Company, 1413 5th Ave, Moline, II
- Karaoke Night RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave., Rock Island II
- Mayday Parade The Hub, 402 Main St Cedar Falls, IA
- Open Mic Night The Old Stardust Sports Bar 1191 19th Street, Moline, IL
- 2228 E 11th St, Davenport, IA
- Grille, 2504 53rd St., Bettendorf, IA
- Open Mic Night (7pm) Mojo's (River Music Experience), 130 W 2nd St, Dav enport, IA
- The Burlington Street Bluegrass Band The Mill, 120 E Burlington, Iowa City, IA
- he Jam w/ Ben Soltau Iowa City Yacht Club 13 S Linn St. Iowa City, IA
- The Nightcrawlers 6-pc Jazz Band (6pm) The Rusty Nail, 2606 W Locust, Davenport, IA Tribute - CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE Cedar Rapids, IA

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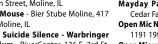
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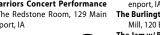


Pianist David Holcomb (6:30pm) - Red Crow











Friday, December 4, 2009

2. Quad City Botanical Center

- Gift shop grand re-opening featuring

Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild feature a

holiday display of quilts. Free admission.

13. Liquid Fire - Mark Fowler, Adrian

English, Shaun Graves, Vito Kuratis, Rob

14. The Original Huckleberry's

Alexander laccarino (digital art), Michelle

15. Malarkey's - Charles Walzem

(paintings), Chris Lemmon (functional

16. M.D. Green's - Jason Green

17. Rock Island Brewing Co. -Jim The Mule. 9PM showtime. \$5 cover.

(watercolor/mixed), Allen Holloway

pottery), Twin Rivers Photography

Husson (glass blowing). Louise Rigsby,

Richmond, A.K. Glade (photography).

handcrafted items by area artists.

Amy Greenberg (jewelry). Randy

Great Pizza & Calzones -

Garrison (mixed media).

(photography).

(acrylic/pastel prints).

1. MidCoast Gallery West - Mark Mess (photography), John Spiteri (pottery). The ARTery - Carolyn Krueger (mixed media), Jean Lake (mixed media), Retro Ron (acoustic guitar).

2. The Art Place - Christina Fait (oils). 15% off framing.

3. Quad Citians Affirming

Diversity - K.C.Barnes (water color/oil paintings), Mary Wells (painted furniture).

4. Theo's Java Club - Anne Brown (mixed media), Melissa Hebert-Johnson (fiber art).

5. Steve's Old Time Tap - Lauren Weinstock (mixed media).

6. Holiday Inn - Matt Pulford (acrylic & oils), Steve Banks (mixed media), MaryJo Dunn (various medium).

Free

Shuttle!

7. Comedy Sportz - Live improv comedy. 7PM showtime.

8. Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse -Holly Jolly Christmas - 7:45PM. Reservations required.

9. DuMarche' Market on Third -Heidi Sallows (mixed media), Dorie Guthrie (glass).

10. dphilms - Jay Stratton (wood sculpture), Lisa Dingeldein (jewelry), Josh Masias (tattoo artistry), Lance Baker (art/poetry).

11. DeSoto Arts Center - Quad Cities Woodturners - live wood turning demonstrations and wood work exhibit. DeSoto Potters - pottery exhibit.

Mississippi River





18. The Arena - Kathy Leslie (mixed media).

19. Daiquiri Factory - Regan Hatfield (abstract acrylics). Win a Daiquiri Factory Gift Basket!

20. Hickey Brothers - Veronica Smith (various media/music), Carri Travis (fluid acrylics).

21. ICONS Martini - Curtis Hakeman (handmade jewelry), John "Biz-mon" Cox (various media).

22. Blue Cat Brew Pub - Sarah Jean Robb (mixed media), Heather Mueller-Kakert (acrylic painting).

23. Mama Compton's - Augustana Artisans (mixed media).

24. Quad City Arts - "The Artist Gift Show" features 75 local and regional artists. Mississippi Valley Woodcarvers Club will demonstrate and sell their work.

25. Shear Elements - Helen Brown (photography), Michael De La Cruz (print making).

