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ANKENY CHAMBER'S LATTES & LEADS WAS HELD AT UPTOWN GARAGE BREWING ON MARCH 22.



Michael Hidder, Tony Mills and Chase VanLoon



Ann Wright, Mollie Frideres, Laura Major and Alexa Middleton



Nola McClafflin and Nancy Tinnear



Brandon Converse and Corrie Davis



Lindsey Foss and Corey Morrison

ANKENY WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY HIGH 49 | LOW 30
Cooler with an a.m. t-storm



THURSDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 31
Partly sunny, windy



FRIDAY HIGH 49 | LOW 28
Mostly sunny



SATURDAY HIGH 50 | LOW 32
Mostly sunny



SUNDAY HIGH 44 | LOW 32
Cloudy and breezy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

START SWINGING!

April showers bring May flowers — and green grass, at least on the golf courses. I have noticed this as I drive by the courses, and I have even seen a few people swinging their clubs lately. Not me. I don't even own a set of clubs anymore. Even so, I recognize that many people truly enjoy golfing — or truly despise it. There doesn't seem to be many in between.

I had a friend once who told me he loved to golf because he could drink, smoke and gamble — all in one place.

I had a boss who shared with me there are two types of people in this world: those who work and those who golf.

When people ask me to golf, my common reply is that I am not old enough yet. That used to be funny — when I was younger.

I have learned to face a couple of truths about golf. The first is that I am awful at it. Like most things in life, becoming a better golfer takes time. Years of play



are required just to be average, and I don't want to be average. Spending that many hours only to end up frustrated isn't my idea of fun.

The second truth is I don't like to lose. My wife, Jolene, is a good

golfer. She can smear me. I was close to beating her once many years ago. She realized this on the final hole and shot a birdie for the win. I wanted to bend a club over my knee. I didn't, at least not in public. But I did sell my clubs. Without a putter.

The only thing more painful to me than golfing is watching other people golf. I don't understand the attraction. Add in full contact, heckling and a speed element, and then you have something that might be fun to watch. Until then, I would rather watch grass grow — or at least turn green.

Meanwhile, I am happy for those of you who do enjoy time on the course. Start swinging.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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EXHIBITS, EVENTS AND MORE AT THE 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://ankenyardcenter.com/k8-summer-camp>. ■

HELP THE LIBRARY HELP THE COMMUNITY HELP THE LIBRARY

BY JUSTIN ARMBRUSTER

The Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library's mission and strategic plan heavily involve engaging with and supporting our community. We want to be a place where people can come together for a variety of activities and reasons. We strive to be a cultural hub and provide both educational and recreational resources. One way we do this is through our annual Summer Reading Program.

This months-long campaign encourages children to continue reading after school is out for the summer. In order to entice them to read, we offer special prizes, one being a book they can take home and keep. However, purchasing children and young adult books for the entirety of Ankeny is financially difficult. Therefore, we are asking the public to donate any like-new or gently used children and young adult books to the library so we can hand them out as prizes. If you find yourself doing some spring cleaning and discover some books your kids have outgrown or don't want anymore, set them aside for us. We will be accepting the books throughout April and May at the Circulation Desk on the first floor. Just tell the staff member they are donations for the Summer Reading program. Who knows, you might be donating a book that will become a community member's favorite book.

Another way we try to help the community is through the programming we provide. We try to balance our events with education and recreational activities. Sometimes we think we have a grasp on what the community

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FUNERAL NOTICES

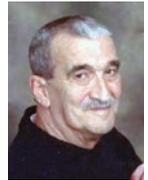
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DAVID WINDERS

David Marshall Winders, 76, died April 3, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at Ankeny Funeral Home on Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

He was born in Des Moines and graduated from North High School in Des Moines in 1963. After graduation, David served four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. David retired from John Deere Des Moines Works in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy Winders; four daughters, Shelley (Mark) Koons, Jennifer (Angelo) Martinez, Christine (Keith) Lydon and Nicole (Lou) Schwalbach; and other relatives. ■



TONY S. WHITAKER

Anthony "Tony" Steven Whitaker, 45, died April 2, 2022. A funeral service was held Friday, April 8 at Lutheran Church of Hope Ankeny with burial following at Berwick Cemetery. He was born in Des Moines, raised in Ankeny and graduated from Ankeny High School in 1996. He earned a business degree from the University of Iowa in 2001.

Tony was part of a 4x4 relay team that held a record at the Drake Relays for 25 years. He was vice president at Municipal Supply where he worked for 21 years. He had the pleasure of working side by side with his grandfather, dad and brother.

He is survived by his parents; brother, Timothy and girlfriend, Leah; and many other relatives. A full obituary is online at www.AnkenyMemorial.com. ■



DANIAL 'DAN' LEE GREENLEE

Danial "Dan" Lee Greenlee, 54, died April 7, 2022, at his residence in Ankeny. A Celebration of Life will be held at Ankeny Funeral Home on Thursday, April 14 from 4-7 p.m. He was born in Des Moines and attended Moore Elementary School there before moving to Elkhart where he completed grade school. Dan eventually ended up in Ankeny, attending Ankeny High School and graduating in 1986.

Dan is survived by his parents; children, Samantha (Jason) Orndorff, Shawn (Heather) Greenlee, and Tylor Greenlee; sibling, Tesa Greenlee; grandchild, Mikayla Rose; widow, Beth Greenlee; and many extended family and friends. ■



EILEEN D. GUST (BOGNER)

Eileen D. Gust (Bogner), 90, died April 9, 2022. She was born in Crofton, Nebraska. She married Harvey Gust on May 28, 1950, and they moved around the country until settling in Iowa in 1961. Eileen raised two children, Patricia (James) French and Steven (Laurie) Gust. She and Harvey built a cabin at Lake Rathbun, where they enjoyed many outdoor activities. When Harvey developed Parkinson's disease, she was his caregiver. She spent the last two years at Edencrest Assisted Living in Ankeny.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, and all her siblings. No service will be held. Her ashes will be taken to Crofton by the family at a later date. Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Urbandale, is assisting the family. ■



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SOUTHIDA 'PINKY' SIMAHANO

Southida "Pinky" Simahano, 39, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at her home in Ankeny. She was born in Des Moines. Pinky worked for the State of Iowa and had a part-time job at a local grocery store. She would find the good in people and try to help as much as she could no matter how tired she was. She was selfless, always trying to help others by bringing them lunch, running their errands, covering shifts and sometimes just lending an ear.

She is survived by her mother, Chanty; brother, Phoutasone; and other loving relatives and many special friends.

A Celebration of Life was held April 8 at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens. ■



PAULETTE ARLENE (DERRICK) GREtter

Paulette Arlene (Detrick) Gretter, 73, died on March 29, 2022, at MercyOne Hospice Care in Johnston. A private family Celebration of Life will be held June 5, 2022, in Des Moines. She was born in Marshalltown and attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Lenihan Catholic High School in Marshalltown. Paulette made a home in Keota, where she raised two sons, John and James. She sought out opportunities for community service, including serving on the Keota School Board. She attended Kirkwood Community College, graduating with an associate's degree in accounting, and spent many years working seasonally as a tax preparer. She lived in Iowa City and Osage Beach, Missouri, before moving to Ankeny in 2020.

Paulette is survived by her children, John Gretter (Sarah) and James Gretter (Tracy), and many other relatives. ■



SHIRLEY DUNSTON

Shirley Dunston, 91, of Ankeny, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022. A funeral was held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at Memorial Services of Iowa. Burial followed at Ankeny Memorial Gardens.

She graduated from Chariton High in 1948, focusing on typing and shorthand. She married the late Raleigh Milton Dunston in 1949, and they lived together in Des Moines for 62 years. He preceded her in death in 2011. Shirley is survived by her children, Raleigh (Pam) Dunston, Angela Johnson, Cynthia Barber and Tracy (Tom) Willis; like a son, Rich (Angie) Pettinger; and many other relatives.

Shirley worked in several industries prior to her career as an executive administrative assistant, retiring from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in 1989. Shirley was an active member of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, VFW Post 738 Auxiliary and The Optimist Club of Ankeny. ■



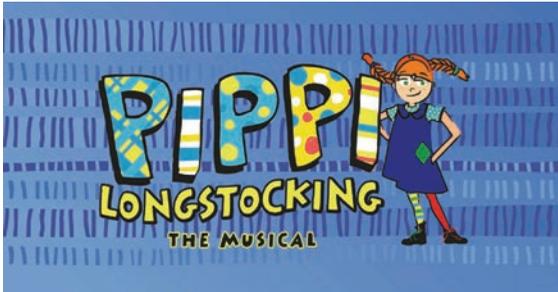
JULIE ANN PIEPER

Julie Ann Pieper, 60, of Ankeny, died Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines. She was born in East Moline, Illinois. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Des Moines, then went on to graduate from DMACC in Ankeny with an associate's degree in business. She married Scott B. Pieper on Sept. 27, 2013. He survives her, along with other relatives and friends. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. ■



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EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**'PIPPI LONGSTOCKING'**

April 22 - May 8

Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines

Follow the adventures of a freckle-faced, mismatched-stockinged, red-pigtailed girl named Pippilotta Delicatessa Windowshade Mackrelmint Ephraim's Daughter Longstocking — or "Pippi" for short. She lives on the outskirts of town in a ramshackle house, with a horse on the porch, a monkey in the kitchen, a pirate captain father and an angel of a mother. The Kate Goldman Children's Theatre presents "Pippi Longstocking." Purchase tickets and find more information at www.dmpplayhouse.com.

GDP MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 23

Downtown Des Moines

The Des Moines Music Coalition presents Gross



Domestic Product (GDP), an all-Iowa music festival featuring 12 new and emerging artists from across the state, including LVMMAKING, Wave Cage, Bouquet and Good Morning Midnight. Performances will take place at various venues in Downtown Des Moines. Buy tickets at www.desmoinesmc.com.

EARTH DAY AT THE GARDEN

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909

Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines

Celebrate Earth Day among breathtaking florals, verdant foliage and towering trees in the Botanical Garden. Featuring plants from Iowa and around the globe in its signature conservatory plus seven acres of outdoor gardens. Free admission on this day only. Find more information at www.dmbotanicalgarden.com.

PUTTING AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Tuesday, April 26, 4 p.m. registration;

4:30-6 p.m. program

Hilton Garden Inn, 205 S. 64th St.,

West Des Moines

The Greater Des Moines Rotary Multi-Club Committee presents this program focused on ending human trafficking in the area. The public is invited to learn from some of the local heroes fighting this important issue. The panel will include Rocky Vest, partnership development manager, Hope for Justice U.S., and BTC 200 co-founder; Brenda Long, Garden Gate Ranch; and David Gonzalez, senior investigator, Midwest region, Hope for Justice U.S. After the program, attendees can visit booths of nonprofits fighting human trafficking, network with Rotarians and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Cost is \$20 per person. Rotary members RSVP to your club. Non-members can register at <https://civitasdsm2022.eventbrite.com>. ■

RECIPE

SWEETEN UP SPRING WITH AN 'EGGSTRA' CREATIVE BRUNCH

(Family Features) It's hard to top a brunch feast spent snacking on delicious treats in the sunshine with loved ones. At the center of your celebration can be a springtime tradition with nearly endless possibilities: eggs. As a natural source of vitamins and minerals, eggs are a delicious protein powerhouse with just 70 calories per large egg. Boiled, scrambled, poached, baked and any other way you like them, they're a kitchen superhero. This spring, add eggs to your menu and explore fresh ways to celebrate the season at incredibleegg.org. ■

EGGY LEMON SANDWICH COOKIES

Recipe courtesy of the American Egg Board and "Joy the Baker"

Total time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Yield: 16-18 cookies

Dough:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Lemon Curd:

- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into cubes

Buttercream:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature



- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1-2 tablespoons warm milk
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds

To make dough: In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

In bowl of stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream together shortening and butter until well combined. Scrape down sides of bowl, add sugar and beat on medium speed until pale and fluffy, 3-5 minutes.

Add egg, milk and vanilla extract; beat until combined. Add dry ingredients and beat on low until dough forms. Scrape down sides of bowl to ensure no dry pockets at bottom. Wrap and refrigerate dough 30 minutes.

Place rack in upper third of oven and preheat to 350 F.

Roll half of dough on lightly floured counter

to 1/4-1/2-inch thickness. Cut with 2-3-inch egg cookie cutter and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Use 1-inch round or egg-shaped cookie cutter to cut yolk holes out of half the cookies. Bake 8-10 minutes until just golden around edges. Cool completely before filling.

To make lemon curd: In 2-quart heavy saucepan, whisk juice, zest, sugar and eggs. Stir in butter and cook over low heat, whisking frequently, until curd is thick enough to hold marks of whisk and bubbles appear on surface, about 6 minutes.

Transfer lemon curd to bowl and chill, covered with plastic wrap, until cold, at least 1 hour.

To make buttercream: In medium bowl using electric hand mixer, beat butter until well softened. Add powdered sugar, salt and lemon zest; beat on low. Add milk and whip to combine. Beat in poppy seeds. Transfer frosting to zip-top bag with corner cut off or piping bag with medium round tip. Leave buttercream at room temperature until ready to pipe.

To assemble cookies: Flip each whole egg cookie so bottoms are facing up. Pipe buttercream frosting around edges. Spoon 2-3 teaspoons lemon curd into centers of cookies. Top each with one cookie with hole; press gently and spoon 1 teaspoon lemon curd into cookie hole. ■

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PATRICIA SUE GUGGER

Patricia Sue Gugger, 84, Ankeny, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022. A funeral service was held Monday, April 11 at Ankeny First United Methodist Church. Inurnment will be at Vernon Cemetery, Renwick, at a later date.

Pat was born in Mason City. A 1956 graduate of Northwood High School, Pat earned both her two-year undergrad degree (1958) and her bachelor's degree (1974) from the University of Northern Iowa and devoted 34 years to teaching pre-K, kindergarten and first grade at Boone Valley (Vernon and Renwick) and Taft Elementary (Humboldt).

She was a 50-year member of the Chapter ES P.E.O., Northwood, and a 50-year member of the Renwick United Methodist Church, serving on committees and holding offices: chairman of trustees, chairman of Administrative Council, chairman of Finance Committee, and long-term secretary of United Methodist Women. She was a 4-H leader and Cub Scout den mother. Upon moving to Ankeny, she was secretary for her homeowner's association.

She was preceded in death by Rich, her husband of 57 years, and her son, Tracy Gugger. She is survived by her daughter, Tricia (Pat) Childress, and many other relatives and friends. ■



LIBRARY, FROM INSIDE

would like, only to find we should have gone in a different direction. We wanted to hear directly from you, the community, as to what you would like to see for our adult programs, so we held a survey to get a better idea of the types of events you want us to host. This will help us deliver the best possible experiences for our community.

Joining the Friends of the Ankeny Library is also beneficial to the library and the City of Ankeny. The Friends of the Ankeny Library is an independent, philanthropic

organization dedicated to enhancing the library through fundraising and advocacy efforts. The proceeds they collect from their book sale, fundraisers and donations are used to support library programs, events and special projects. For instance, we are able to provide free digital content, such as e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels and music, via Hoopla. The Friends also helped the library by providing the funds for the Adventure Pass program. Joining the Friends and volunteering your time and energy is a wonderful way to help the library help the community. ■

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



*After an unsuccessful harvest, why did the farmer decide to try a career in music?
Because he had a ton of sick beats!*