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"A Festivus for the rest of us." If you watched the popular TV show "Seinfeld" in the late 1990s, you are smiling right now. If you didn't watch the show, well, read on, as you can still smile.

Festivus was depicted on "Seinfeld" as a Dec. 23 holiday that includes a Festivus dinner, an aluminum Festivus pole, practices such as the "airing of grievances" and "feats of strength," and the labeling of explainable events as "Festivus miracles." It's a Costanza tradition.

Every time I hear the word "festival," I think of "Festivus." And, this time of year in Iowa, festivals are aplenty. For several decades now, Jolene and I have been traveling to various communities in our great state to partake in their wonderful community festivals, including the one we write about in this month's cover story.

Do these others sound familiar to you? Tulip Time in Pella. Mac and Cheese Festival in Dubuque. John Wayne Birthday Celebration in Winterset. Scandinavian Days in Story City. Bell Tower Festival in Jefferson. Good Egg Days in Stuart. Ice Cream Days in Le Mars. RibFest in Sioux City. Four Seasons Festival in Polk City. Truckers Jamboree in Walcott. Beef Days in Solon. National Balloon Classic in Indianola. Watermelon Days in Newell. Hobo Days in Britt. Pufferbilly Days in Boone. And, not to be left out, the Testicle Festival at Appleberry Orchard in Donnellson.

The list goes on. And on. If there is one thing we Iowans know how to do, it is how to throw a community festival.

Many of the festivals have similarities. Some focus on food. Others on drink. Many include music. But they all have at least one unique selling point that makes them truly stand out.

My dad would take me to festivals around our hometown when I was a kid, whether I wanted to go or not. He enjoyed connecting with people and reminiscing about days gone by — the same things I do today.

When it comes down to it, though, all of our community festivals are about wholesome fun — with or without the Festivus pole.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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GREEN DAYS

Summer fun for the entire family, June 19-21

By Ashley Rullestad

Johnston's largest community celebration, Green Days, returns June 19-21, and everyone is invited to come together for fun and family-friendly events at Terra Park.



FEATURE

The Johnston Chamber of Commerce launched Johnston Green Days a couple of decades ago to offer residents a community event and to showcase the businesses in the community. The festival was named Green Days in honor of the greenhouses and landscaping businesses as well as Pioneer (now Corteva) and John Deere Financial. The chamber is responsible for the event, with various businesses and many volunteers lending their assistance.

"It is important for us at the chamber to provide something for our whole community to enjoy and to bring people to the Johnston area to explore our parks and trails, as well as visit our local businesses, restaurants and see what our community has to offer," Johnston Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Samantha Winebrenner says. "We are proud to provide something that anyone in the family can enjoy and offer a fairly priceless experience and entertainment for the community."

Green Days officially kicks off on Thursday evening with the Green Days parade. This year, the parade has been moved from its previous Saturday morning time, and organizers are



excited about the change.

"It was moved due to restrictions on Saturday and our schedule, as well as to make it easier for the public," Winebrenner says. "We hope more families will be able to join us and hope that they will come to the park to join us afterwards."

The parade route is approximately 1.2 miles long and begins at the intersection of South Drive and Pioneer Parkway. It will proceed south along Pioneer Parkway and north on Greendale Road. The parade ends at the corner of Pioneer Parkway and Greendale Road. Post-

parade, it will be easy for spectators to funnel over to Terra Park for more fun. To be a part of the parade, download an entry form from the Green Days website.

After the parade, head to Terra Park for a crawfish boil and eating contest sponsored by Cajun Belle, as well as live music from Mike Aceto starting at 7 p.m. The beverage tent will be open 7-9 p.m., and, this year, kids and kids at heart can enjoy inflatables in lieu of the carnival.

"We are really excited to have JP Rentals and to be working with them," Winebrenner

Rise & shine, it's pancake time.

We're excited to host our annual pancake breakfast, just like we've done in the past. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, and it's open to everyone! We're welcoming free-will donations to support this great cause.

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says. “They have done a great job at helping us offer a variety of interesting items for all ages to enjoy. We are also looking forward to offering a separate kids zone for kids up to age 6 so parents can have more peace of mind and still enjoy themselves. The kids zone will include a bounce house, slide and a few kid-friendly carnival games. Along with sports inflatables including inflatable axe throwing and a shoot and shower game, we will have a rock wall, bumper cars, a bungee challenge, and lazer tag will be offered on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.”

The inflatable schedule is: Thursday, June 19, 8-10 p.m.; Friday, June 20, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Attendees can purchase individual tickets, daily wristbands for unlimited use, and an all-weekend pass at a discount.

Friday evening includes more music, food, inflatables and fun. Food trucks will start serving and the beverage garden and inflatables will open at 5 p.m. while everyone is invited to check out the John Deere equipment display.



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Friday night, attendees can enjoy the music of The Flying Silos from 5:30-8 p.m. The King and Queen of Green, Zach Grandon and Paula Bierle, will be honored and the tapping of the green keg held, sponsored by Big Green Umbrella Media. Enjoy free cups of green beer while they last. Live music from Red Dirt Renegade will have you dancing the night away.

Start Saturday off right with yoga in the park at 8 a.m., then head over to the Johnston Kiwanis pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. The fun continues with events for the entire family, including the Jammin' in Johnston Business Expo at 11 a.m. This event is a vendor fair featuring local businesses, services and goods of all types. Previously held in the fall, it is back for its fifth year at Green Days.

"We had almost 30 vendors last year," Winebrenner says. "Once again, our hope is to draw a bigger audience to visit with vendors and local businesses and come enjoy the other events such as the bags tournament, Smokin' Heroes and, of course, beverage garden. We are also excited to have The Sheet performing during the afternoon."

Returning for its fourth year is the bags tournament, organized by Johnston Community Education, starting at noon. There is still time to sign your team up for the double elimination tournament. Cost is \$20 per team if registered online before June 13 or \$25 the day of the event, and there are cash prizes. The winning team will also receive a custom wrap for a board set (provided by the team) by Lashier Graphics & Signs.

Saturday is also full of tantalizing smoked meats with the Smokin' Heroes Smoke-Off. The Johnston Police Department has partnered with the Johnston Rotary to help make this event possible. Every team that enters must have an active military, police or fire department member.

The event is open to the public to sample the smoked meats and side dishes and will run from 1-4 p.m. with a free will offering. Funds raised will provide support to the Johnston Police Department's efforts to obtain a K9 unit and to support Rotary International's Ukraine Relief Effort. Votes will be tabulated, and the winner will be announced around 4:30 p.m.

Also, be sure to check out all the great live music on Saturday. Monkeyfour takes the stage at 5:30 p.m. followed by Dick Danger Band at 8:30 p.m. Once it gets dark, enjoy the special fireworks show.

Green Days not only provides a fun weekend chock full of entertainment, but funds raised during the event go back to the community for special projects or are saved in order to make a larger contribution to a future special project.

The various organizations that provide some of the activities also

Johnston Green Days King and Queen of Green

In 2018, Shane Goodman, the publisher of Johnston Living magazine and the owner of Big Green Umbrella Media, suggested to the Johnston Green Days committee that a King and Queen be named for the community festival. The committee agreed,



Sergeant Grandon



Paula Bierle

and Goodman pushed the green theme even further with the tapping of the Green Keg. Big Green Umbrella Media has sponsored the crowning of the King and Queen and the tapping of the Green Keg ever since.

Past royalty:

2018: King Steve Wiederin and Queen Pam Kucera

2019: King Brian Wilson and Queen Deb Heldt

2020: No event held due to COVID-19

2021: King Dan Goodwin and Queen Heather Goodwin

2022: King Jim Sanders and Queen Lisa Cooper

2023: King Dan Hudson and Queen Mary Jane Paez

2024: King Sharm Sisler and Queen Amy O'Brien

2025: King Sergeant Grandon and Queen Paula Bierle

The King of Green and the Queen of Green candidates are nominated formally and informally by community members, Chamber of Commerce members, past royalty and Green Days committee members. Those chosen have made a significant contribution to the Johnston Green Days celebration or the community of Johnston.

get to keep the funds they raise, so when you come to an event like the Kiwanis pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and drop your free will donation into their bucket, they get to keep that to cover their cost and do something of their choice for the community.

The planning for the event goes almost year-round, and it truly takes a village. Samantha Winebrenner and festival organizers start lining up bands and vendors and talking with volunteers in the fall for the next year's event.

If you have interest in being involved with Johnston Green Days, Winebrenner says you are welcome. There are volunteer opportunities available on the Johnston Green Days website at www.johnstongreendays.org. You can also contact the Johnston Chamber of Commerce office at www.johnstonchamber.com or 515-276-9064.

For more information on all the events and to register, visit the Green Days website at johnstongreendays.org. ■



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- 9:00am – 11:30am. . . Johnston Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Terra Park (FREE will offering)
- 11:00am – 11:00pm. . . John Deere Equipment Display
- 11:00am – 11:00pm. . . Food Vendors Open
- 11:00am – 3:00pm. . . Jammin in Johnston - Business & Market Vendor Fair
- 11:30am – 11:00pm. . . Beverage Tent
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- 12:00pm. Bags Tournament
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- 1:00pm – 4:00pm. . . Public Safety and Camp Dodge Display
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm. . . Smokin' Heroes Smoked Meat Competition and Tasting
- 5:00pm – 9:00pm. . . Johnston Alumni Night
- 5:30pm – 8:00pm. . . Live Band: MONKEYFOUR
- 8:30pm – 11:30pm. . . Live Band: DICK DANGER BAND
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THE SCOTCHEROOS that became a family tradition

"My mom's Scotcheroos are the best!"

The first time I heard one of my daughters say that, I was deeply honored — and I still feel that way every time I hear it. They often tell me about other versions they have tried and always end with, "They were good, but yours are the best!"

In our family, Scotcheroos are a must-have at gatherings, reunions, road trips and just about any occasion. These sweet treats deliver a perfect combo: smooth peanut butter flavor, a satisfying crunch, and a thick, rich layer of butterscotch-chocolate topping that keeps everyone coming back for seconds. I am happy to share the secrets behind their success, but I first must give credit where credit is due. My friend Tammy Even gifted me this recipe more than 30 years ago at my bridal shower. I still have the recipe book my friends gave me that day, and I use it often.

Now, the secrets:

1. Use Special K cereal — it gives the perfect texture and structure. I know many recipes use crispy rice cereal, but trust me on this one. It is truly the ingredient that makes the difference.

2. Don't skimp on the topping — use one full bag each of semi-sweet chocolate chips and butterscotch chips.

3. Watch the syrup closely — this step can make or break the batch. Don't overcook or undercook it. Bring it just to a boil (for maybe a minute). The sugar crystals need to melt completely, or the syrup will turn gritty. But overcook it, and your Scotcheroos will be too chewy.

Here's a tip: Dip a spoon in the hot syrup, tap a little onto the counter, and taste it. If you can still feel sugar crystals, keep it on the stove a bit longer. The moment they are gone, pull it off the heat.

Give these a try and let me know what you think. Do you have recipe traditions you would like to share? Send them my way at jolene@iowalivingmagazines.com. Happy snacking! ■

Information provided by Jolene Goodman, vice president of Big Green Umbrella Media.



Scotcheroos

Ingredients

- 6 cups Special K cereal
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1.5 cups peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 12-ounce package of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 12-ounce package of butterscotch chips

Directions

- Let sugar and corn syrup come to a boil in saucepan on the stove. Do not let boil long, just until sugar is not crystalized. Remove from stove. Add peanut butter and vanilla. Stir. Add cereal. Press into a 9-inch by 13-inch pan. Let cool. Melt all chips in a microwave-safe bowl in the microwave. Spread over bars. Allow topping to set before cutting and serving. Enjoy!



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FROM newcomer to neighbor

Rohlf has made Johnston home.

A few years ago, Ryan Rohlf was ready for a change.

He had been living in Des Moines but found himself wanting something different — something more community-oriented and conveniently located. He began searching across the metro, weighing the feel and functionality of different suburbs. One town stood out from the rest.

“Johnston fit all the boxes,” he says.

For Rohlf, who travels often for work as a real estate agent, Johnston’s location was a major selling point. It offered the right balance: close enough to reach anywhere in the metro quickly but without the congestion that other nearby cities may experience.

Since making the move in 2022, he has lived in the same home on the Merle Hay side of town, close to the interstate. The convenience is a big perk, but the city itself has truly won him over.

He’s impressed by the momentum in Johnston, especially with areas like the Town Center. In his eyes, it’s a special part of the community where local businesses thrive and residents come together. He’s also drawn to the city’s parks and ongoing development efforts, which add energy to the place he now calls home.

Rohlf’s appreciation for Johnston inspired him to take his involvement a step further. Shortly after settling in, he joined the Johnston Chamber of Commerce and today serves on its board of directors.

He saw the chamber as a way to meet people and better understand the city, not just through the lens of real estate, but as a resident and neighbor.

He’s found the chamber to be a strong and consistent support system for local businesses and a valuable connector within the community. As a board member, he enjoys having a role in that impact.

“Even though it’s a growing, larger community, it’s still fairly small,” Rohlf says.

That sense of community is one of the things he values most about Johnston. While it’s not so small that everyone knows everyone, it’s just the right size for familiar faces and meaningful connections.

Whether he’s attending a chamber event, running errands, or enjoying one of the city’s parks, Rohlf often finds himself bumping into someone he knows. For him, that’s part of what makes Johnston feel like home. ■



Ryan Rohlf has been pleased with his move from Des Moines to Johnston. He says there is much to appreciate about the community, including its “momentum.”

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• Kids in grades K-5 can try a tasty new dish at **Book Bites: Seoul Food** on Monday, June 23, from 4:30-5 p.m. At this month's yummy storytime, local author Erin Danielle Russell will read her book "Seoul Food" and share a Korean and Southern fusion dish.

Summer Reading programs for teens

• **All Jack Black.** All Fridays in June at 3 p.m. Each week, we'll show a different iconic Jack Black movie using MuVChat, an online platform that allows viewers to post comments directly on the screen. Jack Black Attack with MuVChat is for movie goers in grades six and up. The program premieres on Friday, June 6, with "Jumanji" followed by "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (June 13), "School of Rock" (June 20) and "Kung Fu Panda" (June 27). Registration is required.

• Crafty teens can grab a hook and join us for **Crochet Club**, a four-week crochet hangout on Mondays in June from 1-2 p.m. Whether brand new to crochet or already working on a project, this is a space to learn, create and connect. Crafters can register for as many sessions as they'd like. All materials will be provided, but crocheters can bring their own as well.

• Piece together some fun at the **Teen Tuesday Puzzle Party: Detective Pikachu Edition** on Tuesday, June 24, from 4:30-6:15 p.m. Kids in sixth grade and up can watch "Detective Pikachu," grab some snacks, and race to finish a 300-piece Pokémon puzzle before the credits roll. The first team to finish takes home a fabulous prize.

Summer Reading programs for families

• What is wet, messy and tons of fun? The JPL **Foam Party** featuring a giant foam cannon provided by Absolute Science. Dress to get soaked for this perfect summer family activity on Friday, June 13, from 11 a.m. to noon. No registration necessary.

• Lowest score wins! Pop Up Games will be turning our meeting room into a mini golf course on Saturday, June 14. Drop in any time from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to play a round of **Family Mini Golf**. This event is for kids in elementary school, but everyone in the family is welcome to come and play.

• Sing, dance and laugh at **Duke Otherwise in Concert** on Thursday, June 19, at 2 p.m. Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, spirited performer, skilled guitarist, and captivating tap dancer. His energetic live show is outrageous fun for all ages.

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Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk? Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy? Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.

How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio? Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it. ■

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EDUCATION

By Lindsey Giardino

MEET Cathy Edmondson

A counselor at heart

Though she doesn't remember saying it, Cathy Edmondson's dad swears that, after eighth grade, she told him she wanted to be a counselor.

"Growing up, my friends would have arguments, and I always helped them solve the problems," she shares. "I love working with young kids. I think you can help make changes both socially and emotionally at young ages, and I want to help kids and their families do that if they so choose."

Edmondson earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, then went on to get her teaching license and master's degree from Iowa State University.

This year marks her 25th as school counselor at Lawson Elementary. She was originally drawn to the position because of the strong sense of connection among the staff — something she says hasn't changed even decades later. She credits the late Jen Mumm, a former colleague, as an "awesome mentor" who supported her both professionally and personally, especially in her role as a mom to three boys, Noah, Zach and Ben, all Johnston graduates.

As a counselor, Edmondson likes that no two days are the same. She gets the opportunity to see every student at some point during the week.

"I also love that I get to see students from K through 5," she says. "It's amazing to witness their growth and maturity — socially, emotionally and academically — over the six years they're at Lawson."

She also treasures the relationships that come out of counseling.

"When students reach out years after they've left Lawson, you know you've made a difference," Edmondson says.

In recent years, she's seen an increase in the number of families facing challenges. She now spends more time than ever supporting parents with emotional and financial services.

"It's also challenging to know I'm trying to help families with their needs, but then I watch how changes in our society affect these very services," she says.

Some of her favorite memories over the years include Red Ribbon Week and the fun dress-up days, as well as the end-of-year RA celebrations.

"We have so much fun with the kids, and my RA team is the absolute best team of people and friends," she says.

She recalls one especially meaningful encounter: a former student, now an adult, stopped her in Fareway to thank her for helping her through the death of her mother.

"She quoted something I told her and how that has stuck with her over the years," Edmondson shares. "That's why I still do this job."

Edmondson understands deeply that relationships matter, and she looks for connection in all areas of life.

"Kids know when you are genuine and that you care," she says. "That helps build respect for each other. When you work with people you enjoy, that becomes a bonus to your job. I have stayed at Lawson because of the awesome Lawson students and because so many of the staff have not just become my friends, but also part of my family." ■



As a counselor, Cathy Edmondson works with students and their families in accessing services.

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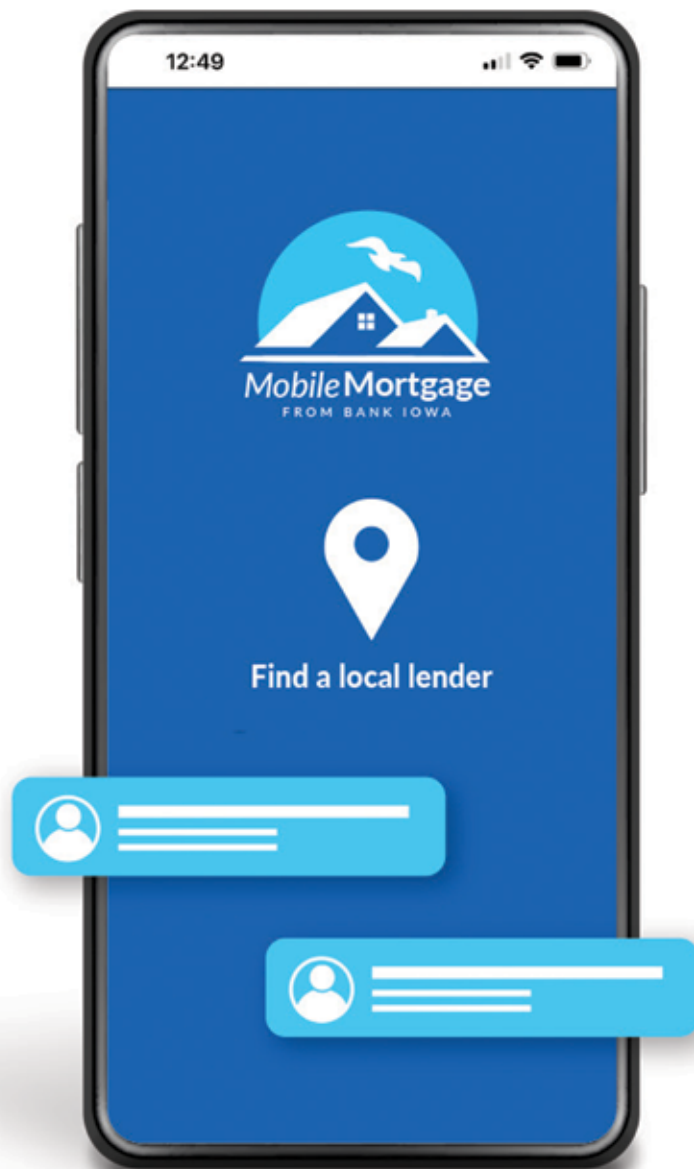


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THE STATUE of Liberty at Camp Dodge

When a visitor comes to the Johnston Historical Museum and enters the Camp Dodge room, the first thing they see is a large, framed poster showing a human formation of 18,000 soldiers depicting the Statue of Liberty. There is more to the story.

The United States had declared its neutrality from a war going on in Europe that started in 1914. Finally, in 1917, the U.S. entered into World War I after numerous attacks on our merchant ships in the Atlantic. Camp Dodge was chosen as the induction and training center for all of the upper Midwest. Camp Dodge was chosen because the area was similar to the topography and weather of France where the battles were going on. It was also noted that the people of the area were of high moral character. Men enlisted and poured into the camp, arriving on the Inter-Urban from Des Moines.

A young, naturalized citizen from Britain, Arthur Mole, was a photographer who found that he had a talent for being able to visualize images that could be seen from a very high elevation. He, and another photographer, John Thomas, envisioned the Statue of Liberty on the drill ground at Camp Dodge. This was in July, 1918. From the base of the statue to the tip of the flame was 1,235 feet. Twelve thousand soldiers were used for the flame alone. It took a week of planning for Mole and Thomas to lay out white tape using surveying tools. They also taped out where soldiers wearing woolen uniforms of various colors would create

the illusion of draping of Miss Liberty's gown. Col. Newman and Col. Wells directed the 18,000 men to their designated positions. It took hours on this July day with 105-degree heat. Mole and Thomas stood on an 80-foot tower using flags to communicate with the soldiers. After hours, the photo was taken, and the men could withdraw.

The two photographers went on to other military camps for other photos of this type. A profile of Woodrow Wilson, the Liberty Bell and the American Eagle were also photographed. This project was created to promote the sale of war bonds. The photos were never used for that purpose. ■



RECIPE

ELEVATE your menu for a legendary backyard barbecue

(Family Features) Summer is here and it's time to hit the grill. Take at-home entertaining to the next level by upgrading everyone's favorite cheeseburger with ground pork.

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Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

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- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cheese slices (optional)
- 6 hamburger buns
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- tomato slices (optional)
- red onion slices (optional)
- lettuce (optional)
- ketchup (optional)
- mayonnaise (optional)

- Preheat grill to medium heat.
- In large mixing bowl, combine ground pork, chorizo, onion,

garlic, salt and pepper.

- Gently mix ingredients, being careful not to overwork meat.
- Divide meat into six burger patties.
- Cook burgers 3-4 minutes per side until internal temperature reaches 145 F or desired doneness.
- During last 2-3 minutes of cooking, place cheese slices on top of burgers to melt, if desired.
- Transfer burgers to platter. Assemble burgers with buns, bacon, tomato slices, red onion slices, lettuce, ketchup and mayonnaise, as desired.
- **Tip:** Burger patties may be frozen up to 1 month. Fully defrost before cooking.



POLK COUNTY Conservation events

Visit www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/events for information about upcoming programs offered by Polk County Conservation and for registration links.

• **Edible Outdoors**, Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger. Ever wonder what those pesky weeds in your yard are good for? Come take a walk on the wild edibles side. You'll learn to identify the common, edible plants around you and get a few new recipes to try at home. We will prepare and sample a variety of edible plants so come with a sense of adventure. Register by June 8 at <https://secure.rec1.com/IA/polk-county-ia/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTM2MDMyMDA=>.

• **Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors - Pollination Celebration**, Wednesday, June 11, 1-2 p.m., Easter Lake Park, 2830 Easter Lake Drive, Des Moines. A third of our global food supply depends on pollinators. Do you know what they are and the threats they face? This program will describe how pollination works and the actions you can take to help pollinators in your own yard. Looking for an excuse to get out of the house, make some new friends, and learn about the exciting world of nature? Then join in. No registration required.

• **Toddler Tales**, Friday, June 13, 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m., Easter Lake Park, Athene North Shore Event Building, 2830 Easter Lake Drive, Des Moines. Let your imagination run wild with this nature-themed story time. Hear a story followed by the naturalist's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or a craft. The theme is dragonflies.

• **Sunset Paddle at Easter Lake**, Friday, June 13, 7:30-9 p.m., Easter Lake Park, Athene North Shore Event Building, 2830 Easter Lake Drive, Des Moines. Enjoy a relaxing evening on the lake. Learn the basics of kayaking before hitting the water to explore Easter Lake and watch the sunset on the water. All equipment will be provided. Meet outside of the Easter Lake Event Center. Bring a water and dress in clothes and sturdy shoes you do not mind getting wet. Registration required by the day before the event at <https://secure.rec1.com/IA/polk-county-ia/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTM2Nzg5Mjg=>.

• **Kayak Basics**, Saturday, June 14, 1-3 p.m., Jester Park Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger. Learn the basics of kayaking. Learn about gear, technique and safety before hitting the water to practice your skills. All equipment provided. Dress to get wet, wear sturdy water shoes, and bring a towel. Registration required by June 11 at <https://secure.rec1.com/IA/polk-county-ia/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTM2MDMyODU=>.

• **Turtles and Snakes: Cold-Blooded Truths**, Sunday, June 15, 2-3 p.m., Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger. Explore the world of reptiles in this program focused on snakes and turtles found in Iowa. Learn about common myths and what to do if you happen to encounter these animals in the wild. Discover where you're most likely to spot them —and, best of all, get the chance to meet some live reptile ambassador animals up close.

• **Hike for Health at Fort Des Moines Park**, Monday, June 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fort Des Moines Park, 7200 S.E. Fifth St., Des Moines. Why walk the mall when you can enjoy the great outdoors? Hike along with this friendly group of nature lovers who walk the trails each month for exercise and fun. Enjoy the camaraderie and explore some new trails. Registration required by June 15 at <https://secure.rec1.com/IA/polk-county-ia/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTM2MDMyMDMzMDc=>. ■



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Stop by to enjoy Family Fest, June 7

Family Fest 2025 is a free, family-friendly event taking place on Saturday, June 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Yard in Johnston Town Center, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Attendees can enjoy live performances, including a Dance Vision showcase, a cirque-style entertainment act by Sam Rezz, and a magic show finale featuring Jonathan May. The event also features balloon animals, alpacas, kids' activities from local organizations, and food trucks.

For more information, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/1533.



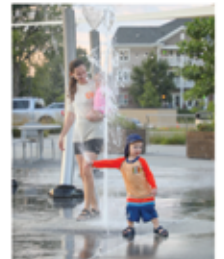
Visit the Johnston Farmers Market every Tuesday

Are you looking forward to the Johnston Farmers Market? It takes place every Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., beginning June 3 through September 30, at the Town Center parking lot, located at 6245 Merle Hay Rd., on the south side of City Hall. You can look forward to new vendors and a wide variety of locally grown produce, art, household items, garden accessories, and baked goods. For more information, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/FarmersMarket.



Splash pad open daily at the Town Center

Get ready to stay cool this summer by visiting the refreshing splash pad at Johnston Town Center! The splash pad is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please note that pets are not permitted in the splash pad area. We kindly ask all visitors to dispose of their trash in the designated bins. For more information about the rules, please visit www.cityofjohnston.com/splashpad.



City office buildings and Library closed on July 4

City office buildings, including the library, will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The library will reopen on Saturday, during normal business hours.

For more information about the city, please visit www.cityofjohnston.com



CITY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

Sign up for the Mayor's 5K Run + Kids' Fun Run

Get ready for the Mayor's annual 5K run on Saturday, August 9, by lacing up your shoes! The event will kick off with the Kids' Fun Runs, featuring races of 0.62 miles and 100 meters, starting at 8:00 a.m. The 5K run/walk will start at 8:15 a.m. It's going to be a fun event, so be sure to register early—prices will increase on July 19. To ensure you receive your desired shirt size, please register by July 11.

To register, please visit www.cityofjohnston.com/Mayors5KRun.



Mark your calendar for these summer activities

Our community offers a variety of activities, and we invite you to join us. Please mark these important dates and times on your calendar and plan to attend.

Saturday, June 7 – *Yoga by the Lake*, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Terra Park

Saturday, June 14 – *Yoga by the Lake*, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Terra Park

Saturday, June 14 – *Sounds of Summer*, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 90 PROOF Country is a high-energy Dallas/Fort Worth-based band that brings the spirit of '90s country music to life with authentic covers of hits by Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, and more.

Saturday, June 28 – *Yoga by the Lake*, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Terra Park

Thursday, July 10 – *Tunes at Twilight*, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Break out your lawn chairs and blankets and come out to enjoy music by the Iowa Music Awards' 2024 Country Artist of the Year, Jordan Beem.

Friday, July 18 – *Movie on the Yard*, Join us for a movie night on the yard at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Experience the magic of summer evenings by watching *Moana 2* under the stars. Please bring your blanket and lawn chair.

Saturday, July 26 – *Sounds of Summer*, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Trip is a high-energy Southern California cover band that delivers authentic rock hits from the '60s through today.

Thursday, August 7 *Tunes at Twilight*, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Break out your dancing shoes for some killer classic rock covers by a beloved local band, Sons of Gladys Kravitz.

Saturday, August 23 – *Yoga by the Lake*, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Terra Park

Saturday, August 23 – *Sounds of Summer*, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Not Quite Brothers is Central Iowa's fastest-growing cover band, formed in 2018 and known for their huge sound, eclectic setlist, and ability to enhance any party.

Friday, August 29 – *Movie on the Yard*, We invite you to a movie night in the yard as the sun sets, starting at around 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the enchanting summer evenings while watching *Wicked* under the starry sky. Don't forget to bring your blanket and lawn chair for a cozy experience!

Saturday, August 30 – *Yoga by the Lake*, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Terra Park



For more information about the city, please call 515.278.2344

PUSH-IN Ceremony

The Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire District held a push-in ceremony April 24 for its new ladder truck at Fire Station 39, 6373 Merle Hay Road, Johnston.



The new ladder truck was part of a short procession from the west side of the building to the east side, led by the Mackenzie Highlanders Pipes & Drums of Iowa.



Firefighters participate in the push-in ceremony.



The old ladder truck is used to spray water on the new truck.



The new ladder truck came with a \$1,709,174.69 price tag.



Members of the community participate in the push-in ceremony.



John Ching and Brian Baldwin help with the truck dry down with ceremonial towels.



Mayor Paula Dierenfeld speaks to the crowd as Fire Chief Jim Clark looks on.



Myles and Olivia Ayers-Berry with the ceremonial towels at the push-in ceremony.

JOHNSTON DRAGONS

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025

VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Jun 4	5:00PM	WDM Valley (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 5	5:00PM	Dowling Catholic (DH)	Dowling Catholic High School
Jun 6	4:30PM	Dubuque Hempstead	Dubuque Hempstead
Jun 9	5:00PM	Urbandale (DH)	Urbandale High School
Jun 11	7:00PM	Southeast Polk	Johnston Middle School
Jun 12	5:00PM	Waukee Northwest (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 13	1:00PM	Multiple Schools	Muscatine High School
Jun 18	5:00PM	Ankeny (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 19	7:00PM	Ankeny Centennial	Ankeny Centennial
Jun 20	7:00PM	Ballard	Ballard High School
Jun 23	7:00PM	WDM Valley	Valley High School
Jun 25	5:00PM	Waukee (DH)	Waukee Complex
Jun 26	7:00PM	Dowling Catholic	Johnston Middle School
Jun 27	11:00AM	Multiple Schools	Linn-Mar High School
Jun 28	10:00AM	Multiple Schools	Linn-Mar High School
Jun 30	5:00PM	Southeast Polk (DH)	Southeast Polk High School
Jul 1	7:00PM	Waukee Northwest	Waukee Northwest
Jul 2	7:00PM	Urbandale	Johnston Middle School
Jul 3	10:00AM	Multiple Schools	DCG Baseball Field
Jul 7	7:00PM	Norwalk	Norwalk High School

VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Jun 4	5:00PM	WDM Valley (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 5	5:00PM	Dowling Catholic (DH)	Dowling Catholic High School
Jun 9	5:00PM	Urbandale (DH)	Urbandale High School
Jun 11	7:00PM	Southeast Polk	Johnston Middle School
Jun 12	5:00PM	Waukee Northwest (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 13	6:30PM	TBA	Fort Dodge High School
Jun 18	5:00PM	Ankeny (DH)	Johnston Middle School
Jun 19	7:00PM	Ankeny Centennial	Ankeny Centennial
Jun 23	7:00PM	WDM Valley	Valley High School
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Jul 3	7:00PM	Waukee Northwest	Waukee Northwest
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BOOK REVIEWS

Courtesy of Beaverdale Books

'Eat the Ones You Love'

Creepy nostalgia with a literary flare and a killer orchid? Sounds like a good time to me. I like unexpected horror, especially the kind with a psychological undercurrent that makes the reader question their own mental habits and awareness in the same way a slasher film gets the watcher to check the closets before bed. I need more than monsters; I need pathos.

Shell is a sad 30-something who has found herself having to start over back in her hometown after a breakup and career implosion. Drawn to the sad remains of the local shopping mall, she stumbles across a floral shop in need of an assistant. Taken with both the bouquets and the enigmatic florist herself, Shell embarks on a new career that will change everything — just not how she imagines it will.

Sharply funny prose and a relatable sense of you-can't-go-home-again pervades this charming, gory, wistful tale that is both terrifying and beautiful in equal measure. The characters were familiar and charming, and despite the short length of the book, I was completely mesmerized by the end. Be sure to keep an eye on your houseplants as you read, just in case. ■ — *Review by Julie Goodrich*



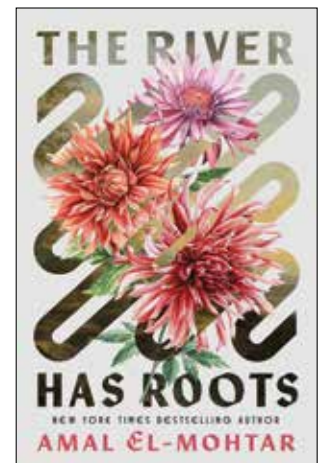
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'The River Has Roots'

Name a better duo than fairy tales and poetry. Lofty and magical and dream-like, this brilliant, little book absolutely whisked me away. I love a story that calls to the same part of me that a poem does, something that feels like it should be a myth even if it is a brand-new tale.

Ysabel and Esther Hawthorn have an important role to play in the town of Thistleford, a job their family has carried for generations. They tend to the trees that border the River Liss, a winding river that serves as a character in its own right. The sisters share a powerful bond that is threatened when a suitor comes to call.

The prose was captivating and the characters so rich I didn't want it to end. There is a time and a place for vast, sprawling epics, but for me, there is always room for a lyrical novella that asks more questions than it answers and leaves me feeling like I might have spent a few hours in the Fae myself. ■ — *Review by Julie Goodrich*



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Sandra, 68, is committed to aging in place. She's active, eats a balanced diet, and enjoys good health. But her son and daughter, both living out of state, can't help but worry. What if something changes — and she suddenly needs care?

Their concern is valid. Staying at home as we grow older can be a fulfilling choice, but it isn't always the most practical. Health conditions can develop, and the cost of in-home assistance can become overwhelming.

So, what are the options if moving into a community isn't the right fit — but planning for potential health needs is still top of mind?

One increasingly popular solution is



a Continuing Care at Home (CC@H) membership. Typically offered by organizations that specialize in aging services, CC@H programs are designed to help older adults remain in their homes longer, with a strong focus on proactive health and financial planning for future care.

If you're considering a CC@H membership — for yourself or a loved one — be sure to ask the right questions:

Does the program offer personalized well-being support? A good program should provide guidance such as wellness coaching to help you stay independent and thrive. Research shows people achieve better outcomes with the support of a dedicated advocate.

Are future care costs covered? Quality programs help pay for services you may

need later, whether it's home health care or a transition to a senior living community.

Who's behind the program? Look into the organization offering it. Do they have a strong track record in the aging services space? Longevity and a solid reputation matter — they're signs the program will be there when you need it.

The bottom line: Not all CC@H programs are alike. Choose one that fits your current lifestyle and supports your future — while offering peace of mind for you and your family. ■

Aaron Wheeler is Vice President of Home and Community-Based Services for WesleyLife, which provides health and well-being services, including WellAhead — A WesleyLife Well-Being Experience, a CC@H offering. To learn more, visit wesleylife.org/wellahead.

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DO YOU need to update your will or trust?

It is a good idea to review your estate planning documents periodically. Through a strategic analysis of your documents, you can ensure that your loved ones continue to be provided for appropriately. There are certain major life events that require you do a legal check-up.



Changes to your family

Births, deaths, marriages and other family changes are among the most common reasons for making revisions to wills, trusts and powers of attorney.

Changes to your financial circumstances

Your will or trust should reflect your current financial situation. Past plans may no longer be appropriate due to changes in the value of your assets or income.

Have the right executor

Your executor or trustee will help settle your affairs. If your plans were made some time ago, the person you named may no longer be able to serve or may no longer be the right person for the job.

Provisions for children

If your children are beneficiaries, you may wish to delay their inheritance, so they receive money when they are older and better able to manage assets. If you have nominated a guardian to care for minor children, you want to ensure that the agent is still willing and able to assist you.

Loved ones with different needs

Over time, the needs of your heirs may change. Age or illness may require restructuring your estate plan to provide asset protection.

Recently moved to Iowa

Each state has its own laws governing the settlement of estates. Your will or trust may

have been drafted under the laws of your former state of residence. You may wish to have them reviewed to be sure they are appropriate under the laws of the state of Iowa.

Real estate in another state

If you own real estate in another state, the laws of that state may apply to its disposition. You also have the potential for probate in two different states, doubling the time and expense of settling your affairs.

With thoughtful and periodic reviews of your will or trust, you can make certain that your estate planning documents reflect your current situation and goals. Make an appointment with an experienced estate planning attorney to help you update your estate plan. ■

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ESTIMATING and updating income through the Affordable Care Act

When enrolling in health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace, being aware of your income is crucial. The amount of income you report not only determines your eligibility for a Marketplace plan, but it also impacts whether you qualify for savings like premium tax credits or cost-sharing reductions. Accurately estimating your income ensures that you receive the correct amount of financial help and avoid unpleasant surprises during tax time.



Marketplace savings are based on your Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), which includes wages, self-employment earnings, unemployment compensation, Social Security benefits, and certain other types of income. It's important to understand what counts as income under the ACA because underreporting or overreporting could lead to either missing out on savings or having to repay excess subsidies later.

If you make between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL), you typically qualify for premium tax credits that lower your monthly insurance premium. In many states, especially after the 2021 American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act, subsidies are available even above that 400% threshold, making coverage more affordable for more people.

Since the ACA uses projected annual income for the coverage year, it's critical to estimate as accurately as possible what your household will earn. If your circumstances change — for example, you get a new job, lose a job, get married or divorced, or have a child — your income estimate should be updated in your Marketplace application as soon as possible. This helps ensure that the amount of financial assistance you receive remains appropriate.

Failing to update your income can result in owing money at tax time if you received more premium tax credit than you were eligible for based on your final income. Conversely, you might get a larger refund if you were eligible for more assistance than you used during the year.

Being income-aware when enrolling in Marketplace coverage and throughout the calendar year is essential to getting the right financial help and avoiding costly tax issues. Regularly reviewing and updating your information can ensure you maintain access to affordable, high-quality health insurance.

As a professional that has worked within this platform since Jan. 1, 2014, I feel it is always valuable to think about what income looks like halfway through the calendar year in case an adjustment is needed to offset some of the impact at tax time. Make a note to yourself to think about this around July 4. Contact your trusted health care advisor to assist with any updates and if you have questions. ■

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JOHNSTON'S housing market

Halfway there, halfway sane (mostly)

Well, Johnstonians, we've hit the halfway mark of 2025, and the housing market is... well, it's doing its thing. It's a bit like letting your kindergartner dress themselves for school. You're never quite sure what you're going to get.

After the initial sprint of spring, things have settled into a rhythm, albeit one with a few unexpected dance moves. Remember those bidding wars from the last few years? They've mostly taken a scenic walk around Terra Park. Buyers, armed with slightly more negotiating power, are no longer feeling the need to choose between offering on a new home or groceries.

Inventory levels? They've bravely ventured out of the witness protection program and are up approximately 20% year over year. This means buyers have more choices. However, don't get too comfortable; desirable properties in prime Johnston neighborhoods are still getting snatched up faster than bottles of pinot grigio on Wednesdays at Greenbriar.

Interest rates, our favorite rollercoaster, have continued their unpredictable climbs and dips. Just when you think you've got a handle on them, they pull a surprise U-turn, leaving potential buyers feeling like they're trying to navigate the new roundabouts with a 16-year-old driver. Mortgage lenders are earning their keep explaining the nuances, often resorting to interpretive dance to illustrate basic points. With tariff talk settling down and both the CPI and inflation not as bad as predicted, hopefully stability (and lower rates) will follow.

Speaking of prices, the frantic upward trajectory has mellowed out a bit. It's less of a rocket launch and more of a gentle incline. Sellers who are still pricing their homes as if it's 2023 might find their properties lingering on the market longer than they had anticipated. A friendly reminder: the market has slightly adjusted. Median home prices are down a scoosh, but sale prices have remained steady.

The "days on market" statistic, once a source of anxiety for buyers, is now offering a sliver of breathing room. Homes aren't disappearing overnight quite as frequently, giving buyers a chance to actually figure out if the home is right for them — a novel concept.

Of course, Johnston's charm remains a constant. The allure of excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, tons of outdoor activities and the promise of a quick commute to almost anywhere in the metro (unless it's Green Days parade day — then all bets are off) continues to draw people in. So, while the market might be taking a breather, the fundamental appeal of Johnston living is still a major draw.

So, what's the mid-year verdict? The Johnston housing market in June 2025 is a bit like Goldilocks' porridge — not too hot, not too cold, just... lukewarmly interesting. It's a market that rewards patience, a bit of savvy negotiation (with a licensed Realtor), and perhaps a good sense of humor to navigate the occasional unexpected twist. Now, if you'll excuse me, I just got an alert — interest rates have changed again. ■



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Polk County Invests in Affordable Housing Initiatives & Homeless Shelter

Polk County Board of Supervisors distributing more than \$44 million on Affordable Housing initiatives & investing in critical infrastructure repairs at Central Iowa Shelter & Services' downtown Des Moines Homeless Shelter. Below are some initiatives Polk County has invested in using one-time federal funding.

Monarch Apartments (4845 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines)



Anawim Housing converted a former hotel into permanent housing for those experiencing homelessness & offering wrap-around services

42 total housing units

Polk County's commitment: \$1 million

Goldfinch Lofts (3404 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines)



Cutler Development's Goldfinch Lofts will be the first in the country that is carbon neutral certified and Iowa's first Passive House certified (for extremely high-efficient operational systems).

28 total housing units

Polk County's commitment: \$1 million

Central Iowa Shelter & Services' Downtown Des Moines Homeless Shelter (1420 Mulberry St, Des Moines)



Supporting critical repairs including HVAC, plumbing, electrical, kitchen repairs, and security upgrades

Polk County's commitment: \$817,333.93

"Access to affordable housing is one of the single most important issues facing this country," said Board Chair Matt McCoy. "Polk County is fortunate to have this one-time federal funds to invest in affordable housing initiatives and those experiencing homelessness, because wherever you're at in life, everyone deserves to have a roof over your head."

- Matt McCoy





Community Highlights

Anawim Supportive Hotel-to-Housing Initiative Launches in Des Moines

Polk County Supervisors Matt McCoy and Angela Connolly joined other community leaders to celebrate the grand opening of The Monarch Apartments, the latest achievement in supportive housing spearheaded by Anawim Housing. This innovative hotel-to-housing conversion aims to offer stable, long-term accommodation to 40 individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness. By leveraging funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Polk County has played a pivotal role in bringing this project to fruition. These efforts not only provide residents with much-needed housing but also offer a pathway toward enhanced independence and overall well-being.



Polk County and Ankeny Inaugurate Fourmile Creek Wetland Project

The Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority proudly dedicated the Creekview Stormwater Wetland, a landmark collaborative initiative between Polk County and the City of Ankeny. This ambitious project introduces a vast stormwater wetland meticulously crafted to manage urban runoff from approximately 423 acres of pre-regulation developments. Spanning 15 acres, the wetland incorporates key design features, including a precisely sized forebay, intricate micro-topography, and an innovative stream diversion structure. The dedication ceremony offered attendees a unique perspective with a hayrack ride tour, providing an up-close look at the transformational new wetland.



Open House Held for Center at Sixth Development

Polk County Board Chair Matt McCoy had the honor of speaking at the unveiling of the Center at Sixth Development, located along the vibrant 6th Ave. corridor in Des Moines. Proudly backed by Polk County's funding, this unique development aims to empower local minority entrepreneurs. The 9,000-square-foot space will blend innovation and community by offering live/work units alongside a dynamic mixed-use incubator tailored for local artists, chefs, and retailers. This groundbreaking project is poised to serve as a catalyst for revitalizing Des Moines' 6th Avenue corridor, fostering growth and opportunity in the area.



Polk County Gifts Adaptive Bikes to Ankeny Schools

Polk County Supervisor Mark Holm proudly awarded a Polk County Community Betterment Grant to Ankeny High School, marking a significant step towards inclusivity. The grant will fund the introduction of adaptive bikes, designed to empower students who are wheelchair-bound or have other special needs, enabling their active participation in school activities. This initiative underscores a commitment to ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all students, fostering a more supportive and engaging educational environment.



Character Counts Expansion Supported by Community Funding

Polk County Supervisors are thrilled to back the expansion of the Character Counts initiative, made achievable through generous grants and support from local organizations such as Prairie Meadows and Polk County. This expansion aims to extend the program's influence, reaching more than 30% of classrooms statewide. The program offers early childhood kits centered around the six pillars of character, provided at no cost to classrooms. These kits include comprehensive lesson plans, family guides, music, and posters. Educators can benefit from on-site training at the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University or participate in convenient webinars, ensuring impactful and widespread character education.



EVENTS IN THE AREA

Be sure to check for cancellations

Upcoming in Johnston Living magazine

Yards: Enjoying the green spaces around your home: Do you have a lush, green lawn with plenty of open spaces? Tell us how you keep your yard healthy and how your family makes the best of the space. Perhaps your yard provides space for barbecues, fun around the pool or hot tub, room for play equipment and lawn games. Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com with your experiences enjoying the cool feeling of grass beneath your feet.

RV Camping: Do you enjoy packing up the RV and heading out on the open road for vacation? Share with us why you think RVing is the way to go and the adventures you've discovered. Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com with your stories.

Tunes at Twilight Thursday Concert Series

Thursdays, July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

The Yard, 6245 Merle Hay Road

Performances will be by Jordan Beem on July 10, The Sons of Gladys Kravitz on Aug. 7 and Damon Dotson on Sept. 11.

To submit calendar items for consideration, send to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

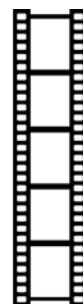


Yoga by the Lake

Various Saturdays, June 7 through Oct. 11, 8 a.m.

Terra Lake, by the amphitheater, 6400 Pioneer Parkway

Enjoy a refreshing hour of yoga led by Ignit Yoga Instructor Natalie Henricksen. Experience the tranquility of the lake and the vibrant colors of nature as you enhance your well-being in a serene outdoor setting. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and any additional items to ensure your comfort during the class. This event is free and open to all levels. Dates are June 7, 14, 28; Aug. 23, 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11.



Movies on the Yard

Fridays, July 18 and Aug. 29, beginning at dusk
The Yard, 6245 Merle Hay Road

Movies will be "How to Train Your Dragon" on July 18, "Wicked" on Aug. 29, and TBD Sept. 18.

Vietnam War Living History Event

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, 7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston

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June 14, July 26, Aug. 23 and Sept. 27, 7-10 p.m.
The Yard, 6245 Merle Hay Road

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Mayor's Run for the Trails 5K + Kids Fun Runs

Saturday, Aug. 9, 8 a.m. kids runs and 8:15 a.m. 5K run
Terra Park, 6400 Pioneer Parkway

To register and for more information, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/Mayors5kRun.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Be sure to check for cancellations

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Family Fest

Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Yard, 6245 Merle Hay Road

The public is invited to bring the entire family to enjoy this free event, which will feature Dance Vision performances, Stationary Balloon Animals, Sam Rezz' unique cirque-style entertainment, and a magic show finale. For performance times, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/1533/Family-Fest. During the event, visit with Rusty Star Alpacas, fire and police vehicles, the Johnston Public Library's Book Bike, and enjoy kids activities organized by numerous organizations. A water trail will be provided by Iowa Stormwater Educational Partnership. Food trucks onsite will be Kona Ice, Outside Scoop and Charlotte's Kitchen.



Events and Music at the Winery

Various dates
Covered Bridges Winery, 2207 170th Trail, Winterset
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- **June 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.:** Boomerang, \$5 cover
- **June 8, 2-4 p.m.:** Bob Pace
- **June 22, 2-4 p.m.:** Devon Miller
- **June 28:** Flower Arranging, tickets required
- **July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, 7-9 p.m.:**

Trivia Thursday

The Music of John Williams

Various dates and locations

The Greater Des Moines Community Band announces the schedule for its 2025 summer concert series, The Music of John Williams. Summer Concert selections run the gamut from movie themes to music for major athletic events.

- **June 9, 7 p.m.** Edencrest at Kettlestone, 805 S.E. Tallgrass Lane, Waukee
- **June 16, 7 p.m.** Spurgeon Manor, 1204 Linden St., Dallas Center
- **June 23, 7 p.m.** Walnut Ridge, 1701 Campus Drive, Clive
- **June 30, 7 p.m.** Eden Acres and Spring Valley, 1300 28th St., Perry
- **July 7, 7 p.m.** First Baptist Church, 8250 N.W. 62nd St., Johnston
- **July 14, 7 p.m.** Holland Farms, 2800 Sunset Drive, Norwalk
- **July 21, 7 p.m.** Woodlands Creek, 12675 Woodlands Parkway, Clive
- **July 28, 7 p.m.** Copper Shores Village, 1500 Edgewater Drive, Pleasant Hill
- **Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m.** Rieman Music, 6501 Douglas, Urbandale
- **Aug. 9, 11 a.m.** Iowa State Fair, Knapp Stage
- **Aug. 17, 5 p.m.** Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Howard St., Indianola
- **Aug. 18 TBA**
- **Aug. 25 TBA**



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The Dancer's Theatre Summer Camps

Various dates from June to August
The Dancer's Theatre, 5860 Merle Hay Road, Johnston

The Dancer's Theatre is a nonprofit youth performing arts center located in Johnston. Themed camps are offered throughout the summer for students in preschool through middle school. TDT's mission is to provide a safe, inclusive, educational and nurturing environment for young artists to create and thrive. Detailed information can be found at thedancerstheatre.org/camps

- June 9-10: Move Like Moana
- June 12-13: Lion King
- June 19-20: Snow White
- June 24-26: Princess Academy
- June 24-26: Dance Fundamentals
- June 30-July 2: Hooray for USA!



Food Truck Fridays

May through June, 5:30-8 p.m.

Campbell Park, 12385 Woodlands Parkway, Clive

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- **June 6:** Dick Danger Band
- **June 13:** Gladys Lite (Sons of Gladys Kravitz Trio) ■

OUT & ABOUT



Elizabeth VanGundy and Julia Bradshaw at the Johnston and Grimes chambers' joint ribbon cutting May 1 for 515 Wellness and Aesthetics.



Light Jones and Dan Fitzgerald at the Johnston and Grimes chambers' joint ribbon cutting May 1 for 515 Wellness and Aesthetics.



Dan Fitzgerald presents a plaque to Jenny Meyers and Gina Battani at the Johnston and Grimes chambers' joint ribbon cutting May 1 for 515 Wellness and Aesthetics, 1830 S.E. Princeton Drive, Suite E, Grimes.



Tracy Hitchcock and Marcie Strouse at the Johnston and Grimes chambers' joint ribbon cutting May 1 for 515 Wellness and Aesthetics.



Andrea Hodapp, Sharm Sisler and Brenda Ballard at the Johnston, Grimes and Urbandale chambers' joint ribbon cutting April 22 for Des Moines Emergency Dentist 24/7.



Brandon Thompson and Dan Fitzgerald at the Johnston, Grimes and Urbandale chambers' joint ribbon cutting April 22 for Des Moines Emergency Dentist 24/7.



Johnston Chamber held a ribbon cutting May 15 at Woof Pack Resort & Spa, 5700 West Parkway, Johnston.



The Johnston Chamber, along with the Grimes and Urbandale Chambers, celebrated a ribbon cutting for the opening of Des Moines Emergency Dentist 24/7 at 4800 100th St., Urbandale, on April 22.



Woof Pack Resort & Spa team at the Johnston Chamber ribbon cutting May 15 at the business.



Mayor Paula Dierenfeld presents a plaque to Owner Heather Lesley and Rachel Lesley at the Johnston Chamber ribbon cutting May 15 at Woof Pack Resort & Spa.



Bishop Drumm Retirement Community held Prom on May 1. Prom Queen was Merle Gustafson, King was Ron Gustafson, Prince was Jake Kirkpatrick and Princess was Betty Baule.



Tiffany Nielsen, Light Jones and Christy Cline at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Derek Trobaugh and Josh Laraby at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Dan Fitzgerald and Leif Gustafson at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Scott Wendt and Brenda Faber at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Mike Pogge-Weaver and Dr. Nikki Roorda at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Killian Fitzgerald, owner of Fitz Mowing, at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Elizabeth VanGundy and Tyson Handsaker at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.



Col. Michael J. Harris (Ret) of Camp Dodge and Capt. Gerry Berry (Ret), Operation Frequent Wind Guest Speaker at Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge on May 12. Berry was part of the largest helicopter evacuation in military history. He evacuated U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin out of Saigon in his CH-46 helicopter, marking the final chapter of America's presence in Vietnam.



Sen. Matt Blake and Rep. Eddie Andrews at the April 29 Johnston Chamber Luncheon held at John Deere Financial and sponsored by Fitz Mowing.

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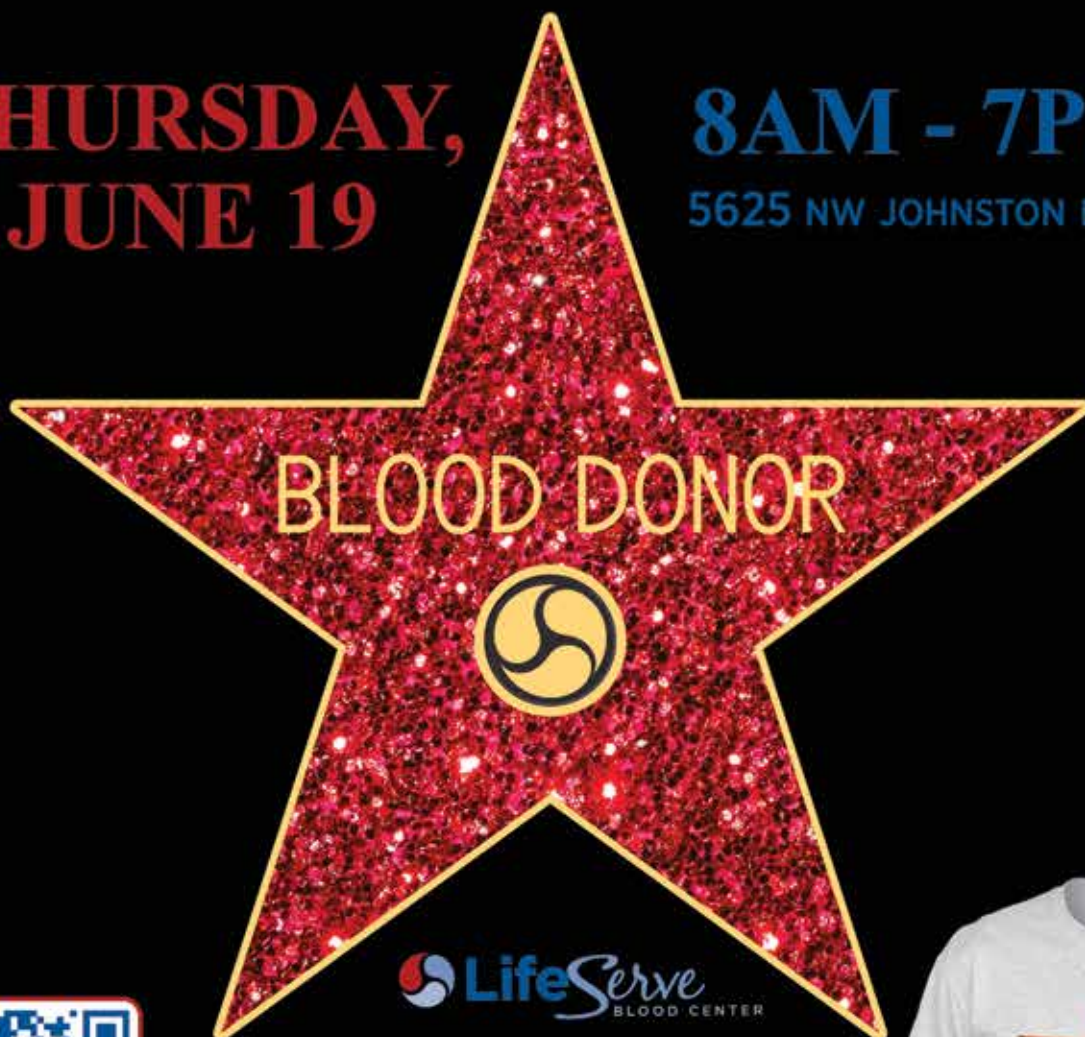
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