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SEEN IN ANKENY

THE ANKENY CHAMBER'S LATTES AND LEADS WAS HELD AT TWO RIVERS BANK & TRUST ON APRIL 26.



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Tiffany Tope, Kathleen Velez, and Sophia Sledge



Chris Cullen and Joe Bethel



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Sara Albertson and Jared Pearson

ANKENY WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY HIGH 60 | LOW 50
Cool with periods of rain



THURSDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 49
Partial sunshine



FRIDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 57
Warmer with sunshine



SATURDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 66
Partly sunny and breezy



SUNDAY HIGH 86 | LOW 63
Humid, a strong p.m. t-storm



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

SCRATCH AND SNIFF

The three words in this column's headline are what we asked readers to do a few years back with our Iowa State Fair issue in CITYVIEW. It was full of photos from the fair with small circles that we asked our readers to "scratch and sniff." Although it is possible to add scents to ink in the printing process, we didn't do that. We didn't do anything, other than get a good laugh out of watching readers run their fingernails across the pages and smell the photos. Some actually thought they could smell the scents. Maybe it was all in their heads. Or maybe it was in the summer air. This season in Iowa, after all, does have its share of aromas.

Iowa's farms have a whole array of smells we need not mention here, but so do our cities and towns. What summer scents remind you of the season? Of course, there is the fresh cut grass, of which we have plenty in early summer. How about the smell of hot pavement or blacktop?

Summer evenings often mean

campfires, and you either love the smell of burning logs or hate it. Campfires also mean s'mores, and who doesn't know the scent of a charred marshmallow? On the subject of food, the smell of meat cooking on a barbecue grill is a familiar one. I clearly remember the waft of chicken on a rotisserie on our family's grill — and the sound of it, too.

For those of you who soak in the sun, the smell of sunscreen (or what we called "sun tan lotion" in the 1970s) is a sure sign of the season. Anything with a coconut scent conjures summer images — and so does the smell of chlorine in the pool, as does bug spray.

Speaking of bugs, does anyone recall the smell of the mosquito fog that was sprayed in neighborhoods? My friends and I would stand in our front yards in amazement, breathing in that cancer-causing mist. Can't forget that smell.



My mother insisted on hanging clothes on the clothesline to dry in the summer. She said she liked how the fresh air made the clothes smell. I thought she was just being thrifty and didn't want to run the clothes dryer — and I didn't like the feel of crunchy blue jeans.

How about that distinct earthy smell of summer rain that scientists call "petrichor"? It is caused by a mixture of plant oils and the chemical compound geosmin, which are released from the soil when it rains. The scent is then spread by the wind. You know it.

The official beginning of summer this year is June 21, but we all know that summer weather is upon us now. Just take a good whiff.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Ankeny Community Network is holding a Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 18, 3-10 p.m. at The District at Prairie Trail, S.W. District Drive. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the actual end of slavery in the United States. It marks the date — June 19, 1865 — when a Union general arrived in Galveston, one of the last Confederate holdouts, with word of President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. Join the celebration, which will feature entertainment and food. ■

GOLF FORE EDUCATION

The Ankeny School District Foundation Golf Fore Education fundraiser is Wednesday, June 29 with a noon shotgun start at Briarwood Golf Club, 3405 N.E. Trilein Drive, Ankeny. More information on sponsorships and registration can be found online at ankenyschoolfoundation.org/golf-fore-education. ■

KID ZONE FOR FAMILIES

Ankeny Community Network hosts Kid Zone for families the first Saturday of the month currently at Miracle Park, 310 N.W. School St., Ankeny, weather permitting. The next event is Saturday, June 4, 1:30-4 p.m. Come and go as you wish. For more information, contact Tierra Mayberry by text or call at 515-240-3594. ■

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Heartland Church Vacation Bible School will be held June 13-15 at Heartland Church, 1212 N.W. 36th St., Ankeny. It will be family style again this year. Come with your family at 5:15 p.m. for dinner. The VBS program runs 6-8 p.m. The theme will be "God's Monumental Love." Register your pre-k through fifth graders online at heartlandankeny.com. It is free. If a parent, guardian or grandparent is not able to accompany the children, send an email to Pastor Chantelle, chantelle@heartlandstaff.com, or Pastor Drew, drew@heartlandstaff.com, for special arrangements. Heartland Church will be hosting a carnival on Thursday, June 16 from 6-8 p.m. There will be inflatables, games, food and fun. ■

ARTIST SHOWS AT THE ANKENY ART CENTER

The Ankeny Art Center, 1520 S.W. Ordnance Road, is dedicated to promoting and supporting Iowa artists. By engaging emerging artists in the area, the Center can change its art exhibitions about every eight weeks. Opening receptions and exhibits are free and open to the public. Enjoy free food and drink during the receptions and chat with the artist.

• **Robert Kennon exhibit dates:** June 7 - July 27. Reception: Thursday, June 9, 5-7 p.m. Fine art prints.

• **Momentum Art Program exhibit dates:** June 7 - July 27. Reception: Thursday, June 9, 5-7 p.m. Group show.

Starting in June, The Ankeny Art Center's hours are changing. The new hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. ■

DAY CAMP FOR KIDS K-5

The Ankeny Presbyterian Church, 317 S.E. Trilein Drive, Ankeny, is hosting its Day Camp for kids in grades K-5 from June 27 to July 1. Cost is \$50 per camper, and payment is due by June 15. Scholarships are available. Registration is online at heartlandcamps.org/ankeny. ■

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VILDA R. JONES

Vilda R. Jones, 97, died May 14, 2022, at Rock Creek Assisted Living in Ankeny. She graduated in 1941 from the high school in Rockford. In 1948, she moved to Minneapolis to attend Minnesota Bible College, where she took Christian education and secretarial courses for two years. In 1950, while attending classes in the morning, she began full time work at Honeywell, a manufacturer of thermostats, remaining there until she married Walter V. Jones in 1952. They moved to Walter's native Washington state, where together they ministered to congregations in the Puget Sound country. Vilda taught Sunday school there as well as after they returned to the Midwest in 1960 and settled in Des Moines the next year.



Vilda was a Cub Scout, Blue Birds and Campfire leader. She worked part-time at Sears and American Republic Insurance before going to work full time for the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, where she did printing and mailing and retired in 1990 after 22 years. Along with her husband, she was a caregiver for 40 years for their daughter, Connie, who had muscular dystrophy. Vilda was a member of the Rising Sun Church of Christ.

Vilda was preceded in death by her husband; three sisters; foster brother; and daughter. She is survived by her son, Greg (Kris); three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 24 at Rising Sun Church of Christ in Pleasant Hill. Burial will be beside her daughter and husband at the Memorial Park Cemetery west of Mason City. Online condolences are welcome at www.IlesCares.com. ■

CHAD TINGWALD

Chad Tingwald, 45, of Ankeny, died unexpectedly on May 11, 2022. He was born to Dennis Tingwald and Sheila (Freeborn) Russell in Grinnell. He was raised in LeGrand, and moved to Ankeny in 1989 where he graduated in 1995. He married Leslie Walker in 2021. Chad was a fuel dispatch specialist at the Casey's Store Support Center since October 2008. He also worked various jobs in the auto parts industry.

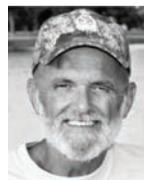


He is survived by his wife; daughter, Kelsey Tingwald; step-children, Hannah Manchester (Curtis) and Spencer Walker (Kevin); parents; sister, Angie (Tingwald) Porter; niece; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his cats.

A memorial service was held Thursday, May 19 at Ankeny Free Church. ■

LAUREN CLOYS BORDER

Lauren Cloys Border, 75, of Ankeny died May 14, 2022, at Methodist Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was born in Erie, Illinois, and graduated from Erie High School in 1964. Lauren married Cindy Muhlenburg in 1987. He worked for 13 years for the Rock Island Railroad and was a painter for more than 20 years with E-Z painting in Ames.



Lauren is survived by his wife; his children, Steve Border, Shawn (Amy) Swaim, and Tarah Cox; five siblings; and grandchildren, Brayden Koltin, Kinsley Swaim and William Cox. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kent; granddaughter, Nevaeh Swaim, and numerous nieces and nephews. Per Lauren's wishes, there will be no services. ■

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RICHARD 'DICK' GENE RASMUSSEN

Richard Rasmussen, 65, died May 20, 2022, at Mercy West Hospital in Des Moines. He was born in Audubon. Dick was a sergeant in the Army from 1954-1957. He served in Germany during peacetime. Richard married Suzan Gilchrist in 1959.

Dick graduated from the Iowa State Teachers College (University of Northern Iowa) with a bachelor's degree in education and later completed his master's degree in administration at Drake University. He taught at South Hamilton of Jewell for 10 years. In 1972, Dick and Sue moved their family to Ankeny. He taught physical education at Neveln Junior High and then business classes at Ankeny High School. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny. He poured a lot of time and devotion into fundraising to bring the dream of Miracle League Baseball to Ankeny.

Dick amassed a wide variety of awards and accolades: National High School Coach of the Year in both softball (1986) and basketball (1993) and was honored to have the Ankeny softball field named the Dick Rasmussen Field in 2014.

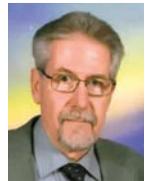
Dick is survived by his wife, Sue; children Jeff (Elaine), Greg, Brad (Nicolee), Julie; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held May 25 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. ■



DAVID MILES STOUT

David Miles Stout, 71, of Ankeny, died Jan. 21, 2021, at home after a brief but fierce battle with metastatic melanoma. David is survived by his wife, Lynhon Stout; daughter, Jennifer (Roni) Stout; grandchildren, Jack and Olivia Kagan; brother, Harry (Mern) Stout; nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A celebration of life will be held 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 at Memorial Services of Iowa, 4208 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny. A time of sharing will be at 5:15 p.m. ■



DAVID VOLS

David Vols, 73, died May 16, 2022. David grew up on a farm in Brooklyn. He attended Iowa State University and graduated with a degree in ag business. He worked for the Iowa DOT as an appraiser. He married Marlene Witt in 1974 and had one daughter.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Christine (Jeff) Weiland; grandsons, Aston and Carter; sisters, Ilene Hagen and Lillian Sesma. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald. A visitation was held Thursday, May 19 at Memorial Services of Iowa in Ankeny. ■



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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 30, 9 a.m.

Tower of Memories, 1 N.E. 60th Ave., Des Moines, at Highland Memory Gardens

The annual Memorial Day ceremony at Highland Memory Gardens is jointly sponsored by the Highland Park American Legion Post 374 and Highland Memory Gardens and includes the presentation of Colors, the reading of names of veterans buried at HMG since Memorial Day 2021, a gun salute and Taps.

The celebration will begin this year with the Iowa Patriot Guard Riders entering the cemetery on their motorcycles, weather permitting, and then lining the main drive with their members holding large American flags.

The Avenue of Flags is more than 2 miles long and will be flying from Saturday morning until Monday afternoon. In addition, the more than 3,500 graves of known veterans will be honored with individual flags.

Bring your lawn chairs Monday morning. Refreshments will be served following the program.

CAJUN FEST BOIL & BREW

Saturday, June 4

Jr's Southport Ranch, Iowa State Fairgrounds

A group of Iowa natives and Louisiana transplants came together to create Cajun Fest, a Cajun Boil & Brew event where Southern hospitality meets "Iowa nice." They unite people to share good food, good music, and create good times for a good cause. Last year's sold-out event raised more than \$70,000 for local children's charities. Join the fun, celebrate a new cultural experience and connect with others in the community. Food includes a crawfish boil, gumbo, jambalaya and beignets. Drinks include Hurricanes, Slushies and, of course, beer. Live music and kids' activities are included. General admission is \$40 per person, \$140 for group of four, and \$100 for VIP tickets with private

accommodations and concierge service. For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.cajunfestiowa.com>.

GARDEN ART SHOW

Sunday, June 5, noon to 5 p.m.

4320 Franklin Ave, Des Moines

Start off your Iowa summer with the 12th Annual Garden Art Show presented by Whirlythings. Central Iowa artists will be offering a wide range of works in a Beavertdale backyard nearly a football field long. Mature shade trees and ornamental plantings provide a natural showcase for works in all types of media — pottery, paintings, jewelry, sculpture, tie-dye, mandala stones, glass beads and more. Free public admission. Find more information at www.whirlythings.com.



Photo courtesy of Music Under the Stars

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

West Capitol Mall (rain location is Drake Fine Arts Center)

Every summer since 1947, Music Under the Stars has entertained central Iowans of all ages with free band concerts on Sunday evenings in the shadow of the Capitol. This season marks the 75th anniversary of the concerts. Admission is free. Featured guests are: June 12, vocalist Jackie Schmillen; June 19, vocalist Scott Smith; June 26, vocalist Max Wellman; July 3, vocalist Gina Gedler; July 10, vocalist Tina Haase-Fundlay. For more information, visit www.musicunderthestars.org. ■

RECIPE

LOBSTER TAKES SLIDERS TO A NEW LEVEL

(Family Features) Elevate your Slider Sundays (remember last week's slider recipe) with lobster. A quick 15 minutes of preparation and 15 of cooking, and you can have these sliders ready for family or for a relaxed evening with friends. They are sure to be impressed. ■

LOBSTER KNUCKLE SLIDERS WITH SPICY MAYO

Recipe courtesy of Guy Fieri

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 1 package King's Hawaiian Slider Buns
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tomato, finely diced
- 1 celery stalk, finely diced
- 1/2 cup Japanese mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sriracha
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 1 package tempura flour mixture
- 1 teaspoon seafood seasoning
- 9 ounces cooked lobster knuckle meat
- 2 1/2 cups white cabbage, shredded fine
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons chives, finely chopped

Directions

Separate slider buns and brush inside halves with melted butter. Toast rolls on griddle until golden brown; flip and slightly toast outsides of rolls.

In mixing bowl, combine diced tomatoes, celery, mayonnaise and sriracha. Season with salt and pepper, to taste; add juice and zest from 1/2 lemon. Mix well to fully incorporate. Place in refrigerator to chill.



Mix tempura batter per package instructions and season with seafood seasoning.

Preheat deep fryer to 350 F.

Pat lobster dry with paper towels. Place lobster in tempura batter and allow to sit 30-60 seconds.

Remove lobster one piece at a time, allowing excess batter to drip off. Working in batches, fry until golden brown, about 3 minutes.

While lobster is frying, place cabbage in mixing bowl; add extra-virgin olive oil and juice from remaining 1/2 lemon. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Mix well to incorporate evenly.

Place 2 tablespoons cabbage mixture on each bun, making bed on each bun to hold lobster in place.

Remove lobster from fryer and allow excess oil to drain completely. Toss lobster in mayonnaise mixture and sprinkle with chopped chives. Place lobster on cabbage mixture then add top buns and secure with bamboo skewers. ■

