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WOMEN OF VISION

ALTOONA CHAMBER'S WOMEN OF VISION WAS HELD AT GREAT ESCAPE ON MARCH 30.



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ALTOONA WEATHER FORECAST

TUESDAY HIGH 54 | LOW 35
A bit of afternoon rain



WEDNESDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 37
Partly sunny and breezy



THURSDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 31
Showers of rain and snow



FRIDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 27
Cloudy, brisk and chilly



SATURDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 40
Sunny and warmer



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

CEMENTED IN MY BRAIN

As a teenager, I worked at a concrete statuary in my hometown of Algona after school. My boss was Dennis Meyer, who now owns and operates a statuary here in central Iowa called Created in Johnston and is a close friend.

On my way to work one day, while running late, I passed a school bus that was slowing down. The school bus driver finished his route and then stopped by the statuary to talk with Dennis' father and business partner, Amos, who, as I learned later, had also driven a school bus at one point in his life. The conversation we soon had was not pleasant, but it was a life-changer for me. Amos made it clear, in no uncertain terms, that I would no longer be employed there if he ever heard of me passing a school bus again. I tried to awkwardly explain that the bus had not stopped yet, but that didn't matter. The conversation was stern and short.

After Amos left, Dennis softened the blow a bit, but he

was also firm in his delivery. He told me he didn't expect me to ever be late and that I should plan my time better. But if I am running late, he said, don't ever pass a school bus that is slowing down or stopped. Ever.

I don't know who that school bus driver was, but I appreciate how he handled the situation. He could have reported me to the police. He could have called my parents. He could have personally chewed me out. But he knew that the wrath of the Meyers would be penalty enough. And it was.

I grew up in town, so I didn't ride the school bus. As a result, I didn't understand the issues and hazards bus drivers had to deal with then or today. Now, as a father of three daughters who all rode the bus, I know what kind of an impact a driver can have on an anxious and apprehensive youngster. My adult children still



speak fondly of their bus drivers.

I shared this memory with Dennis in recent years, and he offered his trademark ear-to-ear smile and said, "I hope you learned something." I did. Ever since that day as a teenager, when I see a school bus, I slow down way sooner than I need to, and I stop and patiently wait, offering a friendly wave and a smile to the driver and the kids.

Driving a school bus is not easy work, and drivers are getting more and more difficult to find. The last thing they need are impatient drivers of any age zipping by them. The Meyers — the concrete statuary owners — made that clear. It is cemented in my brain now.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading.

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EGG HUNTS

• The community is invited to an egg hunt April 9. Walnut Creek Church is holding the event at Haines Park in Altoona. This free, family-friendly event will have many kids activities in addition to the egg hunt. The event is 10 a.m. to noon with the egg hunt divided into age groups at different times. The hunt for kids 1-4 is at 10:20 a.m. The 5-8 age group will start at 10:40 a.m., and the 9-12 age group's hunt is at 11 a.m.

• Altoona Smiles will hold an Easter egg hunt on April 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for ages 10 and younger.

• Easter Egg Scramble, April 9, 11 a.m. to noon, held by Altoona Hy-Vee at the Civic Plaza Park. Kids will be divided by age groups: 11 a.m., ages 1-3; 11:20 a.m., ages 4-7; and 11:40 a.m., ages 8-12. Swing in for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny between 9-11 a.m. before the big hunt starts. An all-you-care-to-eat buffet will be served for \$9.99 for adults and \$5.99 for children. ■

FINAL FISH FRY FOR LENT

The final Friday Night Fish Fry for Lent will be April 8, 4:30-7 p.m., at Ss. John and Paul Catholic Church, 1401 First Ave. S., Altoona. Enjoy all you can eat. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and younger. Add a skewer of shrimp for \$5. Menu includes Alaskan pollock (baked or deep fried), baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, bread, macaroni and cheese and cheese pizza for the kids. Available drinks are coffee, lemonade, iced tea and water. Desserts are available for a freewill donation to support the Parish Youth Groups.

Dine-in and carry-out are available. Place orders in the church's new hall, St. Francis Hall. Park in the south parking lot off First Avenue S. and enter through the main (southwest) door of St. Francis Hall.

Drive-thru service will be offered in the north parking lot. Use the 13th Street S.E. entrance and follow the cones and signs to place your order, pay and pick up. A suggested donation of \$11 per order includes fried fish, baked potato, green beans and macaroni and cheese. NOTE: No substitutions or children's sizes available at the drive-thru. ■

VENDOR MARKET

Visit the Midwest Local Vendor Market, featuring a rotating selection of local vendors, at the Outlets of Des Moines, 801 Bass Pro Drive, Altoona, on Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ■

VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Bring the kids to Posey & Jett's Wellness Boutique April 10, 1-3 p.m., to see the Easter Bunny — and don't forget your camera. ■

PLANT SALE

It's time again for the plant sale at the Enabling Gardens, 1050 First Ave. S., Altoona, on April 9, noon to 4 p.m. (Rain date is April 10, noon to 4 p.m.) Parking is available in the HyVee parking lot. ■

THIS SPOT IS AVAILABLE.

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POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION EVENTS

TODDLER TALES

April 7, 10 a.m.

Jester Park Nature Center

Let your imagination run wild with this free nature-themed story time aimed at ages 3 and older. Hear a story followed by the naturalist's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or a craft. Registration required the day prior to the event. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>.



HOMESCHOOL - NATURE LESSONS

April 8, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Artistic Naturalists

Jester Park Nature Center

Join the learning for free at the Jester Park Nature Center. This program series will be delivered in a flexible format that is specially designed for homeschool students in grades K-5. These programs will immerse children and parents in the natural world and drive them to learn, discover and appreciate our environment. Registration required two days before event. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>.



STORY TELLEBRATION

Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Jester Park Nature Center

Join storyteller Carmen Epstein for a free, fun, interactive tale tailored toward children ages 2 to 6 that explores the wonders of the outdoors. Topic is Rain is Raining All Around. During each program, participants enjoy interactive stories and an activity. Registration required two days before event. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>.



KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

April 20, 10 a.m.

Jester Park

Are you ready to get outside and explore? Come and hear a story followed by some outdoor fun. The topic is Birds. 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/>. ■



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Altoona Public Library has activities for all ages. Coming up are:

- **Adult Splat Studio:** Fridays, April 8 and May 6, 6-8 p.m. If you have a desire to dabble in acrylics, the library has an adult art studio for you. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Registration is required.

- **Phone Photography,** Saturday, April 16, from 2-3 p.m. Grab your phone and join us to pick up some tips on taking the perfect picture with your phone's camera. We'll practice our new skills outside if weather allows. For grades 7-12. Registration required.

- **Senior Set:** Games, Tuesdays, April 19 and May 17, 1-3 p.m. Stop by for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. Come alone or bring your friends to connect over some great games and light refreshments. For ages 60-plus. Registration not required.

- **Kids Crochet Club,** Monday, April 26, from 6-7 p.m. Want to learn how to crochet? Join our monthly club and learn some fun tricks and tips. For grades 4-6. Registration required.

- **Adult Coloring at Brightside Aleworks:** Thursdays, April 28 and May 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet at Brightside Aleworks, 480 Center Place, Altoona, for a fun night of coloring. Art supplies will be available. Bring your friends and money for drinks. No registration required.

- **Plant Parenthood,** Thursday, April 28, from 6-7 p.m. Improve your "plant parenting skills" and celebrate spring as we give some flowers a new home. We'll have flowers on hand to plant in pots that you can decorate and take with you. For grades 7-12. Registration required. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

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

FINNEGAN JAMES HURLEY

Finnegan James Hurley was born on Friday, March 25, 2022, and died Monday, March 28. Finn will lovingly be remembered by his parents, Lacey and Ben Hurley; his big sisters, Graysan and Eversyn; and many other relatives.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 at Hamilton's Funeral Home, 605 Lyon St. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow at Rising Sun Cemetery. Immediately following burial, the family will host a Celebration of Life reception at The Bunker, located at Copper Creek Golf Club, 4825 Copper Creek Drive in Pleasant Hill.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hamiltonsfuneralhome.com ■

SEP SPORTS SCHEDULES

Tuesday, April 5

- 2 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity vs. Johnston
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV @ Marshalltown
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls Varsity @ Marshalltown
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV vs. Marshalltown
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys Varsity vs. Marshalltown
- 4 p.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Invitational @ Southeast Polk Stadium
- 4:45 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV2 Game @ Ankeny
- 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV1 @ Ankeny
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity @ Ankeny

Thursday, April 7

- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV/Varsity vs. Johnston
- 4 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity @ Johnston
- 4 p.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity Invitational @ Southeast Polk High Stadium
- 4:30 p.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Invitational @ Ankeny
- 5:15 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV1 @ Newton
- 6:15 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity @ Newton

Friday, April 8

- 9 a.m. **Tennis:** Girls Varsity Invitational @ Johnston
- 12 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys Varsity @ Indianola
- 6:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Tournament @ ADM

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**POETRY & PHOTOGRAPHY
PRESENTATION**

Saturday, April 9, 5 p.m.

Beaverdale Books, 2629 Beaver Ave., Des Moines

In celebration of Poetry Month, Beaverdale Books will feature a special event with Dr. Paul Brooke. Brooke is a professor of English at Grand View University in Des Moines, where he teaches a variety of writing, literature and photography courses. He has won numerous awards for his poetry. His presentation will be moderated by fellow poet Kyle McCord.

**DINNER DETECTIVE
MURDER MYSTERY**

Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m.

Embassy Suites Downtown, 101 E. Locust St., Des Moines

The award-winning comedic murder mystery dinner show is coming to Des Moines. Unlike other murder mystery shows with elaborate costumes and dialogue, the Dinner Detective's interactive shows are set in the present day. Performers blend into the audience, and you won't know who is in the show — until it's time to solve the murder. Look for clues, be interrogated by detectives and compete for prizes awarded to the Top Sleuth. Guests are not required to participate in the show but are encouraged to do so. The evening includes a four-course plated meal, coffee and tea, cash bar and prizes. Guests must be at least 15 years old to attend. Find tickets at www.eventbrite.com.

**'OF GRAVITY AND LIGHT'**

Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

Join Ballet Des Moines for the world premiere of composer Beau Kenyon's contemporary ballet, "Of Gravity and Light." Be entranced through eight innovative movements combining sound, imagery and movement exploring the wonder of space. As Ballet Des Moines' year-long resident and director of education and outreach, Kenyon interprets the science of space through music and dance, inviting the disciplines of science and art to converge. "Of Gravity and Light" will feature choreography by Ballet Des Moines Artistic Director Tom Mattingly, video installation by artist Yu-Wen Wu and live music directed by conductor Tim McMillin. Tickets available at www.dmpa.org.

**DES MOINES BUCCANEERS
HOME SCHEDULE**

Buccaneer Arena, Urbandale

Saturday, April 9 vs. Fargo Force, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 vs. Sioux City Musketeers, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 22 vs. Waterloo Black Hawks, 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.bucshockey.com. ■

RECIPE

EASTER DIP GOODNESS



(*Culinary.net*) Easter is about coming together with loved ones, enjoying beautiful spring weather and eating your family's favorite foods. The kids will be playing, adults will be chatting and all will be patiently waiting for the table to be set.

If you're visiting and making memories with family and friends you haven't seen in a while, there are few things better than diving into a marvelous Easter spread.

While eyeing the table, you notice all the colors popping off the dishes. Fruits and veggies make the feast come to life, but a warm Easter dip paired with rolls for dipping is a perfect way to start the festivities.

These Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip are as eye-catching as they are delicious. Not only will the kids love its shape, but the layers of taste will wow your Easter crowd.

This dish is made for a crowd, served warm and full of cheesy goodness. You can watch as your family dips into the spinach and one-by-one, before you know it, the rolls will have disappeared and the dip will be devoured. ■

EASTER BUNNY ROLLS WITH SPINACH DIP

Serves: 24

16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed
 8 ounces cream cheese
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)

Directions

Heat oven to 375 F.

In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.

Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.

On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head.

Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked. ■

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Trivia Night**, Wednesday nights in April, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brightside Aleworks, 480 Center Place, Altoona.
- **Karaoke and showtime entertainment**, Thursday nights in April, 8:15-11:55 p.m., Hawk Heaven Tavern, 805 17th Ave. S.W., Altoona.
- **Recoil rocks Hawk Heaven Tavern**, April 9, 9-11:55 p.m. A new crowd favorite returns to play your favorite Classic Rock and Pop Rock music from the 1970s-1990s.
- **Bittersweet Nation Live at Hawk Heaven Tavern**, April 16, 9-11:55 p.m.
- **Wednesday Patio Acoustic Series**, April 20, 7-9 p.m., Hawk Heaven Tavern. Every Wednesday, April 20 - June 29, features an acoustic act out on the patio.
- **Taco Friday With Trikes**, April 29, 5-7 p.m., Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.
- **The Market On Hubbell**, April 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3232 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines. The location is in the charming 1900s remodeled residence of PCA Real Estate. Guests will discover a boutique shopping experience with merchants inside and outside under white tents outlining the property. Vendors will offer homemade offerings and food trucks will refresh appetites while live musicians fill the soul. Enjoy conversation on the front porch, stroll through tents and share a table with cuisine.
- **Adult Prom** — A Night Under the Stars, 8-11:55 p.m. at Hawk Heaven Tavern, 805 17th Ave. S.W., Altoona. Enjoy live band The Jury, photo booth, snacks and more. Tickets are \$5. Everyone is encouraged to go all out and dress up. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR / LEAD TEACHER WANTED: Children of Christ preschool, in Altoona, is searching for a leader to be responsible for its established morning Christ-centered preschool program for ages 3-5 years old. This includes teaching, marketing, outreach, and program development. If interested, email Christ the King Lutheran Church at CTKAltoona@q.com.

GENERATOR TECHNICAL SERVICES: Generator & Transfer Switch maintenance, repairs, testing and inspection. Local & Veteran owned. 515-214-7636.

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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.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK



A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says "hey." The horse replies "sure."