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## SEEN IN JOHNSTON



**BUSINESS OWNERS PRESENT CHECK TO JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP:** Local business owners presented a \$1,700 check to the Johnston Partnership from ticket purchases and donations from their J-Town Jolly Jingle event held on Nov. 10. Pictured are Andrea Cook and Carissa Silva with the Johnston Partnership, Nancy Brown (Charlie Rae's), Karen Olejniczak (K.A.B.E. & Co. Boutique), Paula Bierle (Purple Poppy Boutique), Julia Bradshaw (Styled. by JJ Boutique) and Jerusha Thomas (Sweet Salvage). ■

### JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

**WED. HIGH 38 | LOW 21**  
Periods of clouds and sunshine



**THURS. HIGH 32 | LOW 18**  
Cold; times of clouds and sun



**FRI. HIGH 29 | LOW 18**  
Mostly sunny and cold



**SAT. HIGH 26 | LOW 11**  
Cold; times of clouds and sun



**SUN. HIGH 24 | LOW 9**  
Cold; times of clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

## RELATING TO A COUPLE OF AGING LEGENDS

Iron Mike and Space Ace. I took a nostalgic trip with both of them recently.

First, I joined 65 million people and watched Mike Tyson and Jake Paul box on Netflix Nov. 15. And, I joined 65 million people who were immensely disappointed, not only in the streaming problems but in the fight itself. I did not see Muhammad Ali box in his prime. I only watched his later matches replayed on ABC's "Wide World of Sports" when he had his back on the ropes and took merciless beatings. I did watch Mike Tyson in his prime, and he was amazing. His power and speed were unmatched. He clearly made his share of serious mistakes outside of the ring, but he was an amazing athlete to watch inside of it.

Most who watched on that Friday night were hoping to see the 58-year-old Tyson knock out the arrogant YouTuber Paul. Instead, we saw a flat-footed, emotionless Tyson who clearly could have thrown knock-out punches but didn't, leaving many — including me — convinced this "fight" was nothing more than a fixed pro-wrestling match that

put \$20 million in Tyson's pocket and \$40 million in Paul's. Videos of Tyson's training had us hoping to see the fighter we remembered. We didn't.

While groaning about Tyson's lack of effort, I rolled off the couch and limped into the kitchen — a subtle reminder of the aging process that made me think how much pain Tyson must be in. The only good news from the fight is that he didn't get hurt.

On the next night, I made the trip to the remodeled Val Air Ballroom (which looked great) to see former KISS lead guitarist Ace Frehley (who didn't look great). To be fair, Ace is 73 years old, and he rocked for more than 90 minutes on stage with much younger band members who helped carry the bulk of the musical load. "Shock Me." "Rocket Ride." "Rip It Out." Ace's hand work was commendable — which showed in a 15-minute guitar solo featuring riffs of his own along with some from Led Zeppelin, Eric Clapton, the Beatles and more. His singing



didn't keep up, but, in reality, it never did. He is more Eddie Van Halen than Steve Perry, after all. Vocals aside, the once agile spaceman had the footwork of the modern-day Mike Tyson on Saturday night, and that's not a compliment. He was helped up on the stage and off of it, but, in the end, this made me appreciate his efforts even more. I grew up idolizing Ace, and I still think he is great.

After standing on the Val Air's hardwood floor for three hours watching Ace and opening band Trixter, my back was killing me — another subtle hint about the aging process and the commitment the 73-year-old Frehley made for his fans.

Iron Mike and Space Ace. Two legends who are still piquing interest, at least with other aging men like me.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# COFFEE WITH A COP AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join the Johnston Police Department on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8-10 a.m. for Breakfast with Santa and Coffee with a Cop at Johnston Hy-Vee, 5750 Merle Hay Road. Officers will have donuts, coffee and juice available. If you'd rather have a warm breakfast, you can purchase it from the Hy-Vee cafe. Visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3810](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3810) for more information. ■



# THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Before you get started in the kitchen, St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, 4600 Meredith Drive in Des Moines, invites you to its Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. ■

# JOHNSTON LIONS CLUB BINGO

Enjoy bingo on the second Thursday of the month at the Lions Club House, 6501 Merle Hay Road. The next event is Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m. ■

# ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH SANTA

Join Local 4835 Firefighters for a morning of Christmas-themed arts and crafts on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Fire Station 39, 6373 Merle Hay Road. Consider bringing an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive to fill the back of Santa's sleigh. Visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3811](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3811) for more information. ■

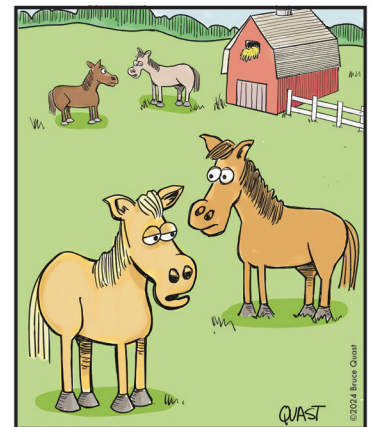
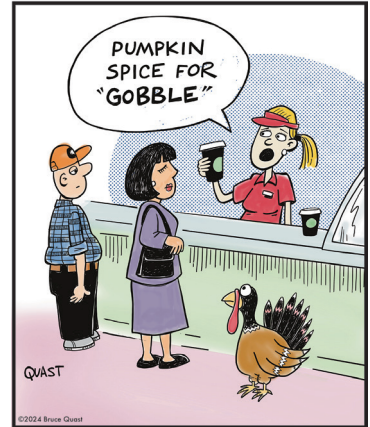


# HOLIDAYS AT THE TOWN CENTER

The annual Holidays at the Town Center, Saturday, Dec. 7, 4-7 p.m., will feature free ice skating, a visit with Santa and his reindeer, samples from local businesses and a community tree lighting. Santa arrives at 4 p.m. with the tree lighting at 5 p.m. Dancer's Theatre performance is 4:30-4:45. Unaccompanied Minors perform 5:30-5:50 p.m. Food trucks on site will be Flame and General Lee's Smoke Shack. Free carriage rides from TAGA Shires will be offered around the Town Center with a bag of non-perishable food donations for the food pantry and Mayor's Run for Food. Visit with reindeer, enjoy a children's craft with the Johnston Public Library, join free cookie decorating with Northpoint Church, participate in a children's activity with Raising Cane's and view live ice sculpting. First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines will provide a children's game and hand out candy and miniature flashlights. ■

# COMFORTABLY DUMB

By Bruce Quast



"I try not to listen to the neigh-sayers."

# SEEN IN JOHNSTON



**RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE FLOORING GUYS:** Johnston Chamber held a ribbon cutting for the new location of The Flooring Guys, 4925 N.W. Johnston Drive, Johnston, on Nov. 12. ■



Jenni Buchanan and Andrea Hodapp



Cassey Davisson and Michelle Thompson



Andrea and Steven Pavletich



Logan Crannell, Mike Straub and Brien Scandridge



Ashley Schoonover, Cassey Davisson and Delany Stillman



Front: Maddox and Graham Thompson; back: Dan Fitzgerald, Sean Thompson and Michelle Thompson ■

## JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGES DONATIONS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. Almost 600 families are being served per month, so the need is high. In particular need at this time are grocery bags, toilet paper, shampoo and new or gently used kids clothing, sizes 2T to 18. Donations can be dropped off at 5870 Merle Hay Road, Suite C, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., and on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Every third week of the month, they collect for the Friday food bag program that serves food insecure students at all nine Johnston schools. Currently they pack 220 food bags each week to go home with students. They can use fruit cups, macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, granola bars, individual shelf-stable milk and individual peanut butter. ■

## JOHNSTON LIBRARY NEWS

For information about all events and resources at Johnston Public Library, visit [www.johnstonlibrary.com](http://www.johnstonlibrary.com) or by calling the library at 515-278-5233.

School's out! On Nov. 27, JPL's Teen Space will have extended hours so teens can hang out at JPL. There will be several video game tournaments to join from 1-5 p.m. The event is for kids in sixth grade and up.

Adult English Language Learning Classes resumed this month. For information about classes and schedules, check the library website or call the library. ■

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Johnston Community Greetings would like to welcome anyone new to Johnston with a welcome bag including discounts at local businesses and city information. Contact Missy Shepherd by phone, text or email at 515-991-5014 or [mshepherdgreetings@gmail.com](mailto:mshepherdgreetings@gmail.com). ■

## 45TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL

The Johnston High School Choral Department will present the 45th annual Madrigal: "The Tragedy of Orpheus: A Comedy," on Dec. 4 and 5, 7 p.m., at the Johnston High School Auditorium. Enjoy an evening of festivities and feasting to kick off the 2024 holiday season.

Tickets are on sale at [www.gobound.com/ia/schools/johnston/tickets](http://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/johnston/tickets). ■



## BLUE DRAGON SHOPPING EVENT

The Johnston police officers will help create unforgettable experiences while shopping for holiday gifts with less fortunate children or those who have experienced tragic incidents. This heartwarming annual initiative, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4-7 p.m., pairs Johnston Police Officers with children. Together, they go on a special shopping spree for gifts at the Grimes Walmart. ■



"WILL MORDECAI BE THITHER? ALL HE DOTH IS SPEAKETH DUNG ABOUT THE KING."

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO  
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Des Moines Community Orchestra

**DES MOINES COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS**

The Des Moines Community Orchestra has announced its concert dates for the 2024/2025 concert season. Admission is free. Concerts start at 2 p.m. with pre-concert talks at 1 p.m. For more information, visit [desmoinescommunityorchestra.org](https://desmoinescommunityorchestra.org). Concerts are:

- **Sunday, Dec. 8:** Celebrate & Sing Handel's Messiah, Grace United Methodist Church.
- **Sunday, Feb. 23:** Winter Concert and Past Audience Favorites, Sheslow Auditorium.
- **Sunday, May 11:** Spring Concert, Carl's Favorite Finales, Sheslow Auditorium.

**JINGLE IN THE JUNCTION**

Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, 5-8 p.m.

**Valley Junction**

The holiday season is in Valley Junction as many businesses extend their hours on Thursday nights to give you more time to find the perfect holiday gift, enjoy dinner, and enjoy three blocks of free entertainment on Fifth Street under the glow of more than 100,000 holiday lights. Enjoy free horse-drawn trolley rides, ice carvings, photo op, a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the West Des Moines Fire Administration Headquarters at 318 Fifth St., rotating entertainers, live reindeer, carolers and Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Historic Valley Junction

Foundation office from 6-8 p.m.

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m.

**Jordan House Museum, 2001 Fuller Road, and Bennett School Museum, 4001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines**

Admire the beautiful and unique decorations at the historic Jordan House Museum, vote on your favorite theme and have fun with family-friendly crafts at the Bennett School Museum. Both museums will be open for tours from 1-3 p.m. with special holiday fun for all. Tickets available the day of, or reserve your tickets at <https://westdesmoineshistoricalsociety.ticketspice.com/home-for-the-holidays>.

**HOLIDAY PROMENADE**

Through Dec. 20

**Historic East Village**

The Greater Des Moines Partnership and the Historic East Village Neighborhood Association will spread holiday cheer during the Holiday Promenade, an exciting, free celebration full of holiday-themed activities, entertainment, shopping and family-friendly fun. A number of activities will be scheduled throughout the five Fridays including tree lighting, a scavenger hunt, ice skating and more. During the Holiday Promenade dates, Historic East Village retailers are encouraged to remain open until 8 p.m. while restaurants and attractions are open later.

**HOLIDAY HULLABALOO**

Through Dec. 29

**Horizon Events Center,  
10320 Hickman Road, Clive**

The 2024 Holiday Hullabaloo is an immersive, family-friendly holiday experience that will surprise and delight guests this holiday season. Enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment and festivities that will allow you to create some fun holiday hullabaloo and memories. [www.holidayhullabaloo.com](http://www.holidayhullabaloo.com) ■

## RECIPE

# TRANSFORM HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS INTO FLAVORFUL MEALS

*(Family Features)* Once your holiday feast comes to pass, you're almost certain to find your refrigerator stuffed with leftovers. However, that doesn't mean you want to eat the same meal again and again in the days that follow.

The star of many seasonal celebrations, turkey can be reused in a variety of post-holiday dishes to cut down on food waste and create fresh new meals your whole family can enjoy. Featuring a unique blend of 100% natural chili peppers, lime and sea salt, Tajín pairs perfectly with turkey, making it a go-to for creative leftovers. ■

## LEFTOVER HOLIDAY BISCUIT POT PIE

**Total time: 45 minutes**

**Servings: 4**

### Biscuits:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1/2 cup cold unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

### Turkey Pot Pie Filling:

- 1/2 cup turkey fat
- 1 1/2 cups diced onion
- 1 1/2 cups diced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups diced celery
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped thyme
- 1 tablespoon diamond crystal coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon coarse black pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, divided

- 8 cups cold turkey stock
- Tajín Clasico Seasoning, to taste (about 1 tablespoon)
- 6 cups leftover cooked turkey, chopped

### To make biscuits:

In mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cream of tartar.

Grate butter and mix with dry ingredients.

Carefully add buttermilk and mix until incorporated.

Fold over 5-6 times, roll out and cut into 10-12 rounds.

Place cut biscuits on floured surface.

Refrigerate 30 minutes.

### To make turkey pot pie filling:

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Heat large pot over high heat and add turkey fat.

Add onions, carrots, celery, bay leaf, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper; gently sweat.

Add 1/2 cup flour and cook 2-3



minutes.

Add turkey stock 2 cups at a time, allowing to thicken before adding more.

In bowl, mix remaining flour with turkey.

Add turkey pot, bring to simmer until thickened.

Add seasoning, to taste.

Add pot pie filling to casserole dish and gently place biscuits closely together on top.

Brush biscuits with melted butter and bake 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool 10-15 minutes before serving.

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# KIWANIS MEETINGS

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon on Tuesdays at Cozy Cafe, 8385 Birchwood Court in Johnston. The public is invited. ■

# BACKPOCKET OFFERS EVENTS

The public is invited to a variety of events coming up at Backpocket, 6205 Merle Hay Road, Johnston.

- **Hot cocoa bar**, pictures with Santa and cookie decorating, Monday, Dec. 16.
- **Elf and Friends Guided Paint Night**, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., \$55. [www.makeitartfull.com/event-details/elf-and-friends-guided-painting-trio](http://www.makeitartfull.com/event-details/elf-and-friends-guided-painting-trio). Get in the holiday spirit and create you own home decor inspired by a classic Christmas movie.
- **Family Fun New Year's Eve** is Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features face-painting, a photo booth with props, a DIY party hat making station, a balloon drop and sparkling cider toast at 2 p.m., food and drink specials, and more. ■

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

Johnston Station Historical Society, 6161 Northglenn Drive, will hold its annual holiday open house Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. The museum, which is located in a turn-of-the-century farmhouse, will be decorated for the holidays. Guests can enjoy guided tours, along with coffee, cocoa and cookies. Visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3856](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/calendar.aspx?EID=3856) for more information. ■



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