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Today is Monday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2023. There are 132 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE

- In 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia, resulting in the deaths of at least 55 White people; scores of Black people were killed in retribution in the aftermath of the rebellion, and Turner was later executed.
- In 1858, the first of seven debates took place between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.
- In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (It was recovered two years later in Italy.)
- In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.
- In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.
- In 1991, the hardline coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.
- In 1992, an 11-day siege began at the cabin of White separatist Randy Weaver in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, as government agents tried to arrest Weaver for failing to appear in court on charges of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns; on the first day of the siege, Weaver's teenage son, Samuel, and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan were killed.
- In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the red planet on a \$980 million mission.
- In 2000, rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

today's birthdays

Rock-and-roll musician **James Burton** is 84. Singer **Jackie DeShannon** is 82. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Willie Lanier** is 78. Actor **Patty McCormack** is 78. Pop singer-musician **Carl Giammarese** is 76. Actor **Loretta Devine** is 74. NBC newsmen **Harry Smith** is 72. Singer **Glenn Hughes** is 71. Actor **Kim Cattrall** is 67. Former NFL quarterback **Jim McMahon** is 64. Actor **Cleo King** is 61. Rock singer **Serj Tankian** (System of a Down) is 56. Actor **Carrie-Anne Moss** is 53. Milwaukee Brewers manager **Craig Counsell** is 53. Rock musician **Liam Howlett** (Prodigy) is 52. Actor **Alicia Witt** is 48. Singer **Kelis** is 44. TV personality **Brody Jenner** is 40. Singer **Melissa Schuman** is 39. Retired Olympic gold medal sprinter **Usain Bolt** is 37. Actor **Carlos Pratts** is 37. Actor-comedian **Brooks Wheelan** is 37.

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BIZ: Variety of services offered 'a huge benefit' for rural area

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Dingbaum said she began thinking about the need for a full-body health clinic in Delaware County after having to travel for fertility services.

"Think about all the small towns between Manchester and Cedar Falls or Cedar Rapids," she said. "I was getting sick of driving to the city for all these services. I believe there are more and more people wanting a full-body health approach."

By happenstance, Dingbaum connected with Jackson, and over the past year they discussed their shared goal of starting a holistic clinic in Manchester — including offering Dingbaum's mental health therapy to patients.

"We're letting people know you can come to Altruity and not only get mental health needs met but physical health needs met," she said. "It's all connected. Having a place like that all under one roof is a huge benefit, especially in a rural area."

Altruity Healthcare and Wellness can be reached at 563-822-0081. The clinic can also be found on Facebook.

Business tips sought

Do you have an interesting story idea or news tip to share about a local business? Ideas can be shared with business reporter Kayli Reese at kayli.reese@thmedia.com or 563-588-5673.

JELLY ROLL: Fans drawn to originality

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of attention and interest," she said. "I think people that weren't familiar with his music now have heard of him and are interested in seeing what he's all about."

The country and rap artist was the latest concert in the casino's Back Waters Stage lineup for this summer, which has included performers like chart-topping rapper Flo Rida, Grammy-winning country artist Darius Rucker, pop and country singer Elle King and Grammy-winning rock band Halestorm.

This weekend, two "Summer's Last Blast" concerts will be held, and the concert series will close with California-based alternative rock band Third Eye Blind on Sept. 9 and rock and bluegrass band Trampled by Turtles on Sept. 15.

Keith Rahe, president and CEO of Travel Dubuque, said the economic impact of a large concert like Jelly Roll for the tri-state area is profound, from the hotels where visitors stay to the restaurants and local stores they frequent during their visit.

He also pointed out that Q Casino has been consistently "building



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

their brand" through the summer concert series in recent years and continues to attract strong talent, which reinforces for regional concertgoers that Dubuque and the Back Waters Stage is the place to go for quality entertainment.

"Jelly Roll is one of the most popular acts in the country right now, and for them to be able to secure him and bring him into the region speaks volumes," Rahe said.

The show's opening act, Caitlynn Curtis, took to the stage at 7 p.m., performing songs like "Therapy" from her 2021 album, "Sad Girl Energy."

She also led the crowd in a short sing-along version of Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69."

"I've got to get y'all's voices warmed up, because we're going to have a hell of a night," she said. "Y'all got some pretty voices out there. I think you need to take my spot."

Lisa and Matt Mullen, of Darlington, Wis., attended the concert specifically to hear Curtis.

"She's original, honest, and she's got one hell of a voice," said Matt.

After Curtis completed her set, rapper and country singer Struggle Jennings performed as the second supporting act, beginning with his song "Troubadour of Troubled Souls."

"As I look around this crowd, I see the faces of people that have been to hell and back," he said. "But as I look around this

crowd, I see the faces of people who never gave up."

As night fell, seemingly every empty space on the casino's grounds was filled as attendees set up folding chairs or stood in small groups and turned their attention to the stage.

April Bankampen, of Fulton, Ill., has listened to Jelly Roll's music for years. She attended Sunday's concert with her husband, Butch Bankampen.

"I like it because it's original," April said of Jelly Roll's music.

Butch added, "It's about his life, every song, and his experiences that he's had in the past."

Friends Eli Lawrence and Dawn Long, of Monticello, Iowa, said Jelly Roll's story attracts them to his music. The singer spent time in prison in his younger years after being arrested on several counts of possession of drugs and attempted robbery, but ultimately earned his general education degree and has said he began to turn his life around after learning of the birth of his daughter while in prison.

"Understanding a little bit of the history and some of the challenges he's been through in his life is part of why I wanted to come, and to hear some great music, too," Lawrence said.

LOVE: 'They are dedicated to each other and to their family'

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A few years later, Curran proposed to Lynn, and the couple married on Aug. 11, 1973, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. They celebrated their 50th anniversary a few weeks ago with a surprise party hosted by their children at Murphy Park in Dubuque.

The couple has three children — Carrie, Curran Jr. (known as C.J. to his family and friends) and Lori. They also have three grandchildren.

Carrie said she knows the story of her grandparents' initial disdain for her father.

"Oh yeah," said Carrie, of Dubuque. "They didn't care for him at all because he was so much older. But they came around and saw what a hard worker he was and how he took care of my mom, and they really liked him then."

Curran worked for John Deere for 10 years before moving to the City of Dubuque's sanitation department, where he stayed for 25 years. He retired 10 years ago.

Lynn worked as a registered nurse for 27 years, first at Xavier Hospital and then at Mercy Hospital. She retired in 2005.

Carrie said when her mother was going back to school to get her RN degree, her dad held down the fort.

"My mom would be in classes all day, then go and work until 11 or 12 o'clock at night at the hospital," she said. "So Dad took care of dinner and bedtime and all of that. He really supported her in that."

Carrie remembers many family camping trips, often with extended family.

"We drove from Dubuque to



Lynn and Curran Smothers on their wedding day, Aug. 11, 1973. Contributed

California one year, and just camped along the way," she said. "We did the same thing to Florida. We really enjoyed doing it as a family."

Since retiring, Curran and Lynn have traveled a bit more luxuriously. They love taking cruises, and have cruised to the Caribbean several times, and to Alaska, Hawaii and Portugal.

Closer to home, Curran enjoys making sure the three and a half acres surrounding the home they built 30 years ago is meticulously landscaped.

"I love cutting the grass," he said. "I do all the weed whacking and trimming and all that. I'm very particular about that."

Lynn loves sitting on their porch

with Curran in the evening, enjoying the quiet and the smell of fresh-cut grass while working on her crafts with the Cricut machine her family got her a few years ago.

"That's my enjoyment," she said. "I like getting a little crafty with my Cricut. I've made T-shirts and all kinds of things."

She also meets monthly with her former co-workers from Mercy Hospital.

Carrie said her parents have always been kind to each other.

"They always get each other cards and gifts," she said. "My dad was big on giving her jewelry. It's so nice to watch the loyalty and commitment they have for each other. They are

Know a long-married couple?

Love That Lasts is a series highlighting local couples who have been married for at least 50 years.

To nominate a couple to be featured in this series, contact reporter Michelle London at 563-588-5655 or michelle.london@thmedia.com. Be sure to include the couple's names, city of residence, contact information and how long they have been married.

dedicated to each other and to their family."

Even though her parents are different in a lot of ways, Carrie said they complement each other.

"My dad's always got to be the life of the party," she said. "And Mom just goes along with it. My dad likes to joke around, and my mom is more reserved. But they just go together. They like to give each other a little bit of a hard time. My mom just rolls her eyes and laughs."

Curran said the secret to their long marriage is simple.

"(Lynn) is always right," he said. "Well, I should say that I'm usually right," Lynn joked. "And every once in a while I let him be right."

Lynn said despite the happiness, sometimes marriages have tough times, too.

"That first year is so rough," she said. "But after that, if you don't give up, you make it over and you just really enjoy being with each other."

"We're stuck with each other and, you know, it's all worked out," Curran said. "So yeah, she's going to be stuck with me for at least another few years."

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