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## SEEN IN NORWALK

### THE NORWALK CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS HELD AT LUANA SAVINGS BANK ON MARCH 24.



George Livingston and Tim Krueger



Sam Sorenson



Gary Burton



Dan Obley



Kevin Pearson

#### NORWALK 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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# EARTH DAY PROJECTS

The Norwalk Parks and Recreation Department has created the opportunity to participate in several upcoming Earth Day cleanup projects in town on Friday, April 22, 1-5 p.m. Projects include park cleanup and tree planting at Elizabeth Holland Park, trail cleanup along Highway 28, and tree planting at Pine Needle Park. To learn more or to register to volunteer, visit the Parks and Recreation webpage at [norwalkparks.org](http://norwalkparks.org) and select the link "Celebrate Earth Day." ■

# RUNORWALK 5K RUN/WALK

Run or walk through Norwalk for a good cause at the RUNorwalk 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 7, 8:30-10 a.m., starting at Norwalk High School - Warrior Stadium Parking Lot, 1201 North Ave. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Norwalk Food Pantry. Timed 5K and 8K runs are included with prizes for top finishers.



Food Pantry Drive and Early Bird Registration Last Call Event will be Thursday, April 7, 3-6 p.m. in the Norwalk Fareway Parking Lot. Canned/non-perishable food items will be collected and delivered to the Norwalk Area Food Pantry. List of currently needed items will be made available.

Register online at [runsignup.com/Race/IA/Norwalk/RunNorwalk](http://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Norwalk/RunNorwalk). ■

# SPRING CURBSIDE EVENT

The Spring Curbside Event is Monday, May 16, 6 a.m. All items must be placed at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on May 16. No concrete or construction materials. No household hazardous waste. Visit [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com) or contact City Hall at 515-981-0228 ext. 2221 for local options. For other disposal options, contact MWA at 515-244-0021 or visit [www.whereshouldgo.com](http://www.whereshouldgo.com). ■

# SPRING DROP OFF EVENT

The spring drop off is for City of Norwalk residential garbage customers only Saturday, May 21, 7 a.m. to noon. Proof of residency is required (photo ID and water/garbage bill). Included are tire disposal, paper shredding, oil and batteries, appliance and e-waste, wood chips and compost, and scrap metal. ■

## NHS SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Thursday, April 7

- 4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV/Varsity vs. Indianola  
 4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity @ Indianola

### Friday, April 8

- 4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Boys JV/Varsity vs. Urbandale  
 4:45 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV 2 @ Ankeny Centennial  
 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV vs. Des Moines Lincoln  
 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV 1 @ Ankeny Centennial  
 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Des Moines Lincoln  
 7:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity @ Ankeny Centennial

### Saturday, April 9, 2022

- 9 a.m. **Tennis:** Boys Varsity Invitational @ Johnston  
 11 a.m. **Track & Field:** Girls Invitational @ Valley

### Monday, April 11, 2022

- 4:15 p.m. **Tennis:** Girls JV vs. Ankeny  
 4:30 p.m. **Track & Field:** Girls Varsity Invitational @ Norwalk NHS Warrior Stadium  
 4:30 p.m. **Track & Field:** Boys Varsity Invitational @ Norwalk NHS Warrior Stadium

## 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). ■

## FUNERAL NOTICES

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### SHERYL GLASSELL

Sheryl Dee Glassell, 64, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at home. A celebration of life will be on April 30 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Irish Settlement, Cumming. She graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1975 and from Allen College in 2011 with a master's degree in nursing/nurse practitioner. She worked in Mankato, Minnesota, specializing in nephrology.

In Mankato, she was involved with Catholic Charities Diocese of Winona, National Kidney Foundation and Wounded Warriors, and with the National Kidney Foundation and Wounded Warriors in Des Moines.

She is survived by her siblings, Richard (Laura) Glassell, Randall (Pat) Glassell, Denise Tomlinson, James (Krystel) Glassell and John (Kathleen) Glassell; nine nieces and nephews and eight great-nieces and great-nephews. ■



### KATHY KAY STOCKHAM

Kathy Kay Stockham, 70, died Friday, March 25, 2022, at her home in Norwalk. She grew up in Des Moines and graduated from Des Moines Tech High School in 1969, Broadlawn's Nursing School in 1972, and the University of Iowa in 1974. Kathy was a member of the American Nurses Association. She worked as hazmat coordinator for Lutheran Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Stockham; children, James Stockham and Erica Stockham; granddaughter, Angela Cabrera; and other relatives.

No public services are planned. Kathy will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony at Glendale Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com). ■



### RICHARD J. AND SHARON KAY BERKENBOSCH

Memorial services for Richard J. and Sharon Kay Berkenbosch of Norwalk were held Saturday, April 2, at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Richard was born Jan. 11, 1942 and died April 12, 2019. Sharon was born Dec. 13, 1945 and died March 19, 2022. They were married March 28, 1964. Richard's first job was delivering papers for The Des Moines Register, and he worked as bagger before enlisting in the U.S.

Army. He then worked for and retired from Firestone. Next he climbed into a truck with Sharon to drive (as a team) for Schneider National. The last job he did before joining Sharon in retirement was working for Capital City Fruits.

Sharon (Sherri), was born in Indianola. She loved doing a variety of the jobs and activities. Some of her unique adventures included being one of the first women to drive a stock car in Iowa. She even won a season championship at Stuart Speedway.

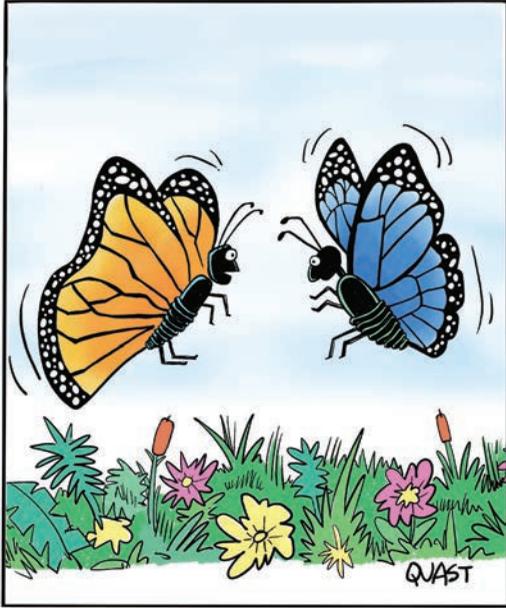
They are survived by daughters Deb Berkenbosch and Rebecca Berkenbosch and other relatives and friends. ■



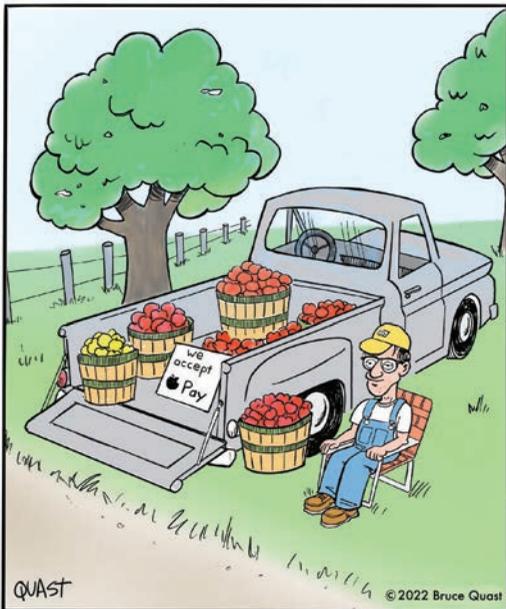
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**Comfortably Dumb** By Bruce Quast



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



# NORWALK EASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Meet Children’s Author Lydia M. Sigwarth** on April 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Library Meeting Room. Celebrate National Library Week with a visit from Sigwarth, author of “Dear Librarian.” She will read her picture book about the importance of libraries and share a short presentation about how it was inspired by her own childhood. The event will be followed by a book signing, and books will be available for purchase. Recommended for ages 4 and older.

- **Adult D.I.Y. Drop In** is scheduled for April 12, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Library Meeting Room. This is a makerspace for casual crafters. The craft will be macrame earrings. In May is the Clear the Craft Closet for Summer session, which will use the extras from previous craft events. This drop-in event is a place for all adults to let loose their creativity and try out the library’s maker tools, such as the button maker and Cricut, no matter your skill level. Each month will feature at least one library maker tool available for use and one new, rotating craft/activity available while supplies last. This event is comparable to Wednesday Early Out Crafts for kids but includes more advanced crafts and maker tools.

- **Early Out Crafts** will be held April 13, 2:30-4 p.m. at the Library Meeting Room. This event repeats every week on Wednesdays, ending on June 1. Stop by the meeting room on Wednesday afternoons to make a small project. Each week features a new craft plus the chance to try the library’s maker tools like the button maker. This event is for school-age kids, but kids of all ages are welcome. Meets on Wednesdays when Norwalk schools are in session and have early release.

- **Art Explorers** will be held April 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Library Meeting Room. Art Explorers is a series of programs dedicated to fun, open-ended art experiences for young children. Each month, the library offers a different variety of art stations especially designed for children ages 1-4 (but open to children of all ages and their caregivers). The activities at the Saturday and Monday sessions each month will be identical, so choose whichever works best for you. Dress for mess; there will be paint and other potentially messy activities. ■

## 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. ■

# 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](http://IndianolaChamber.com). Bands are:

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

# EASTER AT FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Community Church invites you to join its Easter at Fellowship to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The church will hold three identical Easter services Friday, April 15, 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 17, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Fellowship is located at 225 North Ave. in Norwalk. A free continental breakfast will be available before the Sunday morning services. There will be special Easter activities during the service for K-fifth grade, and quality childcare for pre-K and younger will be available. For more information, visit [www.fellowshipnorwalk.org/easter](http://www.fellowshipnorwalk.org/easter), call 515-981-0699, or connect with them on their social sites at @fellowshipnorwalk on Facebook and Instagram and @fellowshipnrwlk on Twitter. ■

# COMMUNITY CHAT

The next monthly Community Chat is April 9, 9-10:30 a.m. It is held the second Saturday of the month at City Hall for Norwalk residents to visit informally with city representatives. ■

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

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

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