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# WASP FOR SENIORS RETURNS IN MARCH



After a long hiatus, the Waukee Police Department's WASP (Waukee Area Seniors & Police) program will resume on Wednesday, March 30 at 9 a.m. Officers encourage seniors to stop by the Community Center for coffee and breakfast. The program will continue to take place on the last Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. This program is designed to help reduce criminal victimization of the elderly. Call the PD at 515-978-7979 with any questions. This is a free program. ■

## 5-DAY FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 18**  
 Colder, afternoon snow 1-3"



**SATURDAY HIGH 22 | LOW 1**  
 Morning snow, storm total 6-10"



**SUNDAY HIGH 24 | LOW 20**  
 Mostly cloudy



**MONDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 19**  
 Mostly cloudy



**TUESDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 18**  
 Times of clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# THE BLACKBERRY IS DEAD

If you were working in the business world around the turn of the century, you likely owned a BlackBerry. I did, and it was life-changing. If I search long enough, I might even be able to still find it somewhere in my box of now-expired phones that I seem to be saving for no apparent reason.

Well, if you haven't heard by now, the BlackBerry is officially done. The Washington Post and others report that the BlackBerry was forced to retire as of last Tuesday.

The device was a pioneer of its time when physical keyboards were king and touch screens seemed futuristic. But, as the Post reports, "the cellphone turned status symbol will become one more relic of a bygone era as the transition to 5G wireless technology grinds forward."

According to the story, all devices running on BlackBerry's legacy operating systems and software will no longer function. Old devices won't be able to

send text messages or dial 911. This is part of the "2G/3G sunset," which, the Post reports, is happening now as carriers dismantle outdated and inefficient pieces of infrastructure to make way for newer networks that are more secure, cost-efficient and easier to maintain. So, in short, the BlackBerry is dead.

Some of you may remember the original BlackBerry being referred to as a "CrackBerry," referencing the addiction that its users experienced. Those who owned one could, among other things, check email on their phones 24/7, which was an amazing feat at the time.

The advent of the iPhone changed everything. At the time, I referred to the Apple product as just another toy, while the BlackBerry was an essential work device. Then I bought an iPhone... and another one... and another one. I am not sure how



many I have owned at this point. Today, like many of you, I am an iPhone fan. I had to dig deep in my memory bank to remember if I actually owned a BlackBerry at one time.

What I do vividly remember owning and enjoying were the Palm Pilots. They looked and worked much like BlackBerrys, but my last version had the handy stylus that slid into the side and proved to be helpful for folks like me with fumbling fingers. These devices — and those days — are long gone, and I can't help but wonder what the future will bring and how soon we will be fondly recalling what an iPhone once was. In the meantime, rest in peace, BlackBerry.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# HOW TO CARE FOR GAS METERS THIS WINTER

Outdoor natural gas meters and/or pressure regulator sets are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions. However, the Waukee Gas Department offers these winter protection tips:

- Clean and repair leaky eaves and gutters regularly to prevent ice and melting snow build-up.
- Do not pile snow against your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set when shoveling or blowing snow.
- Never allow snow to completely cover a natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set.
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand.

Call 515-978-7920 if you notice a build-up of snow or ice. Do not try to remove it by kicking or hitting the meter or piping. ■

## 2022 DCF GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 1

The Dallas County Foundation 2022 grant application materials are online at <http://www.dallascountyfoundation.org>. If you have received previous grants, an evaluation form, receipts and photos must be submitted prior to a new grant request. Your grant request will not be accepted without the completed project evaluation.

DCF will accept grant requests that improve the lives of Dallas County residents. Areas of emphasis are: health and human services, arts and culture, youth development, education, recreation, environment and community betterment.

Applicants must be a 501(c) 3, 5 or 6 organization or 107(b) unit of government or be affiliated with another organization that has one of these designations. DCF grant application deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Grants mailed must have a postmark prior to Feb.1; grants delivered to drop off sites must be received prior to closing times of the banking facilities.

The Dallas County Foundation, an affiliate of Greater Des Moines Community Foundation was established in 2005 to foster private giving, strengthen service providers and improve the conditions of the communities and rural areas of Dallas County.

For more information and grant application materials please visit <http://www.dallascountyfoundation.org>. ■

### SPORTS SCHEDULES

#### WAUKEE:

##### Friday, Jan. 14

4:00 p.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational @ Bettendorf

##### Saturday, Jan. 15

9:00 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational @ ADM

##### Monday, Jan. 17

7:00 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys JV vs. Ankeny Centennial

8:15 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys 9th vs. Ankeny Centennial

##### Tuesday, Jan. 18

5:30 p.m. **Swimming:** Boys JV/Boys Varsity @ Dowling

6:15 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity vs. Ankeny

7:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity vs. Ankeny

#### WAUKEE NORTHWEST:

##### Saturday, Jan. 15

10:00 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity @ Cedar Rapids Jefferson

3:00 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys 10th vs. Iowa City

4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity vs. Iowa City

##### Monday, Jan. 17

6:00 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys 9th vs. Johnston

7:00 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys JV @ Southeast Polk

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# DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

## SHAKE YOUR WINTER BLUES

Looking for a fun way to get out of the house and off the screens? A change of scenery and a shock to the senses is sure to stimulate the mind and body. Explore the outdoors with a hike with a Dallas County Conservation Board naturalist or on your own Monday, Jan. 17, 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. at Forest Park Museum and RRVT Spur, Perry. Warm up with a visit to the displays inside the museum. Registration is required, [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation) (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

## CONSERVATION WITH AN OWL

Meet Strix, a rehabilitated barred owl, during a naturalist-led conversation examining the owl species common to Dallas County. The evening version of the program includes an Owl Prowl hike. The program is held various dates January through March at Hanging Rock shelter house, Redfield. Register and check online for specific dates at [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation) (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

## STARGAZING AND WINTER CONSTELLATION STORIES

Join a Dallas County Conservation Board naturalist under the star-filled skies to learn how to build and read a star chart, measure distances in the sky to help locate and identify common

constellations, and share a few sky stories January through early March at Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham. Register and check online for specific dates at [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation) (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The Dallas County Conservation Board offers cross country skiing at Voas Nature Area, Minburn, when there is at least 4 inches of snow and a naturalist available. Poles, boots and skis for ages 10 and older are available to rent for \$3, although a limited number of sets is available for younger skiers. Registration is not required, but those interested can sign up to be contacted online at [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation). Announcements will also be made on the DCCB Facebook page.

## BIRD-WATCHING BASICS

Learn the basics of identifying birds from a naturalist on various dates January through early March at Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham. Follow a path of lawn signs that will describe shape, size and field marks of birds and finish with a visit to the bird blind to test your skills. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. Register and check online for specific dates at [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation) (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577. ■

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**  
  
*What did one eye say to the other eye?  
Between you and me, something smells!*

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL

Registration for the Waukee Parks & Recreation Department's Girls Softball League is now open. The season will run from mid-April through early June. Online registration ends Feb. 17. Register participants for the grade they are in for the 2021-2022 school year. The cost is \$70 for grades K-2, and the cost is \$92 for grades 3-7. Grades K-1 will play with both a tee and coach pitching. Tees will not be used for grades 2-7. Players are required to provide their own helmets and ball gloves. Register at [https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs), under the Youth Sports category. ■

## REAL FOOD 4 KIDS OFFERED

Keep the kids busy in the kitchen this winter with Real Food 4 Kids held Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. Participants ages 6-12 will learn about ingredients, measuring, mixing, chopping and blending. Plus, make recipes from scratch, such as energy bites, veggies and dips, pancakes and homemade syrup, desserts and pasta dishes. Classes take place on Monday nights. The cost of the seven-week session is \$157.50. To register, visit [https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs). ■

## LIBRARY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

Looking for ways to give back to your community, enhance the Library, and make a big impact in just a few hours per month? Consider joining the Waukee Public Library Friends Foundation Board of Directors. You'll work with other service-oriented members of the community to find ways to fund and enrich the Waukee Public Library and its mission to provide beneficial resources and services to the Waukee community and surrounding areas. Make a positive impact in 2022 and join the Friends Foundation Board today. Email [waukeepfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:waukeepfoundation@gmail.com) for more information on how to apply. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. To find out more about the Waukee Public Library Friends Foundation, go to [waukeepubliclibrary.org](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org). ■

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

• **Books on Tap**, Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Meet at Mickey's Irish Pub to enjoy food, drinks and a discussion of Alice Hoffman's book, "The World That We Knew."

• **Elementary Early Out**, Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m. Youth in grades K-5 are invited to bring their creativity and scientific minds to the Library to explore a variety of dinosaur STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) hands-on activities. Registration is required.

• **Candle Workshop**, Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Chase away the winter blues with a custom candle. During this one-hour session, the experts at Candle Bar DSM will help you create your own custom blended scent and pour your personalized soy wax candle. Registration is required for this event and takes place at Candle Bar DSM in Valley Junction. ■

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## EVENTS IN THE AREA

### 'HAMILTON'

Single tickets go on sale to the public Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

Performances are May 17 - June 5  
Des Moines Civic Center

Producer Jeffrey Seller and Des Moines Performing Arts announce that single tickets for "Hamilton" will go on sale at DMPA.org, in person at the Civic Center Ticket Office or by calling 515-246-2300. There is a maximum purchase limit of eight tickets per account for the engagement. When tickets go on sale, prices will range from \$59 to \$159 with a select number of premium seats available from \$249 for all performances. There will be a lottery for 40 \$10 seats for all performances. Details will be announced closer to the engagement.

### FIRE & ICE WINTER PUB CRAWL

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1-4 p.m.  
Valley Junction

CITYVIEW'S winter event returns. Tickets, ordered in advance, are \$20. Cost is \$30 at the door. Ticket covers 10 sample winter specialty drinks at participating establishments in Valley Junction. Tickets are available online at [fire-and-ice.dmcityview.com](http://fire-and-ice.dmcityview.com).

### WINTER JAM - ALL TOGETHER NOW TOUR

Saturday, Jan. 22  
Wells Fargo Arena, 233 Center St., Des Moines

Winter Jam, Christian music's biggest multi-artist tour, returns this year, and the 2022 lineup is loaded, featuring Skillet, Tauren Wells, KB, Colton Dixon, I Am They, NewSong and pre-jam artists

Abby Robertson and Bayside Worship along with speaker Shane Prutt. General admission is a \$10 donation at the door starting at 4 p.m. The pre-show is at 5 p.m., and the show starts at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.jamtour.com](http://www.jamtour.com).

### TRANSCENDING TRAUMA SEMINAR

Friday, Jan. 28, check-in starts at 9 a.m.  
Program 9:15 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Grand View University, The Student Center

Crossroads of Iowa is offering its ninth annual community seminar for "the helping professionals and survivors of trauma." Tuition, which must be prepaid, is \$100 or \$85 if postmarked by Jan. 21. Register online at [www.crossroadsofiowa.org](http://www.crossroadsofiowa.org) or mail checks to 2815 199th St., Suite 111, Urbandale, IA 50322. Walk-ins welcome if space is available with payment of cash only. Topics include Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing; Rounding, Grieving, Growing Steps of Recovery from Trauma; An Extensive History Validated by Research; and Healing Trauma Through Yoga.

### 'THAT GOLDEN GIRLS SHOW! A PUPPET PARODY'

Jan. 25-30

The Temple Theater,  
1011 Locust St., Des Moines

Sophia and her get-rich-quick schemes, Rose and some epic tales from St. Olaf, Blanche and an insatiable hunt for you know what, and Dorothy's daily struggle to figure out life. This new show uses puppets to parody the TV classic "Golden Girls." For more information, visit [www.desmoinesperformingarts.org](http://www.desmoinesperformingarts.org). ■

## RECIPE

# A TWIST ON TRADITIONAL BURGERS



*(Family Features)* Few dishes are a standard go-to like burgers. While traditional beef patties come to mind for many, there are also healthy protein options to satisfy that burger craving without sacrificing flavor.

For example, salmon is a nutritionally well-rounded alternative that offers a variety of health benefits, and an option like gluten-free Trident Seafoods Alaska Salmon Burgers are made with wild, sustainable, ocean-caught whole filets with no fillers and are lightly seasoned. Topped with melted cheddar then piled on top of fresh arugula, peppered bacon and zesty mayo, these Alaskan Salmon Burgers with Peppered Bacon are a twist on tradition that can help you put a protein-packed, flavorful meal on the table in minutes.

Find more healthy seafood recipes at [tridentseafoods.com](http://tridentseafoods.com). ■

## ALASKAN SALMON BURGERS WITH PEPPERED BACON

**Prep time:** 13 minutes

**Servings:** 4

1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest  
salt  
pepper  
1 box (11.2 ounces) Trident Seafoods Alaska Salmon Burgers  
4 cheddar cheese slices  
4 seeded burger buns, split and toasted  
4 cups arugula  
6 strips peppered bacon, cooked  
12 bread-and-butter pickles, drained

### Directions:

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Cook salmon burgers according to package directions. When almost cooked through, top each with slice of cheese, cover and cook until melted.

Spread cut sides of buns with mayonnaise and top bottom buns with arugula. Cover with salmon burgers, bacon, pickles and top buns.

# KASS TAKES HELM AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

After an extensive search and two rounds of interviews, Andy Kass was named the new City of Waukee Community Development director. Kass has been with the City of Waukee since December 2013, having served as Planner II, Senior Planner and Planning Coordinator. He worked as a planner in Champaign County, Illinois, prior to coming to Waukee. In his new role, Kass will be responsible for leading and directing the operations/functions of the Community Development Department (planning, building and code enforcement, and economic development divisions). He will continue to play an active role in the development review process and will head up future long-range planning initiatives.



“I am most looking forward to leading a high performing team through record growth,” Kass said about the promotion. “I’m excited for the opportunity to help shape the future of Waukee.”

He steps in following Brad Deets’ move to assistant city administrator.

“Andy has played a key role in Waukee’s development success and has grown as a leader in recent years,” said City Administrator Tim Moerman. “Congrats to Andy. He and the Community Development team members have what it takes to thrive amid the challenges of being a high-growth community.”

Kass holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in urban and regional planning, both from the University of Iowa. He also has his AICP Certification. ■

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** Heavyweight Ashley dining table: Dark distressed wood and bronze, seats 8, 4 matching chairs and 2 bench seats. **London brand queen-size sleeper sofa:** Upholstered fabric. **Jacoby lawn furniture:** 2 chairs, 2 side tables, purchased from Home Depot, powder-coated steel, slatted back and seat w/ red, white and blue pattern on beige cushions. Call 515-478-4594. Please leave a message.

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