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JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

TUES. HIGH 74 | LOW 48

Times of clouds and sun



WED. HIGH 75 | LOW 51

Nice with plenty of sun



THURS. HIGH 77 | LOW 53

Sunny and nice



FRI. HIGH 80 | LOW 55

Sunny to partly cloudy



SAT. HIGH 76 | LOW 54

Nice with plenty of sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

1954 WEBSTER'S NEW AMERICAN DICTIONARY

I bought an old dictionary recently, a 1954 Webster's New American. It has a hardbound cover, line art images on each page, and cut-out letter tabs on the side to easily find what I am looking up. There are even color maps of the world in the center. It's wonderful, but much like most things its age, it's far from perfect. The inside pages are yellowing, tattered and brittle and have a slight scent of cigarettes. Even so, it is still usable, and I plan to put it to work.

Yes, I have spell check on my word processing software, and, yes, I use it religiously. But there's something about having a dictionary on hand and looking things up the old-fashioned way. For starters, I think it helps me learn more than having a computer correct words for me.

We use that same principle in all our copy editing at Big Green Umbrella Media. We physically print out pages, and our staff proofs

them with pens in hand. We have tried editing on the computer screens in various methods, but we found that we were not as accurate.

Call it old-school if you want, but it works — and so does the dictionary.

Just for fun, I looked up the word "computer" in my newly found 1954 dictionary. It wasn't listed. I love it.

These words were missing as well: photobomb, troll, emoji, infomercial, blog, voicemail, spam, Wi-Fi, selfie, malware and in-box. Sounds refreshing, doesn't it?

Are you curious what words were added in the 1954 dictionary as "new" words? Here are a few: amphetamine, bazooka, brunch, flame thrower, happy dust, laminated wood, racism, Technicolor and zoot suit. Kind of puts things in perspective, doesn't it?

I may lose interest in this relic,



and it may soon sit on a shelf and collect dust until my wife sells it to someone else who may find it interesting. But for today, at least, it reminds me of days before my time that certainly had their own struggles and worries and concerns but also had more simple and serene aspects, too.

I didn't grow up in the 1950s. Some say I never grew up at all. But I did watch "Happy Days" in the 1970s, and I am guessing Mr. and Mrs. C. had a dictionary on the shelves in their living room much like the one I bought. And that makes me smile.

Now, forgive me while I look up what a zoot suit is.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9-10 a.m.

Johnston Commons Park Shelter, 6050 Morningside Drive

Get ready to embrace the beauty of fall. With the cooler temperatures hinting at the arrival of fall, City officials announce the City has been awarded another grant from the Iowa DNR for trees. To make up for the loss of the tree canopy due to the derecho and emerald ash borer, the City is organizing a fall tree planting event.

This event will also include winterizing the trees planted in the spring with the help of students through the Trees for Kids grant from the DNR. The City invites the students who participated in the spring planting, as well as new participants, to attend the community tree planting. The event will last approximately one hour. Bring gloves and avoid open-toed shoes.

Plans are to plant four additional trees, protect their trunks with wraps, and provide mulching and watering for the winter. There will also be a short program at the beginning of the event to discuss the importance of proper tree planting, winterization techniques, and offer tips on corrective pruning if needed. ■

DEWEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.

Dewey Park Southwest Shelter

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 5:30 p.m. to review the final plans for the playground and to discuss additional future improvements to Dewey Park. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of the city's community space. An overview of the timeline for implementing the playground and future improvement projects will be provided. ■

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

The City of Johnston uses CivicReady to send emergency alerts and other notifications. Subscribers can register to receive emergency alerts via phone call, text message, and/or email. Non-emergency messages will be sent by text and/or email. Sign up at <https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionID=1615>. ■



JOHNSTON HOMECOMING PARADE IS SEPT. 21

The Johnston Community School District's homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. To ensure the community's safety, Pioneer Parkway's northbound lane will be closed from 4-8 p.m. from Greendale Road to N.W. 62nd Avenue. The entrance into Hy-Vee along Greendale Road will be closed with limited access during staging until the parade route has gone by. Pioneer Parkway will remain open going southbound. ■

YOGA BY THE LAKE

The public is invited to more Yoga by the Lake this fall. Relax and unwind on Saturday mornings at the Terra Lake Amphitheater, 6300 Pioneer Parkway. Enjoy this free hour of outdoor yoga from 8-9 a.m. City recreation is partnering with IGNIT to offer each session taught by certified yoga instructor Rocio Valea. Dates are Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. ■

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. ■

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is held Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. 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. ■

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.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 26** – “American Underdog” ■

CITY MEETINGS

- **Wednesday, Sept. 20:** Senior Advisory Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 21:** Library Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 21:** Johnston Homecoming Parade 6:00 p.m. and Movie in the Yard 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 21:** Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 25:** Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 27:** Tree Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 27:** Green Meadows West Sidewalk Repair Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 27:** Park Advisory Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 2:** City Council Work Session, 6 p.m. ■

KIWANIS MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Puttmasters at the Pines, 2977 N.W. 66th Ave.

Join the Johnston Kiwanis for the first-ever Mini Golf Fundraiser. Bring the whole family for fun, food and a great cause. Proceeds will support scholarships for high school seniors, books for third-grade classes, sponsoring a Kiwanis Miracle League team, and supporting Mentor Iowa. In addition, half of the mini golf fees will be donated to support the Fisher Lake Wildlife Preserve. Pancakes will be served from 9-11 a.m. and hamburgers and hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be given for hole-in-one shots. Registration is \$9 for mini golf only, \$8 for meal only, \$15 for combination and \$50 for foursome golf and meal with additional family members \$12.50. Children younger than 3 play and eat for free. ■

HISTORY OF JOHNSTON PROGRAMS

Various dates; Johnston Public Library, 6700 Merle Hay Road

Johnston Station Historical Society and Johnston Public Library have partnered on a History of Johnston program that will include a series of presentations at the Johnston Public Library.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m., learn about Johnston in the 20th century. Topics will include: Hyperion Field and Motor Club, Camp Dodge, the Inter-Urban and school consolidation presented by AJ Simpson; Henry Wallace and Pioneer Hi-Bred, presented by Tom Leffler; Ben Dewey and the Johnston Lions Club, presented by Mary Jane Paez; the incorporation of Johnston by John Brown; Saylorville Dam by AJ Simpson; and Green Meadows by Mary Jane Paez.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 1:30-2:30 p.m. hear the story of the city, from the start of the city, presented by John Brown, to growing pains by Don Coates, to the growth and accomplishments of the City by Mayor Paula Dierenfeld. ■

ISU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR POLLARD TO SPEAK

Confused about the realignment of college conferences? Curious about the impact of Name Image and Likeness (NIL)? Wondering about the status of the CyTown Venue? Then you need to be here. Johnston Rotary Club is pleased to present Jamie Pollard, ISU athletic director, at 7 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Hyperion Field Club, 7390 N.W. Beaver Drive, Johnston. Breakfast will be provided. If you would like to attend, contact either Brook Skram, bskram@welgaardcpa.com, or Ty Wies, Ty.Weis@comchoicecu.org, to reserve your spot. ■

JOHNSTON LIBRARY

6700 Merle Hay Road • 515-278-5233 • www.johnstonlibrary.com

Fall feels like the start of things. School is back in session, new colors are popping up on trees, and sweaters are slowly making it back into the rotation. Here's what's new at Johnston Public Library this September:

JPL Story Hours are back. Don't miss out on stories, songs, crafts, puppet friends and more pre-literacy activities for little ones. Story Time Together is geared towards kids ages 18 months through pre-school age with their caregivers and is every Monday at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies is perfect for ages 6-18 months and is every Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. No registration is required for these free story times.

September is also full of special events your kids will love including **Rhythm & Rhymes** on Sept. 19, **JPL K-5 LEGO Club** on the second Monday of the month, **Read Me a Book Club** on the third Monday of the month beginning Sept. 18, and Ramp & Roll on Sept. 25. And guess what? That's not even all of it. More information and event registration for all children's programming is available at johnstonlibrary.com/kids.

September is National Hunger Action Month. Take action! Help those in need in our community by dropping off non-perishable food items and personal health items at Johnston Public Library. At this time, the greatest need in the Johnston community is for personal health items, including toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, laundry soap and soap/body wash, but healthy nonperishable food items are always welcome. All donated items will be distributed through the Johnston Partnership Food Pantry.

Currently, more than 55 million people worldwide are living with dementia, including more than 6 million

Americans. In collaboration with experts in the field, the Alzheimer's Association has created a list of warning signs to help people identify symptoms that may be related to Alzheimer's or another dementia. Join Marcia Dicks, volunteer community educator for Alzheimer's Association of Iowa, on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m. for a **JPL Lunch and Learn: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**. This presentation will be full of science-based information about common signs of dementia. Registration is appreciated for this free event.

Did you know that JPL has a year-long **Ultimate Reading Challenge** open to adults 18-plus? To complete the challenge, you need to read at least 18 books by the end of 2023 that fit into one of the many categories in the JPL Ultimate Reading Challenge Book Log. Read even more books to earn up to five prize entries. And don't miss the Monthly Bonus Categories and the final Meet-Up Party to earn additional entries for the grand prize drawing. Questions about the challenge? Call the library or email staff at info@johnstonlibrary.org.

Once you're signed up for the Ultimate Reading Challenge, come to JPL on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. to join other participants for an afternoon of food, drink and literary fun at the **Ultimate Reading Challenge Meet-Up!** Meet other JPL Challenge participants, discover new titles to add to your "to be read" list, and chat with others about that thriller or romance you just read. You'll earn one entry to the grand prize for each Meet-Up Event you attend. Registration is not required but is appreciated. More information about JPL events and resources can be found at www.johnstonlibrary.com or by giving the library a call at 515-278-5233. ■



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Latino Heritage Festival

QUILT SHOW

Sept. 21-23

4-H Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds

The “Quilting in the Key of Life” Quilt Show by the Des Moines Area Quilters Guild will be held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Hours for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21-22, are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours on Saturday, Sept. 23, are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10. More than 500 quilts will be on display, with dozens of vendors, a colorful raffle quilt and several special exhibits. For more information, visit dmaqq.org, and follow Des Moines Area Quilters Guild on Facebook.

VINTAGE & MADE FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dallas County Fairgrounds,
28057 Fairgrounds Road, Adel

Vintage & Made Fair is inspired by indie craft and all things vintage. It is an indoor/outdoor market featuring antique and vintage home décor, jewelry, handcrafted goods, seasonal flora, local eats and everything you need to create a vintage and handmade lifestyle. More than 175 vendors, live music and food trucks are planned. Admission is \$10 per person, ages 12 and younger free.

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.

MORE SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 22-23: Oktoberfest along Fourth Street, downtown Des Moines; oktoberfestdsm.com

Sept. 24: Iowa Trail Run Series through Jester Park, Granger; iowatrailruns.com

Sept. 24: Iowa Blues Challenge with the Central Iowa Blues Society at Lefty’s Live Music, Des Moines; cibs.org

Sept. 24: 5K Beer Run with the Iowa Brewery Running Series at Firetrucker Brewery, Ankeny; breweryrunningseries.com/iowa

Sept. 29: Lauren Daigle on “The Kaleidoscope Tour” at 7 p.m., Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines; iowaeventscenter.com

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1: Iowa’s Largest Arts and Crafts Show in the Varied Industries Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds; iowastatefairgrounds.org

Sept. 30: Fall Fest at Polk City’s town square; gopolkcitey.com/fallfest

BENEFIT SHOW FOR MAUI

Oct. 8, 3-7 p.m.

xBk Live, 1159 24th St., Des Moines

A show to benefit those affected by the fires on Maui, will feature the local group Aloha Wind, led by Ilima Young-Dunn, and will include chants, music and more. Tickets are currently \$20 in advance and will be \$25 the day of the event. Proceeds will be going to the Hawaiian non-profit organization ‘Aina Momona to help families affected by the wildfires. ■

RECIPE

SIMPLIFY SCHOOL NIGHTS WITH EASY, CHEESY MEALS

(Family Features) Putting a delicious, kid-friendly meal on the table in an hour or less is goal No. 1 for many families. When the hectic schedules of back-to-school season are in full effect, saving some precious time in the kitchen can make all the difference.

If letting your oven do the work is an appealing solution, try an easy recipe like Bacon Wrapped Potato Stuffed Chicken. As a meal and side dish all in one, this simple weeknight dinner starts with cutting a pocket into boneless, skinless chicken breasts before filling with cheesy goodness.

Layer cheddar cheese slices inside the chicken then spoon in READ German Potato Salad made with thinly sliced potatoes, bacon and a sweet-piquant dressing. Finally, fold the chicken breasts closed, wrap with bacon slices and bake 40 minutes to tender, juicy perfection with a final broil to crisp the bacon. ■

BACON WRAPPED POTATO STUFFED CHICKEN

Recipe courtesy of MacKenzie Smith of "EZPZMealz"

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 40 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

- 2 pounds (approximately 4 large) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 8 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 can READ German Potato Salad with sauce
- 8-12 bacon slices
- nonstick cooking spray
- freshly ground pepper, to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Using sharp knife, slice pocket or slit into each chicken breast and fold open.

Place two slices sharp cheddar cheese in pockets then spoon 4 ounces potato salad onto cheese.

Fold chicken over and close so cheese and potatoes are inside pockets.

Take 2-3 bacon slices and completely wrap stuffed



chicken breasts, tucking loose ends of bacon on undersides of chicken.

Spray baking dish with nonstick cooking spray then place bacon wrapped chicken on tray. Season chicken with pepper, to taste.

Bake approximately 40 minutes until internal temperature of chicken reaches 160 F.

Turn oven to broil on high (500 F) and broil 2-3 minutes to crisp bacon until chicken reaches 165 F.

Remove from the oven and rest 5 minutes then serve.



NAMIWALKS IOWA

Saturday, Sept. 30

Terra Park, Johnston

The public is invited to join one of the biggest mental health awareness events in the state. Register yourself, your family, your book club, your workplace, your church group, and any loved ones who are passionate about mental healthcare for this fun and empowering event. Registration is free and easy. Kids, families and well-behaved dogs are welcome. You'll hear from moving speakers, meet amazing people, engage with vendors to learn more about services and supports in Iowa, and walk either a 1K or 5K around beautiful Terra Park Lake. Register at www.namiwalks.org. ■

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP'S CURRENT NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. 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.

This week, and every third week of the month, they collect for the Friday Food bag program that serves food insecure students at all nine Johnston schools. They are currently doing about 200 bags per week. Their needs are: Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, individual shelf stable milk, individual peanut butter and fruit cups. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Small antiques, old school desk, glassware, old projector, 70-year-old bike, Duncan table/hutch, porcelain dolls, antique 3-wheel horse, tricycle. Call 515-249-8664.

LOOKING TO BUY VINYL RECORDS: Paying cash for 60's-90's rock and jazz and blues. Please call Brian at 515-326-5033.

FOR SALE: 2006 Chevrolet Silverado truck 4x4, V8, crew cab, 148,000 miles, great condition. Call 641-757-0731

FOR SALE: GE electric glass top oven range. Double oven, air fry, conv. bake, warming burner, self & steam clean, 8 months old. \$90. Call 515-745-5002.

FOR SALE: Softball/Baseball Pitching/Hitting net. \$20. Call/Text 515-238-3198.

FOR SALE: Nice bunk beds. Solid built. \$175. call or text 515-238-3198 and I can send photos.

FOR SALE: 2 tents — a 3-man and a 4-man Eddie Bauer. 3 adult sleeping bags — 2 heavy weight and 1 medium weight. Large dry bags. Coleman 2-burner camping stove. Best Offer. ALSO 13 1/2-foot WE-NO-NAH single-person canoe. Phone 515-480-8299.

FOR SALE: 1981 Ford F100 Truck. Blue/white Ran when I shut it off two years ago. For someone who wants to repair/restore. \$500 or make an offer to take it away. Call 515-238-3198.

BICYCLES WANTED: Any condition is ok. For parts or repair. Will pick them up. Phone 515-238-3343.

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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