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## SEEN IN JOHNSTON



**"THE FAIR" COMES TO BISHOP DRUMM:** Bishop Drumm held a mini community fair at its campus Aug. 7-8, with many fair favorites. A mini butter cow was on display. Fair treats — lemonade, popcorn, cotton candy, bacon on a stick, cake balls on a stick and corn dogs — were enjoyed. A cow chip throwing contest was held. And handcrafted and garden grown goods were on display. Residents enjoyed interacting with two white pigeons, baby ducks, a BB Red chicken and her chicks, two baby pigs, a baby goat, a golden pheasant and baby bunnies. ■

### JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

**TUES. HIGH 83 | LOW 63**  
Mostly sunny and nice



**WED. HIGH 84 | LOW 60**  
Sunny and humid



**THURS. HIGH 86 | LOW 64**  
Sunny



**FRI. HIGH 87 | LOW 64**  
Sunny



**SAT. HIGH 87 | LOW 63**  
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COIN POUCH?

When I pay for things with cash, I often throw the coins in a nook on the console of my vehicle. When the coins start piling up, I toss them in my pocket, and they usually end up in my desk drawer, waiting to be exchanged for a Snickers bar in our office vending machines.

When I picked up the coins recently, I thought of those pocket-sized, rubber, oval-shaped coin pouches that seemingly everyone had when I was a kid. Whatever happened to those things?

As I recall, the coin pouches were produced in a variety of bright colors, sometimes with a key chain, and almost always with some sort of advertising on them. When you squeezed them, they opened up like a mouth for the coins to drop in. You may also remember that they had a strange smell, typical of rubber or plastic items of the time.

Quikoin, of Akron, Ohio, was the original company that produced these squeezable coin

pouches. The company started making them in 1951 and produced tens of millions for the next few decades. According to an article on Cleveland.com, the Quikoin was named as one of the top five promotional products of the 20th century by the industry's trade group. That same article says Frank Sinatra even carried a Quikoin so his change didn't jingle around in his pocket when he was performing.

The patent on the Quikoin has expired, but the company says competitors haven't been able to duplicate their technology. In fact, they are so secretive about the manufacturing that they won't allow photographs of their production line. I love it.

If I remember correctly, that handy little pouch could hold a few bucks in coins. You could stuff a few more in, but the pouch wouldn't close completely then, and it was a bit uncomfortable



in your pocket, especially if you were wearing a pair of size 6 Toughskins.

Quikoin has apparently made a resurgence in recent years as some folks like me seek out the nostalgia. The company says it is selling about 2 million per year now to those who want to "conjure up old memories." Others, according to the article at Cleveland.com, are using them to store earrings, guitar picks and even condoms.

Maybe you have a few of these coin pouches today. If so, shoot me a note and let me know. Better yet, send me a photo, too. Or if you are really feeling generous, mail me an actual coin pouch. I will fill it with my own coins.

Have a terrific Tuesday, and thanks for reading. ■

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## JCSF GOLF OUTING

Johnston Community School Foundation's 24th annual Golf Outing will be held Friday, Sept. 8 at Jester Park Golf Course, 11949 N.W. 118th Ave., Granger. Check-in opens at 8 a.m., and shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the golf outing support the work of the Johnston Community School Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to raise funds to provide grants for our educators in support of our students and schools and to promote educational excellence in the Johnston Community School District. Help is needed to grow funds to fulfill classroom grants in the 2023-24 school year. Register online by Aug. 28 at [www.wearejohnston.com/register-golf-outing](http://www.wearejohnston.com/register-golf-outing) or email [aprilwilson@jcsfoundation.org](mailto:aprilwilson@jcsfoundation.org). ■



## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church invites the public to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Aug. 15. Mass times are 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. St. Mary of Nazareth is located at 4600 Meredith Drive in Des Moines. ■

## HARMONY CENTRAL CHORUS OF DES MOINES CONCERT

Sept. 30, 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines, 8250 N.W. 62nd Ave., Johnston

Harmony Central Chorus of Des Moines, a four-part a Capella harmony chorus, will present a concert. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$15 per student and may be purchased at the door. ■

## JOHNSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

For more information or to register for events, call 515-278-5233 or visit us online at [www.johnstonlibrary.com](http://www.johnstonlibrary.com).

Have Medicare questions? Join a SHIIP Senior Medicare Patrol Counselor from the State of Iowa at JPL's Welcome to Medicare event on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m. to learn how to effectively navigate Medicare, including Medicare A, B, C, and D, supplemental insurance, and everything you need to know to avoid Medicare fraud. Please register for this free event.

Spend some time watching the stars and planets with the whole family at the Amazing Stargazing event on Friday, Aug. 25 from 8-10:30 p.m. The evening will start out with a presentation from the DSM Astronomical Society as they orient us to what we'll be looking at in the night sky, how objects move in space, and why what we can see in the sky changes month to month and hour by hour. Then we'll head outside to view the moon, Saturn and Neptune, and the Andromeda Galaxy with telescopes. Registration is appreciated for this free, all-ages program.

More information about events and resources at Johnston Public Library including event registration can be found online at [www.johnstonlibrary.com](http://www.johnstonlibrary.com) or by calling the library at 515-278-5233. ■

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## JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP'S CURRENT NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. Currently, the organization is in most need of toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and deodorant. 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. ■

## SUMMER SERIES YOGA

Summer Series Yoga is held Tuesdays, Aug. 8 and 22, and Sept. 5 and 12, from 6-7 p.m. at The Lawn, 5870 Merle Hay Road. The event is free. A suggested \$5 donation goes directly to the food pantry. ■

## CITY MEETINGS

- **Thursday, Aug. 17:** Library Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 17:** Board of Adjustment meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 21:** City Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 21:** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. ■

# FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is held Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. through through Sept. 26 on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Shop for fresh produce and homemade products while being entertained by live music. For more information, visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/farmersmarket](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/farmersmarket). ■

## PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join the faith communities of Johnston for relaxing music by band Asphalt and Stained Glass on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2-4 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston. Tickets available at <https://givebutter.com/Y1vtFc>. ■



## MONTHLY MOVIES AFTER THE FARMERS MARKET

A movie will be shown once a month following the Farmers Market on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Movies begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the free show. Dates and movies are:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 15** – “The Mario Bros.”
- **Tuesday, Sept. 26** – “American Underdog” ■

## MONTHLY MUSIC AFTER THE FARMERS MARKET

Live music will be featured once a month following the Farmers Market on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on the stage just west of Johnston City Hall. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the free music. Dates and entertainment are:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 12** – The Sons of Gladys Kravitz ■

## THE YARD SUMMER CONCERT

The Yard Summer Concert Series, presented by The Cork 50131, brings musical acts from across the United States, including Nashville and Los Angeles, to the Yard, 6245 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. All three concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars and enjoy the free show. Concerts are:

- **Saturday, Aug. 26** – Mixtape ■

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## FUNERAL NOTICES

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### MARY JANE SHEDENHELM GAJEWSKI

Mary Jane Shedenhelm Gajewski, 93, of Johnston, died Aug. 4, 2023. She was born on Nov. 26, 1929, in East St. Louis, Illinois. Her dad was a technical director in the Civil Aviation Administration (later the FAA), and so Mary grew up in East St. Louis; Washington, D.C.; Hempstead, New York; Houston, Texas; and Oklahoma City.

Mary met Leonard, a soldier buddy of an in-law who was on holiday leave on July 4, 1952. They married after going on only three dates on Jan. 24, 1953. This year they celebrated their 70th anniversary. Leonard was employed by IBM and his career took Mary and their five children to Oklahoma City; Rochester, Minnesota; Endicott, New York; and Wichita, Kansas.

Mary attended Oklahoma City University in the 1940s. She graduated from Wichita State University in 1991 at the age of 61, taking several courses along with her daughter, also Mary Jane, which certainly caused some confusion in class.

Mary's faith was central to her life, and she found comfort in praying the Rosary daily for nearly 60 years.

Mary was the ultimate volunteer, active in Meals on Wheels, Hospice, United Way, Mercy Medical Center, and the Iowa Historical Society. She also transcribed books in Braille, assisted disabled students at Wichita State University, and worked in the office of her children's grade school. In 2000 she received the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award.

Mary had many passions. She loved to travel and visited every state and many national parks on annual family camping trips, as well as 29 countries around the world. She was a Civil War enthusiast (her ancestor John Shedenhelm served in the 24th Iowa Volunteer Infantry) and an avid reader, always with a stack of books beside her chair. She also enjoyed creating beautiful pictures in needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, and crewel.

Mary is survived by her five children: Mark (Janet) Gajewski, Terri (Rocky) Valentine, Kathy (Robert) Parks, Patrick (Stacy) Gajewski, and Mary (Paul) Vial, as well as 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 12, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to a volunteer organization of your choice since volunteering was such a passion of Mary's. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.caldwellparish.com](http://www.caldwellparish.com). ■



## 2023 YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES

Students from across Iowa recently completed the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council's (Iowa DD Council) Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) program. Participants included Nicole Kitchen of Johnston.

YLA is an annual training that allows students ages 14-21 with disabilities to develop valuable leadership skills like goal setting, self-determination, civic engagement, networking, and mentoring. Over the course of 10 hours, participants gain skills that can be used for a lifetime.

"Congratulations to the 2023 Youth Leadership Academy graduates," says Iowa DD Council Executive Director Brooke Lovelace. "The future looks bright with these young leaders. I wish the graduates the best of luck in their leadership journey."

This program was sponsored by Access 2 Independence, ASK Resource Center, the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, and Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). ■

## EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**FALL FESTIVAL DALLAS CENTER****Aug. 25-26****Dallas Center**

Fall Festival is known for being a family-friendly event that is the pride of Dallas Center. This year's theme is "Feeling Groovy in DC." Enjoy the carnival, parade, fireworks, live music, sand volleyball tournament, cow pie drop, cornhole tournament, car show, garden tractor pull, pedal pull, pie auction, 5K/1 mile road race, toddler trot, cribbage tournament, bingo, freewill donation BBQ and so much more. For more information, visit [www.dallascenterfallfestival.com](http://www.dallascenterfallfestival.com).

**WORLD FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL****Aug. 25-27****Western Gateway Park, 1205 Locust St., Des Moines**

Enjoy a weekend of international cuisine, live music and performances. For a full schedule, visit [www.dsmpartnership.com/worldfoodandmusicfestival](http://www.dsmpartnership.com/worldfoodandmusicfestival).

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS****Friday, Aug. 25, and Friday, Sept. 8, 5:30-8 p.m.****Campbell Park, 12385 Woodlands Parkway, Clive**

The Clive Parks and Recreation's popular Food Truck Friday events feature local music, food trucks, and beverages in a family-friendly setting. Campbell Park is now a cashless facility. Entertainment on Aug. 25 is Randy Burk and the Prisoners. On Sept. 8, entertainment is Brian Herrin Trio.

**INGERSOLL LIVE****Aug. 26, 3-10 p.m.****2800 block on Ingersoll Avenue**

Ingersoll Live is a family-friendly block party with three stages of live music and entertainment plus local vendors, food trucks, art and family activities. For more information, visit [www.theavenuesdsm.com](http://www.theavenuesdsm.com).

**CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY****Saturday, Aug. 26, noon to 2 p.m.****McDonalds Woods Park, Norwalk (rain location, Norwalk Easter Public Library)**

Celebrate 103 years of women winning the right to vote. Women and daughters, bring your favorite poem, speech or drawing that depicts how you feel about our struggles, success. If willing to help with food, supplies and/or set up, call 515-631-9153.

**OKTOBERFEST****Sept. 22-23****Lauridsen Amphitheater,****Water Works Park, 2251 George Flagg Parkway**

Oktoberfest returns for the 18th year with all your favorite authentic celebrations including a huge selection of German and craft beers, delicious German food, beer puppeteer, live music, bier maiden and stein holding competitions, a Silent Disco featuring 11 DJs over three days, and much more. [www.oktoberfestdsm.com](http://www.oktoberfestdsm.com).

**LOG CABIN DAYS FESTIVAL****Sept. 23****Warren County Fair Grounds,****1400 W Second Ave., Indianola**

The annual festival brings you in for a taste of Indianola history that will include craft booths, quilt exhibit, an antique car show and classic car show at the Warren County Fair Grounds.

**LATINO HERITAGE FESTIVAL****Sept. 23-24****Western Gateway Park, 100 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

Latino Heritage Festival presents a taste of Latin America with more than 20 food vendors and tons of live music over the weekend at Western Gateway Park, 100 Grand Ave., Des Moines. [www.latinoheritagefestival.org](http://www.latinoheritagefestival.org). ■

## RECIPE

# FUEL FOR FULL DAYS OF LEARNING

*(Family Features)* Between morning routines, days spent in the classroom, extracurriculars and homework, it may seem like there's never enough time in the day during the school year. However, making time for tasty meals and snacks doesn't have to be another burden on jam-packed schedules.

These easy-to-make sliders featuring kid-friendly flavors can help keep little learners (and older family members, too) fueled up and ready to tackle all the school year throws their way. ■

## SIMPLE, KID-FRIENDLY SLIDERS

For those busy school nights when time is at a premium and you need to get a meal on the table quickly, these simple yet savory Pepperoni Pizza Sliders can be a perfect solution. A modified take on a kid favorite – pizza – they're easy to make after work and extracurricular activities to steal a few moments of family time enjoying the cheesy pepperoni goodness before completing homework and beginning preparations for a new day.

### Pepperoni Pizza Sliders

*Recipe adapted from MilkMeansMore.org*

- 1 package slider rolls
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup mini pepperoni
- 1 1/2 cups shredded, low-moisture, part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- nonstick cooking spray

### Directions

Heat oven to 350 F.



Keeping rolls connected, cut sheet of rolls horizontally, separating tops from bottoms. Place bottom halves of rolls in baking dish.

Spread pizza sauce evenly over bottom halves. Sprinkle pepperoni over sauce. Sprinkle mozzarella over pepperoni and cover with top halves of rolls.

Mix melted butter with parsley flakes, dried oregano, garlic powder and shredded Parmesan cheese. Spoon evenly over sliders.

Cover baking dish with aluminum foil sprayed with nonstick cooking spray to keep cheese from sticking.

Bake 20 minutes.

Remove foil and bake additional 5-10 minutes, or until Parmesan is melted and golden brown.

Cut sliders and serve immediately.



# SEEN IN JOHNSTON

## "THE FAIR" COMES TO BISHOP DRUMM



Sister Pat Scherer enjoys mini corndogs.



Kyle Kamarata and Shirley Kelley with a baby goat and pig.



Jerry Miller and Allan Sander with their ribbons for garden produce.



Katie Norris with a baby pig.

# JOHNSTON BASKETBALL CLUB 2023 TRYOUTS

Tryouts of the Johnston Basketball Club (girls and boys) will be Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Johnston High School Gym, 6500 N.W. 100th St. Youth entering grades first through eighth in fall 2023 may participate. Check the JBC website ([johnstonbasketballclub.com](http://johnstonbasketballclub.com)) to register for tryouts. Specific times for tryouts per grade will be on the website in August. ■

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### BISHOP DRUMM GUILD GARAGE SALE:

10:30 am to 12:30 pm every Thursday until September 28. Located on the campus at 5837 Winwood Dr. Johnston, behind McAuley Terr. Bag sale on clothes, big mark down on Christmas. Lots of décor, puzzles, small tables, lamps, and other household items.

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