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GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW LIBRARY

The public is invited June 28 to the 9 a.m. groundbreaking ceremony for the new Grimes Public Library at the corner of N.E. Beaverbrooke and N. James Street. The new 22,300-square-foot building will be just blocks north of its current location in the new Heritage development and will expand residents' access to items for community education and enrichment; open spaces to read or study; small study rooms; public use computers; drive-thru drop-off/pick-up window; programming space to accommodate both community and library programs; STEAM room optimized for hands-on learning, exploring and creating; baby and young child play spaces; and a teen mezzanine and gaming area. Construction will continue through fall 2023. ■



An artist's rendering shows what the new library will look like.



The children's area of the new library will be filled with natural light.

GRIMES/DALLAS CENTER WEATHER FORECAST

TUESDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 60
Considerable cloudiness



WEDNESDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 56
Clouds yielding to sun



THURSDAY HIGH 82 | LOW 62
Increasing cloudiness



FRIDAY HIGH 73 | LOW 55
Cloudy, not as warm



SATURDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 58
Times of clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WIND & FIRE

Jolene and I have a daughter, Sara, who lives in California, a state known for beaches, surfing, sunshine, celebrities and, unfortunately, forest fires.

In her early months there, we were trading phone calls of concern about nearby fires that were seemingly a stone's throw from her apartment. As an Iowa transplant, Sara was terrified. Her California-native neighbors were not concerned. That sounded crazy to me until a friend pointed out that Californians' views on fires are no different than ours on tornadoes. Point taken.

As a child, I recall going in our front yard when a storm was brewing, looking to the sky and stretching my arms out to see if the wind would move me — until Mom would yell at me to get my you-know-what in the house. Then I would stare out the windows and watch the lightning flash and listen to the thunder pound. Eddie Rabbit wasn't the only one who loved a

rainy night.

A tornado, though, is a different breed of storm.

On June 28, 1979, an F3 tore through our neighborhood in my hometown of Algona. This 10-year-old was home alone and shivering under the pool table in our basement while listening to our trees uproot and every window in our home shatter. We were fortunate. Just a couple blocks away, homes were leveled.

These were the days before cell phones, and my mother was north of town at an auction. My brother was at a friend's home. My stepfather was a fireman and was at their monthly meeting. Mom frantically called me three times from a phone at the auction house, demanding that I go to the neighbor's home. I didn't. As a parent now, I can't imagine the



anxiety she felt while driving through and dodging the debris to get back to our home to see if her family was OK. I was reminded of this while watching those California fires on the national news and trading calls and messages with Sara.

Wind and fire are not just two-thirds of an American band known for its kalimba sound and dynamic horn section. They are a reality in much of America. Most of us don't take them as seriously as we should, until Mother Nature slaps us in the face. With the season upon us, we are reminded of how swift and significant these storms can be.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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GOVERNORS DAYS

Enjoy three days of a variety of activities for the entire family during Governors Days, Thursday - Friday, June 9-11, at the Grimes South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St. The cover story for the May issue of Grimes/Dallas Center Living magazine features an overview of activities and can be found online at www.iowalivingmagazines.com. More information is also available at www.governorsdays.com. ■

GRIMES 'HOME BASE IOWA' FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Enjoy the annual Grimes "Home Base Iowa" Fourth of July Fireworks Monday, July 4 at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Grimes South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St., and find a spot to watch the show. ■

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY

On Wednesday, June 8, Boy Scout Troop 44 will be disposing of U.S. flags in a Ceremony of Final Tribute at the Grimes Public Works Department, 1700 S.E. Destination Drive, Grimes, at 6 p.m. Worn out flags may be dropped off at the Flag Box located behind the Johnston Fire Department, 6373 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, or brought to the event to be properly disposed. The public is welcome to attend. ■

APPRECIATION EVENT

Bankers Trust will be holding one of its Community Difference Makers celebration at the Grimes branch, 110 S.E. Main St., on Thursday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to this appreciation event for customers and community members. The event offers free food, while supplies last; games; giveaways and surprise entertainment. ■

DCG SPORTS SCHEDULES

Tuesday, June 7

TBD **Golf:** Boys High School State vs. TBD @ TBA
10 a.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity State vs. TBA @ TBA
1 p.m. **Softball:** JV 2 @ WDM Valley

Wednesday, June 8

4 p.m. **Softball:** JV 2 vs. Pella
5:30 p.m. **Baseball:** JV vs. Pella
5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV 1 vs. Pella
7:30 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity vs. Pella
7:30 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Pella

Thursday, June 9

4 p.m. **Softball:** JV 2 vs. Waukee Prairieview
5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV 1 vs. Waukee Northwest
7:30 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Waukee Northwest

Friday, June 10

1 p.m. **Softball:** JV 2 @ Norwalk
4 p.m. **Softball:** JV 1 @ Norwalk
5:30 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity @ Norwalk
5:30 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity @ Norwalk

Saturday, June 11

9:30 a.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Tournament @ Des Moines Christian

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ON STAGE

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June 9-11, 17-18, 24-26: "Legally Blonde"

CLASS ACT PRODUCTIONS

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June 3-5, 10-12: "Into the Woods Jr."

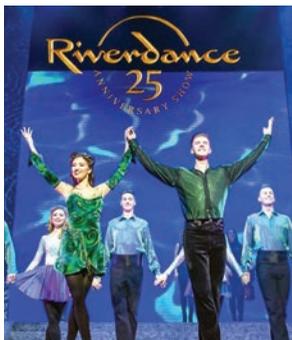
DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS

Des Moines Civic Center, Cowles Commons, Stoner Theater, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

June 9-12: "Pieces of My Heart" choreopoem in partnership with choreographer Sonia Dawkins at the Stoner Theater

June 10-12:

"Riverdance" at the Des Moines Civic Center



DES MOINES PLAYHOUSE

831 42nd St., Des Moines

dmplayhouse.com

June 19 - July 2: "Buffalo Women: A Black Cowgirl Musical Dramedy" co-produced by Pyramid Theatre Company and The Playhouse

TALLGRASS THEATRE COMPANY

2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines

tallgrasstheatre.org

June 16-18: Summer Concert Series "Into the Woods" at Jamie Hurd Amphitheater, 4100 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines

CONCERTS

JASPER WINERY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

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Enjoy drinks, food trucks and free entertainment.

Guests may bring their own food and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Visit jasperwinery.com for details.



- June 9: Pianopalooza Band
- June 16: The Maytags
- June 23: Damon Dotson Band
- June 30: The Nadas
- July 7: Dueling Guitars featuring Brian and Brad
- July 14: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
- July 21: Brazilian 2wins
- July 28: Dazy Head Mazy
- Aug. 4: Final Mix

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-Findlay. For more information, visit www.musicunderthestars.org. ■

JACOB STREET CONSTRUCTION

Construction on S.E. Jacob Street from S.E. First Street to S.E. Sixth Street will start this spring. In the summer of 2021, crews reconstructed the water main. This year, they are going to finish the project by resurfacing the road. That means crews will tear up the existing surface, remove it, and put down new concrete. They will also be doing stormwater improvements that will help with localized water flow in the area. Construction is expected to take most of the summer. ■

TRAIL RIDGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Crews will be installing a new water main on Trail Ridge this summer from S.E. Sixth to S.E. Second Street. The current water main is undersized for the number of residents it serves. It is important to replace this aging infrastructure before issues start to happen. This project will take most of the summer to complete. ■

CHAMBER LUNCH & LEARN

Each month, Grimes Chamber & Economic Development gives its members the opportunity to meet for networking, lunch and to learn about items of interest regarding Grimes and the metro area. The next event is Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grimes Public Library, 200 N. James St. The public is invited to these events, held on the second Wednesday of the month. This month, the event is hosted by the Grimes Public Library and speakers will present information about the plans for the Library's new location and how the public can be involved. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

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

CHRISTOPHER EDWARD BAZZOCCO

Christopher Edward Bazzocco, 56, died Jan. 29, 2022. Christopher was born in Des Moines to Dominic and Karen (Lund) Bazzocco. He married Rebecca (Costello) Bazzocco in 2001. Chris founded B & C Commercial Cleaning with his business partner, Danny Clothier. In his younger years, he was a state champion wrestler for Dowling Catholic High School.



Christopher is survived by his children, Alexandra Bazzocco, Peyton Bazzocco, Haley Manning, Charlie (Megan) Manning, and Jack (Sara) Manning; six grandchildren; mother; sister; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; father; and granddaughter, Mae.

A celebration of life will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 at the Giovannetti Community Shelter at Walker Johnston Park, 9000 Douglas Ave., Urbandale. All are welcome. Online condolences will be welcomed at IlesCares.com. ■

CARDBOARD DROP OFF MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

The cardboard drop-off on Main Street is moving. A new, larger container is now at 901 N.E. Main St. This new container slides open and is designed to keep cardboard from blowing out of the container. There is also a container at the Public Works building at 1700 S.E. Destination Drive available to use. The containers at 410 S.E. Main St. have been removed. ■

CITY OF GRIMES FIREWORKS RULES

Grimes residents are allowed to set off fireworks on specific dates and times during the year. Fireworks are allowed July 1-8 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. On July 4, they are allowed from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. They are also allowed on Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Dec. 31, the hours are extended to 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1. ■

RECIPE

SAVOR THE FLAVORS OF SUMMER

(Family Features) Bringing your family together for a meal that tastes like summer is what the season is all about. If you're spending an evening firing up the grill, flipping on the oven, forming a homemade salad or anything in-between, the time spent together enjoying warm weather flavors is what everyone truly craves.

Your next backyard meal can start with a flavor infusion from Newman's Own Garlic Vinaigrette & Marinade, a versatile option that can be tossed with salads or added to proteins before cooking. Made with premium ingredients and a special blend of herbs and spices, it sets itself apart by mixing garlic into the dressing in four different forms – minced, powder, granulated and chopped – to deliver a delightfully bold and zesty flavor with every bite.

If hot weather means lighter fare is on the menu, this Mediterranean Orzo Salad can be ready in mere minutes. Just toss together a handful of tantalizing ingredients for a simple bite of summer that's perfect as a meatless meal or al fresco side dish. Or you can turn it into a quick weeknight dinner by adding cooked chicken, shrimp or a protein of your choice. ■



MEDITERRANEAN ORZO SALAD

Servings: 4

- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 2 mini cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup arugula
- 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata and green olives, cut in half
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup Newman's Own Garlic Vinaigrette & Marinade, plus additional for serving (optional)

In large bowl, combine orzo, cucumbers, tomatoes, chickpeas, arugula, olives and feta cheese. Toss with vinaigrette.

Serve with additional vinaigrette, if desired.

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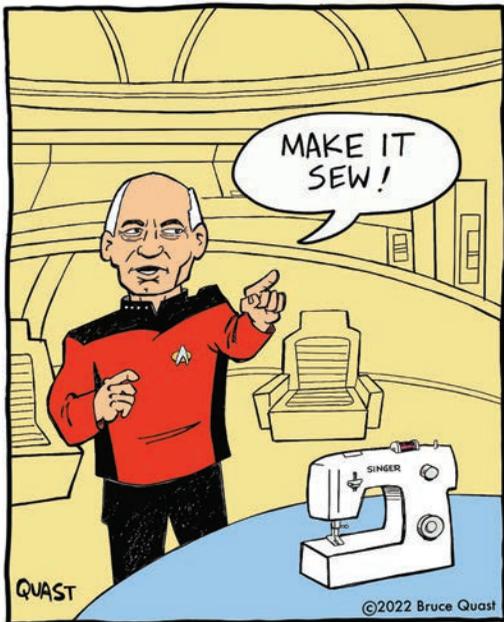
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