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LIONS NEED NAMES

The Johnston Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary of serving the community in 2020. The group wanted to celebrate this milestone with a lasting legacy. They chose to commit \$50,000 toward making the new park shelter at Johnston Commons very special. With the soon-to-be completion of the park shelter, the Lions Club would like to generate some excitement.

The shelter lion is completed, and the City is making plans to receive it and place it at its new home. To commemorate the occasion, the Lions Club is having a lion naming contest. Now that there will be two lions in town, they each need names. Names can be entered into the contest on entry forms at the Lions Club Garage Sale on May 5 and 6 at the Johnston Lions Clubhouse, N.W. 64th Place and Merle Hay Road, or online at the Johnston Lions Club Facebook page.



The lion that will be placed at the new park shelter at Johnston Commons, above left, needs a name, as does the lion already at the Lions Clubhouse, above right. Join the fun by submitting and attending the May 15 ribbon cutting.

The City has created a form for the Lion that will be at Johnston Commons Park. This form is set to collect names until May 5. Visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/FormCenter/Parks-9/Lion-Naming-](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/FormCenter/Parks-9/Lion-Naming-Contest-65)

Contest-65 to submit an entry.

The winning names will be announced and the submitters presented prizes at the park shelter ribbon cutting ceremony on May 15. ■

JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

TUES. HIGH 58 | LOW 41
Cloudy with a little rain



WED. HIGH 62 | LOW 42
Rather cloudy



THURS. HIGH 64 | LOW 47
Partly sunny



FRI. HIGH 61 | LOW 48
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

AIRPORT ANNOYANCES

I recently went on a short trip with my wife via airplane. Since the onset of COVID, we haven't made many airline trips. As such, I had forgotten about the types of folks who drive me nuts in airports. If you are one of these people, I apologize in advance.

Surely you have stood behind people who stop in the middle of walkways, oblivious to the fact that the line is stacking up behind them. Searching through their carry-on bags. Fumbling with a purse or wallet. Talking on their phones. How these folks get on or off the moving walkways is beyond my comprehension. But could they simply move to the side and get out of the way instead of standing in the middle and gripping handrails on both sides, preventing anyone from passing?

You have also likely seen the apparently dehydrated people who bring gallon-size water bottles through security and get all riled up when they are asked to dump them out. Seriously, they didn't see the 27 posted notices on the way in or hear the security guy yelling out the

rules repeatedly?

Then there are the "hurry up and get on the plane" people. These are the folks who are in zone 6 but budge in line with the zone 2 people. What's the hurry? The plane won't leave until everyone is loaded. And the less time I spend in that traveling tin can, the better. I understand that some travelers want to make sure their carry-on bag gets a spot in the overhead cabinets, but so what if they don't? They are simply stored underneath and can be picked up on the way out.

I am not annoyed by my seatmate wanting to wear headphones. In fact, I see it as a plus, until he or she cranks it up so loud everyone within 10 feet can hear it — and then sings along out loud. Please. Stop. Now.

One would think that, when the plane lands, these annoyances would be over. Oh, no. Then there are the "hurry up and get off the plane" people. These are the ones who stand up and get in the exit



lane first, only to continue to stand there for the next 10 minutes. They elbow their way in front of those seated ahead of them, and why? So they can get to baggage claim and wait?

Speaking of baggage claim, how about the people who crowd the carousel as closely as they can. At the entry. Elbows out. Aggressively standing over each bag that pops out like it's a game of Slap Jack. They could stand back a few feet and let others whose bags are on the conveyor belt access them, but that would be too much to ask.

Some might say I am an impatient traveler, but I disagree. I follow the rules. I wait my turn. And I recognize when I need to get out of the way. There is a solution for those who choose not to — the automobile.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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Participating in the Tree City USA Growth Award presentation are Kayla Lyon, director of the Department of Natural Resources; Clayton Bormann, Johnston Parks; Ben McNamara, Johnston Parks; Andrew Berry, Johnston Parks; and Jeff Goerndt, State Forester.

TREE CITY USA AWARD PRESENTED TO CITY

The City of Johnston was recently honored with the 2022 Tree City USA Growth Award at the 32nd Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon in Ankeny. The Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources presented the award on April 12 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.

“The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees,” says State Forester Jeff Goerndt. “Your community has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.”

Johnston was one of 20 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA Growth status. To receive the award, a city must, at a minimum, provide education and public relations; partnerships; planning and management; and tree planting and maintenance in their communities. ■

BUS TRIP FOR PELLA TULIP TIME

Johnston seniors, age 55 and older, are invited to join a bus trip to Pella during Tulip Time on May 5. The bus leaves Crown Point Community Center, 6300 Pioneer Parkway, at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes bus transportation and a tour of the Historical Village and Vermeer Windmill. Register in person on April 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. Make checks payable to the City of Johnston. ■

GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

The Dragon Scholarship Fund Golf Outing Fundraiser four-person best shot will be Monday, June 19 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Jester Park Golf Course. Proceeds support Johnston seniors in their post high school education. Cost, which includes 18 hole green fees and cart, are \$400 per foursome and \$200 per twosome. Register and pay by June 5 at bit.ly/DSFgolfouting2023. ■



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VIETNAM LIVING HISTORY EVENT

The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum will host a Vietnam Living History event featuring displays of Vietnam gear and equipment, a CH-47 helicopter flyover, Vietnam War-era military vehicles, military police patrol boat, and museum tours. The event is June 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the museum, located at 7015 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston. ■

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP'S CURRENT NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides personal hygiene products to those in need. Currently, the organization is in most need of dried beans (northern, black lentils, etc.), shampoo, lotion, laundry and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off at 5870 Merle Hay Road, Suite C, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., and on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ■

SIMPSON HOUSE MUSEUM TOURS

The Johnston (Station) Historical Society (JSHS) Simpson House Museum will be open for tours of its exhibits from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, during the Johnston Commons Kites on the Green event. The Simpson House Museum is at 6161 Northglenn Drive in Johnston, next to the Johnston library. ■

CULTURE DAY

Culture Day will be held Saturday, April 29. This is the second Culture Day hosted by Johnston CORE students. Some of you may have attended last year. It was a day of joy, diversity and community. To support students in hosting Culture Day, you can make a donation or buy your ticket at johnston-core.square.site. RSVP at facebook.com/events/s/johnston-culture-day/1316799972516325. Sign up for a student or community performance at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjkXBqet5i2BtH_bxXfZ-hX9ubUQD9W2cLP2dDVexDZGQU2g/viewform. Performances from adult community members and community members outside of Johnston are welcomed. ■

KHI SOLUTIONS HONORED

KHI Solutions has been named a 2022 Promise Award top agent in Iowa by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The annual award recognizes agents and agencies for their commitment to excellence and fulfilling promises to Wellmark members.

KHI Solutions focuses on meeting the health insurance needs of Medicare clients, under 65 individuals and families, and employer groups. They have five locations around the state in Fort Dodge, Johnston, Manson, Arnolds Park and Rock Valley. In addition to serving clients locally, KHI is a General Agency serving nearly 500 agents across the state of Iowa.

"KHI Solutions helps exceed the standard for providing exceptional service to our members," said Sean McTaggart, executive vice president, Business Development and Client Solutions at Wellmark. "We are proud to honor their accomplishments with this award." ■

'THE POPPET SHOW' FEATURING BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Harmony Delegation Barbershop chorus will be holding its 76th anniversary spring performance on April 29 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 8250 N.W. 62nd Ave., in Johnston. This year's spring show is a parody of "The Muppet Show" they call "The Poppet Show." Skits and music will be a zany spectacle of actors and choir members for a fun-filled afternoon of Barbershop music. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$15/student (through college), 5 and younger free. They can be purchased online at harmonydelegation.com or at the door. ■

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ADULTS

JPL's Free Shred Day is Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. THE SHREDDER company will be in the JPL parking lot for onsite document destruction with three of their mobile document-shredding vehicles. THE SHREDDER is AAA certified by the National Association for Information Destruction. Please limit material to be shredded to three disposable boxes or containers per household. To expedite shredding, traffic will route from Merle Hay around the library onto Morningside Drive and enter the west parking lot by the Simpson Barn. Stay in your vehicle and a volunteer will collect your boxes for onsite document shredding. No registration is necessary. This event is sponsored by AARP in conjunction with Money Smart Week.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY PROGRAMMING IN MAY

Terrific Tuesday programs are from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Youth Services area of JPL and do not require registration.

Tape Town kicks off the month at the Johnston Public Library on Tuesday, May 2, with an interactive cityscape featuring a network of masking tape roads that allow children to visit different parts of the pretend city on toy vehicles. A car wash and a grocery store will be just a few of the stops around town. Kids will strengthen motor skills, make connections, and have lots of fun exploring. Perfect for ages 2-5, but all ages welcome.

Magnet Play happens on Tuesday, May 9, and gives kids the chance to explore the power of magnets with hands-on play.

Rhythm and Rhymes finishes out Terrific Tuesday programming on May 23. Rhythm and Rhymes is a passive, musical play time for children and their caregivers to explore sounds through instruments, toys and other materials.

For more information or to register for events, call 515-278-5233 or visit us online at www.johnstonlibrary.com. ■

ANDERSON HONORED

Judy Anderson of Johnston has a passion for helping others and especially for serving central Iowa homeless and near-homeless. She is being recognized this year by Central Iowa Shelter and Service (CISS) as a Hero for the Homeless — as an original founder and after 30 years of service as a board member.



Judy has been committed to serving the Des Moines community for decades, including her involvement in establishing three crucial resources for those experiencing homelessness: Salvation Army's Breakfast Canteen, Churches United (now CISS) and Dream Catcher. ■

OPEN HOUSE FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STUDY

The City of Johnston will hold a public open house Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30-7 p.m., for the Johnston Citywide Traffic Study. The event will be at City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road. This project includes the evaluation of traffic congestion with a focus on the safety and operations of intersections and streets across the city. This study will consist of gathering public input on traffic conditions, an analysis of existing and future conditions, recommendations for areas of improvement (including potential policy changes) and developing an implementation plan for inclusion in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

This meeting aims to share the public survey results and existing conditions from the traffic modeling with the public. The public input process has closed. The results will be shared with city staff and officials, residents and stakeholders showing trends and locations of traffic congestion concerns along with sharing the existing operational conditions and crash history trends by location.

For more information, contact Molly Long, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, at 515-254-1393, or Matt Greiner, City of Johnston Public Works Department, at 515-278-0822. ■

EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**BREWS AND BITES****Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.****Outlets of Des Moines,****801 Bass Pro Drive N.W., Altoona**

Brews and Bites is a fun-filled day featuring local food trucks, area craft brews, live entertainment and more. Admission is free. Visitors will find a variety of food trucks, craft beers and live entertainment. Food trucks include What the Fries, Carlos Quesadillas, Big Mama's Bistro and more. Andrew Hoyt, Royce Johns and Nicholas Sinclair will each perform throughout the day, and a variety of brews will be available for purchase including Brightside Aleworks, Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company, Firetrucker Brewery and Confluence Brewing Company, among others. Each food truck and beverage provider will price and serve their fare independently.

**LEMON TRAIL RIDE****Saturday, April 29****Exile Brewing Company,****1514 Walnut St., Des Moines**

Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. You are free to start your ride anytime after that. Cost is \$30 per rider with all proceeds going to Friends of Des Moines Parks. The ride is approximately 14 miles round trip and should be ridden at your own pace. The ride starts at Exile Brewing and goes to Jethro's south side, El Bait Shop, Captain Roys, then back to Exile. For information and registration, visit www.exploretock.com/exile-brewing-company/event/401981/lemon-trail-ride.

ADVENTURELAND OPENING DAY**May 6, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.****Adventureland Park**

Adventureland opens for the season.

KITES ON THE GREEN**May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.****Johnston Commons**

The 10th annual Kites on the Green festival, a family-fun event, will be held in the green space near the Johnston Public Library. Enjoy giant show kite displays, kite fighting, free kite building, kite racing, live music, an inflatable obstacle course and sidewalk chalk art and more. Also, learn about stormwater best management practices.

Schedule:**10 a.m.:** Opening ceremonies**10:30 a.m.:** No-Knots Stunt Team performance**11 a.m.:** Live music by Gladys's Lite Band**11:30 a.m.:** Running of the Bols/Kite Battles**12:30 p.m.:** Live music by Gladys's Lite Band**1 p.m.:** Stunt Kite Demonstrations**1 p.m.:** Running of the Bols/Kite Battles**3 p.m.:** Stunt Kite Demonstrations**3:30 p.m.:** No-Knots Stunt Team performance**5 p.m.:** Closing ceremonies.

All day: Tours of the 1902 Simpson House, Giant Show Kite demonstrations, free kite kits to make and fly, inflatable obstacle course, an Iowa National Guard Climbing Wall, meet and greet with police and fire personnel, food trucks and a candy drop.

GARY'S RIDE**Saturday, May 20****Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trailhead**

Gary's Ride is a fundraiser for MercyOne Richard Deming Cancer Center for terminal brain cancer patients. Riders and non-riders are invited to the celebration at The Handlebar Restaurant in Dallas Center. It will feature great food and entertainment for the whole family. For more information and to register, visit garysrideiowa.org. ■

RECIPE

SAY GOODBYE TO BASIC BRUNCH

The same old brunch menu can become tiresome and dull. Adding something new to the table with fresh ingredients and simple instructions can enhance your weekend spread and elevate brunch celebrations.

Try this Easy Brunch Quiche that is sure to have your senses swirling with every bite. This quiche is layered with many tastes and a variety of ingredients to give it crave-worthy flavor, from broccoli and bacon to mushrooms, eggs and melty cheese. ■

EASY BRUNCH QUICHE

Servings: 12

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
- 12 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside.

In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.



In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.

In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies.

Bake 40 minutes.

Cool at least 12 minutes before serving.

Note: To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



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KIWANIS LUNCH FEATURES WALTON AS SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Johnston is holding its luncheon on May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Cozy Café in Johnston. The lunch speaker will be Ray Walton, interim executive director of the Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement at Drake University. Ray was born and raised in Iowa. He graduated from Simpson College with a degree in History following service in the Army Security Agency. Ray has held many positions throughout his career including with General Growth Properties, director of the Department of Administrative Services, National Association of State Chief Administrators, interim director for the Culver Center at Simpson College and his current position with the Harkin Institute. The Harkin Institute serves as a venue and catalyst for dynamic non-partisan research, learning and outreach to promote understanding of the policy issues to which Senator Tom Harkin devoted his career. The Institute exists to inform citizens, inspire creative cooperation and mobilize change on issues of social justice, fairness and opportunity. RSVP to Barb Allen at bjallen713@gmail.com or 515-577-2194

Non-members are always welcome.

The Club is also looking for volunteers (members or friends of Kiwanis) to help at the Johnston Partnership's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet on the second Tuesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. The Kiwanis Club is committed to community service, and this is a great way to give back to an organization that has been serving the families of Johnston and the surrounding areas for several years. For other volunteer opportunities, stay tuned to future messages from our Kiwanis Club of Johnston. ■

COME MEET THE LION SCOUTS PACK 244

Those interesting in learning more about Cub Scouts are invited to this event on Saturday, May 13, 3-5 p.m. at Beaver Creek Elementary Pavilion. Meet the Lion Scout Den from Beaver Creek, learn about Cub Scouts and future events, and have fun. The event will include a Mother's Day Gift Workshop for children kindergarten and younger to decorate a provided flower pot with a flower for free. For more information, visit Facebook: CubScoutPack244Johnston. ■

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