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DANE COUNTRY TRIP OFFERED BY WAUKEE PARKS & REC

The Waukee Parks & Recreation Department is offering a day trip on Thursday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., through Dane country. Located in the heart of southwest Iowa's picturesque countryside, Elk Horn is home to the largest settlement of Danes in the U.S. Visit the Museum of Danish America to learn about Danish immigrants and their journey from Denmark to establish homes, schools and churches in America; tour the 60-foot Danish Windmill that was built in Denmark and shipped directly to Elk Horn; enjoy a Danish meal; and have time for shopping. The cost of \$85 covers tours,



admissions, lunch, bus transportation and gratuities. Register online at waukee.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs. ■

EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 16

Hop over to Centennial Park, 1255 Warrior Lane, on Saturday, April 16, and fill your baskets full of candy at Waukee's annual Easter Egg Hunt. It starts at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Enjoy thousands of eggs and pieces of candy at this popular event. Watch for the special golden prize eggs. The crowd will be divided into three age groups at Centennial Park. Ages 4 and younger, greenspace west of Field No. 3; ages 5-7, Fields No. 2 and No. 3; ages 8-10: Field No. 1. Registration is not required. ■

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

The Dallas County Master Gardeners are hosting their annual plant sale on Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and get your truck beds ready to fill up with flowers. All proceeds will benefit the Dallas County Master Gardeners' demonstration garden. The sale will include perennials, annuals, vegetables, house plants, succulents, horticulture books, pre-potted arranged plants, plant containers, denim garden aprons and garden art. ■

WAUKEE WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 36
Mostly sunny and warmer



SATURDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 31
Times of clouds and sun



SUNDAY HIGH 53 | LOW 40
Rather cloudy



MONDAY HIGH 57 | LOW 38
Partly sunny, showers around



TUESDAY HIGH 56 | LOW 36
Mostly cloudy with a shower



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

I'M GONNA BUY ME ALL KINDS OF CANDY

"My name is Michael, I got a nickel. I got a nickel, shiny and new. I'm gonna buy me all kinds of candy. That's what I'm gonna do."

Those are the words that Clint Holmes sang in 1972 with his catchy song about the memories of childhood entitled, "Playground in my Mind." Today, a nickel won't buy all kinds of candy. It won't buy much at all. But, according to a wonderful story published March 18 in the Atlantic, it is worth more than 5 cents.

The story states that, although the nickel's actual monetary value is 5 cents, the metal it contains is worth more than that. It says the "melt value" of a single nickel is currently 8 cents. In recent weeks, it has been up to 16 cents.

But, before you get any great ideas, you should know that melting down nickels for a profit is a crime. Even so, the article

states, "That hasn't stopped opportunistic investors from zigzagging between banks and credit unions to gather nickels, with the hopes of one day selling them off for more than 5 cents."

So what has caused the increase in value? In short, it has been the Ukraine crisis. The article states, "Russia supplies more than 20 percent of the world's high-quality nickel, which is a crucial component in everything from stainless steel to pipes to the batteries that power electric cars. But with Ukraine under siege, companies in the West have been wary of buying Russian nickel. This has increased demand for nickel from everywhere else, which, in turn, has bumped up its price on the London Metal Exchange."



That's complicated stuff that most of us don't want to deal with, but here is the silver lining: The attraction to hoarding nickels is, apparently, that there is no downside, as the nickel will never be worth less than 5 cents. The upside, though, could be huge if the composition of the metal in the coins changes — or if the coin is discontinued — as the ban on melting down nickels would then likely go away.

Meanwhile, I prefer to keep things simple. I'm gonna buy me all kinds of candy. That's what I'm gonna do.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading.

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RIBBON CUTTING



The Chamber held a ribbon cutting at Your CBD Store, 264 Hickman Road, on Feb. 17.



Don Frazer and Skyler Hoth



Travis Gaule and Jim Miller



Brett Braafhart and Chris Crone



Kelly Fisher and Brad Irwin



Terry Snyder, Don Frazer and Gina Campos



Lacie Navin and Mayor Courtney Clarke

SPORTS SCHEDULES

WAUKEE:

Friday, April 1

- 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament @ Ankeny Centennial
- 7:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Game vs. Des Moines Lincoln

Saturday, April 2

- 11 a.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament @ Ankeny Centennial

Monday, April 4

- 4:15 p.m. **Track:** Boys/Girls 9th-10th Invitational @ Ames
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Marshalltown

WAUKEE NORTHWEST:

Friday, April 1

- 3:30 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity @ Southeast Polk
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV/Varsity vs. Southeast Polk
- 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament @ Ankeny

Saturday, April 2

- 1 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament @ Ankeny Centennial

Monday, April 4

- 4:15 p.m. **Track:** Boys/Girls 9th-10th Invitational @ Ames

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ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND GARAGE SALE

The Waukee Christian Church, 29043 T Ave. (the corner on Hickman Road), will hold its annual Flea Market/Garage Sale Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More than 30 vendors and crafters and a food truck will be on hand. Local Waukee author Judy Constant Tyler will be doing a book signing with her latest book, "Judy's Letters to Fritz and Carl," at the event. ■

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 4

Weekly curbside yard waste collection will begin Monday, April 4 and will continue to occur every Monday through November. However, it will take place on the Tuesdays of Memorial Day week and Labor Day week.

Yard waste is vegetation including materials such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and garden waste. Here are some tips to ensure your yard waste gets picked up:

- Yard waste must be put into biodegradable bags or reusable containers with a 40-pound maximum weight.
- Sticks, brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled (with string or twine) with a 40-pound maximum weight per bundle.
- Do not use your garbage or recycling containers for yard waste.
- Place approved items at the curb for collection prior to 7 a.m. each Monday.

For any garbage, recycling or yard waste questions, call ASI at 515-964-5229. ■

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FIRST MIRACLE LEAGUE SEASON

Waukee's Triumph Park and its Greater Iowa Credit Union Miracle League Field will open in June. All kids ages 5-19 with special needs — whether physical, emotional, social or cognitive — wanting to play baseball/softball on a non-competitive, coed team are eligible to play in this league. This year's adjusted league dates are June 4-25. Games will be played on Saturdays. Registration for the 2022 Miracle League at Triumph Park season is open at www.waukee.org/registration under "Register for Activities" and then "Youth Sports."

Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field which accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries. Each player will be partnered with a volunteer "buddy." Volunteer buddies and coaches are needed. Visit www.waukee.org/miracleleague to submit a volunteer application. Email Nathan Williams at nwilliams@waukee.org with any questions. ■

ENTER THE EASTER COLORING CONTEST

The annual Waukee Parks & Rec Easter Coloring

Contest is now for all ages. Help Waukee

Parks & Recreation

spread Easter cheer around the Downtown Triangle

by participating. Go to www.waukee.org/DocumentCenter/Index/200

to download the 2022 coloring pages and entry

form. Entry forms must be returned with coloring

pages. Deadline is April 6. Entries can be placed in

the drop box by the front door of the Waukee Public

Works Building or mailed to Waukee Parks & Recreation

Department, Attn: Melissa Stotz, 805 University Ave.,

Waukee, IA 50263.

Winners will receive an egg'cellent Easter basket filled with goodies. Entries will be displayed at Waukee Hardware Store: ages 4 and younger; Charter Bank: ages 5-7; Heartland Cooperative: ages 8-10; and Old Station Craft Meats: ages 11 years and older. ■



FUNERAL NOTICES

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

BETTY ANN FELT

Betty Ann Felt, 84, died Saturday, March 26, 2022, at MercyOne Medical Center in West Des Moines. She grew up in Jewell and graduated from South Hamilton High School. She worked for more than 25 years for Baker's Cafeteria before becoming an education assistant for Heartland AEA. She married Duane "Dewey" Felt, and they raised their family and made Waukee home for more than 60 years. He preceded her in death.

Betty was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waukee, which kept her active in many positions and committees.

She is survived by her children: Douglas Duane Felt, Michael Leroy Felt, Lisa Ann (Roger) Fenton and Lori Lin Felt, and many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waukee Community Center, 875 Walnut St., Waukee. Ernst Funeral & Cremation Services of Waukee has been entrusted with arrangements. ■



STEVEN GRAHAM

Steven Kenneth Graham, 50, died March 18, 2022, after suffering a stroke in October 2021. He is survived by his wife of nearly 25 years, Tiffany Graham, and their sons, Jordan Lee (Rachael) and Noah Kenneth (Kaylie), and many other relatives and friends.

His family lived in Urbandale then moved to Waukee when Steve was in third grade. He graduated from Dowling High School in 1990 and then attended Northeast Missouri State. He married Tiffany Howell in 1997, and the couple stayed in Waukee to raise their sons.

Steve was a DJ for many radio stations in Des Moines including Star 102.5 and Mix 100.3. He was an assistant manager with Dahl's Food, and, for the past seven years was a night service manager with Stivers Ford.

At Steve's request, there will be no service at this time. Condolences can be expressed online at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com. ■



MATTHEW WHITLOCK ELDRIDGE

Matthew Whitlock Eldridge, 52, of Waukee, died suddenly on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Matt was born in Seoul, Korea, and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Wheaton Central in 1988. He attended the University of Arizona and Iowa State University. Matt was a self-employed insurance broker. He was active in coaching his son's Waukee youth football team and was instrumental in his son's baseball activities.

He is survived by his wife, Kim, and his children, Carter and Kaitlyn, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were March 30 at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. Burial was at Oakdale Cemetery in Adel. Online condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com. ■



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EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN'**

Through April 10

Des Moines Community Playhouse

831 42nd St., Des Moines

Hollywood, California, 1927. Silent movies are becoming a thing of the past, and "talkies" are all the rage. Leading ladies now must have voices as endearing as their physical form, but the vocals of Monumental Studios' biggest star, Lina Lamont, are found lacking, so something must be done. www.dmplayhouse.com

'SWEAT'

Through April 3

Stoner Theater, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

Iowa Stage Theatre Company's production of "Sweat" takes a look at the tensions of factory workers as they struggle with labor strife, race and boiling frustrations. www.iowastage.org

**MONSTER JAM**

April 9-10

Wells Fargo Arena, 730 Third St., Des Moines

Head down to Wells Fargo Arena for Monster Jam, the world's biggest monster truck tour. You'll see elite athletes competing in speed and skill as they maneuver some of the biggest names in monster trucks, including Monster Mutt, El Toro Loco, Grave Digger and Earth Shaker. If the adrenaline rush just isn't enough for you, join the Monster Jam Pit Party before the show on Sunday, April 10. Get up close and personal with the monster trucks, meet the drivers and enjoy fun for the whole family. Find tickets and additional information at iowaeventscenter.com.

IOWA WILD HOCKEY

Wells Fargo Arena in downtown

Des Moines

www.iowawild.com**Home schedule:**

Wednesday, April 13 vs. Milwaukee Admirals at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19 vs. Grand Rapids Griffins at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 22 vs. Texas Stars at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 vs. Texas Stars at 6 p.m.

**'BEETHOVEN'S NINTH'**

April 9-10

Des Moines Civic Center

221 Walnut St, Des Moines

Enjoy Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" in its full glory, presented by the Des Moines Symphony. Groundbreaking at its first performance in 1824, Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" was more complex and lengthier than any other pieces at the time. Most people will recognize the triumphant chorus singing "Ode to Joy" joining the orchestra in the symphony's final movement. The DM Symphony's April concert will open with Beethoven's "Leonor Overture," Pärt's "Fratres" and Wagner's "Liebestod" from "Tristan and Isolde," sung by internationally recognized soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme. Purchase tickets or streaming access at www.dmpa.org. ■

SPRING CLEANUP AND CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE DATES SET

Spring cleanup events are coming up soon for City of Waukee/ASI garbage customers. Here are some helpful tips to ensure residents make the most of the opportunities provided. As a reminder, City/ASI garbage customers can place one large or bulky item on the curb for collection each week of the year for no additional charge.



The citywide garage sale is Saturday, April 30. This is not a City of Waukee-sponsored event, but it is a designated day for residents to join many others in hosting garage sales at their Waukee homes if they choose to do so. There is no facilitated flyer or website to track garage sales; however, Facebook Marketplace is often used to promote them.

Curbside spring cleanup week is May 2-6. City/ASI garbage customers can place large items on the curb for disposal on their normally scheduled garbage collection days, Monday through Friday. Bulky items such as furniture, oversized electronics and other large items up to 5-feet in length should be on the curb no later than 7 a.m. Smaller items should be bagged or boxed.

The following items will not be accepted at the curb: appliances, broken-up concrete/asphalt or demolition materials, hazardous materials, loose shingles and lumber, anything longer than 5 feet, paint, propane tanks, tires, yard waste (collected only on Mondays in April-November) and items too heavy for a two-person team to reasonably lift.

If you live in an apartment, condo or townhome with private trash collection, you may not be a part of the spring cleanup events. Contact your association or management to find out. ■

RECIPE

A CELEBRATORY PASSOVER DESSERT

(Culinary.net) When celebrating with family, there is nearly nothing better than passing a light and sweet dessert around the table. These Simple Macaroons are crisp, dipped in decadent chocolate and a completely scrumptious option for celebrating Passover.

Simple to make and easy to eat, this sweet dessert is a crowd favorite. With a fresh kick of lemon zest and crunch of shredded coconut, they are a bite-sized, delicious way to end your meal.

They take little to no time to make, only baking 10-12 minutes for a tray full of tasty dessert bites ready to devour.

With sweet honey and vanilla, the flavors come together to create something sweet but not overpowering. It's a small, crumbly bite that's perfect for sharing during Passover. ■

SIMPLE MACAROONS

Recipe adapted from marthastewart.com

Yield: 15 macaroons

- 1 large egg
- 2 1/4 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- grated lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups shredded coconut
- 5 ounces dark chocolate, melted

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 F.

In bowl, whisk egg. Add honey, vanilla, lemon zest and salt; whisk. Stir in coconut until completely coated with egg mixture.

Using 1 1/2-inch ice cream scoop, make 15 balls, transferring each to



parchment-lined baking sheet, spacing about 2 inches apart.

Bake macaroons 10-12 minutes, rotating halfway through, until coconut starts to brown on edges.

Transfer sheet to wire rack and let cool.

Before serving, drizzle with melted chocolate or dip bottom sides of macaroons in melted chocolate to cover bases. Refrigerate 15 minutes to set. ■

EVENTS AT THE WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The majority of events at Waukee Public Library will require advanced registration. Visit waukeepubliclibrary.org/calendar for more information and to register.

• **Introvert Book Club**, all month long. If you want to join a book club but aren't sure you're up for the time commitment or people-ing, this is the book club for you. Each month there's a new book selection, but there's never a meeting. Each month there's a new book selection, but there's never a meeting. March's book is "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See. ■

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY IS APRIL 30

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible way of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Waukee area residents can be a part of the effort.

The Waukee Public Safety Building at 1300 S.E. L.A. Grant Parkway will be open Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept pills and patches for disposal. Prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles.

The Police Department will also collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers during the April 30 Drug Take-Back Day. However, the consumer is responsible for removing the batteries prior to drop-off. If the batteries cannot be removed, individual consumers can check with large electronic chain stores that may accept the vape pen or e-cigarette devices for proper disposal.

A Drug Drop-Box is also located in the lobby of the Waukee Public Safety Building year-round for drop-off Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

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. 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 takes them away to a usable home. Text or call 515-238-3198 and I can return photos for viewing.

WANTED: Broken appliances & A.C.'s, 10 years old & under, repair hopefuls. Call 515-238-3343.

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