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## Dubuque Symphony Christmas Celebration

by Kristin Hill, Marketing Director, Dubuque Symphony Orchestra



The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra presents stunning musical arrangements of cherished Christmas carols and songs of the season at its annual Holiday Celebration Concerts on December 1 and 2 at the Five Flags Theater. Performances are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Christmas at the Dubuque Symphony has become a tradition," commented William Intriligator, music director and conductor. "With a professional symphony orchestra, the Dubuque Chorale and won-

derful guests like Mary Kate Bristow and dancers from the Heartland Ballet we create a Holiday concert experience that can't be beat. We are honored to have people come back year after year to celebrate with us."

The program includes "Ave Maria," selections from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker with members of the ballet, and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Mary Kate Bristow, mezzo-soprano and former resident of Dubuque, will perform "Grown Up Christmas List" and ar-

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## Reflections in the Park

The spectacular outdoor holiday lighting display, opens Thanksgiving evening in Dubuque's Louis Murphy Park and runs through New Year's Day.

Organized by Hillcrest Family Services of Dubuque, Reflections in the Park features new lighting displays every year. Just as in past years, dozens of colorful displays will fill the Murphy Park and many of those displays are animated. This year, the majority of the displays have been changed to utilize LED technology.

Organizers urge the carloads of visitors to tune their radio to holiday music as they move through the show. After enjoying the lights, head to Hillcrest Family Services Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HillcrestFS](http://www.facebook.com/HillcrestFS) and like your favorite display for a chance to win a one night stay at the Hotel Julien Dubuque.

One of the displays is a juggling Santa Claus, but that's not the only participation of the jolly gentleman. Santa Claus makes personal appearances at Reflections the last Monday night in November, Nov. 26, and three Monday nights in December, beginning Dec. 5. He's in the park those nights from 5 to 8 p.m. to personally greet visitors and hand out candy canes to all children.

A true community-wide event, the show draws about 40,000 people to the park every year.

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Volunteers starting early on the huge task of installing the *Reflections In The Park Displays*

without strong leadership and community support. Each year, about 500 volunteers carry out the necessary work to make Reflections in the Park the successful program it has become. Volunteers do everything, from setting up the show, to being on hand to see that it runs smoothly every evening to taking down all the lights when the show ends.

The cost to enjoy Reflections in the Park is \$8 per car. Special pricing is available for vans and buses. Funds raised through the event provide support to Hillcrest Family Services, a social services agency that provides a wide variety of programs that serve the needs of children and adults. Hillcrest offices are at 2005 Asbury Road in Dubuque.

The 80-acre Louis Murphy Park is located at the southern end of Dubuque, at 1700 South Grandview Ave., one block east of Highways 151-61-52 South.

## Dubuque Community Y Family Events

The Dubuque Community Y has a commitment to families. Throughout the year, the Dubuque Community Y hosts events where families can come together to enjoy various activities. In addition to Family Nights, the Y works closely with other United Way Agencies such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Multi-Cultural Center to invite their clients into the Y to experience swimming, gym, and other sporting activities.

The DCY is open to both

DCY Members and non-members. Members do receive a discount on events, and find these events to be beneficial to their families. Some of the favorite events include Halloween Parade, November Com-

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Toby Wisecup,  
Executive Director  
Dubuque Community Y

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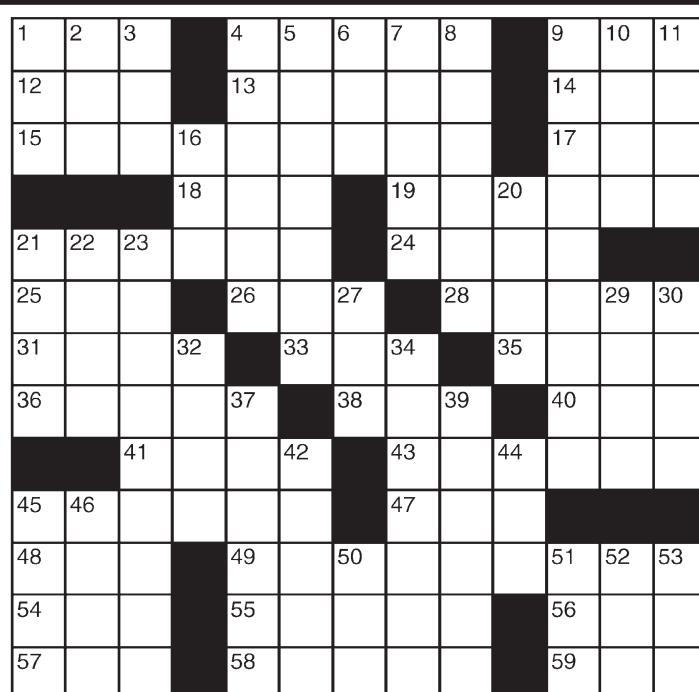


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rangements of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Silent Night." Mary Kate has sung professionally throughout the Midwest for over 20 years, and studied voice and theatre at Indiana University.

Also on Saturday, December 1 at 1 p.m. the symphony will present a Holiday Family Concert. It is a shorter and slightly different version of the Holiday Celebration Concerts perfect for families with young children. Mary Kate Bristow and the Heartland Ballet will make appearances, but it is only one-

hour long and includes a Christmas sing-a-long and a surprise visit from Santa. Following the Family Concert everyone is invited to take pictures with Santa. The pictures are free, and parents are asked to bring their own cameras.

Tickets are available at the Five Flags Center box office, your local Ticketmaster retail outlet or online at [www.DubuqueSymphony.org](http://www.DubuqueSymphony.org). These concerts are sponsored by Medical Associates Clinic and Health Plans. For more information, call the symphony office at (563) 557-1677.

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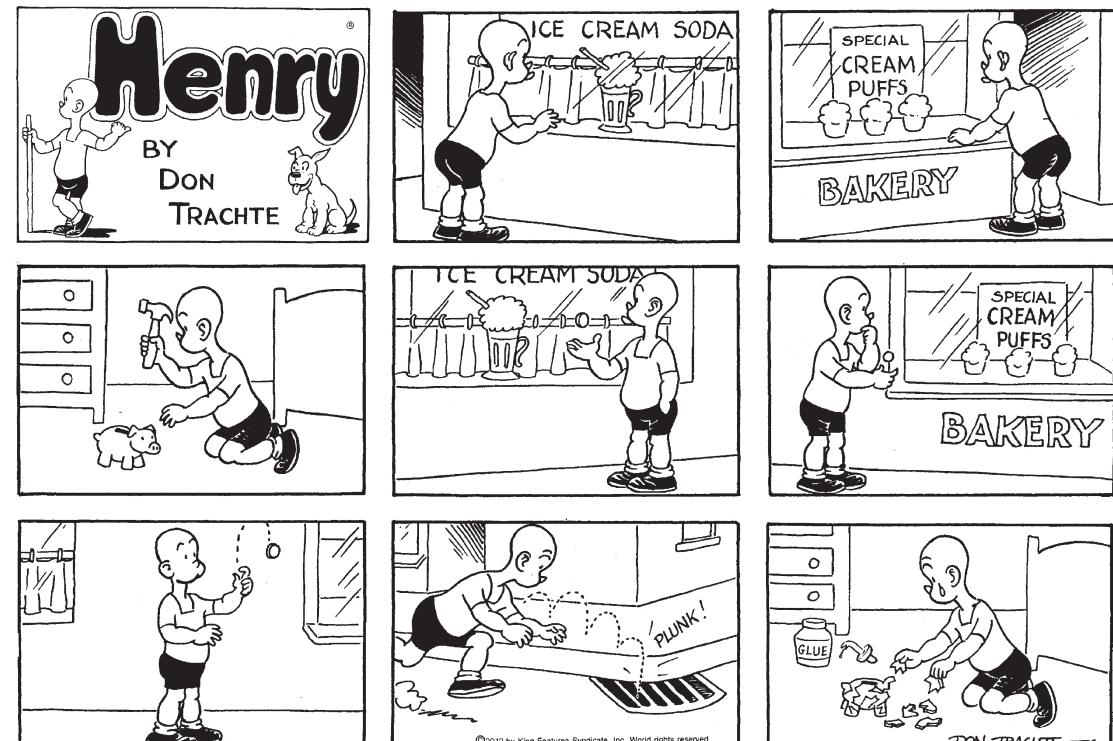
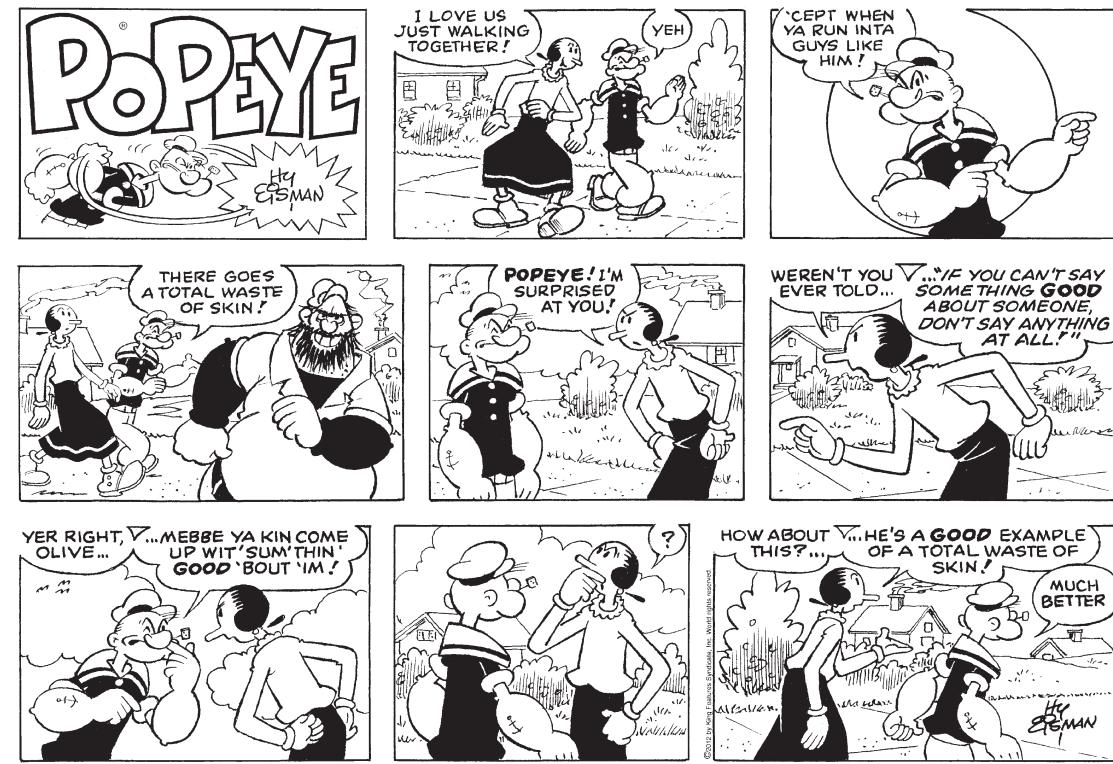
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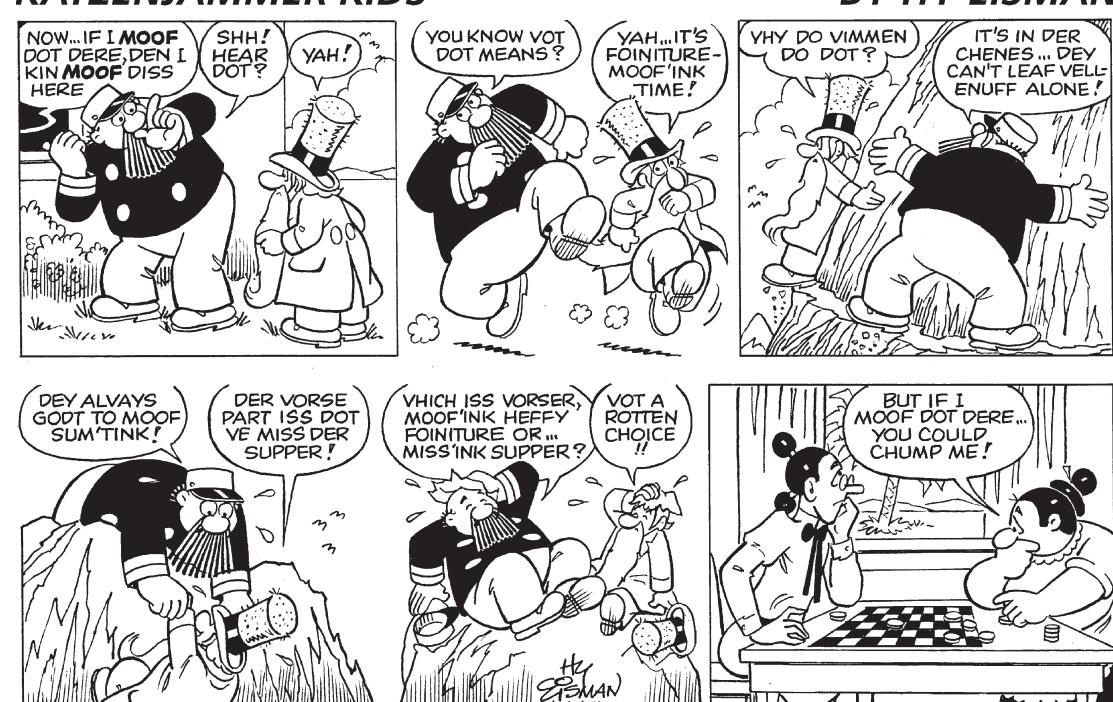
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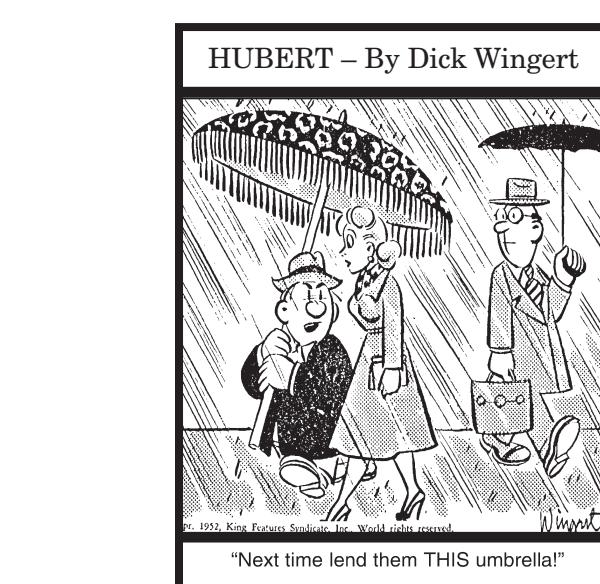
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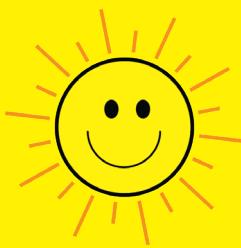
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munity Day, December Santa Day, New Years Eve Celebration, January Scout Nights, February Dad/Daughter Dance, March St. Patrick's Day Pool Party, April Spring Egg Celebration, May Mother Son Celebration, and events at the Y Camp.

Events held by the Dubuque Community Y are family friendly and affordable. We are currently preparing for the Santa Day in December and the New Years Eve Celebration. Santa day is an event where children can meet Santa, decorate a cookie, participate in reindeer games, and make a craft to get ready for the Holi-

day Season. Generally we see 150 children enjoy this event.

The New Year Eve Celebration is an affordable, safe way to spend New Year's Eve with your family. The entire building is buzzing with activities. Each room has something happening for all ages. Some highlights are shuttles to Hillcrest Reflections in the Park, three Inflatables, DJ, game room, family photo booth, fish pond, face painting, toddler play area, laser tag, concessions, swimming, and more. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year with this event and attendance reflects a positive atmosphere with families coming back each year.

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happy little boy.

That's what confession and forgiveness did for him, and it's something like the experience that God wants us to have with Him. The stories and teachings of the Bible reveal that honest-to-God confession leads to a dynamic, vibrant relationship with God. Two of God's amazing attributes are His grace and mercy, which can be experienced only when we realize our need for them and express that need through confession.

The amazing experience of God's forgiveness is the direct result of our confession. I know that it seems strange to say, but confession is really a very positive experience! As an old commercial for Alka-Seltzer stated, "Oh, what a relief it is!" That's how we feel when we experience the grace and mercy of God's forgiveness.

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." Psalm 32:1

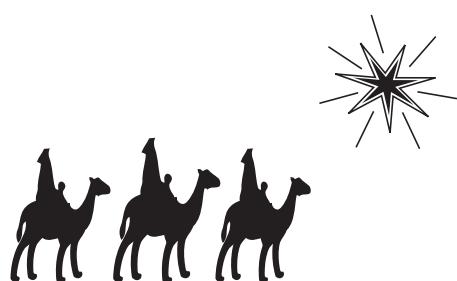
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### Make the Holidays Meaningful

For many children the holidays mean just one thing – getting more things. Although presents are a part of the season, many parents are looking to turn down the commercialism while preserving significant holiday memories together as a family. It is important to make other parts of the holidays just as meaningful, says Amber Matthiesen, a youth program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

“Children need us to lead them and set the tone for the holidays,” Matthiesen said. “Our children remember the time and energy shared as a family, not the gifts, the parties or how perfectly the house is decorated.”

#### What Parents Can Do

Matthiesen offers the following strategies and tips to help make the holidays a deeper, more meaningful experience this season:

- Plan ahead. Have a family meeting before the holidays and decide what is important.
- Simplify your holiday. Focus on a few ideas and let the rest go. Say no to commitments that are not going to serve the greater good of your family.
- Plan for family time and mark it on the calendar — even if it is as simple as playing a board game.
- Make sure children have enough down time and that they are getting the naps they need. Also, watch their sugar intake.
- Teach giving. There are many things to do as a family that teach children the joy of giving, such as delivering a meal to shut-ins, caroling at a nursing home or making a treat for a neighbor.

“Holidays can be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate different traditions from around the world,” Matthiesen said. “Some families will choose a different country each year and use the holidays as an opportunity to learn together the ways families in that culture enjoy and celebrate holidays.” Activities such as these help children understand that while there are differences in traditions, there also are many similarities.

#### Choose Appropriate Gifts for Children

“The shelves can be overwhelming this time of year

when trying to purchase a special gift for a loved one,” Matthiesen said. “The best advice I ever heard regarding selecting a present for a young child was to choose something that is 10 percent toy and 90 percent child.”

The more a toy requires creativity, the better it is, Matthiesen said. These toys allow children to determine the play and can be used in many ways, including with other toys to expand the play. Classic toys such as dolls, blocks, construction sets, dress-up clothes and art supplies have this characteristic and will stand the test of time, while appealing to children at more than one age or level of development. For example, rather than a robot that runs on batteries and performs specific functions, consider buying a set of connecting gears that would allow a child to build his or her own robot, or house or hundreds of other things.

“Before you go shopping, take an inventory of your child’s tools for play,” she said. “Are there toys for active play as well as sit-down toys like puzzles? Are there items to pretend with and ones to build with? What is worn out and what is best used? By adding a bridge to an already favorite train set, parents can add new interest to already favorite play schemes.”

A final bit of advice is to consider the environment in gift giving. “We want to try and find things that are not just good for our children, but also good for the planet,” Matthiesen said. Look for products that are made from recycled materials or use minimal packaging. Better yet, create a “shoe box” gift from materials and items in the home. Putting together a magnifying glass, a pad of paper, a pen, a map and an inkpad in a decorated box can lead to hours of fun as a detective. Another shoe box containing an ace bandage, a stethoscope, surgical mask and eye patch can lead to similar fun as a first aid responder.

For more information about selecting appropriate toys for children at different ages, request a copy of Understanding Children – Toys (PM 1529M) at your Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county office or download a copy from the ISU Extension Online Store at [www.extension.iastate.edu/store/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/) (enter PM 1529M in the search box).

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This tale begins one evening while I was watching TV with my cat on my lap. Charlie is extremely spoiled. She is a white and gray feline with a black spot under her nose. She reminds me of Charley Chaplin, the actor of years ago. My daughter, Pamela, named her.

While I sat intrigued with my program, I heard a plopping noise. Charlie heard it too. We weren't too concerned so I settled back down to watch my show. Oops! There were another two plops. It was coming from the area of our mock, brick fireplace. This caused Charlie to dive for the fireplace and climb into the mock fire logs and then into the fireplace itself.

We have never had mice in our house because we have always had cats. But it sounded like we had a visitor somewhere around the structure. After investigating for several minutes, Charlie decided to lie by the fireplace, just in case a rodent did present itself. I sat back down but not for long. I kept hearing plop, plop. I looked all around the fireplace. I looked behind it, on top of it, and then I rattled the unit just in case I could frighten whatever was making the noise. Nothing ran out. Finally I just settled down

and when my program was over, I retired for a night of undisturbed sleep.

Morning came and I was drinking a hot cup of coffee while watching the morning news. Yep! There was the plop, plop noise again! Kitty perked up as did I. Then I went to the fireplace and while I was checking out the contents upon the mantle, I heard the noise again. Eureka! I found the "mouse." But, it was only a holly leaf dropping upon the top of my stereo unit and when the hard prickly leaf hit the metal it made a small plop.

I guess, since the top of the stereo is higher than the speaker and I had the plant perched atop the unit, I couldn't see the leaf until I actually heard it drop while I was standing by the fireplace. Thus, by morning light the saga came to an end.

I always have a holly plant with those bright red berries for my Christmas decorations. But the holly leaves are dangerous because they can stick you. Every year I usually get a few pricks.

Ironically, every saga has an ending and I imagine Charlie would have desired a different finish to this tale but I'm glad it was just a moment to be remembered. By the way, if you ever buy a sprig of holly with those beautiful red berries, treat the plant with respect because it does have a defensive nature. It pricks. OUCH!

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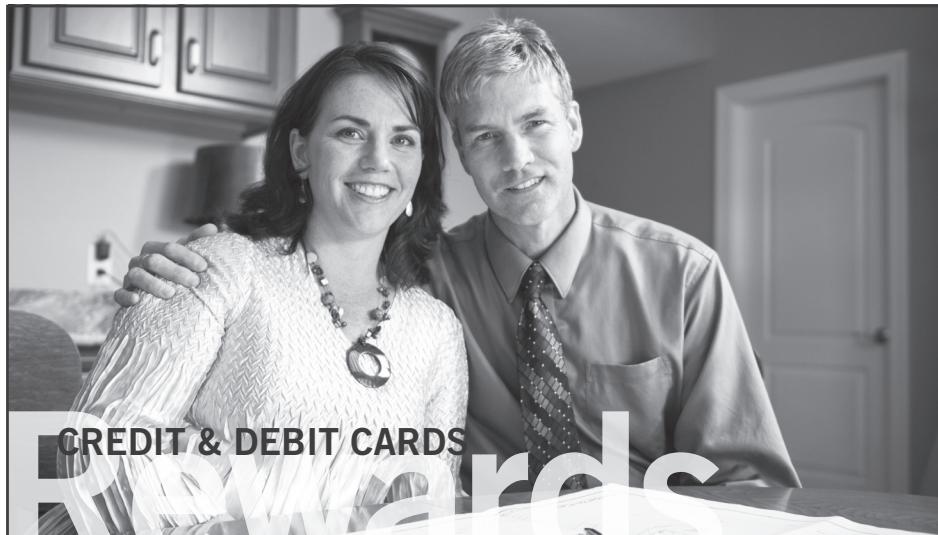
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Radio From  
The 20th  
Century  
by Bill Zwack



The casebook of Gregory Hood was an imaginative piece of mystery adventure, coming to Mutual on June 3, 1946, as a summer replacement for *Sherlock Holmes*, and graduating in the fall schedule under sponsorship of Petri Wines. Initially it ran only one season, but it resurfaced periodically in summer slots and eventually had another full season as a 1949–50 ABC sustainer.

*Casebook* grew out of the long distance collaboration of writers, Anthony Boucher and Denis Green, who had also written *Sherlock Holmes* for Petri Wines. Green lived in Los Angeles, Boucher in San Francisco.

Boucher worked out the plot lines for their radio scripts, Green then wrote the dialogue. They conceived Gregory Hood as

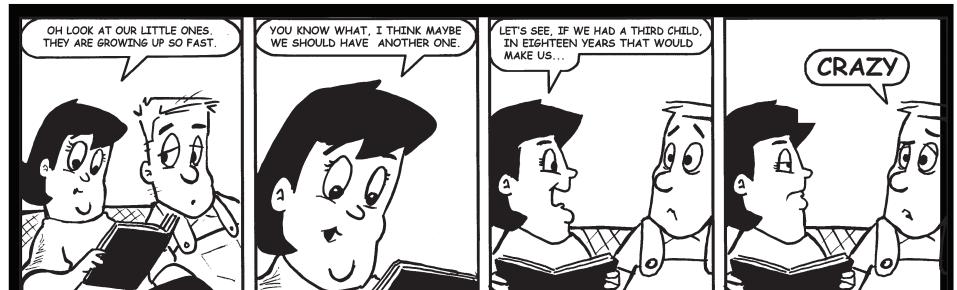
a San Francisco importer dealing in rare items. With his side-kick Sanderson (Sandy) Taylor, Hood traveled the world seeking artifacts for his import house. Each item found by Hood had an intriguing history and was inevitably linked to some present day mystery. Ned Tollinger produced and Gale Gordon starred.

As Hood when the show opened on Mutual. Another show, heard on Mutual in the summer of 1948, featured Elliott Lewis as Hood and Howard McNear as Sandy. The lead was also handled at various times by Jackson Beck, Paul McGrath, Martin Gabel and George Petrie.

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Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



**By Pamela Shaw  
Social Security District  
Manager in Dubuque IA**

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, winter arrives at 6:12 a.m. eastern standard time on December 21.

For many people, winter means shorter days, chillier temperatures and more time indoors. There are many ways you can use that extra time inside.

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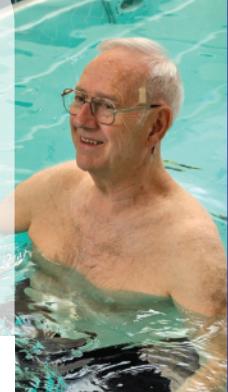
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Assume you become declarer at four spades on the bidding shown and West leads the K-A-Q of hearts. After you ruff the third heart, it might seem that all you can do is draw trumps, play a diamond from dummy, finesse the ten and later lead another diamond from dummy and finesse the jack. If you do this in the actual case, though, you'll go down one, since

West has both the king and queen of diamonds.

You could lament your bad luck in finding West with both diamond honors, but in truth the outcome would be your own fault because you overlooked a superior line of play.

Since the only danger to the contract is the possibility of losing two diamond tricks, you should arrange your play so that you eliminate the risk factor inherent in taking two finesses.

At trick four, you should cash the ace of clubs, then ruff a club in dummy. Next you ruff dummy's last heart before ruffing your last club.

As a result of these preliminary maneuvers, dummy's hand and your own have no more hearts or clubs. You then cash the K-A of trumps and lead a diamond from dummy, and, after East follows low, you finesse the ten.

West wins with the queen but finds himself in a very poor position. His last three cards are the K-5 of diamonds and jack of clubs. If he returns a diamond into your A-J, he hands you your 10th trick; if he returns the jack of clubs instead, you ruff in dummy and discard the jack of diamonds from your hand to produce the same result.

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**TRIVIA TEST****By Fifi Rodriguez**

1. Lanague: Variety magazine coined the term "oater" to describe what kind of entertainment?
2. Math: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral LXXX?
3. Style: What is the function of furniture called an etagere?
4. Food: What is the chief ingredient in caponata?
5. Measurements: What did the Binet-Simon Scale measure?
6. Geography: On which continent is the country of Paraguay located?

7. Medicine: What is digitalis used to treat?
8. Entertainment: Which humorist created the fictional town of Lake Wobegon?
9. General Knowledge: What is an aqueduct?

**Answers**

1. A Western film
2. 80
3. It's a stand with open shelves for display
4. Eggplant
5. Intelligence
6. South America
7. Congestive heart failure
8. Garrison Keillor
9. An artificial channel to bring water to a town

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**Plant  
Talk**

by  
Ken Resch



Poinsettias—they'll bloom beyond the holidays!

Let's dispel the myth that too often causes many a beautiful Poinsettia to be trashed as soon as the holidays are over. They are not poisonous. A study fed a group of rats a lot of poinsettia leaves—must be an acquired taste—and nary a rat got sick. The current estimate is that a fifty-pound child would need to consume 500 of the flower bracts (POISINDEX® Information Service) to get sick; which means you'll need about 100-150 plants in the house! That out of the way, let me to suggest that your poinsettia would make a wonderful houseplant through the winter, then a fine garden plant through the summer, and an ideal candidate for reblooming during the 2013 holidays.

Here are some basic culture tips gleaned from the Internet and personal experience. If you've yet to purchase a plant, look for squat and well-branched specimens rather than tall leggy ones. Make sure the majority of the leaves (read: 99%) are deep green and turgid (meaning stiff, not limp) and that few leaves are yellowed and wilted. Also, keep the plant well-watered through the holidays, away from extremes of temperature (actually a bit on the cooler side is better).

Now, once the holidays are over, you can successfully keep your poinsettia in bloom following a few simple steps.

- 1) Keep the soil moist; never allow it to dry out.
- 2) Give the plant six or more hours of indirect, bright, natural light.
- 3) Maintain day temperatures of 65 to 70 and at night 60 to 65 degrees.
- 4) Apply a balanced house plant fertilizer every month as directed.

ed on the package, and maintain vigor by removing damaged or diseased leaves.

As noted above, the flower bracts may stay for a very long time—I once maintained the red bracts on a poinsettia until early June—but as they fade they should be removed, including a portion of the stem. You can do this cutting back all the way up until July depending on how big you want the plant next holiday season. Just be sure to always leave three to five leaves on each stem. Once weather is stable, repot to the next larger pot, use new soil mixed with peat and perlite (so it's light and well-drained) and move the plant outdoors—I plunge mine into the soil in a bright southern exposure. Apply a slow release fertilizer to the soil surface. Pinch every six weeks up until late August for shape. Do not pinch any later than this and make certain you heed the following rules about darkness.

Poinsettias are short-day plants much like hardy mums. Both set buds and produce flowers as the autumn nights lengthen, blooming naturally during October-November (mums) or December for poinsettias. To flower and develop colored bracts, a poinsettia must receive as much sunshine as possible during the day but starting October 1, it also needs at least fourteen hours of uninterrupted darkness each night at temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees. Stray light of any kind (street lights, pool lights or lamps) could delay or entirely halt the reflowering process. Place the plant under a wastebasket or box that is totally dark. The dark treatment should last until color shows in the bracts (approximately Thanksgiving). Some modern cultivars may show color as much as two weeks before Thanksgiving. Continue fertilizing and watering to encourage good growth. If you follow these rules faithfully, you'll be proud to say next December "I grew this poinsettia!"

**SENIOR NEWS LINE  
by Matilda Charles**

**Doing for Others  
Eases Loneliness**

The key to fighting loneliness during the holidays is doing things for others. And if you join together with like-minded seniors, your own potential for happiness increases.

Here are a few ideas. If you start now to plan and make preparations, you'll be ready by December.

**Caroling:** Gather friends together, print out the lyrics of a half-dozen holiday songs and practice a few times. Make a list of locations to contact about spreading a little musical cheer. Hospitals, nursing homes, veterans hospitals, elementary schools and nursery schools are all potential

sites for your holiday chorus to perform.

**Gift bags:** If you plan to visit nursing homes or hospitals, your presence and willingness to chat for a few minutes is the biggest bonus, but a small gift bag will be most welcome. Ask in advance how many to prepare. If there are too many and your budget won't stretch, limit your gift bags to one wing or section.

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Thursday, Dec., 6, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Bum OSF.

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**Advent Taize Prayer - The God Who Comes** Thursday, Dec., 6, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m

Includes sung repetition of short refrains led by area musicians, a Scripture reading, intercessions and shared silence around the cross. Registration not required. Free will offering.

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In the midst of the busyness of the season, take an evening of quiet to reflect with Fr. Beck on the readings of the season and what we really celebrate during Advent and Christmas.

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day of someone in the hospital during the holidays.

A small notepad with a bright pen, a small hand mirror, an inexpensive scarf, a small desk calendar, a tiny stuffed animal, puzzle books like crossword or Sudoku with a me-

chanical pencil (so the nurses don't have to sharpen regular pencils) all are good ideas for bag stuffers.

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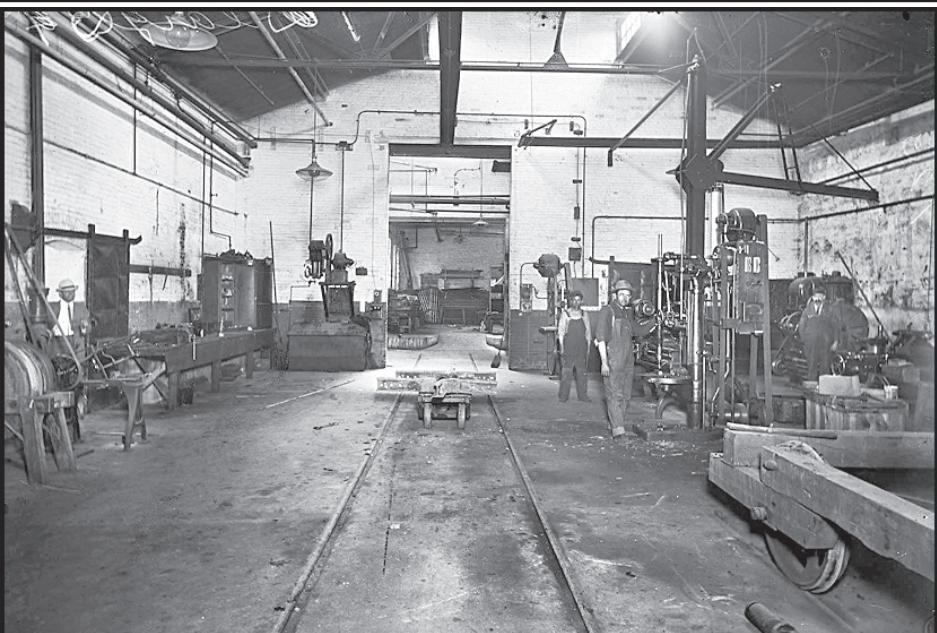
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## YESTERDAY AND TODAY BY MICHAEL GIBSON



The interior of the Union Electric Co. trolley company "car barn" on Couler Ave. as it appeared in 1912. Note the trolley car rails in the floor as well as the skylights in the ceiling.  
(Klauer Collection, Loras College Center for Dubuque History).

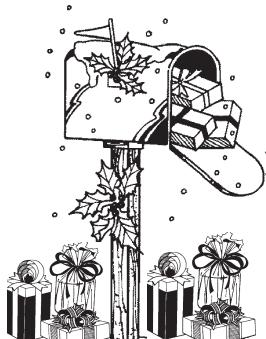
Newspaper headlines for April 15, 1912 read "Mighty Ship Sinks" and in the following days the world was shocked to learn the "unsinkable" Titanic had sunk off the coast of Newfoundland and some 1,500 people had drowned. One and a half months later a photographer and his assistant appeared in Dubuque with their Rochester View 8x10 Camera and began shooting a series of photographs on glass plate negatives. Their focus was on people working in factories, offices, shops, and even in an operating room of a hospital. Working with his large format camera over a two week period he made over 420 extraordinary photographs documenting Dubuquers—men, women and children—at work in a variety of occupations and in many cases in less than desirable working conditions.

Dubuque in 1912 was a heavily industrialized city with a population of some 38,500 people. The President was William Howard Taft, who won the state of Iowa in the 1908 election, and had campaigned

in Dubuque. Dubuque relied on the Mississippi River for transportation with three steamboat lines and numerous freight lines. But railroads had become increasingly important and five major railroad companies, including the Chicago Great Western, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Dubuque & Sioux City, and the Illinois Central, ran in all directions in and out of the community. Automobiles were just beginning to make their appearance and there were seven automobile dealers and the Adams-Farwell automobile was actually built in Dubuque. Those who did have an automobile paid about 10 cents/gallon for fuel. A new vehicle might cost between \$1,100 and \$1,500 depending on how many luxurious features it had. Street cars were still a prevalent mode of transportation and the Union Electric Co. provided this service. Of course, horse drawn wagons and buggies were still used and such companies as the A.A. Cooper Wagon Works provided such products. There were still nine blacksmith shops in town in 1912. And obviously walking was also a common mode of transportation as indicated by such manufacturers as E.B. Pickenbrock and B.F. Richardson as well as thirty boot and shoe repair businesses.

Dubuque has always been an industrial center with such products as sash and doors, furniture, caskets, pumps, brass fittings, hardware, ironworks, chemicals, clothing, cigars, brick, candy, meats, beer, etc. being manufactured. Names like Klauer, McDonald, Adams, Mulgrew, Kretschmer, Farley, Loetscher, Ernsdorff, Deckert, Metz, Torbert, Linehan, Molo, Voggenthaler, Glover, Lawther, are just a few which come to mind. The Dubuque City Directory for 1912 lists foundries (8), breweries (3), cigar makers (13), furniture manufacturers (2), and

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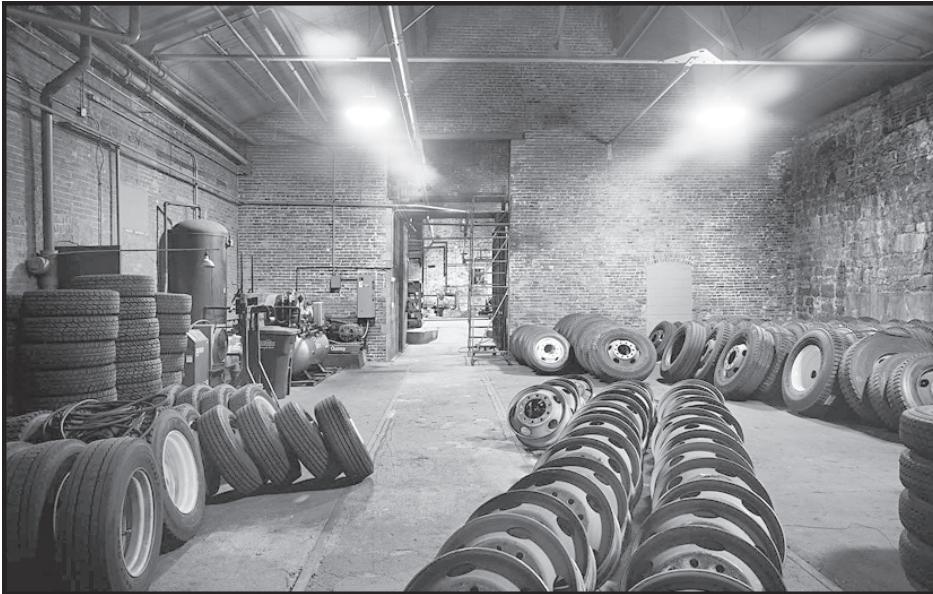
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The same location in 2012 of the Jule "bus barn" on Central Ave. but tires and rims have replaced trolley wheels and the skylights have been boarded up. (Tim Olson Collection, Loras College Center for Dubuque History).

candy makers (3), milliners (15), lumber mills (8), ice dealers (3), and ice cream manufacturers (5). Some of these products were sold in retail establishments including confectionaries (44)—mixed candy 5 cents/lb. or a pound of peanuts for 10 cents; 5 & 10 cent stores (3); restaurants (22)—complete steak dinner 50 cents; soda fountains (19)—ice cream cones 5 cents and floats 10 cents; clothing stores (18)—59 cents for men's shirts, dresses for \$2.98, \$1.45 pair shoes, \$4.00 men's suits; pool halls (16), meat markets (36)—rib boiling beef 6 cents/lb. and sugar cured ham 14 cents/lb., chopped beef 10 cents/lb.; grocers (103)—34 cents for doz. eggs, 5 cents loaf of bread, 25 cents pound butter; and saloons (100). Of course, many of the products were used by carpenters, plumbers, painters, masons, electricians, and other contractors who numbered over two hundred. Unlike today, there were ten asbestos dealers listed in the city directory! Other retailers included (bakeries: 17), (barbers: 38), (hair dressing parlors: 4), (jewelers: 12), (dressmakers: 134), (tailors: 11), (photographers: 10), (books and stationery: 18), and two pawn shops—(by the way, there are eight today). Obviously, being an industrial community, labor unions were plentiful in Dubuque with thirty-nine separate unions ranging from teamsters to musicians.

For entertainment one could go to the baseball park at 27<sup>th</sup> & Elm for 5 cents admission, or have a picnic in one of the nine other municipal parks. Citizens could ride the trolley (10 cents round trip) to Union Park and attend the theater for 10 cents. Nutwood Park, north of town, was the largest horse betting facility in the Tri-States and people often came from considerable distance to place bets. No doubt many of these found overnight accommodations in one of the twenty seven hotels in Dubuque. A visit to the Hermann Museum of Natural History on Couler Ave. was always free to visitors. The Grand

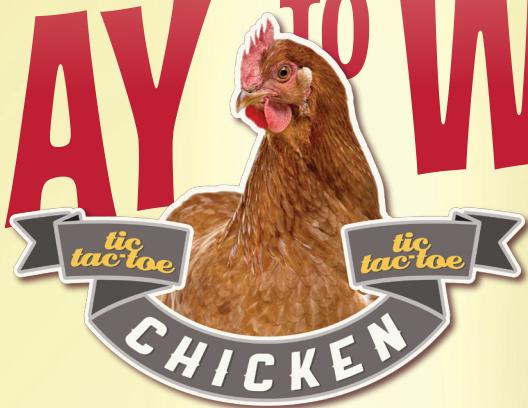
Opera House and Majestic Theaters offered live entertainment for 30 cents or 10 cents for matinees. Often boxes of candy were provided free to children at matinee performances.

Financial institutions were represented by eight banks: Citizens State Bank, Dubuque National Bank, Dubuque Savings Bank, First National Bank, Germans Savings Bank, German Bank, Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, and Second National Bank. Most of the banks in 1912 offered 3½% interest on time and savings deposits. Six architectural firms existed including names like Fridilon Heer & Son, Guido Beck, T.T. Carkeek, and John Spencer all of whom designed hundreds of buildings and residences in Dubuque—which is the “architectural laboratory of Dubuque,” according to architectural historians.

There were eight Catholic parishes in the city, six Lutheran churches and fifteen other Protestant churches, and a Jewish Synagogue. Three colleges, two business colleges, one music school, and forty eight music teachers, two seminaries, six high schools, eleven parochial schools including two Lutheran and one Hebrew, and eleven public schools were dedicated to the education of students. Some forty-one policemen, forty-five firemen, two hospitals, eight homes for the aged, five convents, and a monastery provided safety and care of both the secular and religious residents. Fifty-seven physicians/surgeons, (currently about 225 in Dubuque) twenty-six dentists (about 75 now), one-hundred nine nurses, five opticians, and twenty-four druggists could administer more than adequate care for the sick. A trip to the dentist for a tooth extraction might cost 25 cents and a silver filling 50 cents, but a gold crown would be \$4.00. Legal services could be obtained from any one of the thirty seven attorneys who hung their shingles outside their offices. Of course, insurance agents were plentiful as no less than forty-two are listed



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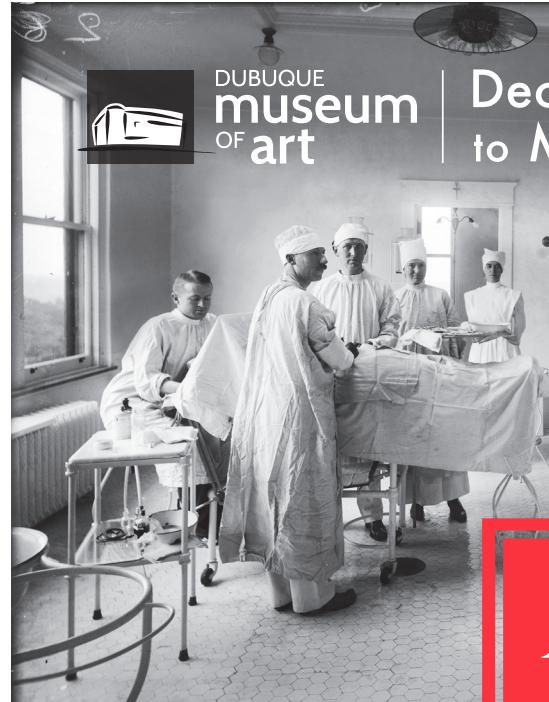
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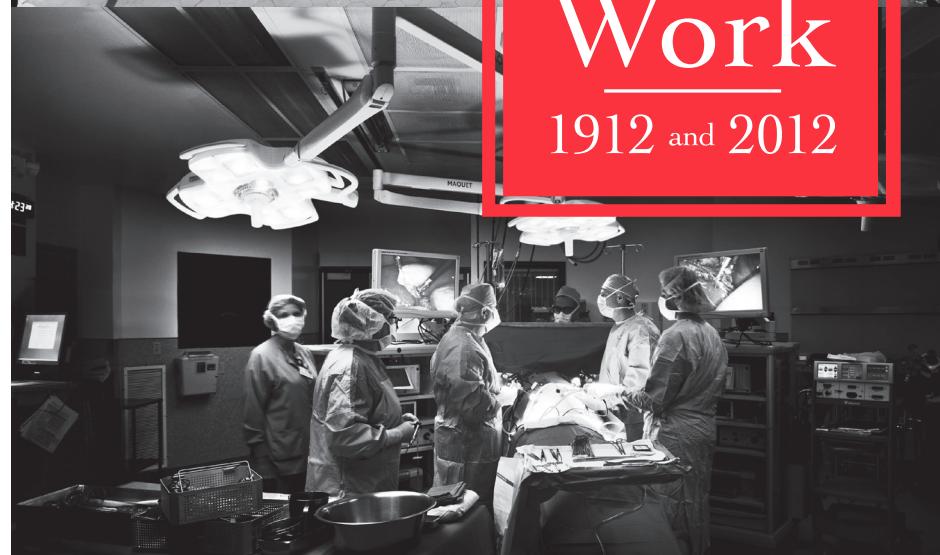
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**Christmas Cookie Walk:** Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Purchase a tray for \$5 and fill it with a dozen cookies and treats provided by our friends, volunteers, board and staff of the library.

**An Old Fashioned Christmas:** Sunday, December 2 @ 1 p.m. Join us from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dyer-Botsford Museum, and walk through the beautifully decorated home of the founder of Dyersville. Enjoy traditional Christmas carols, spiced cider, and cookies. Santa will put in a special appearance and will read his favorite poem. Program sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.

**Books for Lunch Book Discussion:** Monday, December 3, @ 12 noon. The December selection is Molokai by Alan Brennert.

**The Hows and Whys of Making a Will:** Monday, December 3 @ 6 p.m. or Friday, December 7 @ 2 p.m. Local attorney, Werner Hellmer, will discuss the different types of wills you can draw up, who should make a will and why, and various medical directives you should consider. He will also answer any questions you have.

**Sit and Stitch:** Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19: @ 1 p.m.

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### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times, at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
2. From Leviticus 22:29, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is "what"? Sincere, Often, Voluntary, Extravagant
3. In which book's 5:18 does it state, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God"? 1 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 1 Peter, 1 John

4. What items of food and drink did Jesus give thanks for at the Last Supper? Figs/water, Bread/wine, Fishes/nectar, Honey/milk
5. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop
6. Whose thanksgiving is expressed in Philippians 4:10-20? Paul, John the Baptist, James, David

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Psalms
- 2) Voluntary
- 3) Thessalonians
- 4) Bread/wine
- 5) Fish's belly
- 6) Paul

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Brooke's career led to opportunities such as her performing one of her original's (did we fail to mention that she writes too?) in

**Byam & Weiss Cont. P. 19**



### From The Batt Cave

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#### Picking at a scab

I was picking at a scab.  
Not literally.

What I was doing was worrying about how I was going to get from a job in St. Cloud to a gig in Worthington to another job in Rochester in the allotted time. If I had the time, I'd still be rushed. I knew I could make it easily had there been two of me, but I wouldn't wish that upon this or any other world. My mind was filled with thoughts of were and weren't. I looked out the window at the antics of a yard squirrel that caught my attention.

The squirrel could have been worried about not having galoshes, but I'll bet it wasn't.

We tend to worry when we shouldn't. We have parents who are willing to do our worrying for us. My father handled the fretting in my family. My mother said that worrying was like sitting in a rocking chair. It gave you something to do, but it didn't get you anywhere.

My mother did worry that I considered the films of The Three Stooges to be documentaries and that I would become a knucklehead because I read Mad magazine. I studied that periodical in the drugstore. I read in fits and starts, my reading interrupted by drugstore employees yelling, "Are you going to buy that magazine?" I wasn't going to buy it. I was as broke as a joke. If they didn't want people to read in the drugstore, they shouldn't have put in a library. Alfred E. Neuman was Mad's cover boy. His signature phrase was, "What, me worry?"

Unlike Alfred, we tend to be obsessive-compulsive when it comes to worrying. We worry that we worry too much. We become worrywarts.

A neighbor stands in his cornfield during a rain because he's worried about the corn drinking alone. He worries about all the mistakes he's never made. Worrying is a misuse of the imagination. His parents were homebodies. The only time they went out was when the gas stove in their kitchen exploded. They didn't worry about their lack of travel. They were already in the place they would

have wanted to go.

A neighbor kid, Spot, wasn't a worrier. One summer, when he was too small for his britches, he ran a lemonade stand offering a watered-down product at a quarter a glass. The minister stopped by and bought a glass. He complimented Spot on the bouquet of the drink and reminded his young parishioner that he shouldn't forget to give God His share of the profits. He followed that admonition by giving Spot a look that could have worked as a laxative. After Spot closed his stand for the day, he grabbed all the quarters he'd taken in and tossed them into the air. I asked why he did that.

Spot explained, "What God wants, He keeps. What falls to the ground, I keep."

My aunt, on the other hand, worried about things. She got a cellphone. She was concerned whether she could learn to use or afford it. She asked me how a cellphone works. I was more than willing to tell her because although often wrong, I'm never in doubt. I said that if there was a dog that stretched from her home to mine and she stepped on its tail, it would bark in my home. I assured her that the phone worked the same way.

My aunt stopped worrying about her cellphone and began worrying about me.

A neighbor made a bad decision and ended up in jail for stealing a car. His wife called the sheriff to plead for his release. The sheriff asked, "Is he a good husband and father?"

"Not really. He drinks and gambles. He's too poor to paint and too proud to scrape," she replied. He was no Hallmark card.

"Then why do you want him back?" asked the police officer.

The woman said, "I need a ride."

She was a pragmatic worrier.

My cousin has a wristwatch with only one hand. The other hand fell off years ago. He can't remember if it was the hour hand or the minute hand that disappeared, but he doesn't worry about it. He never needs to set the time ahead or back. He has that going for him, which is nice.

So, if you find yourself worrying that the Kardashians might have head lice, you should make sure that you take a coat everywhere you go. That way, at least you won't have to worry about being cold.

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#### Byam & Weiss from P. 18

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### The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

As I pause to look back at the movies released during the first half of 2012, one stands, in my opinion, head and shoulders above all the other entries. That film is *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, an endearing comedy/drama that invites us to reflect on life, love, and self-renewal.

Seven British citizens respond to a website, six for financial reasons and one for personal reasons, that beckons retirees to spend their autumn years in the comfort and splendor of an Indian palace. What they find when they arrive in India, however, is a palace that has seen better days, and that's an understatement. The one silver lining is hotel manager Sonny Kapoor (played by

Dev Patel, the male lead in the Oscar-winning *Slumdog Millionaire*). What Sonny lacks in experience is more than made up for by his boundless energy and enthusiasm.

The cast reads like a Who's Who of English cinematic royalty, including such names as Judi Dench, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith, and Bill Nighy. The all-star ensemble deliver standout performances in their portrayals of seniors coming to terms with a culture totally different than their own.

I saw *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* in May during its theater release and haven't been able to stop talking about it. Now that it's available on DVD, I am enjoying it again. It's simply that good.

This film is rated PG-13.

### Scenic Valley Area VIII Agency on Aging



#### News You Can Use

by Joan Ness

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The holidays are here – time to enjoy visiting family and friends, to participate in religious services if that is our habit, and to remember those less fortunate. Sad to say, this joyful time of special meals, music and entertainment is when we need to be alert to what is happening around us. Santa isn't the only one working overtime.

**Scammers and thieves are busy pretending to collect money for needy people**

here and in high profile situations around the globe. Give only to organizations you've worked with before, or that are introduced to you through institutions you trust such as your church or synagogue.

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### An Iowa Born Legend Bix Beiderbecke

Born: March 10, 1903, Davenport, IA

When he was two years old, Bix stunned his parents by toddling up to the piano and picking out a tune. Few diaper-clad babies have ever wowed their parents more than this Davenport baby did. In a few years he could play any song he heard. So perfect was his ear that he even played the same mistakes that were in the piece he copied.

Bix (Leon) Beiderbecke later was to become an American musical genius—and an American tragedy. Along with Louis Armstrong, he towered over jazz in the twenties. His life loosely inspired Dorothy Baker's celebrated thirties novel, *Young Man With a Horn*, a book that later became a film.

When he was a young teen, a friend gave him a cornet, which he quickly mastered, and

Bix was never the same. As a youngster he got jobs playing in the riverboat bands that plied the Mississippi River past his Davenport home.

Bix had two problems. One with a sheet of music which he couldn't read; the other, with a bottle of gin which he couldn't control. Gradually Bix learned to read enough music to hold down jobs with the leading orchestras of the time, most notably the world-renowned Paul Whiteman orchestra where he played lead cornet. Bix never did conquer booze.

When he was 28, the music stopped. Bix numbed and debilitated by alcoholic excess, died without wife or child, and with only a few solos recorded on popular songs of the day. But this Iowa legend left a legacy in his unique style of jazz that today has been copied by virtually every jazz cornetist from Louis Armstrong to the present.

**StRaNgE But True**

by Samantha Weaver

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- It's not known who made the following sage observation: "The sharper your words are, the more they'll hurt if you have to swallow them."
- Any given major ballet company will go through about 3,000 pairs of toe shoes every year. Under normal use, one pair will last for about one hour of performing.
- A male sea otter shows affection by biting his mate's nose.
- If you're a young baseball player hoping to make it in the big leagues, you might want to keep this fact in mind: Only 8 percent of those who sign major-league contracts actually play in even a single big-league game. The other 92 percent spend their careers languishing in the minor leagues for a pittance.

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTING**

by Larry Cox

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**Q:** I have inherited an old Singer sewing machine and wonder if it is worth keeping.

**A:** There are millions of older Singer sewing machines tucked away in American homes. Because so many were made, they really aren't worth that much money as a collectible. Most of the treadle models that I've seen in antique shops and malls have been priced well below \$200. For example, I spotted a Singer Model No. 15-30 from about 1910 for \$175, a Singer Model 66 for \$195.

**Q:** I have a collection of Look, Life and Saturday Evening Post magazines from the 1960s and '70s. What do you think they are worth?

**A:** In the case of magazines, you truly can judge them by their covers. JFK covers, for example, generally sell for a couple dollars more than many of the others. Most Look, Life and Saturday Evening Post magazines from this period are fairly plentiful and generally retail in the \$5 to \$10 range in shops.

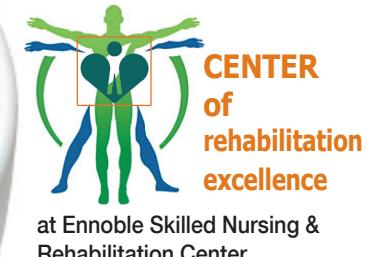
- Those who study such things say that Southerners watch more TV than residents of any other region of the country.
  - If you average out the depth of the world's seas and the elevation of the land, you'll find that the ocean is four times as deep as the land is high.
  - Researchers studying the workings of memory briefly showed human volunteers sequences of five numbers on a computer screen. When asked to repeat the numbers, the test subjects could accurately do so half the time. The same researchers conducted the same test with a chimpanzee named Ayumu, who was able to recall the number sequences 80 percent of the time.
- Thought for the Day: "What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better."



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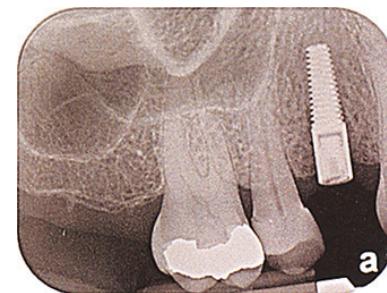
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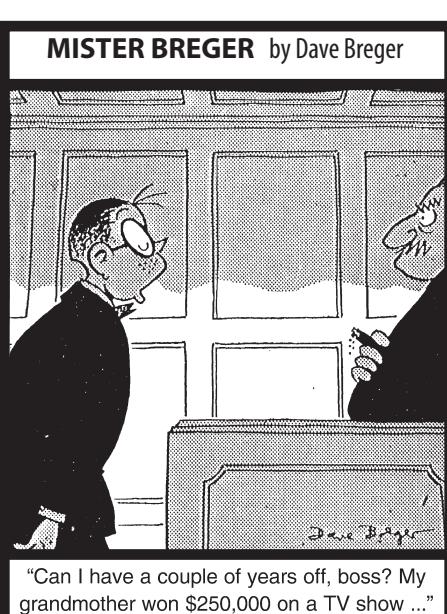
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by  
Paula J. Giese

**Hotel Transylvania:** I liked this movie so much, I saw it twice. Everyone I've recommended it to has also liked it. Adam Sandler is the voice behind the main character's father, Dracula. He is raising a daughter, Selena Gomez, on his own since his wife passed away. He decides to build a hotel for all the monster friends and his daughter in order to keep an eye on them and keep them safe from humans. Before you get to the hotel, there is a big scary haunted forest too. The movie is about when Dracula's daughter, Mavis, turns 118, and the birthday party he has for her. All their friends and relatives come. The voice talents of Kevin James, Steve Bateman, Molly Shannon, and Andy Samberg, all appear in this film. It's very funny, adventurous, and quite touching. \*\*\*\*1/2

**Looper:** A very interesting fact about this movie is Joseph Gordon Levitt spent three hours a day in makeup to make himself look like Bruce Willis. Loopers were people in the future who were paid to kill individuals who were sent to them blindfolded. If you didn't kill your target, then you were hunted down and killed yourself. The real trouble begins after Joseph doesn't kill a target. This is a film you have to pay very close attention to as it can be very confusing. It may even help to see it twice. It does make sense and even though it's a science fiction type – which aren't my favorite – it wasn't too bad. \*\*1/2

**Take 2:** The nations critics didn't think very much of this film, but I thought for a sequel it worked. It would help to see the first one before you go to this one. Liam Neeson is very good and Maggie Grace pulls off her role. Neeson's character is called to Istanbul for work and asks his daughter and ex-wife to join him. Because of the men he had to kill in order to get his daughter back, they are seeking revenge. He and his wife are taken hostage. They could have even done more with the movie, but there was plenty of action and I thought it worked well. \*\*\*1/2

**Bill W:** This is a documentary about one of the co-founders of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in the 1930s. The entire movie is dedicated to the life of Bill Wilson. They have a lot of film footage and interviews of Bill. I've never seen a movie about AA so what better way than to see the real person on the big screen. Dubuque was very fortunate to get this film as it is only out in a limited number of theaters. \*\*\*\*

**Argo:** I would have to agree with the rest of the nations critics in that this was an excellent movie. I didn't remember the original story from 1979, but Ben Affleck did an amazing job. Allen Arkin, John Goodman, and Ben Affleck are some of the main stars in this movie. When six American Embassy employees find refugee at the Canadian ambassadors home in Iran after the embassy is taken over by Iranian rebels, the United States sends over a man pretending to make a space movie. The movie includes the six Embassy employees as part of the crew. It is a really interesting and well-made movie. \*\*\*\*1/2

**Here Comes the Boom:** Kevin James does it again. He is very funny. This is a fairly predictable movie but it does have a couple surprises. The high school James is a teacher at is going to have to eliminate the music department because of budget cuts. That means Henry Winkler, the music director, would be out of a job. James' character decides to raise the money they need himself. Selma Hayek helps him. The film is funny, touching, and has some action. \*\*\*1/2

**Alex Cross:** This is a character from author, James Patterson. Morgan Freeman starred in the first two Patterson books that were made into movies including: "Kiss the Girls" and "Along Came a Spider." Tyler Perry plays the new Alex Cross. He is a NYPD detective who is after a few ruthless killers. He also has a criminology degree and can think like a killer. Edward Burns plays his partner and Cicely Tyson plays his mother. It becomes personal when the killer comes after his partner and his family. Well done for making a book into a movie. \*\*\*\*

**Cloud Atlas:** This movie is adapted from the 2004 novel by David Mitchell. It tells six stories over the course of approximately 3 hours. I would say you could put this under the sci-fi category. The acting talents of Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Hugh Grant, and Susan Sarandon are all on display in this film. All of the actors have a part in each of the six stories and it takes awhile to get acclimated to each story. The stories range from the early 1900s to way into the future. If you do see this film pay close attention to how they speak in the future because they switch their words around. Overall I liked the movie. It was different but each story was good in and of itself. \*\*\*1/2

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**Yesterday & Today from P. 17**

in the city directory. Nine morticians and seven cemeteries provided services for those who had departed.

What the itinerant photographer captured on his camera in the spring of 1912 is a rare snapshot in time. His photographs portray a city at work at a time before there were child labor laws, before such agencies as OSHA existed, and when the laboring class struggled earning an average wage of \$750 per year and many worked for less than \$7.00 per week. This was the waning years of the Progressive Era in American history and these images capture the life of the working class. The

documentary photos make a profound statement about the nature of work – of how humans work to live, and how that work ultimately shapes human life.

A selection of these photographs, now known as the William J. Klauer, Sr. Collection housed at the Loras College Center for Dubuque History, together with some similar ones taken in 2012 by local artist Tim Olson, will be on display at the Dubuque Museum of Art beginning December 7, 2012 through March 17, 2013. See the accompanying ad for the "A City at Work 1912-2012" exhibit and also visit [www.acityatwork.com](http://www.acityatwork.com) for more images and information.

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donations during this annual campaign. The donated items are given to schools and non-profit organizations throughout Dubuque County, who then give them to children in need. The items help to warm the heads, hands, and feet of little ones this winter, and the generosity warms the hearts of RSVP staff and Advisory Council.

The annual campaign is spear-headed by the RSVP Advisory Council. If you would like to find out more about volunteering for the Advisory Council please contact RSVP at **563.589.2622**.

**Dollars & Sense**  
by David Uffington  
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**Good vs. Bad Debt**

Not all debt is bad. In spite of our being encouraged to clear all debt so that we don't owe anything to anyone, there are some types of debt that are good and can add positively to our quality of life.

The two key steps are to invest only in good debt, and to keep good debt from turning into bad debt.

Mortgages are considered good debt, and it's the biggest debt most families take on. It's not likely that anyone can save enough to buy a house for cash. Mortgages allow families to buy their own home to live in and enjoy and to (theoretically) build up equity. Turn a good debt into a better debt -- pay it off more quickly by making extra payments. Even \$100 a month extra can shave years off the end of your mortgage.

Where mortgage debt becomes bad is if you take on more than you can handle. Late payments lead, at the very least, to increased fees and penalties. Taken to the extreme, late payments can result in bankruptcy and ruined credit.

Other examples of good debt (that which will appreciate or gain value down the road) are education loans for college (greater earning power), business loans (greater business-building power) and home-equity loans for needed improvements (increase the value of the home).

Bad debt is debt you incur for anything that won't gain in value or that has only a momentary value, is disposable or is incurred for things you don't really need.

Vehicles are considered bad debt because vehicles never gain in value. You lose value the minute you drive off the dealer's lot. However, vehicles are necessities. Make the largest down payment you can to keep your payments small, and then pay extra on the loan to pay it off quickly.

Nearly anything you put on a credit card makes it a bad debt. Don't charge things of low value unless you're going to pay off the balance at the end of the month. Meals out, groceries, oil changes, vacations and clothing are bad bets to charge because they'll never gain in value and are disposable.

The rule of thumb is: If it doesn't gain in value, try to pay cash.

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## Memories Passed On (As told to my grandson Maury)

by Jerry Eberhardt

### The Best Of Jerry

#### Memory # 27 (Part II) A Manufactured Run Won Our Longest Game!

You'll recall, Maury, that grandpa used the phrase "manufactured a run" in Part I of this memory which I promised to explain. Basically, it means concentrating on getting one run and is often tried in a close game. This is accomplished by using a series of baseball strategies. Think of it, Maury, in terms of when you used building blocks. Just as each block was important in getting the result you wanted, the same is true in the use of "baseball blocks" while trying to manufacture a run.

Before describing how we did this in the bottom of the 21st, grandpa will explain one of these strategies (or "blocks"), namely the bunt. A bunt, Maury, is "catching" a pitched ball with your bat causing the ball to roll only 10–30 feet. (Not stabbing at the ball, but drawing the bat back at contact, aids accuracy and helps "deaden" the ball). There are two types of bunts:

1. To get yourself on base, or
2. The sacrifice bunt to advance a runner.

Now, Maury, grandpa can tell you how we manufactured the winning run using four "baseball blocks":

Block 1. Cuzzie Ottavi, our shortstop, batted first that inning and he bunted "to get on."



Jerry Eberhardt with grandson, Maury Cohn

(His speed and placement of the bunt prevented the catcher, pitcher or third baseman from throwing him out).

Block 2. On a given pitch, our manager gave the steal sign and Cuzzie successfully stole second.

Block 3. Bob Schlueter, our second baseman, sacrifice bunted to the left side of the infield to move Cuzzie from second to third.

Block 4. With a man on third and only one out, a fly ball deep enough to the outfield, or any hit, would produce a run. Grandpa's memory is a bit hazy on this.

I think Matty, our first baseman, got a hit, but either way, we finally put ourselves in position to win the game – and we did! Now, Maury, you know what is meant by "manufacturing" a run in baseball.

Much love, Grandpa.

P.S. The Telegraph Herald awarded \$1000 in tournament prize money. First Place was \$500. This was one of the years we won it!

### "When It Happens to You"

By Molly Ringwald

(Harper Collins, \$24.99)

Review by

Rose McAllister Croke

Actress Molly Ringwald makes a powerful literary debut by exploring the themes of betrayal, infidelity, infertility, estrangement and gender identity in "When It Happens to You." The book, described as "a novel told in stories," is centered around Phillip and Greta, a Los Angeles couple whose marriage is on the brink of dissolution.

The characters reveal the darkest parts of themselves, with each character making either a terrible mistake or a life-altering choice. All of the characters muddle through their own emotionally eviscerating experiences and struggle to arrive at a place of forgiveness and acceptance.

In "The Harvest Moon," a stay-at-home mother struggles with her self-worth in the face of aging, infertility and an increasingly distant husband. In "Ursa Minor," a former children's television star re-examines his life when his acting career stalls

after a stint in rehab. An elderly woman mourns the loss of her husband and her estranged relationship with her only child in "The Little One." In "My Olivia," a conflicted single mother struggles to protect her 6-year-old son who wishes only to wear dresses and be addressed as "Olivia."

Finally, in the novel's title story, a betrayed wife chronicles her pain and pens a brutally honest letter to her husband's mistress. "When it happens to you, you will ask him why he would choose to forsake this good, sweet life that you carefully built together for a girl who couldn't begin to understand him," Ringwald writes. "And then you'll realize that is partially the point. He doesn't want to be understood. He wants to be misunderstood because in the misunderstanding lies the possibility of reinvention."

In her debut novel, Ringwald examines the nuances of the most intimate of relationships and portrays how the ties that bind can easily become threads that fray if not properly nurtured.

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## Sports Comment

by Gary Dolphin

V.P.  – Business Development  
and Voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes

### From Where I Sit

Friday's 13-7 loss to Nebraska sent the Iowa football team home for the holidays for the first time in five years. The Hawkeyes won't be going to a post season bowl for the just the second time in twelve seasons. Iowa lost six straight games to end the year. That hadn't happened since Coach Kirk Ferentz first arrived in 1999.

The problems evident in this game have been there all season. The inability of the offense to generate consistency in the passing game doomed the Iowa attack. Where does the blame lie? Quarterbacking, receivers, offensive line protection and new coaching coordinator, Greg Davis, probably share the finger pointing. Iowa could not stretch the field vertically with it's wide receivers. There were few big plays in the passing game.

If the current personnel are lacking in play making ability, then its up to the coaching staff to find the right fit through recruiting. Quarterback, James Vandenberg, threw 25 touchdown passes in 2011 but just seven this year with eight interceptions. That's a head scratcher. Now with Vandenberg graduating, the Hawkeyes look to a brand new signal caller next year. In line are Jake Rudock, Cody Sokol and C J Beath-

ard. None of the three has ever taken a snap from center.

Iowa lost six of eight games by an average of three points. They remain losses but with games that close, four or five big plays over sixty minutes make the difference and the Hawkeyes did not get the job done in that area.

Coach Kirk Ferentz will start the evaluation in a week or so and he will start with himself and what changes need to be made with staff, players and philosophy. Ferentz has been called too conservative more than once but I can assure you he's not opposed to change and there will be some. Beyond curing the passing game woes, I like what comes back next season in many area's. The running game is in good shape with Mark Weisman and Damon Bullock. The offensive line will have to replace James Ferentz and Matt Tobin but a lot of gifted players return and there will be four or five tight ends with experience.

Defensively, the talented trio of linebackers return led by James Morris and Anthony Hitchens, both of whom registered 100 plus tackles. The young defensive line needs to get better and bigger but has the potential and in the secondary the Hawkeyes have

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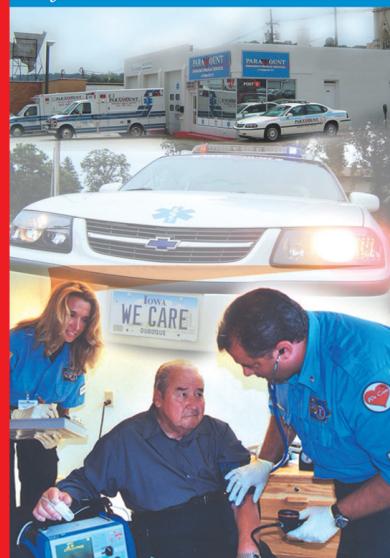
to replace star corner back, Micah Hyde.

Dubuque Wahlert product Mike Meyer had a record setting year at place kicker and returns for his senior year.

While there are definitely holes to plaster in, I'm confident Iowa will bounce back to it's winning ways in 2013. Next season has already started in terms of preparation.

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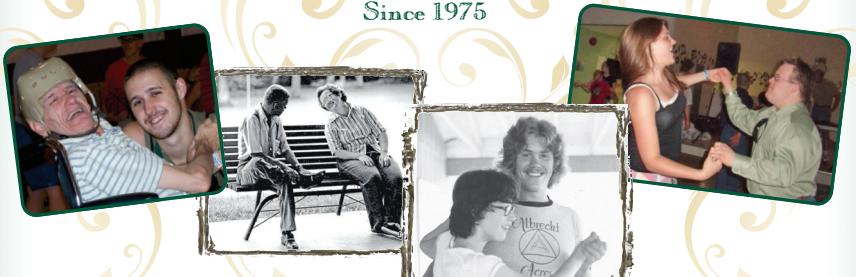
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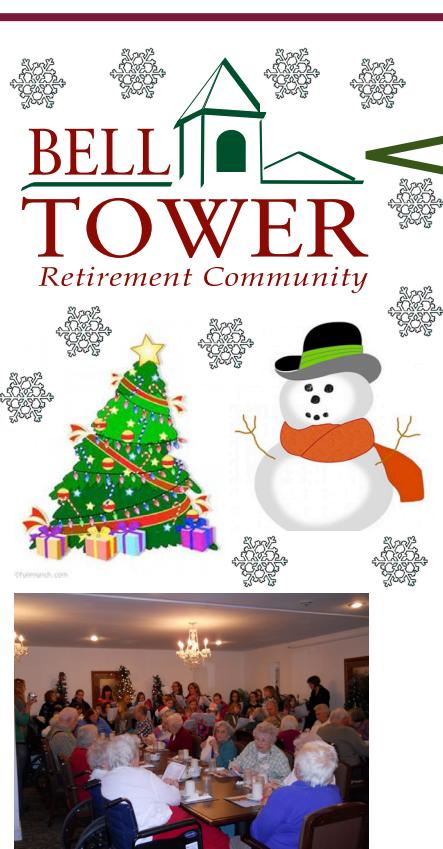
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Top with remaining 9 graham crackers. Spread remaining pumpkin mixture over top. Evenly spread remaining 3/4 cup whipped topping over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 8.



## Mac Mavericks Macintosh User Group

by Steve Hafenbredl, The Macintosh Reporter

The mission of the Mac Maverick Users Group is to provide software support, hardware support and new product information. User group members help each other with Macintosh computer and iOS issues.

Apple recently rolled out new iMac and Mac mini models that can be configured with a proprietary "Fusion Drive." This technology presents a solid-state drive (SSD) and a hard disk drive (HDD) as a single volume to the user. It combines the performance of flash storage with the capacity of a hard drive. Presented as a single volume on your Mac, Fusion Drive automatically and dynamically moves frequently used files to Flash storage for quicker access, while infrequently used items move to the hard disk.

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the system learns how you work you'll see faster application launches and quicker file access. The Fusion Drive is the latest in a long line of innovations from Apple.

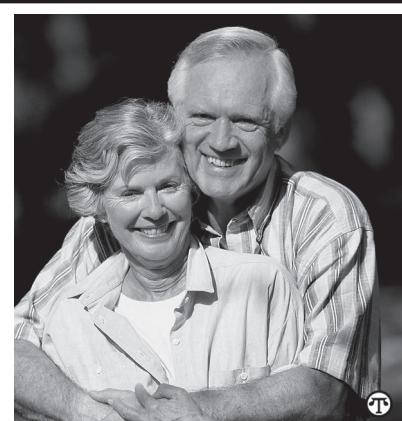
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### Six Questions About Long-Term Care

(NAPSA)-One of the most common objections to buying long-term care insurance is the notion that you can pay for long-term care services yourself if and when those services are needed. According to Mutual of Omaha Vice President Brad Buechler, however, there are many reasons self-funding may not be in your best interests.

#### Ask yourself these six questions:

1. What about your spouse? Even if you think you have enough money to pay for long-term care, think about what will happen if you need care for several years and the financial impact on your spouse's retirement and future care.
2. Have you considered the tax implications? Most people don't have money set aside specifically for long-term care. That means they may have to liquidate assets. When that happens, capital gains tax, income tax and potential penalties can all take a bite out of the returns those assets were expected to generate.
3. Are you prepared to invade your plan? People with significant assets generally have a plan for those assets. No one wants to use money that's been set aside for retirement or a child's inheritance to pay for long-term care services. You don't want to have to cash in an asset meant to fund something else.
4. Have you thought about the cost of lost opportunity? Even if you have funds specifically to pay for long-term care services, that money must be invested so there's enough available to pay for care 10, 15 or 20 years down the road. That



A long-term care insurance policy provides the funds to pay for the care people need when they need it—whether it's tomorrow or 20 years from now.

5. Can you really save enough? There are a lot of "what ifs" when it comes to investing your own money to pay for long-term care services. What if you don't save enough? What if your assets don't earn enough interest? And the biggest "what if": What if you need long-term care tomorrow? There's no guarantee anyone will have 10 or 20 years to save.
6. Are you sure you'll get the care you need? Most people who say they'll self-fund are reluctant to use long-term care services because they know the cost is coming out of their own pockets.

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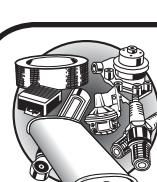


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### The Christmas Season

by Grandma

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone. It is time to put away the fall decorations. They have been up for two months as the same decorations can take you from Halloween to Thanksgiving. At my age I have to seriously consider, do I want to put all those decorations away to be hauled out again next year, or is it time to downsize. Downsize is winning the mental discussion I am having with myself.

Now for the job of decorating for Christmas. Sometimes I am really torn when I go shopping either online or in a store. There are so many new pretty decorations. It is very tempting to just toss your tried and true decorations that usually have a story to go with them, and purchase all new fresh, bright and sparkly decorations. I usually purchase one new decoration each Christmas season.

To me the colors of red and green seem to be cheerful and so are all the wonderful Christmas lights that so many people have put out around town. Also a drive through Murphy Park is a must see. Each year there are different displays. We take one night during the holidays to make a drive around town and through Murphy Park to get our fill of holiday sparkle.

Christmas season is a busy time of year. People do things that they don't do other times of the year. Christmas parties are always fun, no matter if you are having the party yourself or going as a guest to the party. People make goodies that they

don't usually make at other times of the year.

It just isn't Christmas without Christmas cookies. Years ago I would make at least ten different kinds. Most of these cookies were only made at Christmas time. Especially the Spritz and cut out cookies. Little kids always like to help decorate the cutout cookies. I don't make very many of my own anymore. I have found a great tradition that some churches have and that is the cookie walk. Not only can you get lots of cookies, but you get to see many of your neighbors there. It is real festive.

What would Christmas be without Christmas cards. It is a time consuming job, but it is fun getting cards from other people. If you don't send cards, chances are you won't receive very many. The out of town people get a little Christmas letter. I try to keep it short. The week between Christmas and New Years Day, I make a hot cup of tea and read all the Christmas cards. To me it is kind of a Christmas present after Christmas.

Our church is having an Advent tea again this year. The little sandwiches and tiny desserts are always excellent. The tables are always decorated so pretty. There will be scripture readings and a little talk about Advent and the coming of the Christ Child. I will be making four dozen finger sandwiches for the event. There will be many people there that I know.

Christmas Carols are an important part of the Christmas season. It is so uplifting to have Christmas Carols playing in the background as you go about your busy schedule at home. My book club meets at my home for our December meeting. We gather around the dining room table and sing carols after we eat and discuss the monthly book pick.

I realize I have been blessed to have these wonderful things going on in my life. My wish is that you have a Blessed Christmas.



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After spending 3 1/2 hours enduring the long lines, surly clerks and inane regulations at the department of motor vehicles, I stopped at a toy store to pick up a gift for my son. I brought my selection—a baseball bat—to the cash register. "Cash or charge?" the clerk asked. "Cash," I snapped. Then, apologizing for my rudeness, I explained, "I've spent the afternoon at the motor-vehicle bureau."

"Shall I gift-wrap the bat?" the clerk asked sweetly. "Or are you going back there?"

My husband takes our old clothes and tears them into wiping cloths to use in his re-

pair shop. One morning, I gave him some flannel shirts and a threadbare nightgown.

That evening we were shopping at a department store. "Hey honey," he called to me across an aisle. "Did you buy a new nightgown to replace the one I tore up this morning?"

At the rehearsal dinner before my niece's wedding, my brother-in-law toasted the groom's father and thanked him for a wonderful party. Then he offered a toast to the bride and groom, who were "entering a new chapter in their lives."

"After tomorrow, we, too, will be entering a new chapter in our lives," he concluded. "It's called Chapter 11."

**"This Just In From The National Weather Service".... Researched by Steve Repp - Galena Public Library...**

- This section was visited by the first thunder storm of the season last night. For a time the artillery of heaven was deafening and the rain descended in torrents.

- The heavy rain storm which prevailed in this section late yesterday threatened for a time to submerge us lowly residents of the valley and sweep from off the hills everything moveable from a frame house to a chicken coop.

- The intense heat of yesterday culminated in a severe storm as rain fell heavily converting the streets leading from the hills into rapidly running creeks. It was accompanied by high wind and terrific thunder and lightning.

- An intense heat last night kept sleep from the eyes of many people. A brisk breeze prevailed through its effect was

like a blast from a furnace.

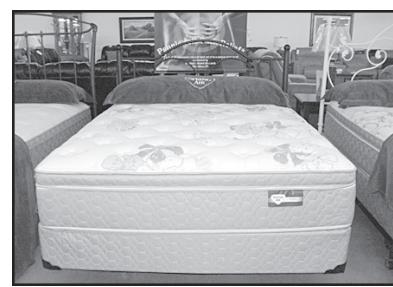
- These are just several examples of weather being reported in the area from the Galena Daily Gazette from years ago... The last report could very well match our most recent weather.

Today's radar gives its viewers a real good picture of conditions as they are happening. But what is interesting here is that the beginning of the National Weather Service dates back into the 1800s.

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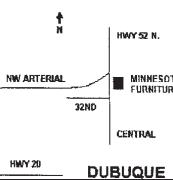
The agency was placed under the Secretary of War because "military discipline would probably secure the greatest promptness, regularity and accuracy in the required observations." One final note...the National Weather Service as we know it today in 1870 with a joint resolution of Congress signed by a President of the United States by the name of Ulysses S. Grant.

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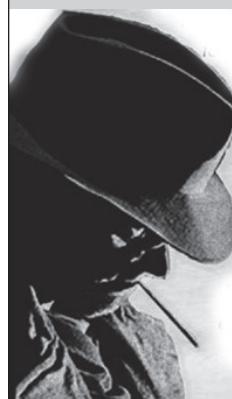
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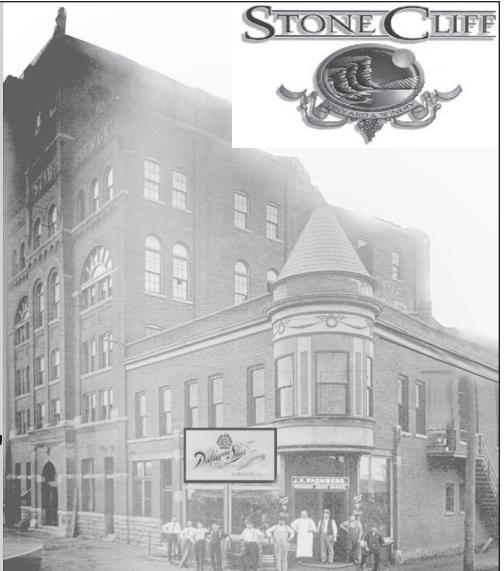
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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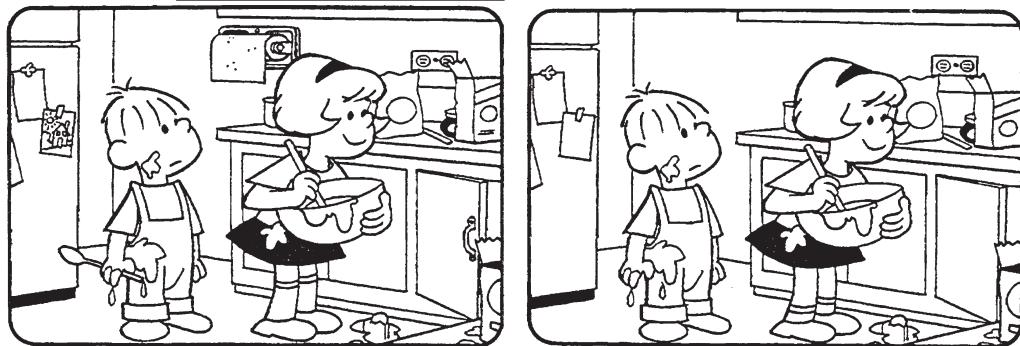
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**CROSSWORD Answer**

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**HOCUS - FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least 6 differences in details between panels

1. Picture is missing. 2. Spoon is missing. 3. Paper towels are missing.  
 4. Socks are shorter. 5. Handle is missing. 6. Box is different.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME BY AL SCADUTO

**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

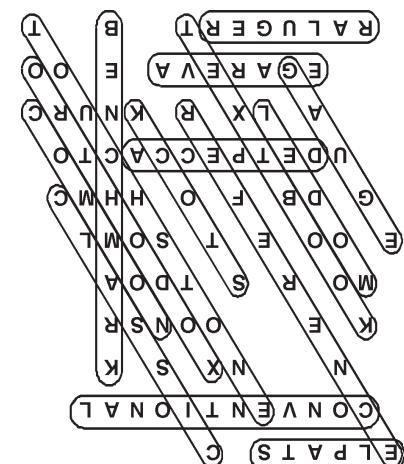
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**DIFFICULTY:** ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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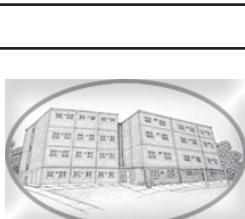
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