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Jelly Roll jams for thousands at Dubuque casino

Q official says rising country star's Back Waters Stage performance was expected to be the biggest concert the venue has ever hosted.

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Bright red lights flashed and pyrotechnics flared on the Back Waters Stage at Q Casino in Dubuque on Sunday night, and a crowd of close to 7,000 people screamed as rising country and rap artist Jelly Roll emerged to grasp the microphone.

Eager fans from around the tri-state area pumped their fists and swayed to the beat of the song "The Lost" from the singer-songwriter's debut country album, "Whitsitt Chapel," released earlier this year.

"His songs are very emotional, and they're pure country," said Jonnie Cagley, who attended the show with her adult son Matt Manning, of Dubuque.

"When we saw he was going to be (performing) locally, it was an opportunity, and we took it."

Jelly Roll's Dubuque appearance was part of his North American "Backroad Baptism" summer tour.

"This is the 16th show (in the tour), and this is the 16th sold-out crowd in a row, baby," Jelly Roll told the crowd, just after he finished the song "Halfway to Hell."

Q Casino Chief Commercial Officer Stacy Kansky said ahead of the event that Jelly Roll's performance was anticipated to be the biggest concert ever hosted at the casino.

"Jelly Roll is a new phenomenon, and he's generating a lot

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Jelly Roll performs Sunday on the Back Waters Stage at Q Casino in Dubuque.

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Receptionist Maylin Coates (from left), registered nurse Brooke MacTaggart, and nurse practitioner

Mindi Jackson talk at Altruity Healthcare and Wellness Clinic in Manchester, Iowa.

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Manchester health clinic moves to larger space

Altruity Healthcare and Wellness Clinic offers primary care, IV therapy, weight-loss health and other services.

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Biz Buzz shares business tidbits from the tri-state area. In addition to this development from Manchester, Iowa, we will share other news in Tuesday's edition.

A holistic health care clinic has moved into a new space in Manchester.

Altruity Healthcare and Wellness Clinic moved last month to 1212 W. Marion St., near Walmart. The clinic is owned by Mindi Jackson and has an all-female staff.

"The goal at Altruity is to really create a safe spot for any person who walks through the door and make them feel known and seen," said Maylin Coates, who does reception work at the clinic. "I know a lot of patients, after they walk out of a room with Mindi, feel seen and loved."

Rachel Shuman, licensed nurse practitioner at the clinic, said Altruity began last September in a rented space at Lifetime Chiropractic and Wellness in Manchester.

"As our business grew, we needed more space," Shuman said.

The clinic offers a range of health services, including primary care, IV therapy and weight-loss health. Shuman said the clinic also will staff a pediatric nurse starting next year.

Stefanie Dingbaum works as a mental health therapist at the clinic.

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Couple embraces differences for 50 years

Curran and Lynn Smothers, of Key West, Iowa, have been married since Aug. 11, 1973.

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Curran Smothers has a very different recollection of how he first met Lynn Ney than she does.

"She saw me walking down the street and tried to grab me," Curran, now 73, said with a twinkle in his eye. "I just got tired of running."

When Lynn bursts into laughter and rolls her eyes following that story, it's clear that, despite being very different, the Key West couple are made for each other. "That's not how it happened,"



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Curran and Lynn Smothers sit outside their home in Key West, Iowa. The two recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Lynn explained, still laughing. "My girlfriend and I were walking down the street, and he and

his friend stopped and asked if we wanted a ride. Back in those days you could do that."

Lynn, now 68, said her girlfriend liked Curran's friend, and encouraged her to go out with Curran so they could double-date.

"I thought he was so sweet and good looking," Lynn said. "But I was 15. My parents weren't happy (with the age gap)."

Curran quickly became smitten with his future wife.

"I couldn't really see her because she was in the back seat," he said, laughing. But really, I thought she was pretty. And by the third date, I was hooked."

Curran and Lynn did what most young people did at the time, especially in Dubuque — they cruised in their cars, visited friends and "dragged the gut" along Main Street.

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