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## SEEN IN ANKENY

### ANKENY CELEBRATES EDUCATION WAS HELD AT THE FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER ON MAY 17.



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Jean Bird and Elizabeth Farmer



David Patterson and Dave Walter



Carrie James, Sherri Wells and Tiffany Weaver



Becky Robinson, Blake Robinson, Missy Knop and Nicole Schick



Karl Chamber, Denny Presnall and Shelly Northway

#### ANKENY WEATHER FORECAST

**WEDNESDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 56**  
Sun and some clouds



**THURSDAY HIGH 80 | LOW 62**  
Increasing clouds



**FRIDAY HIGH 76 | LOW 55**  
A stray morning thunderstorm



**SATURDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 60**  
Times of clouds and sun



**SUNDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 66**  
Mostly cloudy and comfortable



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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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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:chantelle@heartlandstaff.com), or Pastor Drew, [drew@heartlandstaff.com](mailto: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](http://heartlandcamps.org/ankeny). ■

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### LARRY ALLAN DAROS

Larry Allan DaRos, 70, of Ankeny died suddenly from cardiac arrest on May 27, 2022. Born in Des Moines, Larry graduated in 1971 from Roosevelt High School and served six years in Iowa's Air National Guard. He married Marlene (Oliver) in 1971. They made their home in Ankeny and were blessed with two children. Larry was employed by John Deere Des Moines Works for 42 years, was a member of UAW's Union Local 450 and attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny. He is survived by his wife, children Scott (Morgana) DaRos and Jeannie (Kurt) Werner, grandson, and several other relatives and friends. Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Auggie. A private burial was planned. ■



### WALTER ROY SUOMINEN

Walter Roy Suominen, 77, died May 28, 2022, in Atlantic. He was born in Ironwood, Michigan. In high school, he was a gifted athlete in team sports. He graduated in 1963 and later obtained his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Walt worked for Echlin for 30 years, selling auto parts, and retired in 2003. He then spent a few years as a car jockey for Dewey Ford.

Walt was preceded in death by his wife, Susan. He is survived by his siblings Don (Paula) and Jane; nephew David (Lindsay); two great-nephews; two goddaughters; sister-in-law Jan (Jim) Rzentkowski; and other family.

Funeral services were Friday, June 3 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny. ■



### ERIK ALAN MOORE

Erik Alan Moore, 42, of Ankeny, died May 30, 2022, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Erik was born in Burbank, California, to Alvin and Connie (Warner) Moore. He was employed by Amazon and worked in the Des Moines warehouse.

Erik is survived by his parents; children Luke, Will and Anna Moore; former wife Kate Moore; and three brothers.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15 at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines. ■



### JAMES 'JIM' DURWOOD NELSON

James "Jim" Durwood Nelson, 72, of Ankeny, died May 28, 2022, of cancer. Jim was born in Fort Dodge and graduated from Central Webster of Burnside High School in 1967. He then attended Des Moines Skill Center, where he met Patricia Marie Nelson-Rogoff. Jim and Patricia married in 1970.

Jim began his career in the automotive parts industry at Sasco Auto Parts of Des Moines, after which he worked at Hawkeye Auto Supply for 18 years. Jim then worked for and eventually retired from K-Tool International in 2009. Jim was a coach, mentor, and fan, and served as president/vice president of the Southtown Industrial Bowling League for many years.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife and son David. He is survived by his son Jimmy, two grandchildren, two siblings and many nieces and nephews. ■





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### RONALD LEE VAN DE POL

Ronald Lee Van De Pol, 79, died May 16, 2022, at MercyOne Hospice in Johnston. He was born in Oskaloosa. He graduated from Hedrick High School in 1961. He attended Iowa School of Automation in Des Moines after graduation and started working in 1962 in the IBM department at John Deere Des Moines Works. He also worked as a buyer and assembly line supervisor. In 1977, he worked for a short time as assistant store manager of a Massey Ferguson dealership in Creston, then for several years as parts manager of Van Wall Equipment in Woodward and Perry, and store manager at the dealership in Madrid. In 1990, he started driving a semi for Highway Mail, going to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He retired in 2012.



In 1964, he married Lyn (Dann), and they made their home in Ankeny for eight years, moved to Slater, and moved back to Ankeny in 2001.

In Ankeny, Ron served on the fire department and was a part-time police officer. In Slater, he was in the fire department, a member of the Kiwanis Club and a coach of Slater Little League. He was a member of Ankeny First Methodist Church and Slater United Methodist Church.

Ron is survived by his wife; three sons, Bret (Alison) and children Brea (Quentin Danner and children Sullivan and Forrest), Tabor (fiancé Michael Carlson), Brody, Millie and Gus, Mark (Tina) and children Marisa (Josh Moos and children, Colson, Nash, and Holden), Mason (Libby), and Conner Stifel (fiancé Natalia Moreno), Kent (Sara) and children, Kade and Kali; and a brother. He was preceded in death by his brother, Terry, and daughter-in-law, Tracy (Carle).

A public visitation will be 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 12 at Courtyard by Marriott, 2405 S.E. Creekview Drive, Ankeny. ■

### CYNTHIA 'CINDY' ANN MULLIN

Cynthia (Cindy) Ann Mullin, 71, died May 26, 2022. She was born in Mason City. After high school, Cindy graduated from cosmetology school in 1970. Cindy enjoyed success over the years as the owner of CJ Hair in Ankeny.



Cindy is survived by her children, Ryan (Lauren) Long and Jill (Scot) Cook; granddaughters Sophie and Stella Cook; and siblings Mary Vonne Mullin, Dee (Vern) Lauffer and Jack (Adele) Mullin. A celebration of life will be held 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, Ankeny. For online condolences or to share a memory or photo, visit [DyiamondMemorial.com](http://DyiamondMemorial.com). ■

### DAVID MARSHALL 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. David was born in Des Moines and graduated from North High School 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.



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

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### BETTY HAWTHORNE

Betty (Bauer) Hawthorne, 76, of Johnston, formerly of Ankeny, died May 28, 2022. Betty was born in St. Mary's. She received her education at St. Mary's and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Des Moines. She worked for Farm Bureau for a time before joining Mercy Hospital where she worked as a switchboard operator and later transferred to the transplant unit. She married John McCabe, and they had a daughter, Kelsie. John and Betty later divorced. She then married Lloyd Hawthorne and they made their home in Ankeny.



Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, and sister Ruth (Larry) McKim. Betty is survived by her daughter, Kelsie McCabe (Rob Formaro); grandsons Colton and Cohen; sister Rita Primmer; brother Virgil (Marilyn) Bauer Jr.; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 2 at the Iles Grandview Park Funeral Home. ■

### DENNIS LEE BRAZELTON

Dennis Lee Brazelton, 82, of Ankeny, died May 29, 2022. He graduated from Ankeny High School in 1958 and studied at Central College in Pella. He worked at John Deere Des Moines Works for more than 40 years and held the dual responsibility of running the family farm. In 1999, Dennis retired from John Deere and continued farming until his death.



Dennis met Pat Jensen at Ankeny High School. Dennis and Pat married in 1960 and were married for 62 years. They had three children.

Dennis was predeceased by his brother Herbert and sister-in-law Jean (Hooas). He is survived by his wife; children Todd (Karla) Brazelton, Deb (Ben) Gaulke, and Gary (Jen) Brazelton; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and three siblings. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 2 at Memorial Services of Iowa Funeral Home in Ankeny. ■

### REBECCA LYNN CLARK-BOERSMA

Rebecca Lynn Clark-Boersma, 47, of Ankeny died May 27, 2022, of metastatic breast cancer. Rebecca was born in Des Moines to Jim and Margi Clark. In first grade, her family moved to Mount Ayr. She graduated from Mount Ayr Community High School in 1992. Rebecca was a long-time employee of Life Care Services in Des Moines. In September 2018, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought hard and was cancer-free, but the cancer returned in September 2020. She participated in trials at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Dallas and Mayo Clinic in Rochester in hopes of helping other women in their fight with cancer.



She is survived by her children, Clark Boersma and Kaitlynn Boersma; father; sister, Melissa (Jay) Hudecek; and a niece and nephew. Rebecca was preceded in death by her mother.

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. ■

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# MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Bring a blanket or chair and your favorite snack to the Ankeny Bandshell, 410 W. First St., to enjoy the Movies Under the Stars series. Movies are free and begin at dusk. Dates and movies are:

- June 10: "Angry Birds 2" (PG)
- June 17: "Wall-E" (PG)
- June 24: "Sing 2" (PG)
- July 15: "Luca" (PG)
- July 22: "Encanto" (PG)
- July 29: "The Boss Baby: Family Business" (PG) ■

## K-8 SUMMER CAMPS

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 [ankenycartcenter.com/k8-summer-camp](https://ankenycartcenter.com/k8-summer-camp). ■

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

The Ankeny Art Center offers several workshops for adults, such as Fiber Exploration: Learn how to work with fibers such as yarn, thread and wool to make unique pieces of artwork; Art Journaling: As a form of self-expression, use mixed media to discover the joy of making just for the sake of creating; Watercolor Painting: Explore your creative side and learn to paint with watercolors; and Acrylic Painting: Learn the basics of acrylic painting in this workshop and make your own painting after. To learn more and to register, visit <https://ankenycartcenter.com/adult>. ■



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Return Saturday, June 18, morning at 8:30 a.m. for the Rainbow Run on the High Trestle Trail then discounts at Firetrucker and Uptown Confections & Curiosities. No registration is required, pets are welcome, and you choose your distance. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed. ■

## MEDIACOM PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Four seniors graduating from metro-area high schools have been selected as the newest recipients of the Mediacom World Class Scholarships. The students are being recognized for high performance in academics and leadership, and each receives a \$1,000 scholarship from Mediacom Communications. The Des Moines-area scholarship recipients are: Mooka Shaw, Hoover High School; Jennifer Leong, Urbandale High School; Uma Dukle, Valley High School; and Kendall Jorgensen, Ankeny Centennial High School. They are among 60 high school seniors selected from more than 1,200 applications Mediacom received from students in 21 states. Iowans graduating from 14 other high schools across the state were also selected to receive Mediacom scholarships this spring. ■

## APPRECIATION EVENT

Bankers Trust will be holding one of its Community Difference Makers celebration at the Ankeny branch, 1925 N. Ankeny Blvd., on Thursday, July 14, 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. ■

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