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CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON 12TH ELEMENTARY

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Ankeny is the fastest growing city in the Midwest and the 10th fastest growing in the nation. As a result, the Ankeny Community School District is growing by approximately 400 students per year, most of whom come in at the elementary level. In anticipation of the upcoming increased class sizes, the District hired Stahl as its construction manager to build two new elementary schools. Heritage Elementary School was completed in 2020, and now construction will be starting for the 12th elementary school in Ankeny.

The District's newest 101,403-square-foot elementary school, located at 5501 N.W. 18th St., will help accommodate continued growth and will hold 750



Construction will start this spring on the Ankeny Elementary School and be completed in time for the 2024-2025 school year. Photo Credit: FRK Architects & Engineers

students ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade. Construction of the \$27 million school will start in the summer of 2022 and be completed in time for 2024-2025 school year.

“Stahl Construction is a proud and excited construction management partner with the Ankeny Community School

SCHOOL, CONTINUED ON BACK

ANKENY WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 36
Breezy, showers in the p.m.



THURSDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 31
Rain and snow showers



FRIDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 27
Cloudy, breezy and cold



SATURDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 36
Sunny and warmer



SUNDAY HIGH 65 | LOW 48
Warmer with clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

CEMENTED IN MY BRAIN

As a teenager, I worked after school at a concrete statuary in my hometown of Algona. 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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ENJOY ANKENY ART CENTER

The Ankeny Art Center, 1520 S.W. Ordinance Road, has a variety of activities lined up for this spring and into summer, including summer camps for kids in grades K-8. The public is also welcome to tour the gallery. Admission is free. Daytime hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, the Center is open Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.

- **K-12 Ankeny Art Show:** The Ankeny Art Center is showcasing the works of Ankeny K-12 students through April 23. Two receptions are planned. The South Reception is Thursday, March 24, 5-7 p.m. The North Reception is Thursday, March 31, 5-7 p.m. Admission to the exhibit and receptions is free.

- **Garage Sale:** On May 5, the Ankeny Art Center will be hosting its fifth annual Ankeny Art Center Garage Sale. This fundraiser helps support the Center's Summer Camp Program as well as buy supplies for the camps. The Center is looking for art-related items to be sold at this event. Donations are welcomed.

- **Paint Your Own Bowl:** On May 14, the Ankeny Art Center will be holding its second annual Paint Your Own Bowl workshop. For \$45, participants come to the Ankeny Art Center and paint their own bowls. Then, on June 18, they return to fill that bowl with unlimited ice cream and toppings at the Center's Ice Cream Social.

- **Ice Cream Social:** If you didn't make it to Paint Your Own Bowl, you can still come and get unlimited ice cream and toppings for \$10. You can also purchase bowls that have been donated by local artists.

- **K-8 Summer Camps:** The Ankeny Art Center's Summer Camp program for area students grades K-8 continues to grow. These camps give children the opportunity to keep learning throughout the summer and keep those creative juices flowing. 2022 Summer Camp weeks are: Tuesday, June 14 - Friday, June 17; Tuesday, June 21 - Friday, June 24; Tuesday, July 12 - Friday, July 15; and Tuesday, July 19 - Friday, July 22. For details and registration, visit <https://ankenycartcenter.com/k8-summer-camp>. ■

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Ankeny Lions Club is hosting its Spring Pancake Breakfast April 9, 7-11 a.m., at the Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 S.W. Walnut. Enjoy the meal and help the club raise funds for its community programs. ■

KIWANIS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Ankeny Kiwanis Club is holding its community Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 9, 9:30 a.m., at Hawkeye Park with an accessible hunt at Miracle League Field. Children will be divided into four age groups: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. The age guidelines are flexible for the accessible hunt at Miracle Field. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance. ■

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A legislative update will be held Friday, April 8, 8 a.m. to noon in the City Council Chambers at the Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library. ■

100 WOMEN WHO CARE ANKENY MEETING

100 Women Who Care Ankeny will have its second quarter meeting on Wednesday, April 20 at Briarwood Golf Club Ankeny with social hour at 6 p.m. and business meeting at 7 p.m. Learn more at 100womenwhocareankeny.com. ■

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MOLLY KATHRYN (HEBERT) SHUKLA

Molly Kathryn (Hebert) Shukla, 29, died Monday, March 28, 2022, at home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday April 4, at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Ankeny. Inurnment followed at Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Molly was born March 26, 1993, in Des Moines to David and Mary (O'Hara) Hebert. She graduated from Ankeny High School in 2011, received her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Iowa, and received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York. She graduated in one year with a 4.0 from the Ivy League School. She married Ravi Shukla in on Feb. 17, 2018, and later held a Catholic wedding celebrated on Aug. 11, 2018. They resided in Playa Vista, California. Molly worked as a licensed masters social worker for Ankeny Family Counseling.

Molly is survived by her husband, Ravi Shukla; parents, Mary and Dave Hebert; brother, Grant (Tia) Hebert, all of Ankeny; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends and a Rosary was recited at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church. Online condolences can be expressed at IlesCares.com. ■



DENA MAE LOGLI RANDOLPH

Dena Mae Logli Randolph, 103, died Thursday, March 31, 2022. She graduated from Ankeny High School. She married William J. Randolph, also from Ankeny, where they lived until Bill's death in March of 2000.

She is survived by her children, William E. Randolph and Linda Randolph; and other relatives and friends. Following a gathering of family and friends at the Ankeny Funeral Home, Dena will be buried beside her husband, Bill, on Wednesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at Highland Memory Gardens in Des Moines. Anyone who considered Dena a friend is invited to attend the graveside. ■



BARBARA DEE HARRIS

Barbara Dee Harris was born March 12, 1935, in Coral Gables, Florida. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 1 at Memorial Services of Iowa. Barb graduated high school at Clarkston High School, Clarkston, Michigan, in 1952. She married James McNamee in 1956 and worked at the registrar's office at the University of Iowa, where Jim graduated from the University of Iowa Dental School in 1963. They settled and raised their three children in Ankeny, where she spent the next 57 years.

Barb worked at Jim's dental office. She and Jim were involved in Friendship Force International, and they were honored to host other members from around the world. As Friendship Force members, they also visited 24 countries including Australia, Japan and Norway.

Barb and Jim were longtime members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny. She enjoyed Women's Club and Women's Lit Club with her many friends.

She is survived by her children, Denise (Ken) Hummel, Pam (Mike) Morrison, and Jamie (Denise) McNamee; and grandchildren, Andrew (Marissa) Hummel, Jana (Jake) Sellhausen, Ashley (Blake) LaFollette, Lauren Morrison, Mackenzie (Blake) Davidson, and Josh McNamee. ■



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ROBERT 'JAKE' LEE VAN HORN

Jake Van Horn, 91, died March 28, 2022. Jake was born in Runnells and graduated from Woodside High School. He retired from Firestone after 33 years and continued his passion for golf by playing and working at various golf courses. He played softball for many teams in the area.

Jake was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean. Jake is survived by his children, Laura Van Horn and Rick Robertson Van Horn (Debbie); stepson Jeff (Susan) Schwartz; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens in Des Moines. Burial took place at Oralabor Cemetery following the service. See a full obituary at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com. ■



MINNIE 'MICKEY' B. SPIVEY

Minnie "Mickey" B. Spivey, 69, of Ankeny, died at her home, surrounded by family on March 26, 2022. Her funeral was March 30 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ankeny. The burial of cremated remains will be at a later date.

She was born in Hartsville, South Carolina. Mickey was involved in many church activities and bible studies. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school. She was also a Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) member. In 1970, she received the John Philip Sousa Band Award, recognizing her superior musicianship in saxophone. She attended Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina, and Iowa Methodist School of Technology in Des Moines. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology with a 4.0 GPA in the summer of 1994. She worked at Iowa Methodist Medical Center as a medical technologist in the Blood Bank Lab, where she retired in 2016.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde Wesley Spivey of Ankeny; son, Brian (Natalie) Spivey of Rosamond, California; daughter, Jennifer Wiese of Ankeny; and many other relatives and friends. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.AnkenyFuneralHome.com. ■



GARY ALAN WALLER

Gary Alan Waller died surrounded by his family on March 30, 2022. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022, with visitation at 3:30 p.m., at Ankeny Memorial Funeral Home, 4208 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Gary was born Jan. 22, 1948, in Iowa City. The family moved to Ankeny in 1964, and Gary graduated from Ankeny High School in 1966. Soon after, Gary joined the U.S. Army where he served, stateside, during the Vietnam War. After his service, he met Barbara Louise Sidoner, and they were married on Nov. 20, 1971. He worked for decades in sales and was a long-time volunteer with the Ankeny High School Alumni Association, as well as a member of a Corvette club.

Gary is survived by his sons, Mike (Liz) and Steve; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barb. ■



EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
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. Get 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. ■

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SHANNON L. LAMBERTI

Shannon Lee (Cahill) Lamberti, 58, died at her home in Ankeny on March 26, 2022. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 2 at Ankeny Memorial Funeral Home followed by an interment at Ankeny Memorial Gardens. Shannon was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She moved to Ankeny with her parents and siblings. She graduated from Ankeny High School in 1981 and received an associate's degree from DMACC in 1983. She worked as a legal assistant until staying home to raise her two children.

She is survived by Jeff Lamberti and their children, Meredith (Tim Lenox) Lamberti and Domenic (Eloise Hyman) Lamberti; and other relatives and friends. A full obituary is online at www.AnkenyMemorial.com. ■



SCHOOL, FROM FRONT

District to build their newest elementary school, Elementary at the Grove. Stahl is especially pleased to be back working with Ankeny Community Schools after successfully completing Ankeny Centennial High School and Heritage Elementary School and appreciate the trust they continue to put in Stahl to deliver a high quality building that will serve the community for many years to come," said Cathy Schmidt, president and CEO, Stahl Construction.

"This is a day of excitement for our district, not only for our students and staff in our north-feeder elementary system but for our entire community who has worked together to build this district for our children," said Dr. Erick Pruitt, superintendent of Ankeny Schools. "The growth in our city is certainly notable. However, when we think about this growth as a district, what excites us is the number of students reaching their academic goals each year. This elementary school will serve as yet another launching point for our young people to achieve a lifetime of personal success." ■

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