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SEEN IN INDIANOLA

DISTRICT JAZZ NIGHT WAS HELD ON FEB. 25 AT INDIANOLA HIGH SCHOOL.



Jill Johnston and Marge Babcock



Mike Guely, Ann Guely and Sandi Guely



Doug Warren, Kim Warren and WD Berends



Charity Allen, Emily Budding and Cennedy Allen

INDIANOLA WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 31
Showers of rain and snow



FRIDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 25
Clouds with winds subsiding



SATURDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 32
Partly sunny and warmer



SUNDAY HIGH 61 | LOW 48
Breezy in the morning



MONDAY HIGH 63 | LOW 53
Cloudy, a shower in the p.m.



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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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INDIANOLA HIGH SCHOOL PROM GRAND MARCH

The public is invited to watch the Indianola High School Prom Grand March on Saturday, April 23, 4-5:30 p.m., at the High School North Gym. This annual school tradition is where students and their dates are introduced to the public prior to the dance. The prom attendees will parade across the gym floor in a lighted pathway to the center arch. The event is free to the public. Family/friends who wish to observe will enter at the North Gym doors and be seated in the West bleachers. ■

RED CROSS HONORS IOWANS FOR 'EXTRAORDINARY ACTS'

The Central Iowa Chapter and Northwest Iowa-Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the American Red Cross held the annual Heroes of the Heartland Breakfast March 29. The event recognized ordinary Iowans who performed impressive acts of service, as well as four local elementary school students who wrote winning essays about their personal heroes. Nationwide was the presenting sponsor for the breakfast. Emmy-award-winning reporter Andy Fales from WHO-TV acted as emcee.

Among those honored was Mike Coates of Indianola. Mike has been a grocery transport driver for Casey's since 2013, and, during a severe winter weather event on Dec. 9, 2021, he was involved in an eight-truck pileup along I-35 near Williams. Mike and another driver, Brian Robbins, were assessing the damage from the accident when they heard the screeching of another truck sliding out of control on the ice-covered road and saw it barreling toward them. Without hesitation, Mike grabbed Brian by the arm and pulled him under his semi-trailer, preventing injury and likely saving his life. ■

FAMILY FOLK CONTRA DANCE

A family contra dance will be held at the Dance Factory, 208 S. 8th St., Indianola, on April 22 from 7-9:30 p.m. The Melon Farmer Band will be playing, and Lonna Nachtigal will be calling the dancing. No partner necessary, and all are welcome. Recommended contribution to cover costs is \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a family. It is recommended to wear comfortable shoes or go barefoot and bring water. All are welcome and expect to dance with everyone, ages 8-80, or just listen to the great music. ■

IHS SPORTS SCHEDULES

Thursday, April 7

4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV/Varsity Dual @ Norwalk High School

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Friday, April 8

12 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV/Varsity Invitational @ Boone McHose Park Tennis Courts

12 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity Triangular @ Indianola High School Tennis Complex

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV @ DM North

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV vs. Des Moines Hoover

7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity @ DM North

7:p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity vs. Des Moines Hoover

Saturday, April 9

11 a.m. **Track & Field:** Boys/Girls JV/Varsity Meet @ Valley

11:30 a.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Invitational @ Urbandale

Monday, April 11

12 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity Invitational @ Briarwood Golf Course

4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity Dual @ Knoxville

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. ■

SPECIAL FRIENDS SPRING FORMAL

All individuals with special needs and their families, chaperones, respite providers and SCL workers are invited to the Special Friends Spring Formal on Friday, April 29, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Buxton Room, 2204 W. Second Ave., Indianola. Enjoy dancing, door prizes and fun. The event is free. ■

GIRLS NIGHT OUT KENTUCKY STYLE

Enjoy an evening out around Indianola's Downtown Square and #ThinkIndianolaFirst on Saturday, May 7, 5-9 p.m., during the Girls Night Out Kentucky Style event. ■

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERTS

Mark your calendars now for the Friday Night Live Summer Concerts at Memorial Park, Indianola. You'll want to grab your family and friends and enjoy live music while your kids are entertained by the beautiful park facilities. Gates open at 6 p.m. Band plays 7-9:30 p.m. Beverage garden and food vendors will be available. Cost is \$5 for adults and children 11 and older. Children 10 and younger are admitted for free. For more information, visit IndianolaChamber.com. Bands are:

- **June 10:** Train Wreck
- **June 24:** Past Vertical
- **July 8:** Final Mix ■

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Take the family and enjoy an evening of visiting with neighbors as the Indianola Knights of Columbus do the cooking. The final Lenten Fish Dinner (dine-in or carry-out) will be held April 8 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall. Serving will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and carry-out orders and \$5 for children 6-12. Children younger than 5 are free. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

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

MARTINE DOLORES WATERS



Martine Dolores Waters, 40, died unexpectedly on Friday, March 25, 2022, at her home in Indianola. She grew up in Des Moines and graduated from Lincoln High School in 2000. She worked for Nationwide for more than 13 years.

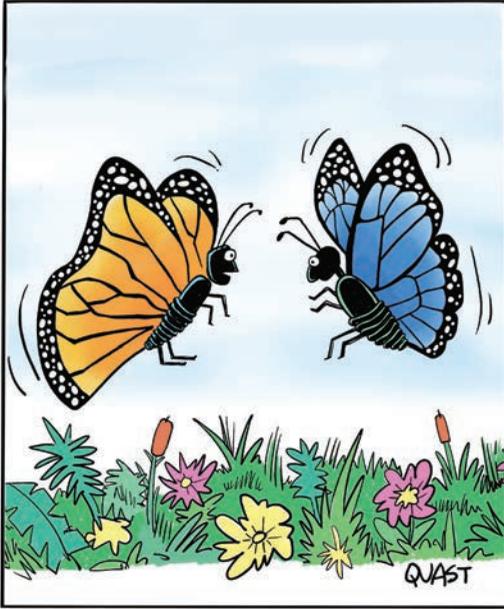
She is survived by her parents, Mike and Synda; siblings, Michelle (Mike), Michael Jr., Marshane (Dustin), and Autumn; her niece and nephew, Maddie and Drake; her beloved dogs, Beezee and Blitzzy; and countless friends and many loving extended family.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, April 6, at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Private family burial will take place at North River Cemetery, Greenfield Township. Condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com. ■

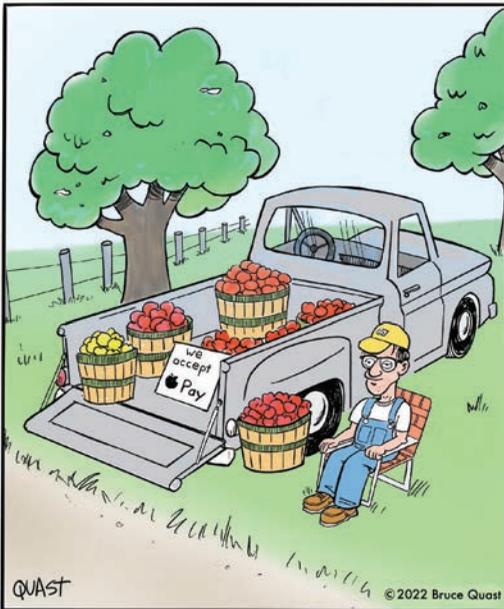
APRIL CITY MEETINGS

- IMU Board of Trustees Meeting, April 11, 5:30 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Meeting, April 12, 6-7 p.m., at Council Chambers.
- Parks & Recreation Commission, April 13, all day, at the Indianola Activity Center.
- City Council Meeting, April 18, 6-7 p.m., at Council Chambers.
- City Council Study Session, April 18, 7-8 p.m., at Council Chambers.
- IMU Board of Trustees Meeting, April 25, 5:30 p.m.
- Indianola Public Arts Commission Meeting, April 28, 6 p.m. ■

Comfortably Dumb By Bruce Quast



“No, we’re busy Sunday. We have to go to the Morgensons for Timmy’s cocoon opening.”



JOHN NICHOLS TO DELIVER CULVER LECTURE

Journalist John Nichols will present the 11th Annual Culver Lecture at Simpson College at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. This year’s Culver Lecture will be presented live and in-person in Hubbell Hall, Kent Campus Center, on Simpson’s main campus in Indianola.



John Nichols is a journalist, political commentator and pioneering political blogger. He is the author of 14 books on American politics, including “The Fight for the Soul of the Democratic Party: The Enduring Legacy of Henry Wallace’s Antifascist, Antiracist Politics.” Nichols’ book draws heavily on Sen. John C. Culver’s biography of Henry A. Wallace, “American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace.” Simpson College has recognized both John C. Culver and Henry A. Wallace in the naming of the John C. Culver Public Policy Center and Wallace Hall.

“In ‘The Fight for the Soul of the Democratic Party,’ John Nichols illuminates the long shadow of Iowan Henry A. Wallace’s continuing influence on progressive politics in the U.S., adding significantly to the body of knowledge on Wallace collected by Senator Culver in ‘American Dreamer.’” said Seth Andersen, director of the John C. Culver Public Policy Center at Simpson College. Nichols’ book is essential reading for students of American political history and social movements.

In conjunction with the Culver Lecture, the Culver Center will also host a screening of Joan D. Murray’s film tribute to her grandfather, “Henry A. Wallace: An Uncommon Man.” Show time is 4 p.m. in the Black Box Theater, Kent Campus Center. The film screening and Culver Lecture are free and open to the public.

For those attending the in-person event, no registration is required. However, the virtual attendance option requires registration. Visit simpson.edu/culver-center to register. ■

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. ■

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE BEING HELD AT THE INDIANOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 207 N. B ST.



STORY TIME WITH JANIS

Tuesdays and Thursday, 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday story times have shorter books, geared toward a younger crowd (18-36 months). Thursday story times have longer books, geared toward an older crowd (3-6 years). Songs and shakers are included at all story times, plus time for playing afterward. Come to either day or both.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Friday, April 8, 10-11 a.m. Join the Morning Book Club for a lively discussion of interesting books. Copies of each month's selection are available for checkout at the front desk.

SATURDAY STORIES

Saturday, April 9, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Janis and Kelsey for stories, songs and shakers on Saturday mornings.

NO SCHOOL: ESCAPE! FOR KIDS

Monday, April 11, 3 p.m.



Registration is required. Call 515-961-9418. Can you find the clues, solve the puzzles and escape? Designed for kids in elementary school.

FAMILY: ESCAPE THE ROOM!

Monday, April 11, 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Registration is required. Call 515-961-9418. Work together to search for clues, solve puzzles and escape. Designed for families of kids in elementary school, including parents and older siblings.

BINGO! (ADULTS 18 AND OLDER)

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come by the library every second Tuesday to play Bingo. Winners can choose a prize, and everyone can BYOB (beer and wine only).

TEEN HANGOUT (GRADES 6-12 ONLY)

Wednesday, April 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Play board games, video games (Nintendo Switch and Wii-U), do crafts, watch movies, eat, hang out. ■

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.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK



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