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STATE CHAMPIONS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNDEFEATED JOHNSTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM! The Dragons defeated Dowling Catholic on Friday night, March 1, 48-36, to win the 5A Girls Basketball Championship. Photo by Dan Mennen ■

JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

TUES. HIGH 55 | LOW 31
Mostly cloudy and mild



WED. HIGH 58 | LOW 36
Mild with some sun



THURS. HIGH 55 | LOW 39
Mild with rain at times



FRI. HIGH 45 | LOW 26
Cloudy with rain in the a.m.



SAT. HIGH 49 | LOW 28
Mostly cloudy and breezy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE

Signs. Signs. Everywhere there are signs. And, at least in Iowa, they are mostly written in the English language. For me, that's a good thing, as what I learned in three years of Spanish classes didn't stick very well. But, for those who can't read the English language, it's certainly not easy.

Imagine moving to a foreign country and having every street sign, every store sign, every menu, every single word in a language you are unable to read. And then imagine having to communicate with those who speak another language to get instructions on how to do the simplest of tasks and not break the law. It would not be easy.

The solution through the years on how to address this in America has clearly changed. In the earliest days of the United States, and through most of its history, those who were new to the country were expected to learn the English language and realized the need to do so to

survive. In recent decades, in many parts of America, signs and other communication tools are provided in two or more languages. What changed?

Asking for the answer to that question simply leads to finger-pointing and creates a deeper divide in America. Maybe it's time for another solution. Maybe it's time to work toward creating an answer that could accommodate most everyone in a positive way. What if we simply gave the English language back to the English, and we devised a new language — the American language? We are kind of doing this now anyway, so why not make it formal? I realize it would be a lot of work, but imagine a new language that would be a combination of the many vernaculars spoken here now. It would likely be quite similar to the English language but with



words and phrases from other tongues, too.

I am convinced that we would be better off as a society if we focused more on how we are alike rather than how we are different. We are spending an incredible amount of both public and private money and time right now to deal with the language barriers. What if we used that money and time to create one language and then hold all Americans accountable for using it?

It may be a pollyannaish idea, but it also just might help to extract at least one wedge that divides our country — and we all might learn a little more about each other, too.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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BOYS HEADING TO STATE



With a 59-54 win over Sioux City East on Feb. 27 in Fort Dodge, the Johnston Dragons Boys Basketball team is heading to state! Class 4A quarterfinals will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, at Wells Fargo Arena. No. 7 Johnston will face No. 2 West Des Moines Valley. For more information, visit <https://www.iahsaa.org/basketball/state-tournament-central/>. Photo by JCSD ■

MCCANN TO SPEAK AT MUSEUM

Iowa native Linda Betsinger McCann, who has published several books related to military-related history in Iowa, will speak March 23 at 10 a.m. at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum about her book, "Prisoners of War in Iowa; Prohibition in Eastern Iowa."

She will have copies of her books for sale. She has also published two books on the Civilian Conservation Corps. Her latest book, "Rosie the Riveters of Iowa," is about the women who worked at the 70 Iowa companies with military contracts during World War II. Linda was able to speak with 35 women who had worked as Rosies, and she shares their memories. ■

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 20, the Johnston Lions Club is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Johnston Middle School cafeteria, 6501 N.W. 62nd Ave. Hours are 7-11 a.m., and the breakfast features pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes), sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$8 at the door and kids 5 and younger are free. Proceeds will benefit the Lions Club service projects. ■

BIKE TO BREWS: SINGLESPEED EDITION

Backpocket Pin & Pixel, 6205 Merle Hay Road, Suite 100, Johnston, will host Bike to Brews: SingleSpeed Edition on March 16. Riders will depart from Backpocket at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy a self-guided and self-paced 10-mile ride from Backpocket to SingleSpeed Brewing on Saturday, March 16. The route should take about an hour, and there will be food and drink specials at both locations. No registration or ticket required. The Facebook event link is <https://fb.me/e/1O6MT8CcU>. ■

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP NEEDS ARE GREAT

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. This week their main needs are toilet paper, lotion, body wash 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.

Every third week of the month, they collect for the Friday food bag program that serves food insecure students at all nine Johnston schools. Currently they pack 220 food bags each week to go home with students. They can use fruit cups, macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, granola bars, individual shelf-stable milk and individual peanut butter. ■

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring Cleanup is less than two months away. It will begin on Monday, April 15 (if you live west of 86th Street) and Tuesday, April 16 (if you live east of 86th Street). Place your items on the curb by 6 a.m., depending upon which date is your designated trash collection day. The average Johnston household pays around \$6 per year (included in your monthly utility bill) for the Spring Cleanup event, so take advantage of it. ■

FUNERAL NOTICES

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WILLIAM ROBERT HALLER

William Robert Haller died Feb. 22, 2024, in Des Moines. Bill was born in Kanawha on Nov. 14, 1934. The family moved to Des Moines in 1940 to pursue a business venture. Bill graduated from North High School in 1953. He worked for the railroad until he was drafted to the Army in 1957. Shortly after that, Bill started his business, Hawkeye Pallet Co., in Johnston, which he owned and operated for 65 years.

Bill married Judy Tyler in September 1963, and together they raised four children. He was the most loving and generous husband, dad, and grandpa (Boo-Boo). Bill loved the Cubs and Hawkeyes, but most of all, his family and friends. Bill was a member of Highland Park Christian Church since 1965.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy; children, Tommi Adams (Greg), Tracy Coakley (Mike) and John Haller (Kim); grandchildren, Heather, Billy, Tyler, Jennifer, Meredith, Courtney, Taylor, Logan and Brooklyn; and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Tyler, and his siblings, Dick, Jack and Avis.

A visitation was held Feb. 26 at Illes Westover Funeral Home, Des Moines. On Feb. 27, a graveside service was held at Glendale Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the giver's personal organization of choice. Arrangements were by Illes Westover Chapel. ■



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CONNIE LOU HEUTON

Connie Lou Heuton, 68, of Johnston, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. A visitation was held Feb. 29 at Iles Westover Chapel in Des Moines. A funeral ceremony was held March 1 at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Burial followed at Sunny Hill Cemetery in Grimes with a reception afterwards at Grimes Community Complex.



Connie was born Aug. 15, 1955, in Carroll. She grew up on the family farm and attended Glidden-Ralston Community School. After graduating, she moved to the Des Moines area. She graduated from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines and attended Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. Connie began working part time at age 16, and she became a full-time employee with Dial Finance, Norwest Financial and Wells Fargo, where she would continue to work for 40 years. After retirement, she worked with Des Moines University for 10 years as a standardized patient.

Connie volunteered in various capacities for more than 25 years with Grace Lutheran Church. She enjoyed traveling, going out with family and friends, Iowa State athletics, Chicago and Iowa Cubs, and golf.

Connie is survived by her son, Curt Chenoweth, and grandsons, Jack and Owen Chenoweth with Sarah (Humke) Chenoweth, and Nicolas (Nico) Chenoweth with Jessica Rice; former spouse, Ron Chenoweth; sisters, Shirley Disney, Deanna (Bill) Slocum and Linda Reed; brother, Lonnie (Lois) Heuton; sister-in-law, Jane Heuton; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Larry Heuton; her brothers-in-law, Jack Disney and Donald Reed; and nephew, Jerry Slocum.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, The ALS Association Iowa Chapter, or Suncrest Hospice. Arrangements were by Iles Westover Chapel. ■

ELMER J. WEBER

Elmer J. Weber, 83, of Johnston, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. He was born May 8, 1940, in Jefferson City, Missouri, and graduated high school there. He attended the University of Missouri and married Carolyn Harfst on Sept. 4, 1965. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1968. He worked for Pittsburg Des Moines Steel Company (PDM), a steel fabrication company best known for building the St. Louis Arch and many bridges across the country, until his retirement.



In retirement, he and Carolyn traveled the country in their motorhome, visiting almost all the National Parks. They also enjoyed international travel. Elmer was also known for and truly enjoyed woodworking, especially making furniture for his family and friends. Elmer felt called to serve God's church and did so in many ways for the LCMS congregations he was a member of. He and Carolyn even found a passion for mission work when they traveled to Tijuana, Mexico.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Kristen (Nate) Goodrich; sons, Eric (Deanna) Weber and Jeff Weber; three grandchildren, Kailey and Tanner Goodrich and Laynne Weber; brothers, James Weber and David Weber; and sister, Marilyn (Martin) Ruengert. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters-in-law, Betty Weber (Jim) and Joyce Weber (Dave).

Funeral services were March 4 at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Johnston. Burial followed at Sunny Hill Cemetery in Grimes. Memorial contributions may be directed to Messiah Lutheran Church in Johnston. ■

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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Quadcon Comic and Toy Show is coming to Des Moines.

DES MOINES COMIC AND TOY SHOW

March 23-24

Merle Hay Mall, 3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines

quadcitycon.com

This free event will be inside Merle Hay Mall. Quadcon is planning on having 100 vendor and artist spots, so get ready to get your steps in to see the available cards, comics, posters, toys, games and art.

DES MOINES T. PADDY'S MARATHON

March 16

E. Locust Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines

iowaruns.com/desmoinesstpaddys5k

A marathon, half-marathon and 5K will be offered. All finishers will receive a new 2024 pint glass, a finisher medal for all half-marathon and marathon runners, and the chance to celebrate eight years of the Des Moines St. Paddy's Race.

JUDY NIEMACK JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m.

Caspe Terrace, 33158 Ute Ave., Waukee

Jazz critic Dan Morgenstern said it best — “If you want to know what real jazz singing can be (but rarely is), listen to Judy Niemack.” Niemack has perfected her beautiful voice, fearless improvisational skills, impressive musicianship and exceptional versatility for more than 40 years and on many critically-acclaimed recordings. She also enjoys a worldwide reputation as a jazz vocal teacher and author of several “must-have” vocal jazz

improvisation books. Niemack will be accompanied by pianist John DiMartino, who appeared at Caspe Terrace several years ago with vocalist Jay Clayton. For more information and tickets, visit <https://jazzatcaspe.weebly.com/tickets.html>.

THE BUSINESS EXPO

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Meadows Gymnasium, 2555 W. First St., Grimes

The public is invited to the 14th year of the Business Expo. Check out some local businesses and what they have to offer. Look for plenty of free goodies from Grimes Chamber member businesses, a face painter, and a balloon artist. Free admission and kids are welcome.

ELKS SPRING STYLE SHOW FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West Des Moines Elks Lodge, 2060 N.W. 94th St., Clive

Go shopping and enjoy lunch at the Elks Spring Style Show Fundraiser. Many fabulous vendors and terrific door prizes are included. Cost is \$15 for admission and funds benefit the Elks' veterans projects. Fashion show starts at 11 a.m. with shopping and lunch to follow. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Must be present to win prizes.

CLIVE'S CRAFT, VENDOR AND BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EVENT

Saturday, March 9

2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive

www.horizoneventscenter.com/event/clives-craft-vendor-and-boutique-shopping-event

Shop at an estimated 150-plus in-home business booths to help get you ready for spring and summer.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 16, noon

Grand Avenue, downtown Des Moines

www.friendlysonsiowa.com

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick brings Des Moines its St. Patrick's Day parade, this year with a new route. The parade will proceed south on Robert D. Ray Drive to Grand Avenue and then west to Eighth Street with the parade officially ending at Eighth and Grand Avenue. ■

RECIPE

CELEBRATE ST. PAT'S WITH A TRADITIONAL IRISH DISH

(Family Features) If St. Patrick's Day inspires feelings of hearth and home rather than leprechauns and green beer, you can celebrate tradition with warm, filling recipes that harken back to Irish heritage.

Share a sweet way to complete the meal in style with Irish Apple Cake, a classic dessert to top off a filling celebration. This version is easy enough to prepare with a handful of everyday ingredients for the cake, a crumbly topping and homemade custard for the finishing touch. ■

IRISH APPLE CAKE

Cake:

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 stick butter, cubed
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 apples of choice, peeled and cubed
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half

Topping:

- 1/2 stick butter
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar

Custard:

- 6 large egg yolks
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease and flour 9-inch round springform pan.

To make cake: In large bowl, sift flour with cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and ginger. Using fork, cut butter until mixture resembles crumbs. Add sugar and apples; mix



well. Stir in eggs and half-and-half until mixture reaches thick, dough-like batter. Pour batter into prepared pan.

To make topping: In bowl, mix butter, flour and sugar to create crumbled mixture. Sprinkle on top of batter in pan. Bake 1 hour. Check with toothpick to make sure middle is completely done. If not, bake 5-10 minutes. Let cool on rack.

To make custard: Whisk egg yolks and sugar. In saucepan, bring half-and-half to boil. Add one spoonful half-and-half at a time to egg mixture, whisking while adding. Once whisked together, return to saucepan and stir over medium heat until thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla.

Serve custard over cake.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR KITES ON THE GREEN

Volunteers are needed to help at Johnston Kites on the Green Saturday, May 4. The kite festival includes public kite flying, professional kite flyers demonstrations, kids kite building, music and more. Lots of help is needed to make this event successful, and multiple shifts are available. Among other things, volunteers may be asked to help kids/families build kites, assist at special activities, staff information or donation booths, etc. Johnston Kite's on the Green is organized by the City of Johnston and the Johnston Public Library Foundation, which can receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Sign up for a volunteer spot at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/815951609/false#/invitation>. ■

SEEN AT THE STATE HOUSE



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS WELCOMED: Rep. Eddie Andrews (R-Johnston) welcomed the following members of the Marine Corps League to the Iowa House: Jack M. Studebaker of Colo, Dennis Jones of Des Moines, Mary Nagel of Dougherty, Carl Evans of Johnston, Tim Evans of Blairsburg, Ryan Lincoln of Grimes, P.J. Pins of Norwalk, and Jeff Strause of Burlington. ■

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