Brother Trucker

The Redstone Room

Saturday, April 7, 9 p.m.

Des Moines-based musicians Brother Trucker perform at the Redstone Room on April 7, and my interest in them was immediately piqued upon reading Justin Kendall's review in Des Moines' *Cityview*: "Even when they bust through a rolling honky-tonk rocker, the lyrics still give a voice to common folks who dirty their hands daily, busting their butts for a paycheck."
Wow
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Brother Trucker is singing about the
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staff!
I can understand, though, how you might be confused into thinking that they're singing about
you
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Jim Musser calls "some of the coolest country & western-flavored heartland rock ever to come out of the capital city," Brother Trucker reveals the beauty, heartache, and humor of the Midwest through music. (Kendall describes songwriter/guitarist Andy Fleming as "a Polaroid camera, seizing moments of small-town life forever with his words.") But here's how I know that Brother Trucker is, in fact, all about
us
: Musser describes the figures in the band's songs as "the biggest bunch of (mostly) endearing, well-meaning losers as you'll find this side of Lyle Lovett or Randy Newman." I swear, it's like they have a freakin'
camera
set up in here. For more information, visit (
http://www.redstoneroom.com
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Easter Weekend Events

Thursday, April 5, through Sunday, April 8

For years, my family's Easter-weekend custom was to rendezvous at my place and celebrate the holiday with dinner at Red Lobster and an afternoon of bowling. But this year, we're planning a break from tradition, and if you, too, are looking to mix it up this weekend, the Quad Cities are providing plenty of Easter-themed options. Family fun is guaranteed with South Park Mall's Kidgits' Easter Carnival and the Ranch Riders' 19th Annual Egg Hunt at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds (both on April 7). The Easter story will be told in the musical *Who Do You Say I Am?* , being performed at the Calvary Church of the Quad Cities April 6 and 8, while the Figge Art Museum presents Easter-weekend tours April 5 through 8, exploring the holiday through ancient and modern artworks (including Ambrosius the Elder Francken's *Crucifixion* , seen above). And not only will your kids see the Easter Bunny at the Quad City Sports Center on April 7; they'll get to *skate* with him. So how, you may ask, will *my* family be spending the weekend? Well, we're still going bowling and to Red Lobster; we're just doing it in my sister's town of Bloomington, Illinois. That's the Schulz clan. Livin' on the edge. For more information on local Easter events, see individual listings throughout the *Reader* 's calendar section.

Stephen Marley

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Wednesday, April 4, 8 p.m.

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