



## *Winter is finally over!*

This winter was one of the worst for most of the country, and Iowa was no exception. We had more cold days this last winter than we had in the past 5 years. So all of us were ready for Spring to arrive.

In celebration of the end of winter, I went to the Harvest Perennial Plant Sale at Seed Savers in Decorah. It is always a treat to see all the rare plants they have at the center.

This year I was excited to buy some outdoor hollyhock that I planted against the barn. Anybody who lives in the Iowa countryside knows every barn needs some hollyhock growing against the side of the building.

I also am trying Aunt Molly Cherry. This plant peaked my interest. It grows on a fence as a vine and the sweet fruit is housed in a pod. The fruit is supposed to taste like cherry and can be used for eating, jams, and

pies.

I also purchased everlasting sweet pea. I remember the fragrant sweet pea that my grandmother had growing along her back fence. In memory of her, I hope it grows abundantly.

This year I was not able to get my vegetable garden finished until last weekend. The ground was just not thawing out enough to turn the ground. But last weekend I was able to get my peas, potatoes, tomatoes, onions and zucchini planted. The sweet rain came after the planting and everything is growing straight and strong.



*Seed Saver Exchange in Decorah. The seed saver center has a vault with heirloom seeds, an ancient apple orchard and a unique breed of cattle. It is worth a visit!*

## *What is happening in Dubuque this Spring?*

The Farmers' Market is up and running every Saturday morning. I enjoy the variety found at the market from starter plants, fresh spring produce from our local farms, baked goods, meat, cheese, wine and hand-crafted crafts and jewelry. The market is open from 7a.m. to noon. in downtown Dubuque.

Each year I enjoy the Great Galena Balloon Race. This year the balloons are set to rise into the horizon on Saturday June 21st. Sev-

eral new events at the race will include the Ale Fest featuring 100 beers to sample the night before from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and the Wine Flights featuring 100 wines open to sample on the day of the balloon race. So, mark your calendars now. Galena is a mere 20 minutes from [Quiet Walker Lodge](#).

Another fun experience is the Relay For Life event on June 6th and 7th, and I will be running the cancer survivor lap. The money raised goes to research to end cancer, and is spon-

sored by the American Cancer Society.

Also, there is plenty of great music rocking Dubuque this Spring. From lunchtime jams at the Town Clock to great artists at the Mississippi Moon Bar to the Grand Pops Orchestra at the Grand Opera House.

There is something for everyone in Dubuque. Come and experience our Dubuque!

# More Dubuque and Surrounding Area Activities

More information can be found at  
[www.AmericasRiverFestival.com](http://www.AmericasRiverFestival.com)



## Schedule of Events

### 25th Anniversary Weekend

**Friday, June 13 – Field of Dreams Activities – Dyersville, IA**

**12:00PM** Field of Dreams Site Closes to General Public

\*ALL VEHICLES WILL NEED A PARKING PERMIT TO STAY ON OR ENTER THE PROPERTY

**3:00PM** Shuttles begin transportation to FOD

**7:00PM** Private VIP Reception and Dinner at the Field of Dreams (VIP Only)

**7:00PM** Q & A with Movie Cast members hosted by Matt Lauer/NBC "Today Show"

**8:30PM** Movie Screening in Center Field

**Saturday, June 14 - Field of Dreams Activities – Dyersville, IA**

**8:00AM** Shuttles begin transportation to FOD

**9:00AM** Parade – Downtown Dyersville

\*ROUTE: 1ST AVENUE EAST, TURN RIGHT ON 6TH STREET SOUTHEAST, TURN RIGHT ON 3RD AVENUE SE

**10:00AM** VIP/Sponsor Softball Game 1

**10:30AM** Interviews with the Cast & Crew - Hosted by Bob Costas

**11:15AM** VIP/Sponsor Softball Game 2

**12:30PM** VIP/Sponsor Winners Bracket Game

**2:30PM** Celebrity Game

More information can be found at:  
[www.fodmoviesite.com/25thanniversary](http://www.fodmoviesite.com/25thanniversary)

June 13	June 14
<b>Country</b>	<b>Classic Rock</b>
5:00pm Festival Site Opens	5:00pm Festival Site Opens
5:30pm – 7:00pm Chasin' Grace Regional Stage	5:00pm – 7:00pm Main Street Jazz Band Regional Stage
7:00pm – 8:00pm Brett Kissel Main Stage	7:00pm – 8:00pm Gin Blossoms Main Stage
8:30pm – 9:30pm Parmalee Main Stage	8:30pm – 9:45pm Kevin Costner & Modern West Main Stage
10:00pm – 11:00pm Brett Eldredge Main Stage	10:15pm – 11:30am Joan Jett & The Blackhearts Main Stage
11:00pm – 12:00am Chasin' Grace Regional Stage	12:00am Festival Site Closes - See you in 2015!
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