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THE GRIMES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD A RIBBON CUTTING FOR AL'S DAIRY FREEZE ON MARCH 24.



GRIMES/DALLAS CENTER 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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EVELYN MAE SHAFER

Evelyn Mae Shafer, 97, of Grimes, died Thursday, March 31, 2022, at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. Services were held Sunday, April 3 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes. Burial followed at Sunny Hill Cemetery in Grimes.

Evelyn was born in Dallas County and married Jack Shafer on July 3, 1943. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dallas Center Woman's Club for 30-plus years, Iowa Cattle Women, William Wagner Questers, and was a Living History Farms volunteer. After her husband's passing, she enjoyed dancing at Lake Robbins Ballroom.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Alice (Ronald) Wicker, C. Edward (Theresa) Shafer, both of Grimes, and Mary (Steve) Crowe of Columbia, Missouri, and many other relatives and friends.

A full obituary can be found online at IlesCares.com. ■



APRIL LUNCH & LEARN

On the second Wednesday of the month, Grimes Chamber & Economic Development gives its members the opportunity to meet for networking, lunch and to learn about items of interest regarding Grimes and the Metro area. The public is invited. The April Lunch and Learn is Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Dupaco, 1701 E. First St., Grimes. Cost is \$15 for GCED members, \$20 for nonmembers and walk-ins, and \$7.50 for attending but no lunch. This month's speaker and sponsor will be Dupaco, and a tour of their new facility will be offered. ■

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m.

Jester Park Outdoor Recreation & Wellness Center

Join trainers from Fitness Nomad, a mobile personal training business, at a monthly fitness class. The 45-minute class will focus on a full-body strength and functional fitness work out. Classes will include strength training, functional fitness, core strengthening, and some interval training. These classes are great for people who are new to their fitness journey as well as for the experienced fitness enthusiasts and outdoor recreation junkies. All equipment is provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and dress in comfortable gym clothes. This program costs \$15 and is for ages 16 and older. Registration required two days prior to the event. Register online at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/>. ■

GRIMES CITY CALENDAR

- **April 12:** City Council Meeting
- **April 26:** City Council Meeting
- **April 30:** Arbor Day Tree Planting
- **May 6-7:** City-Wide Garage Sale
- **May 9-10:** Spring Cleanup
- **May 9-13:** Tire Drop-Off
- **May 10:** City Council Meeting
- **May 24:** City Council Meeting
- **June 9-11:** Governor's Days ■

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LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATION

At the March 8 City Council meeting, the Grimes Library was presented a \$25,000 gift from MidAmerican Energy for the new library. This is part of \$854,737.62 raised from grants, individuals and business donations. ■

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

Celebrate Arbor Day and plant a tree. Join City of Grimes staff at the Sunny Hill Cemetery on April 30 to help plant trees from 9-11 a.m. Black Hills Energy, Trees Forever, and MidAmerican Energy help make this event possible. ■

CITY HIRES ADDITIONAL STAFF

Recently, the City of Grimes hired four new staff members. Whitney Tucker joined as the newly created marketing and communications manager. The Parks & Recreation Department added two positions, recreation specialist Shelley Ford and customer service representative Jennifer Whitham Johnson. Development Services also added a new position, assistant planner Molly Mannel. ■



GRIMES SPRING CLEANUP AROUND THE CORNER

If the spring has sprung from your old sofa, you're in luck because Spring Cleanup is just around the corner. Collection is Monday, May 9 or Tuesday, May 10 on your normal collection day.

Spring Cleanup is an opportunity to get rid of unwanted trash that won't fit in your garbage cart or may require a large item sticker. Examples include a couch, desk, lamp or chair.

When you're considering setting an item out for Spring Cleanup, ask yourself:

- Can two people lift it?
- Is my pile smaller than the bed of a pick-up truck?

If the answers to these two questions are yes, then kick those items to the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled day. Following the guidelines will help maintain consistent garbage rates, keep everyone safe, and get your items removed in a timely manner.

Do NOT place at your curb for Spring Cleanup:

- **Appliances or televisions.** These require large item stickers (follow directions on sticker).
- **Tires.** A drop-off for tires will be offered May 9-13, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 1700 N.E. Destination Drive. Limit of five tires per residence.
- **Hazardous Waste.** Hazardous waste should be taken to the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off at 1105 Prairie Drive S.W., Bondurant. Televisions, computers and paint will be recycled for a fee.

Only residents on city services are eligible to participate in Spring Cleanup. If you have questions about your neighborhood, call City Hall at 515-986-3036. ■

SEEN IN GRIMES



The Grimes Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Christian Brothers Automotive on March 25.

DCG SPORTS SCHEDULES

Tuesday, April 5

- 4:15 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV 2 vs. Ankeny Centennial
- 4:30 p.m. **Track & Field:** Girls JV/ Varsity @ A-D-M
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- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV 1 vs. Oskaloosa @ Lacey Sports Complex
- 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Oskaloosa
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity vs. Oskaloosa @ Lacey Sports Complex

Thursday, April 7

- 2 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity Invitational @ Westwood Golf Course-Newton
- 4:30 p.m. **Track & Field:** Boys JV/ Varsity @ Indianola
- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV 1 vs. Winterset
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity vs. Winterset

Saturday, April 9

- 10 a.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson @ Gale Wickersham Athletic Complex

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION

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/>. ■



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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. ■

YARD WASTE PICKUP AVAILABLE IN GRIMES

Yard waste collection began on April 4. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste will be picked up on the same day as trash collection. To purchase your first cart, renew your cart sticker or purchase bags, visit mwatoday.com/waste-recycling/yard-waste. Yard waste is collected through Nov. 26. A brief winter collection is Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. Yard waste can not include garbage, plastic bags, plastic flower pots, stumps, stone, concrete, building materials or any other non-organic waste. ■

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE MAP BEING ASSEMBLED

Mark your calendars. The citywide garage sale will be May 6-7. The City will post a map on social media before the event showing what homes are participating. If you'd like to be added to the map, visit <http://ow.ly/9Xuh50Igy39>. ■

DALLAS CENTER NEWS

RECYCLING CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR DALLAS CENTER

Starting on April 14, recycling pick up in Dallas Center will change from Tuesday to Thursday. It will continue on the same every-other-week schedule. Residents who have the Waste Management Recycling calendar can still use it since recycling stays on the same week that's highlighted now, but on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

Put the recycle cart out on Thursday by 7 a.m., along with the garbage cart. Waste Management will have two trucks coming through town to collect the garbage

and recycling.

Place the carts in your normal area of collection. Space them 3 feet apart so the truck apparatus can pick up the carts easily.

Waste Management Recycling 2022 Calendars can be picked up at City Hall or the Library.

DALLAS CENTER REMINDERS

Open burning of yard waste is allowed in the spring from March 15 - May 10 and in the fall from Oct. 1 - Nov. 30. Only burn dry yard waste from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Yard waste pick up is every Monday from April through November. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE CLEANER WANTED: Needed ASAP. Small townhome in Johnston. Needed 1 to 2 times a week for 2 hours each. Will pay \$50/2hrs. Call Joe at 515-278-2296.

FARM FRESH EGGS: \$3. Text or call Don @ 515-554-8864. Pick up in Grimes.

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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JOKE OF THE WEEK



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