

# BONDURANT *Living Weekly*

WWW.IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM

 A BIG GREEN UMBRELLA MEDIA PUBLICATION

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

## UTILITY RATES INCREASE AFTER WHOLESALER-APPROVED RATES GO UP

Recently, the City of Bondurant was notified by wholesale providers about adjustments in the cost of water, garbage and recycling services. Des Moines Water Works is levying a \$0.40 increase per 1,000 gallons of water. The Metro Waste Authority notified the City of the results of recent contract bids that adjust totter rates for garbage by \$2.40 for large totters and \$3.10 for small totters and recycling fees by \$0.87. There is no sewer rate adjustment planned. Sewer rates have not been adjusted since 2016 when the rate was lowered by \$0.25.

The Des Moines Water Works rates are based on the cost of providing water and a cost-of-service study. Metro Waste Authority reports that an RFP was issued in September 2021 for the collection of solid waste, yard waste and/or recycling for 20



cities and Polk County. Existing city contracts managed by Metro Waste Authority are expiring. Solid waste, recycling and yard waste services were bid by zones, bundling communities together to reach optimal house counts for hauler efficiency and pricing. Metro Waste

notes the reason for the current increase is that the communities enjoyed long-standing contracts, in place for 10-20 years. The long-standing contracts provided many advantages and kept the region's

**RATES, CONTINUED ON BACK**

### BONDURANT 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



Start your morning off right with an update from **theDailyUmbrella**

Free local news, weather, events, career opportunities and the morning chuckle. **Subscribe at theDailyUmbrella.com**

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.

## Shane Goodman

President and  
Publisher

Big Green Umbrella Media  
shane@dmcityview.com  
515-953-4822, ext. 305



BONDURANT  
*Living Weekly*

A publication of Big Green Umbrella Media, Inc.  
8101 Birchwood Court, Suite, D, Johnston, IA 50131  
www.iowalivingmagazines.com



### News contact

Tammy Pearson  
515-953-4822, ext. 302  
tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com



### Advertising contact

Aaron Burns  
515-953-4822, ext. 307  
aaron@iowalivingmagazines.com

# FUNDRAISING TO BEAT CHILDHOOD CANCER

A St. Baldrick's fundraiser is being held to raise funds to help put an end to childhood cancer on Saturday, April 9, 5 p.m., at Bondurant Auto Body, 1002 Second St., Bondurant. Whether you decide to shave your head, volunteer to raise money another way, or make a donation, you are invited to help give kids with cancer the long, healthy lives they deserve. ■

# LIVE HEALTHY IOWA 5K

The Live Healthy Iowa 5K will be held Saturday, April 23, 8 a.m., starting at the Bondurant Regional Trailhead, 2 Main St. N.E. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m., followed by a 1K Kids Run/Walk at 9 a.m. for ages 12 and younger. The trailhead is on the east side of the Emergency Services Building. Register online at <https://events.clearthunder.com/LHI5K2022>. Cost at the event will be \$30, and a T-shirt won't be guaranteed. Registration fee includes: T-shirt, race number, finisher medal, post-race refreshments, and an opportunity to win door prizes. Early packet pick-up will be Friday, April 22, from 4-7 p.m. at City Hall, 200 Second St. N.E. The day of event pick-up will be Saturday, April 23, from 7-7:45 a.m. at the Fire Station, 101 Grant St. N., east side entrance. ■

# KEEP BONDU BEAUTIFUL

April is "Keep Iowa Beautiful Month." Help keep the city tidy and celebrate Earth Day together on Saturday, April 16, 9-11 a.m., at the Keep Bondu Beautiful event. Community projects during this month encourage Iowans to build pride and respect in making their communities better places to live and work through beautification, clean-up, and recycling activities. Prizes will be awarded for team spirit and best selfie, along with the coveted Bigg Buttowski and Ye Olde Bag honors.

"Team Up to Clean Up" along the Chichaqua Valley Trail, Lake Petocka, Bondurant City Campus, Gateway Park, Gay Lea Wilson Trail, and other community parks. Check in at Bondurant City Hall at 8:30 a.m. to collect some needed supplies. Casey's General Store has donated breakfast pizza. For more information and to register yourself or a team, visit: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=u5gpoh4ab&oeidk=a07e-j2vpl57dd086467>. ■

## B-F SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Thursday, April 7

4:45 p.m. **Track:** Girls JV/  
Varsity Invitational @  
Woodward-Granger

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV/  
Varsity @ Pella

### Friday, April 8

4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity  
Invitational @ Baxter

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV/  
Varsity @ Nevada

6:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV/  
Varsity vs. Nevada

### Monday, April 11

2 p.m. **Golf:** Boys JV/Varsity  
Tournament @ Terrace  
Hills, Altoona

4:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV/  
Varsity vs. Carlisle

4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys Middle  
School @ Newton

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV/  
Varsity @ Carlisle

ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR A BAD WEBSITE?

We make professional websites simple.

ONLY \$79 month  
Plus one time production fee.

biggreen  
www.biggreenwebdesign.com

# 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>. ■



## WATER AND TRASH BILL REMINDERS

Your bill is broken down by service codes. Each of the service codes is tied to the applicable fee. On the City's website, there are two diagrams that show how to read your utility bill. Bills are due the 15th every month. Payment not received by 8 a.m. on the 16th of the month receive a 10% penalty. The shut-off date is always the 23rd of the month or the following business day after the holiday. A non-payment fee of \$50 is charged to any account on which payment has not been received by 8:30 a.m. on the day of shut-off. To sign up for auto payment, visit <https://www.cityofbondurant.com/utilities-department/pages/how-pay-your-utility-bill>. ■

## MEMBER SOUGHT FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Library Board of Trustees is seeking a member. The new board member will need to be a male and live within the city limits of Bondurant. Interested parties should contact the Library Director at [jills@bondurant.lib.ia.us](mailto:jills@bondurant.lib.ia.us). Members must be older than 18. All appointments to the Board are for six years. There is no compensation to serve on the board. An application is available on the City website, [www.cityofbondurant.com](http://www.cityofbondurant.com). Also provide a professional resume and cover letter. ■

## FUNERAL NOTICE

*Funeral notices, which run free of charge, can be emailed to [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com).*

### PATRICIA JOANN JONES-TAYLOR

Patricia JoAnn Jones-Taylor, 57, died peacefully on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston. Trish was born in Des Moines and graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High School. She earned her nursing degree at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. She was a nurse for her entire career. She married Steve Taylor on June 22, 2019, in Bondurant.



She is survived by her husband, Steve Taylor; sons, Joshua (Ashly) Moland and Jordan Moland; her step-children, Greg (Aimee), Jessica M., Lindsay (Cory), Tabatha, Thadius, Jessica D., and Jacquelyn; and other relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, April 2 at The Well Covenant Church in Des Moines. Condolences may be expressed at [www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com). ■

## MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

Bondurant Christian Church, 304 Grant St. South, is hosting a Maundy Thursday meal of soup and sandwiches with a special church service to follow on April 14. The meal will start at 6 p.m., and the service will start at 6:45 p.m. For information, call 515-967-2328. ■

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP SITE

Bondurant City Hall offers a drug drop site during business hours. Items that are accepted are prescription medications in the form of a pill, ointment, cream, powder, inhaler, nebulizer solution, liquid medication, prescription vitamins and supplements, as well as pet medications. Liquid items must be sealed in a zipped bag before placing them into the dropbox. Absolutely no syringes, infectious waste, thermometers, aerosol cans, hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol. ■

## SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS AND TEXT ALERTS

The City of Bondurant offers text alerts. Subscribe to either email notifications or text alerts (or both) at <https://www.cityofbondurant.com/home/pages/sign-email-notifications-text-alerts>. ■

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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. ■

**RATES, FROM FRONT**

rates artificially low. The new rates reflect several current factors, including labor markets, fuel rates and equipment costs.

**How does Bondurant compare?**

Bondurant is toward the middle when compared to costs in surrounding communities, with an average monthly bill of \$94.14, which is slightly less than the overall average for the group, which is \$97.08.

**When do new rates go into effect?** The City bills for these services on monthly utility bills. Users will notice the change in their April bills.

**What's next?** The City is currently pursuing a water facilities study to determine the feasibility of producing and/or storing water, which would provide the City as much direct control over costs as possible. The City has been successful in minimizing or



containing its administrative costs, which is why the adjustments you will see on your utility bills are strictly pass-through costs from wholesale providers. Staff also continually look for ways to maximize efficiency to keep rates as low as possible. There is no increase for the City of Bondurant maintenance and administration of the water distribution system or for the administration of garbage and recycling services. ■

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**GENERATOR TECHNICAL SERVICES:**

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

**YORKIE PUPPY FOR ADOPTION:** Contact:

janicepre880@gmail.com.

**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.

**SEND IN YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED AD BY TUESDAY AT 10 A.M. TO BECKHAM@DMCITYVIEW.COM**

LIST 50 WORDS OR LESS FOR FREE.



**JOKE OF THE WEEK**



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