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A ribbon cutting was held for Crumbl Cookies at their new location, 802 S.E. Oralabor Road, Suite 108, on Jan. 28. Photo by Brent Roske, Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

5-DAY FORECAST

WEDNESDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 22
Some sun, then clouds, cooler



THURSDAY HIGH 41 | LOW 35
Mostly cloudy



FRIDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 10
Breezy with possible showers



SATURDAY HIGH 26 | LOW 19
Much colder



SUNDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 9
Sunny, not as cold



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

HERE WE GO AGAIN

The more we do something, the better we get at it, or so the saying goes. If we are being honest, the whole “practice makes perfect” theory really isn’t true. If we continue to do something incorrectly, it will never become perfect. The better saying is “perfect practice makes perfect.” Meanwhile, we keep doing things. Repetition. And it adds up.

My mother had me making my bed every morning at an early age. By 5 years old, this was a daily habit. With me now at age 53, I estimate that I have made my bed more than 17,500 times. Sleep on that.

I take a shower or bath every day, whether I need to or not. (That’s a joke.) When I am in a cycle of exercising, that number increases. Based on once per day since my birth, I have showered or bathed more than 19,500 times. That’s a lot of soap and water.

I have been brushing my

teeth on my own since I was about 5. Doing so twice per day, I have used a toothbrush somewhere in the neighborhood of 35,000 times. Floss? Not so much.

Like most of you, I have been driving a vehicle since I was 16 years old. On average, I would guess that I start and drive a car about five times per day — maybe more. Even at five times, I have operated a vehicle at least 67,500 times.

According to one poll, about 40 percent of us check our email between six and 20 times per day. If you are reading this via newsletter email, you can relate. I am on the higher end of the range, but let’s go with an average of 10 times per day. I’ve been using email regularly since about 1995, which is 27 years. When I do the math, I



learn that I have checked my email more than 98,500 times — and I discovered that I won a lottery in about one-third of those instances!

The good news is, I think I am getting better at these and the other tasks I continue to repeat — but still not perfect. When Mom visits, she continues to find a wrinkle in my bedspread, and my dentist seems to locate an occasional cavity. And even with all my driving practice, I have still garnered a few traffic violations. Meanwhile, the practicing for perfection continues.

Here we go again.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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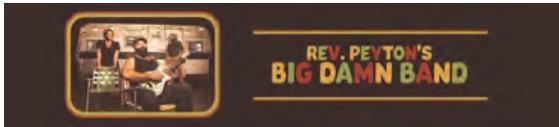
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'AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS'

Through Feb. 20

Des Moines Community Playhouse, 831 42nd St.,
Des Moines

It's winter 1934, and, when the Orient Express luxury train is stopped in the snow, a passenger is found dead in his locked compartment. Fortunately, the famous detective Hercule Poirot is also aboard to solve the case before the killer strikes again. www.dmplayhouse.com



WINTER BLUES FEST: THE REVEREND PEYTON'S BIG DAMN BAND

Friday, Feb. 11

Marriott, 700 Grand Ave. in downtown Des Moines

Said to possess a “burly, commanding voice” and to boast “eloquent original material” with “catchy tracks that have the zing of classic pop music, only greasier.” The Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band will play at Winter Bluesfest this month. The two-time Blues Music Awards nominees are said to be “the greatest front-porch blues band in the world led by Reverend Peyton, who is considered to be the premier finger picker playing today.” For more information, visit www.cibs.org/2021/11/2022-winter-blues-fest.

CHAD ELLIOTT

Friday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.

xBk, 1159 24th St., Des Moines

Singer-songwriter Chad Elliott brings his folk roots blended with swampy blues and soulful writing to produce one-of-a-kind live performances. With 17 full-length albums to his credit, Elliot has been lauded as “Iowa’s Renaissance man” by Culture Buzz Magazine. For more information, visit www.xbklive.com.

RIBBON BACON FESTIVAL

Saturday, Feb. 26

Horizon Events Center in Clive

After a year off, the bacon fellowship will resume, according to the Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival’s website. The \$50 general admission ticket includes live entertainment, 12 bacon-inspired dishes, one beverage and all the bacon you can eat. The theme will be “Bacon Gras” and feature bacon-infused Cajun dishes along with: Bacon Bourbon Street – Mardi Gras Beads, street performers, local musical acts, pro wrestling, Iowa’s top pop-punk group The Eugene Levy Band, Silent Club Sizzle, main-stage music from Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys, Not Quite Brothers and BYOBrass, and you won’t want to miss the popular bacon-eating contest at 3 p.m. Tickets for the event will be limited to 5,000. For more information, visit blueribbonbaconfestival.com.



CITYVIEW CHOCOLATE WALK

Friday, Feb. 25, 5-9 p.m.

West Glen Town Center, 5465 Mills Civic Parkway,
West Des Moines

Like chocolate? Like chocolate drinks? They you’ll love this event. CITYVIEW and West Glen Town Center once again present the Chocolate Walk. For a ticket price of \$20 (\$30 at the door), attendees will receive 10 drink tickets that can be redeemed for sample cocktails at participating venues. Attendees will also be provided tickets for chocolate dessert samples at participating retail stores. Find the registration link at <https://chocolatewalk.dmcityview.com>. ■

FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com and run for free.

DONALD E. HARTMAN

Lt. Col. Donald E. Hartman (Ret.), 89, of Ankeny, died peacefully with his family by his side on Feb. 4, 2022. A funeral mass was held on Feb. 8 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, 510 E. First St., Ankeny, followed by interment service with Military Honors at Ankeny Memorial Gardens.

Don was a longtime Ankeny resident and member of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church. Born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, he excelled in athletics, lettering in four sports at St. Mary's Cathedral High School, before moving on to college to play basketball and football, then graduating from the University of Arizona.

After college, he served in the U.S. Army, stationed in various states and abroad, to include Germany, Korea, and earning the Bronze Star in Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he embarked on his own personnel agency before moving on to a career in sales of industrial chemicals. He was active in his parish fundraisers, events, Knights of Columbus, and a member of ISU Cyclones Booster Club. As appreciation to his high school, he gave back as one of the founders of the Shamrock Golf Open in Wichita, Kansas, an annual charity event to raise money for the Sisters of St. Joseph/Dear Neighbor Ministries, which has continued for more than 18 years.

His wife of 51 years, Margaret, preceded him in death. ■



GLADYS ROSALIA MINER

Gladys Rosalia Miner, 82, died Jan. 26, 2022, at home, following a brief illness. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Ankeny. Burial followed at Ankeny Memorial Gardens.

She graduated from Don Bosco High School in 1958 in Gilbertville and worked in medical transcription at St. Francis Hospital in Waterloo. She married Donald Miner on Jan. 27, 1962. He survives her. They had four children, Beth, Rod, Doug and Shawn. Gladys and Don are long time members of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, where she assisted with religious education and volunteering. She was an in-home daycare provider, and worked for American Greetings and Maurices Distribution. ■



MICHAEL GLEN RODGERS

Michael Glen Rodgers, 70, of Ankeny died Jan. 25, 2022. He graduated from East High School in 1970 and married Marvanna Staley in August 1971. She survives him. They owned and operated their own gardening and landscaping business in Pleasant Hill for more than 25 years. When they left that business, Mike started a business full-time remodeling houses. ■



PAUL TIMMINS

Paul Timmins, 83, died Jan. 29, 2022, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. A memorial service was held Feb. 4 at Iles Grandview Park Chapel in Des Moines. Interment was at Berwick Cemetery.

He married Janice Corwin in 1969. She preceded him in death. He worked for years as a surveyor. He joined Snyder & Associates in 1978 and became a partner shortly after. Arrangements were handled by Iles Grandview Park Chapel. ■



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ENES LOGLI

Enes Logli died Jan. 30, 2022. She was born in 1921. She lived for 75 years in a home her father, Bartolomeo Linari, built in Ankeny. A private graveside service and burial will be held at Highland Memory Gardens beside her husband and WWII Medic, Reco Logli.

She graduated high school in Newton then attended the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and later Harmon School of Music at Drake University in the 1940s and was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. Enes and Reco raised two children, Peter A. Logli and Denise Logli, in their Ankeny hom. They were members of the First United Methodist Church in Ankeny. Enes was a choir member and leader there. She was also a soloist at University Christian Church near Drake and also at Central Presbyterian Church on Grand Avenue.

She earned her music degree in 1964 from Drake. She was a member of the musical society Pi Kappa Lambda. She earned her master's degree in education and administration in 1972. Enes also did office work at DMACC for several years after she retired from teaching at the Downtown and Ankeny campuses. She served many years as secretary and president of Ankeny's new Kirkendall Library Board of Directors.

She was an elementary music teacher in Altoona, a choir and chorus leader at Ankeny High School and Ankeny Methodist Church, and a sixth-grade math teacher at Northwest Elementary.

Memories can be shared at www.AnkenyMemorial.com. ■



JOYCE ELAINE MARTIN

Joyce Elaine Martin, 86, died Jan. 31, 2022. She had six children from her marriage to Dale Ohrtman, who preceded her in death. She later married Richard Martin and raised two boys with him. He also preceded her in death.

Visitation was Feb. 6 at Grandview Park Funeral Home, 3211 Hubbell Ave. Graveside services were Monday, Feb. 7, at Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry. ■



PATRICIA JEANNE TRACY

Pat Tracy, 77, of Ankeny (formerly of Winterset), died Feb. 3, 2022, at EveryStep Kavanagh House in Des Moines. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at Capitol City Church, 5990 N.E. 14th St., Des Moines, with a luncheon following. Burial will be at Winterset City Cemetery.

She was raised on the family farm and attended school in Peru and Winterset. On Oct. 22, 1960, she married George Olyn Tracy, and they shared 61 years together. They settled in Ankeny and raised their two children, Kevin and Renee. A full obituary can be found at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



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TEAM TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

Form a group of four or eight and join a night of friendly competition in support of your local library. After a break in 2020 and 2021, the Friends of the Ankeny Library are again hosting their annual team trivia event. It is set for Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library, 1250 S.W. District Drive. This event has historically been the group's single biggest fundraiser of the year, inviting participation from more than 180 area residents and helping support and promote programs and services at the library. Door prizes, a silent auction and snacks/drinks are planned. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25/person (\$100 for a table of four; \$200 for a table of eight). Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-team-trivia-night-tickets-240223032557>. ■

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FEB. 11

Join Ankeny's elected officials and Chamber members to hear the latest updates on legislation at the Ankeny Kirkendall Library, 1250 S.W. District Drive, on Friday, Feb. 11, at noon. Light refreshments will be served. ■

SILENT AUCTION

The Ankeny Art Center is holding a fundraising auction at WineStyles on Thursday, Feb. 10. For information, call 515-965-0940 or email ankenyardarts@ankenyardcenter.com. ■

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION EVENTS

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

Are you ready to get outside and explore? Join Knee-High Naturalists Feb. 16, 10 a.m. at Jester Park and hear a story followed by some outdoor fun. The topic will be Reptiles & Amphibians. As naturalists, participants will hike, investigate, and navigate through the trails and grounds of Jester Park as they learn what makes the outdoors such an amazing place. Come dressed to be outside. Registration required the day before this free event recommended for ages 3-6. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>.

OWL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Join Polk County Conservation Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. to celebrate Iowa's true winter romantics...the owls! By Valentine's Day, owls are often sitting on a nest of eggs. Learn why owls court in winter and which owls call Iowa home. This free program is for ages 5 and older and is held at Jester Park Nature Center. Registration required by Feb. 11. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>.

ANIMAL GUIDES MEDITATION

Each animal in our world offers powerful messages, healing and wisdom simply by being itself. Join Kara Simons for a guided meditation and discussion honoring our energetic and physical connections with animals as teachers and guides Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at Jester Park Nature Center. Reframe your perception and explore the rich symbolism of animal characteristics and attributes, from birds to mammals to reptiles, amphibians and insects. Cost is \$15, and the event is for ages 14 and older. Registration required by Feb. 14. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>. ■

WINTER CLASSES AT ART CENTER

The Ankeny Art Center, 1520 S.W. Ordinance Road, offers classes in pottery, watercolor, drawing, and more. See a list of adult classes at <https://ankenyardcenter.com/adult> and the list of K-8 classes at <https://ankenyardcenter.com/k8-school-year>. ■

RECIPE

MADE WITH LOVE

SET THE TABLE FOR ROMANCE WITH A DELICIOUS DATE NIGHT AT HOME



(Family Features) Planning a delicious, romantic date night doesn't have to take you any further than your own kitchen. You don't have to be an accomplished chef to set the table for romance, but you can take inspiration from simple, quality Italian dishes to celebrate the link between food and love.

As this recipe shows, a romantic meal can be ready in minutes or, like a great love story, simmered to perfection. To plan the ultimate date night at home, start by trying this dreamy main dish made with mouthwatering sauce.

Flavorful sauces make a great Italian meal, but the sauce doesn't need to be made from scratch (at least, not completely). For example, Bertolli d'Italia sauces are made in Italy for authentically delicious flavor. They are crafted with tomatoes vine-ripened under the Italian sun, finely aged Italian cheeses, fresh cream and Mediterranean olive oil. The result is a sauce that's perfect for your date-night meal.

Once you select your main course, prepare a simple salad of greens with a drizzle of Italian vinaigrette or Caesar dressing. Pop a loaf of bakery-fresh Italian or focaccia bread into the oven to warm through and serve with butter or olive oil for dipping. If you're so inclined, cap off the meal with a classic Italian dessert from your local bakery, like tiramisu, cannoli or a creamy panna cotta topped with fresh fruit.

Find more romantic dishes perfect for sharing at Bertolli.com. ■

ITALIAN SAUSAGE SPINACH AND TOMATO RIGATONI

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

Water

1/2 box rigatoni pasta

1 tablespoon olive oil

1/2 cup onions, chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced

16 ounces sweet Italian sausage

1 jar Bertolli d'Italia Marinara Sauce

2 cups fresh baby spinach

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Directions

Bring large stockpot of water to boil. Boil rigatoni pasta until al dente. Drain and set aside.

In saute pan over medium heat, add olive oil. Add onions, garlic and mushrooms. Saute until vegetables start to brown. Add Italian sausage and cook until done, breaking into small pieces. Add sauce and bring to low boil.

Add baby spinach. Cook until spinach is mostly wilted. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Add drained pasta to pan with sausage and sauce. Toss and divide between plates. Garnish with Parmesan cheese.

CHAMBER'S ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be Thursday, Feb. 24, 5:30-9 p.m. at the FFA Enrichment Center, 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny. This event celebrates the Chamber's past year, announces exciting new focuses for the upcoming year and honors the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Small Business Person of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, and Ankeny Young Professional of the Year. Price per ticket of \$125 includes one drink ticket (beer and wine) and two bottles of wine, provided by WineStyles, per table during dinner. The event is open to all Chamber members and their staff. Payment must be prepaid and may be made by cash, check or credit card. No refunds will be issued. For registration or more information, contact the Chamber at 515-964-0685 or abollinger@ankeny.org. ■

ANKENY ART CENTER FEATURES K-12 NORTH POLK SHOW

The Ankeny Art Center, 1520 S.W. Ordinance Road, is exhibiting the artwork of K-12 North Polk students Feb. 22-March 16 with a reception on Thursday, Feb. 24, 5-7 p.m. Masks are required at the K-12 Show reception, and, due to this, no food or drink will be served to minimize exposure. Artwork of Bondurant-Farrar students will be displayed through Feb 16. ■

ANKENY KIRKENDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS

The Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library introduces new team members working at one of the three service desks (circulation, children or reference).

Erik Kruse

“Hello. My name is Erik. I worked as a student library assistant while attending Cornell, which I enjoyed a lot. I look forward to working in a library again, this time at Kirkendall. During the more hospitable months, I enjoy biking and spending time outside with my dog.”

Meet more new team members in upcoming issues of Ankeny Living Weekly. ■



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.

LOOKING TO BUY: Vinyl Records. Will pay cash for your 60s, 70s and 80s rock as well as jazz and blues. Please call Brian at 515-326-5033.

FOR SALE: Three wheel double baby/toddler Stroller. \$35. Call or text for photos. 515-238-3198.

FOR SALE: 2005 Saturn Relay FWD. Gold with Gold leather interior. Fully loaded/Quad seating/Multi Disk CD player/DVD. 213,000 miles. Asking \$750.00. Call 515-238-3198. Located 5 miles from Grimes.

BABY BED FOR SALE: Has changing table on one end, 5 drawers for storage. Well Built. Needs a home to put it to use. Call 515-238-3198.

BUNK BEDS FOR SALE: Twin bottom/single top. Really nice. \$200.00 takes them away to a usable home. Text or call 515-238-3198 and I can return photos for viewing.

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