

Jan 28 - Feb 28

Exhibition: Windows in the Church of Nature by Tom Dakin

This exhibit traces an unintentional journey of self-awareness that began years ago with a deck of cards using animals to reflect human behavior. From that starting point, Tom Dakin explored cross-stitch animal patterns, then beading, and eventually moved fluidly between media, creating new designs along the way. About six years ago, his muse led him to glass, where the work has continued to evolve. The show blends influences of mosaic, petroglyph, cave painting, prairie school, and fantasy, featuring totems that hold personal meaning for the artist while inviting universal reflection, reminding us that even an ant casts a shadow. Dakin hopes viewers reconnect with the fleeting joy of encountering wildlife and consider the value of recognizing and emulating the positive traits of other beings, a central idea of this "Church."

Date: January 28, 2026 - February 28, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Website: <http://www.clearlakeartscenter.org>

Location: 17 South 4th St, Clear Lake, IA

Contact: Faith Lawler Gallery Manager 641-357-1998

Email: info@clearlakeartscenter.org

Date/Time Details: Open Wednesdays - Saturdays 10AM - 4PM On view through February 28th, 2026

Fees/Admission: Free and open to the public

Feb 26

THINK BIGGER - A full-day experience for women who think differently, build boldly, and lead with soul.

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It's built for the founders, leaders, and innovators shaping what's next for North Iowa and for themselves. You'll leave with clarity, connection, and a renewed sense of direction for what comes next. Your \$100 ticket covers the full THINK BIGGER experience: a day intentionally crafted to nourish your ideas, expand your perspective, and move you forward with clarity and momentum.

LEARN MORE: <https://katiecaseydesigns.com/think-bigger-dont-box-yourself-in/>

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PURCHASE TICKET: <https://katiecaseydesigns.com/think-bigger-dont-box-yourself-in/#reserve-your-seat>

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Website: <https://katiecaseydesigns.com/think-bigger-dont-box-yourself-in/>

Location: **The Palms**

[464 N Shore Dr, Clear Lake, Iowa](#)

Contact: Katie Jensen

Email: KatieCaseyDesigns@gmail.com

Date/Time Details: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Fees/Admission: \$100 Ticket

Register here: <https://katiecaseydesigns.com/think-bigger-dont-box-yourself-in/#reserve-your-seat>

Feb 26

Jazz Night at Reserve 173°

Come experience the music scene Clear Lake is known for every Thursday night at Reserve 173° Bar & Grill. Enjoy live jazz from a talented local band alongside great food and a relaxed, upscale atmosphere.

Thursday is also the **only night** Reserve 173 offers **gluten-free Fettuccini Alfredo** with shrimp or chicken. Want to make it even more personal? Bring your favorite bottle of wine for a **\$30 corkage fee**.

Join us every Thursday from **6-9 p.m.** for live music, great food, and a classic Clear Lake night out.

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583091306423>

Location: Reserve 173° Bar & Grill, 306 1st Ave. N.

Date/Time Details: Thursdays from 6-9pm

Feb 26

Author Visit: Dave Markward

About the Book: From Dubuque to Selma & Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America is a powerful, inspiring, and thought-provoking memoir that explores the complexities of race in America. Through personal anecdotes and historical context, Dave invites readers to reflect on their own biases and work toward a more just and equitable future. About the Author Dave Markward has dedicated his professional life to public education, serving as a trusted source of knowledge for five decades. After graduating from Dubuque Senior High School (Iowa) and Augustana College (Illinois), Dave earned two advanced degrees from Western Illinois University and a doctorate from Illinois State University. He started his career as a junior high school science teacher, then served as a coach, principal, school district superintendent (including the Cedar Rapids Community School District and the Rock Island-Milan School District), college instructor and educational consultant. His first book, Free the Teachers: A Guide to Joyful Teaching and Learning, is dedicated to productive education reform. In his latest work, From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America, Dave delves into the complex world of racism. His memoir is a testament to his unwavering belief in humanity and the power of education to effect change.

Location: Surf Ballroom 460 N Shore Drive, Clear Lake, IA 50428

Contact: Medicalspajenna@gmail.com Jenna Krueger

Email: medicalspajenna@gmail.com

Date/Time Details: 6:30PM-9:00PM

Fees/Admission: \$15 Pre-Registration \$20 at the Door

Feb 27 LIVE MUSIC @ TAP'd

BIG UP and COMING alternative country artist Will Barnett returns to TAP'd for a FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW! You can expect original country music as well as covers from artists such as Chris Stapleton, Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson and more. TAP'd is THE SPOT with LIVE MUSIC EVERY Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 08:00 PM - 11:55 PM

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1401241345044711>

Location: 313 Main Avenue

Fees/Admission: FREE

Feb 27 All Request DJ Night at Rookies

Request your favorite songs from a live DJ!

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 09:00 PM - 11:55 PM

Location: Rookies Rockin' Sports Bar, 307 Main Ave.

Date/Time Details: 9pm-1am

Feb 27 Karaoke Night at Rumorz

Grab the mic, grab a drink, and let your inner rockstar shine ?

? Ice cold drinks

? All your favorite songs

? No judgment — just good vibes

? Kicks off at 9PM!

Bring your crew, belt it out, and make it a night to remember.

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 09:00 PM - 11:55 PM

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572996026865>

Location: Rumorz Bar & Grill, 1210 South Shore Dr.

Date/Time Details: Starts at 9pm

Feb 28 LIVE MUSIC @ TAP'd

BARRY RUTTER takes the TAP'd stage for the first time! BARRY comes to us from Ankeny to play us some country and rock on a SATURDAY NIGHT! We'll hear music from all the greats like Garth Brooks, Luke Holmes and even some Lynyrd Skynyrd! BARRY takes the stage @ 8! TAP'd is THE SPOT with LIVE MUSIC EVERY THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY!

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Website: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1494444015618155?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22ext](https://www.facebook.com/events/1494444015618155?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22ext)

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Mar 02 Mahjong

Whether you are new to Mahjong or have been playing for years, head to the library on Monday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to play. The group meets in Study Room C with overflow into the sun room. If you have a set, feel free to bring that with so multiple games can get going.

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 03:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Website: <http://www.cllibrary.org/library-calendar/>

Location: Clear Lake Public Library 200 N 4th St

Contact: 641-357-6133

Email: clplhistoryroom@gmail.com

Date/Time Details: Monday, March 2nd @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Fees/Admission: Free!

Mar 02 Writing Group

Bring a pencil and some paper (or grab your laptop) and join a community of writers. Use the time to work on a project or join in on the prompts and games provided. The group meets from 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Monday nights whenever the library is open.

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Website: <http://www.cllibrary.org/library-calendar/>

Location: Clear Lake Public Library 200 N 4th St

Contact: 641-357-6133

Email: clplassist@gmail.com

Date/Time Details: Monday, March 2nd @ 6:00 pm

Fees/Admission: Free!

Mar 03 **Mystery Book Club: The Silent Patient**

The Mystery Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the library. The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides: The Silent Patient is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband?and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive. Alicia Berenson's life is seemingly perfect. A famous painter married to an in-demand fashion photographer, she lives in a grand house with big windows overlooking a park in one of London's most desirable areas. One evening her husband Gabriel returns home late from a fashion shoot, and Alicia shoots him five times in the face, and then never speaks another word. Alicia's refusal to talk, or give any kind of explanation, turns a domestic tragedy into something far grander, a mystery that captures the public imagination and casts Alicia into notoriety. The price of her art skyrockets, and she, the silent patient, is hidden away from the tabloids and spotlight at the Grove, a secure forensic unit in North London. Theo Faber is a criminal psychotherapist who has waited a long time for the opportunity to work with Alicia. His determination to get her to talk and unravel the mystery of why she shot her husband takes him down a twisting path into his own motivations?a search for the truth that threatens to consume him....

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Website: <http://www.cllibrary.org/library-calendar/>

Location: Clear Lake Public Library 200 N 4th St

Contact: 641-357-6133

Email: clplassist@gmail.com

Date/Time Details: Tuesday, March 3rd @ 6:00 pm

Fees/Admission: Free!

Mar 04 - Apr 04 **North Iowa Student Art Show**

Celebrate Student Art Month at the Clear Lake Arts Center! Join us for the North Iowa Student Art Show, featuring outstanding artwork by K-12 students from across the region. This annual exhibition highlights the creativity, skill, and unique perspectives of our area's young artists. We invite you to stop by, support emerging artists, and experience the inspiring work of the next generation of creatives.

Date: March 4, 2026 - April 4, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Website: <http://www.clearlakeartscenter.org>

Location: Clear Lake Arts Center Hanson Gallery 17 S 4th St, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428

Contact: Tom Dakin, Events Manager

Email: info@clearlakeartscenter.org

Date/Time Details: On view March 4th – April 4th Wednesdays–Saturdays, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Fees/Admission: Free and open to the public

Mar 04 **BINGO Night at Reserve 173°**

Get ready Clear Lake! We're bringing the one and only Bingo Daddy to Reserve 173° Bar & Grill for a weekly night of laughs, prizes, and good vibes.

Date: March 4, 2026

Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583091306423>

Location: Reserve 173° Bar & Grill, 306 1st Ave N

Date/Time Details: 6-8pm

Mar 04 **VFW Bags Night**

VFW weekly bean bag night is every Wednesday. Sign up at 6:30pm, play begins at 7pm. \$1 entry per person, prize money awarded each week. Bring a snack to share if you like!

Date: March 4, 2026

Time: 06:30 PM - 09:00 PM

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/CLVFW>

Location: Clear Lake VFW