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DEB BISHOP MEMORIAL TREE AND PLAQUE INSTALLED



The Rotary Club of Johnston has dedicated a memorial tree and plaque to commemorate the life of Dr. Deb Bishop, who died unexpectedly July 22, 2023. She worked for more than 25 years as a professor at Drake University and was the 2023-2024 president of the Rotary Club. The tree is a Sycamore and is located south of Aliber Hall on the campus of Drake University. The plaque is inside the south entrance vestibule of Aliber Hall. "I know that all in Zimpleman College are so pleased to have the celebration and reminder of Deb's life and example," said John Smith, Drake University vice president of advancement. This spring, the Rotary Club will give a donation for a scholarship to Johnston Schools in honor of Bishop. ■



Deb Bishop

JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

TUES. HIGH 60 | LOW 26
Sunny, breezy and warmer



WED. HIGH 42 | LOW 26
Times of clouds and sun



THURS. HIGH 44 | LOW 31
Cloudy; morning flurries



FRI. HIGH 47 | LOW 31
Times of clouds and sun



SAT. HIGH 50 | LOW 34
Mostly cloudy; a.m. showers



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

GREATEST ROCK SONGS OF ALL TIME

Paul Stanley of the rock band KISS said, "The great thing about rock and roll is you realize the top of the mountain is big enough for more than one band." Not convinced? Just ask the people around you to name the top 50 rock songs of all time, and then be prepared to listen for an hour.

That is exactly what we did a few months ago in our efforts to come up with this incredible list that we published in our current issue of CITYVIEW magazine. What's great about rock music is that it lives on for decades — at least the good stuff, anyway. But what exactly is "the good stuff"? That depends on who you ask.

I have been wanting to publish a story listing the greatest rock songs of all time for more than two decades, but I could not find a writer with the courage to do it. Then along came Jackie Wilson, who has been handling our music coverage at CITYVIEW for a few years now. When I asked her about the idea, she immediately said, "I will do it."

To give the list perspectives

other than her own, she sat in with our staff of a variety of ages and backgrounds and asked for their thoughts

on the greatest rock songs of all time. Interestingly, most of the suggestions were from outside of their generations of music, which was probably due to hearing the songs from their parents or older siblings. That would be the case with me.

Mom preferred country music (or country western, as she called it), but she didn't hesitate to tap her feet and sing along to Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, the Everly Brothers and the Big Bopper. And, as such, I did, too.

My greater musical influences, though, came from the 8-tracks of my brothers. That's where I heard the sounds of Thin Lizzy, Aerosmith, Foghat, Alice Cooper and Grand Funk Railroad.

I need to give my sister some credit here, too, as her 45s of



Wings, Bob Dylan, Elton John, The Sweet and Todd Rundgren found plenty of spins on my portable General Electric record player.

As a married man with children, I subjected my three daughters to a barrage of my version of rock including many of the above artists and some from my time including Lenny Kravitz, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Living Colour and The Black Crowes.

So what are the greatest rock songs of all time?

Ultimately, that's up to you to decide, but we are pleased to get the conversation started. Check out

our list at www.dmcityview.com and let me know what you think.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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ANNUAL TREE SALE

Johnston's Annual Tree Sale starts on Tuesday, April 9, at 8 a.m. Trees can be purchased online, but remember to set up your account in advance to make the buying process smoother. Each tree costs \$75, and four varieties are available: cathedral elm, tuleo black gum, American larch and swamp white oak. For more information, visit <https://www.cityofjohnston.com/1436/Tree-Sale>. ■

FISH FRY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The final fish fry and Stations of the Cross at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, 4600 Meredith Drive, Des Moines, will be Friday, March 22. The fish fry will serve from 5-6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30 p.m. The final Lenten Scripture Study will be Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m. in classroom 1A in the church. ■

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. ■

SPRING CLEANUP

The Johnston Spring Cleanup event will be Monday, April 15, for those living west of 86th Street and Tuesday, April 16, for those 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 Spring Cleanup allows residents to dispose of large household items on their regular trash collection day at no additional charge. All smaller items must be placed in bags or boxes. The average Johnston household pays around \$6 per year (included in your monthly utility bill) for this event, so take advantage of it. If you live in an apartment, condo or townhome with private trash collection, you may not be a part of the Spring Cleanup event. Contact your association or management to find out.

For guidance on what items can go at the curb, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/springcleanup or call Metro Waste Authority at 515-244-0021. For more information, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/675/Spring-Cleanup. ■

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. ■

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Johnston Community Greetings would like to welcome anyone new to Johnston with a welcome bag including discounts at local businesses and city information. Contact Missy Shepherd by phone, text or email at 515-991-5014 or mshepherdgreetings@gmail.com. ■



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JGMFD CITIZENS ACADEMY UPCOMING

The second Citizens Academy will begin on Wednesday, April 10, and be held Wednesday nights through May 22, 6-9 p.m. at Fire Station 39, 6373 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. The academy is focused on educating participants about firefighters' roles within our governmental operations. It is a seven-week series of professionally led workshop sessions designed to familiarize residents with the fire district and the services it provides. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.cityofjohnston.com/1218/Fire-Citizens-Academy>. ■

TREE BRANCH AND TIRE DROP OFF

Johnston residents can drop off branches, limbs and passenger vehicle tires at the Public Works Facility, 6400 N.W. Beaver Drive, at no cost on April 18-20. Hours are: Thursday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, April 19, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 20, 8 a.m. to noon.

Participants must present ID for proof of residency. Branches cannot be larger than 18 inches in diameter. Only residential passenger and truck tires will be accepted. Each household will be allowed to deposit a maximum of five scrap tires (off rims).

The city will not accept scrap tires generated from any business, semi tires, farm or tractor tires, solid tires or tires containing hazardous materials. ■

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

The Johnston (Station) Historical Society (JSHS) 2024 annual membership meeting and open house will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 6-8 p.m. at the Simpson Barn in the Johnston Commons. Come and share in a potluck supper and see the local history artifacts in the 1936 Simpson Barn and the adjacent 1902 Simpson House Museum. Tours will be given, and drinks and the main dish will be served. You are encouraged to bring a dessert or a side dish. Plates and tableware will be provided. The Simpson House and Barn are in the Johnston Commons at 6161 Northglenn Drive, next to the Johnston Library. RSVP by leaving a message with JSHS at 515-608-5730 or e-mail johnstonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

The Johnston (Station) Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to discovering, preserving and presenting the history of the Johnston area. Consider supporting the Society by becoming a member, a volunteer, a benefactor or donating Johnston-related historical items. ■

CITY CALENDAR

- **Thursday, March 21:** Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 21:** Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 25:** Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 27:** Tree Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 27:** Park Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 31:** Library closed for Easter ■

KITE BUILDING WORKSHOP

The annual Kite Building Workshop will be Saturday, April 13, 2-4 p.m. at the Johnston Public Library, 6700 Merle Hay Road. Prepare for Kites on the Green and make a kite to fly during the festival. Veridian Credit Union sponsors the free kite kits. ■

STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL

Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 25-29. Johnston will participate in the Iowa Statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday, March 27. The test will occur at 10 a.m. ■

MEADOWVIEW EASTER EGG HUNT

Meadowview of Johnston invites kids 10 and younger to an Easter egg hunt in their courtyard at 10 a.m. on March 30. Orange juice, pastries and muffins will be served. ■

SEEN IN JOHNSTON

**MEADOWVIEW OF JOHNSTON HELD A ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY
MARCH 13 FEATURING STUART WALKER OF STU RYAN O'BRIEN BAND.**



Ron and Ardith Brown and Marian Crise



Jeanne Beardsley and Mike Turner



Steve Holmes and Michele Forbes, executive director



Denny and Jan Gardner



Stuart Walker of the Stu Ryan O'Brien Band



Paul Soyer, culinary director, and Sydney Lane, activities director

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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- **March 24 at 8 p.m.** Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular
- **March 26 at 7:30 p.m.** Brian Culbertson - The

Trilogy Tour

**53RD ANNUAL JURIED STUDENT
EXHIBITION**

March 24-April 14

Anderson Gallery, 1310 25th St., Des Moines

andersongallery.wp.drake.edu

A showcase of the students of the Drake Art & Design program, this competitive juried exhibition highlights student work in a variety of media.

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, 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.

**EVENTS AT THE BRENTON
ARBORETUM**

Various dates

The Brenton Arboretum, 25141 260th St., Dallas Center

For more information or to register, visit www.TheBrentonArboretum.org/events.

- **Wednesday, March 27, 10-11 a.m.**, Nature's Healing.
- **April 4 and 18**, Nature Club, varying times. Register by age group.
- **April 21, noon to 3 p.m.**, Earth Day Celebration; 1-3 p.m., Exploratory Beekeeping.
- **April 27, 7 a.m.**, Birds & Bagels.

**MICHAEL JEFRE STEVENS AND
CHRISTIAN HOWES**

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Caspe Terrace, 33158 Ute Ave., Waukegan

Over the past 40 years pianist/composer Michael Jefry Stevens has been associated with some of the most important figures in modern jazz. Ranked among the top violinists in jazz, Christian Howes has demonstrated his virtuosity and creativity on numerous recordings since the early 2000s. As evidenced by their 2023 release, "Precipice," when you combine these two improvisers, you end up with pure beauty and joy in every note. Tickets for Jazz at Caspe Terrace concerts are \$30 each and can be ordered by calling 515-279-6452 or emailing abegold1951@gmail.com. You can also purchase tickets at jazzatcaspe.weebly.com. Seating is limited to 130 so reservations are encouraged. Caspe Terrace is owned and operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. ■

RECIPE

GET CREATIVE WITH EASTER SWEETS

(Family Features) Holiday hams and deviled eggs may take center stage at Easter gatherings, but edible crafts offer a reminder of the magic of the season that's found in moments spent together. Simple recipes that call for a dose of creativity are perfect ways to bring the kids to the kitchen, made even easier when all that work leads to sweet treats.

Children of virtually any age can relish in the joys of using cookie cutters and decorating Easter Sugar Cookies, all with a little supervision and short list of instructions. This version shows how to make the cookies and homemade icing so you can create any color you desire for maximum creativity. ■

EASTER SUGAR COOKIES

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Icing:

- 1/3 cup meringue powder
- 1/2 cup warm water, plus additional for thinning (optional), divided
- 3 tablespoons vanilla
- 1 bag (2 pounds) powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- assorted food coloring

Cookies:

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 dash salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour

To make icing:

Mix meringue powder, 1/2 cup warm water, vanilla, powdered sugar and corn syrup. Separate into bowls and add food coloring; mix with water, as needed, to thin for piping.



To make cookies:

Cream butter and sugar. Mix in egg, vanilla, baking powder and salt. Mix in flour 1 cup at a time to form dough. Roll dough out to 1/4-1/2-inch thickness.

Cut into shapes, place on baking sheet and freeze 10 minutes. Bake 8-12 minutes. Cool completely before icing.

Place icing in zip-top or piping bags and cut off tips. Put cookies on parchment paper. Trace outline first then fill in middle. Use toothpicks to smooth out.

Let dry 6 hours and finish decorating with different icing colors or edible markers.

MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE

Join Mayor Paula Dierenfeld for the annual Mayor's Bike Ride on Thursday, May 9, at Terra Park, 6400 Pioneer Parkway near Corteva. Mayor Dierenfeld will provide comments around 11:30 a.m., and the ride will take off shortly after. A free lunch will be provided for riders at the large shelter at Terra Park. Visit www.cityofjohnston.com/DocumentCenter/View/12699/2024-Mayors-Bike-Ride to view the map of the route. Stay tuned for more details. ■

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. This week their main needs are bar soap, toothpaste, new socks and new underwear. They are also switching the clothing closet over to spring and summer clothing if people would like to start bringing those clothes to donate. Winter items, except winter coats, will not be accepted due to limited storage space.

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. ■

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 Kites 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>. ■

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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.

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

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