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## RESIDENTS' CHOICE AWARDS

### JOHNSTON/GRIMES/DALLAS CENTER RESIDENTS' CHOICE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED.



Haleigh Wiebers, owner of Clean & Breezy, winner of Favorite Dog Groomer in the Johnston/Grimes/Dallas Center Residents' Choice Poll.



North Point Church was a runner-up for Favorite Church in the Johnston/Grimes/Dallas Center Residents' Choice Poll. Jeremy Carr was voted Favorite Pastor in the poll. Front row, Tonya Amos, Betsy Holub, Erin Grider; and, back row: Jeremy Carr, Joe Clement, Brad Smith and CJ Johnson.



Ashley Sample and Steve Lesch, with Minor Wreck Express, with their runner-up certificate for Favorite Auto Body Shop in the Johnston/Grimes/Dallas Center Residents' Choice Poll.



Central Iowa Dermatology was voted Favorite Place for Cosmetic Services in the Johnston/Grimes/Dallas Center Residents' Choice Poll. Accepting the certificate are Chey Anne Sorum and Marly Harlan



Furrow Family Dentistry was voted Favorite Dental Office in the Johnston/Grimes/Dallas Center Residents' Choice Poll. Accepting the certificate are Drs. Derek and Emily Furrow. ■

### JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

**TUES. HIGH 65 | LOW 44**

Plenty of sunshine

**WED. HIGH 60 | LOW 50**

Mostly cloudy; occasional rain

**THURS. HIGH 61 | LOW 50**

Breezy with rain and t-storms

**FRI. HIGH 54 | LOW 43**

Cool with periods of rain

**SAT. HIGH 54 | LOW 44**

Mostly cloudy; breezy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# STEP ON A CRACK, BREAK YOUR MAMA'S BACK

I believed the childhood superstition from the above headline, and I didn't want to cause pain to my mother, so I made every effort to avoid stepping on the sidewalk cracks. Mom still had back pain. I blame it on my siblings.

That wasn't the only superstition I had — or maybe still have. I don't walk under ladders, I am extra careful to not break a mirror, and I don't open umbrellas indoors. Call it whatever you want; I call it better safe than sorry.

But, for whatever reason, I never worried about a few other superstitions as a child. I liked to play with black cats. I rarely waited an hour after I ate to go swimming. I frequently cracked my knuckles. And I crossed my eyes for minutes on

end, and they never stayed that way.

On the positive side, I still have an old horseshoe, and I make sure it is hung with the open part facing up. I also have a 40-year-old four-leaf clover pin that I am convinced still has some magic in it. And I can't seem to part with a small Hawaiian good luck statue a friend gave me as a child.

Meanwhile, I was at an industry conference a few weeks ago and was having coffee with a Floridian friend. He noticed I stirred my coffee with a fork and pointed out how that was bad luck. I told him I never heard that one before, but now I can't get that darn superstition out of my brain. I never realized how



often I used a fork to stir the creamer in my coffee. I should say how often I used to use a fork to stir the creamer in my coffee. Seriously, I now set the fork aside and seek out a spoon. At least most of the time. When I do use a fork, my back hurts. Could there be a connection? Or are my kids stepping on the line to break their daddy's spine?

I better polish up that horseshoe.

What superstitions stick with you? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a wonderful Wednesday, and thanks for reading. ■

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## SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY AT ART IN THE BARN

Mark your calendars — the 11th annual Art in the Barn fundraising event is happening on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, just west of Johnston Public Library. Peruse and purchase work from more than 20 local artists and enjoy appetizers, wine, boutique beer, and live music included with the \$20 ticket price. Tickets for Art in the Barn are on sale now at the library or online at [johnstonlibrary.com/art-in-the-barn](http://johnstonlibrary.com/art-in-the-barn) and will be available for purchase at the door on the night of the event. Come for the art, come for the entertainment or come to catch up with your neighbors.

If you can't make it to Art in the Barn but are still interested in supporting the library, please consider donating to the Johnston Public Library Foundation. The mission of the Johnston Public Library Foundation is "to enhance and improve the Johnston Public Library." Board members — our neighbors, business and community leaders — work to generate community support for collection development, programs and technology and building initiatives that are beyond the means of the library's operating budget.

In 2023, the Library Foundation invested funds to support children's Summer Reading programming, new outdoor patio furniture at JPL, an outdoor musical garden, and branded book bag prizes for the year-long Ultimate Reading Challenge for Adults. Your generous gifts have made these projects possible.

More information about Art in the Barn is available online at [johnstonlibrary.com/art-in-the-barn](http://johnstonlibrary.com/art-in-the-barn) or by calling Johnston Public Library at 515-278-5233. We hope to see you on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. ■

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## HISTORY OF JOHNSTON PROGRAMS

**Sundays, Oct. 15 and Nov. 12,  
1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**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; Saylorsville 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. ■

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## BELGIAN WAFFLES FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 8-11 a.m.**

**Johnston High School**

**Commons**

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat Belgian waffles breakfast with sausage links, flavored syrups, butter, non-dairy whipped topping, coffee and juice sponsored by the Johnston Band Parent Association. Cost is \$10 per person in advance and \$12 per person at the door. Kids younger than 5 eat free. Tickets are available at the Johnston Fareway on the mornings of Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 or online. Scan the QR code for the link. ■



## LIONS CLUB TRUNK OR TREAT

**Oct. 30, 5-7 p.m.**

**Johnston Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Road**

Join the Lions Club for a family-friendly trick-or-treating event. Stop by to see the kid-themed trunks and get some sweet treats from community partners. ■

## TREE BRANCH AND LIMB DROP OFF

The City of Johnston provides residents an opportunity to get rid of branches and limbs each fall. Residents can drop these off, at no cost, at the Public Works Facility, located at 6400 N.W. Beaver Drive, between Nov. 16-18. There is no fee; however, participants are asked to bring ID for proof of residency. Drop-off hours are Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 17, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 18, 7 a.m. to noon.

Branches should not be larger than 18 inches in diameter. Larger sizes will not be accepted because of their inability to be recycled through the chipper. Residents are asked to have the end cut off their branches stacked at the end of their vehicles for easy removal. Items such as ropes, chains, wire and fence posts can cause damage to the equipment and injure City staff if pulled into the chipper. ■

## JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP'S CURRENT NEEDS

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

This week's greatest needs are baby food, baby wipes, deodorant, shampoo and toothpaste. 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. ■

## JOHNSTON KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Oct. 28, 7:30-11 a.m.**

**Johnston Middle School, 6501 N.W. 62nd Ave.**

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. For advance tickets, email [johnstonkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonkiwanis@gmail.com) or pay via Venmo @Johnston-Kiwanis and pick up tickets at the event. ■

## CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION END DATE

The fall season is here, which means it's time to start raking up the leaves and dealing with yard waste. As a reminder, the Compost It! program's curbside collection of yard waste will end on Nov. 20 and 21 on your regular collection day.

To have your yard waste collected until the end of the season, be sure to tag it, bag it or wheel it. ■



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# SEEN IN JOHNSTON

## JOHNSTON ROTARY BREAKFAST WAS HELD AT HYPERION FIELD HOUSE ON SEPT 26.



Tracy Grasso and Alicia Hyde



Neil Hyde and Eric Smith

State Representative Eddie  
Andrews and Melisa CoxSteve Grasso, guest speaker  
ISU Director of Athletics Jamie  
Pollard and Bob Wiley

# CITY MEETINGS

- **Monday, Oct. 16:** City Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 16:** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 18:** Senior Advisory Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 19:** Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 19:** Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25:** Park Advisory Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 30:** Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m. ■

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# ASD HALLOWEEN HOEDOWN FUNDRAISER

**Oct. 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**The Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston**

Enjoy games, food, prizes, crafts and music. Donations are needed for the fundraiser, including gift cards or baskets and bags of candy for game prizes. Donations are also needed for the facility, including tables, end tables, chairs, desks and couch.

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Social Skills Classes and Drama troupes start Nov. 2.



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**GREAT IOWA PET EXPO**

Oct. 21-22

Horizon Event Center, 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive

[www.greatiowapetexpo.com](http://www.greatiowapetexpo.com)

Whether you're looking to adopt, shop, learn, or enjoy contests for pets, this expo has it all. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

**CARDBOARD CAUCUS**

Oct. 27-29

Hilton Garden Inn, 205 S. 64th St.,  
West Des Moines[www.cardboardcaucus.com](http://www.cardboardcaucus.com)

Named after the state's first-in-the-nation caucus, this event is all games, no politics. Starting at noon each day, attendees can expect a wide variety of board game tournaments for prizes, games to play with friends or strangers, and unreleased board games for play testing.

**IOWA WILD OCTOBER GAMES**

Wells Fargo Arena, 233 Center St., Des Moines

[www.iowawild.com](http://www.iowawild.com)

The Iowa Wild are the affiliate program of the NHL

team, the Minnesota Wild. The Wild are led by first-year head coach Brett McLean.

Home games

- Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. vs. Henderson
- Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago (Independent)

**DES MOINES BUCCANEERS GAMES**

Buccaneer Arena, 7201 Hickman Road, Urbandale

[bucshockey.com](http://bucshockey.com)

The Tier 1 USHL developmental hockey franchise continues to serve up a chance for amateur hockey players to enhance their ability to succeed at the next level. Home games:

- Oct. 14 vs. Tri-City
- Oct. 21 vs. Cedar Rapids
- Oct. 28 vs. Lincoln

**DES MOINES CIVIC CENTER PROGRAMS**

221 Walnut St., Des Moines

[dmpa.org](http://dmpa.org)

- Oct. 25: Dirty Dancing in concert
- Oct. 28: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse live in concert

**HOYT SHERMAN PLACE PROGRAMS**

1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines

[hoytsherman.org](http://hoytsherman.org)

- Oct. 21: The Salvation Army: Unmasking the Singer at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 22: The Black Jacket Symphony Presents Eagles' "Hotel California" at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 27: The Nadas' 3

**SUNDAY TUNES AT THE SUMMERSET WINERY**

Oct. 15, 22, 29, 2-5 p.m

15101 Fairfax St., Indianola

[summersetwine.com](http://summersetwine.com)

Live music every Sunday from various local acts. ■

## RECIPE

# BRING BACK FAMILY BONDING THIS FALL

*(Family Features)* Busy fall schedules often leave little time for the things that matter most — sharing special moments with those you love. This year, as time seems to speed up during another school year, making family bonding a priority in your household can start with a few simple tricks.

## MAKE COOKING TOGETHER A FAMILY ACTIVITY

Making dinner for the family shouldn't take up valuable time that could be used for quality moments together. Seeking out quick and easy recipes leaves more hours in the day to spend with family members — or you can even make preparing dinner a family activity.

Teaching kids how to make your favorite recipes creates great memories and can maximize time spent together. From making kid-approved lunchbox sliders together to preparing time-saving, weeknight-friendly sliders as a family after school, King's Hawaiian Rolls and Slider Buns have the power to help unite busy parents and picky kids. Plus, they're soft and fluffy with the right touch of sweetness, and sliders are customizable, easy, fun and always a crowd pleaser. These Ham and Swiss Sliders or Peanut Butter, Jelly and Banana Sliders offer ways kids can help, from layering meats and cheeses to spreading peanut butter. Everyone can lend a hand in the kitchen while enjoying quality time together. ■

### PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY AND BANANA SLIDERS

**Prep time: 5 minutes**

**Servings: 4-6**

- 1 package (12 rolls) King's Hawaiian Original Sweet Rolls
- 4 tablespoons salted peanut butter
- 4 tablespoons strawberry jam
- 2 bananas, sliced

#### **Directions:**

Cut entire pack of rolls in half horizontally, keeping all top and bottom halves intact.

Spread peanut butter on bottom halves followed by strawberry jam. Top with banana



slices then top halves of rolls.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

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### DAVID LYNN FOX

David Lynn Fox, 69, of Johnston died on Sept. 29 due a complication during surgery. He was born on Aug. 15, 1954, in Des Moines. David was a doting father, a loving grandfather, a brother, and a selfless individual who was a friend to everyone.



David attended Johnston Community High School and started work at the Iowa DOT in 1991, retiring in 2015. He enjoyed photography, bird watching, fishing and spending time outdoors. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

David is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Tarin (Marcus) and Katherine Fox, as well as his grandchildren, Landon and Kamryn, his brothers Michael (Ann) and Christopher (Margo), and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane, his mother, Marilyn, and his father, Ronald.

A private family service and burial will be held to honor David's life. The family requests that any cards, gifts, or condolences be sent to the family home or Funeral Home: Iles Westover Funeral Home 6337 Hickman Road, Des Moines, IA 50322. ■

## PROJECT UPDATE: N.W. JOHNSTON DRIVE AND MERLE HAY ROAD

This project involves the reconfiguration and reconstruction of the intersection of Merle Hay Road and N.W. Johnston Drive from the north edge of Beaver Creek Bridge north to approximately N.W. 55th Avenue. This project is part of the City's efforts to improve roadway safety, traffic flow, the deteriorating roadway surface and overall drainage in the immediate vicinity of the project. A new loop road west of Merle Hay Road will be constructed with the project.

The project will consist of PCC pavement, ACC asphalt overlay, sidewalk and shared-use path, water main improvements, storm sewer, sub-drains, sanitary sewer, sanitary manholes, storm sewer manholes and intakes, pavement markings, and surface restoration.

Changes to the traffic flow on Johnston Drive, located east of Merle Hay Road, began Oct. 5. The construction team is installing a new median on Johnston Drive. The work is expected to last about a week and be completed by Oct. 12. To ensure that traffic can continue to use Johnston Drive, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction on the westbound lanes. Business access will be maintained during this short-term interruption. ■

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**HELP WANTED:** St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Johnston, IA is looking for a dependable, mature, caring, and experienced child care provider. Must be 16 years or older. Hours: Sundays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15pm. Starting pay is \$18/hr. Full description: <https://shorturl.at/qvBRS>. Contact 515-257-3024 or [office.sptualpres@gmail.com](mailto:office.sptualpres@gmail.com).

**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:** 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.

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