

CASTLE CRIER

Learning for the joy of learning

Winter 2017

Youthful Perspectives

With Sheldon Rieke and students, January 5 at 3:30 pm at the New Ulm Library lower level, 17 N Broadway

Come learn about life in your grandkids' daily world from SPOTS (Students Performing On Tough Situations), made up of 21 high school students from 5 different schools in Brown County. Each year they spend 2 days in training to create scenes on subjects that students need to talk about. These range from bus safety for kindergarteners to dating abuse and drugs at the high school level. After each scene they stay in character to answer questions. Then they break character and talk based on their experiences. They hope to help other students make better decisions and think about their actions. In the 2015-16 school year they performed 56 times for 2200 people. Let's soak up their message and add to the discussion.

Mason City Iowa's Historic Architecture with Lee Weber

January 9 at 1:30pm, Community Center, 600 N German St.

Frank Lloyd Wright saw two projects of his design completed in Mason City, Iowa between 1907 and 1911. How did it come about that a town of 10,000 people, far from any major population center, would have two buildings designed by the famous (and scandalous) architect and yet have those remarkable structures eclipsed by a contemporary within a decade? Who were the people who made it happen and what connection do they have with what is going on there today? Lee Weber lived in Mason City for 35 years & has unique insights on this subject.

Classical Music Appreciation with Prof. Wayne Wagner

January 18, 25 & Feb 1 at 1:30 pm, MLC Chapel lower level meeting room on the MLC Campus

Maybe you can tell the differences between popular or rock music of the 1950s, '60s, or '70s. But how about Classical Music of the 17th, 18th, 19th, or 20th centuries? One way to enjoy music is by understanding its main characteristics in different time periods. In these sessions we will listen to and learn about some of the important characteristics of European and American classical music in time periods past and present.

Quick Shout Out

-  **Youthful Perspectives**
January 5 3:30pm
NU Library lower level, 17N Broadway
-  **Mason City's Historic Architecture**
January 9 at 1:30 pm at the
Community Center Room 112
-  **Classical Music Appreciation**
January 18, 25 Feb 1 at 1:30 pm at
the MLC Chapel Lower Level
-  **Musical 'Crooners'**
January 19 at 1:30pm
Community Center Rm 112
-  **Birding with Al Batt**
Feb 2, 9, 16 at 1:30 pm Community
Center Rm 112.
-  **Wanna Have Fun Luncheon**
February 17, 11:30 a.m. at the
NU Country Club, \$9 optional
lunch.
-  **Renewable Energy**
February 21, 28 at 1:30 pm Com-
munity Center Rm 112 and March
7th tour, 310 1st St N, Power Plant.

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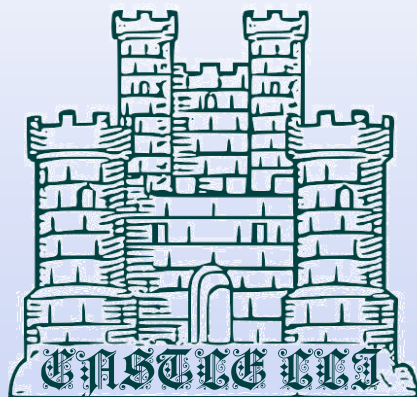
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Musical 'Crooners'

January 19 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center,
600 N German Street

State Street Theater's Kent Menzel will lead this class with music from such singers as Sinatra, Bennett and Martin. Remember a time when classic crooners owned the radio with the soothing sounds that helped us escape our stresses and soothe our spirits. Experience the satisfying, serene sounds of these larger-than-life entertainers. This will be followed with a public performance of 'Frank Sinatra & Friends: A Crooner's Tribute' at the Community Center on January 20 & 21 with tickets that can be purchased at the door.

A Doorway to Birding with Al Batt

February 2, 9, 16 at 1:30 pm at Community Center Rm 112

Al Batt of rural Hartland, MN is a well-known writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist. Al will help us unlock this door with the key of imagination. Beyond it is another dimension: a dimension of sound, a dimension of sight, a dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into birding!

Electrical & Renewable Energy

February 21, 28 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center, Room 112, 600 N German Street
March 7 at 1:30 at 310 1st St N, Power Plant

Pat Wrase and New Ulm Public Utilities staff will present a three-part course that covers electrical power sources, including renewable energy such as wind, solar and biomass. The final class will include a tour of the New Ulm Power Plant.

Wanna Have Fun Luncheon

February 17 at 11:30 am at New Ulm Country Club,
with optional lunch

with guest presenter Heather Hacker from A to Zinnia. Heather will demonstrate how to make your own version of the very popular 'fairy gardens'. \$9 at the door for lunch. This will be open to any potential CASTLE member, too.