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NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Johnston Public Library announces Holly Sealine’s appointment as its new director. Holly brings a wealth of experience in library services and management. She will begin her new role on Friday, May 31.

Holly previously served as the public services manager at the Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library since February 2021. Prior to that, she was the circulation manager in Ankeny and the director of Norwalk Easter Public Library for eight years.

“I am excited to serve the Johnston community and work with the amazing library staff,” said Holly. “I appreciate the services and programming that are currently offered at the library and look forward to building relationships with community organizations and

residents.”

Holly’s love for libraries began early when her mom would take her to storytime as a child, and she spent hours reading books from the library. Throughout her career, she has advocated for community-focused libraries that provide something for everyone. During her time as the Norwalk library director, she wrote and received multiple grants that supported library and community projects, such as getting a handicap-accessible door and completing a sidewalk to provide access to the library through a city park. She was



Holly Sealine

particularly proud of partnering with local organizations in Norwalk to provide English courses to non-native speakers.

Holly is an active member of the Iowa Library Association and is currently serving on the conference planning committee. Prior to this, she worked on the leadership development committee, chaired the public library forum, and acted as treasurer for the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA). She achieved a bachelor’s degree in secondary English education and a minor in library science from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). Additionally, she holds a master’s degree in instructional technology from UNI,

DIRECTOR, ON BACK

<p>JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST</p>	<p>FRI. HIGH 69 LOW 48 Mostly cloudy </p>	<p>CHARTER BANK </p> <p><i>Chart Your Success With Us 24/7!</i></p> <p>5526 N.W. 86th St., Johnston • 331-2265</p> <p>Member FDIC CharterBanker.com </p>
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<p>THURS. HIGH 64 LOW 46 Mostly cloudy; breezy and cool </p>	<p>SUN. HIGH 73 LOW 52 Sunny to partly cloudy </p>	

FROM THE PUBLISHER

GRAB YOUR GOGGLES, FLIPPERS AND SPEEDO

Swimmingly. That's how you might feel about this column. Or about half of you anyway.

Are you ready to take a dip? Yes, it's early May, and a plunge in anything but an indoor, heated swimming pool might make you shiver. I get it, but I am still looking forward to soaking outdoors in water soon.

What I did not realize is, according to global data, about half of you reading this don't know how to swim. No freestyle. No backstroke. No butterfly. Floating is even a struggle. Yikes.

I spent the bulk of my childhood summers in water, mostly at the city pool but also in nearby lakes. Air conditioning was not as readily available in as many places back then, and being in water was a great way to beat the summer heat.

Despite being in water a lot, it took a while for me to actually learn how to swim. The 10-foot area of the pool was the danger zone, and I knew better than to cross that rope. Then my older brother Steve

decided it was time for me to learn how to swim, and he tossed me into the deep water from the side of the pool as far as he could throw me. It was literally sink-or-swim time, and I rapidly dog-paddled my way back to the side. And he did it again. And again. I wasn't very happy about it at the time, but that is exactly how I learned to swim. A baptism by water, you might say. It's not for everyone, but it worked for me.

Meanwhile, more than half of the global population does not know how to swim. That totals, worldwide, at least 4 billion people. Depending on which half you are in, the number may or may not surprise you. The alarming statistic, though, is that an estimated 372,000 people die from drowning worldwide every year, according to the World Health Organization. Drowning is the third-leading cause of unintentional injury deaths



and accounts for 7% of all injury-related deaths globally. Maybe not surprisingly, the highest drowning rates are among children 1-4 years, followed by children 5-9 years. Also, maybe not surprisingly, males are twice as likely as females to drown. Ten people drown every day in the United States.

Those statistics can be a downer on a Tuesday morning, or they can be inspiration for some of you to learn how to swim. With more than 10,000,000 swimming pools around the world, there are plenty of places to get started. So grab your goggles, flippers and Speedo (maybe not the Speedo), and get ready to meet me at the pool. And if you are already a swimmer, send me a note and let me know how you learned.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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WOMEN'S EVENT HELD BY CHAMBERS



I am Uniquely HER, a women's event held by the Johnston, Grimes and Waukee chambers, was held April 4 at the Simpson Barn in Johnston. Pictured are Madison Taiber, Halsey Scales, Dini Anderlik, Samantha Winebrenner, Jessica Taylor-Fink and Kelly Troxel.



Sunny Griffin and Jenny Meyers



Amanda Butler and Emily Zailac



Jackie Schmillen and Rachel Eslick



Kit Mihalik and Betheny Wilson

JOHNSTON SUMMER SERIES

Formerly the Summer Yoga Series, this Summer Series has expanded with a broader range of activities as well as a vendor fair, all in support of the Johnston Partnership Food Pantry. The series will highlight and promote not only women-owned businesses, but many different local Johnston owned businesses. For more information and to register, visit www.johnstonsummerseries.com.

- **June 11, 6-7 p.m.**, Enneagram 101, at Erin Lego Coaching
- **June 25, 6-7 p.m.**, Fun Family Fitness, at The BAR Performance Gym;
- **July 9, 6-7 p.m.**, Social Drumming, at Adventures in Social Development
- **July 21, Vendor Fair**, 2-5 p.m.
- **Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3, Sept. 17, TBD** ■

CITY CALENDAR

- **Monday, May 13:** Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Senior Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 16:** Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 16:** Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m. ■

FARMERS MARKET

Johnston Farmers Market will be held on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. June 4 - Sept. 24 at the Johnston Town Center just north of City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Shop for fresh produce and homemade products while being entertained by live music. www.cityofjohnston.com/farmersmarket. ■

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 mshpherdgreetings@gmail.com. ■

SPLASH PAD OPENS MAY 25

The splash pad at the Johnston Town Center, 6245 Merle Hay Road, just west of Johnston City Hall, will open Saturday, May 25, at 10 a.m. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit www.cityofjohnston.com/1183/Splash-Pad-at-the-Town-Center for more information. ■

SOUNDS OF SUMMER AT THE YARD

The music will begin at 7 p.m. on the stage, just west of Johnston City Hall. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the free music. More information is available by visiting www.cityofjohnston.com/1438/Sounds-of-Summer.

- **Saturday, June 8** – The Trip is a Los Angeles-based studio of musicians playing rock hits spanning multiple generations
- **Saturday, June 29** – Back in Black is America’s leading AC/DC cover band based out of Dallas
- **Saturday, Aug. 24** – Mixtape is a Nashville-based 1980s rock band
- **Saturday, Sept. 28** – The Pork Tornadoes is Des Moines’ No. 1 summer party band ■

MOTHER’S DAY BEND AND BRUNCH

Backpocket Pin and Pixel, 6205 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, is hosting a Mother’s Day Bend and Brunch with Power Life Yoga on May 12. The class is for all levels to get warmed up for everybody’s preferred meal of the day: brunch. Yoga is at 10 a.m. and brunch at 11 a.m., featuring a BYO mimosa bar as well as a buffet selection that includes sausage, eggs, bacon, assorted pastries, fruit and more. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes yoga, a drink of your choice and brunch buffet. For more information, visit <https://fb.me/e/1vPoCi4rN> ■

FAMILY FEST

The Johnston Town Center, 6245 Merle Hay Road, has plenty of fun in store for you during Family Fest, Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come check out the alpacas; enjoy dance performances, circus arts and aerial arts performances; paint a bath bomb; and enjoy spin art, the splash pad and much more. Visit www.cityofjohnston.com/1437/Family-Fest to view the schedule of activities and performances. ■

2024 MOVIES IN THE YARD

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable lineup of outdoor Movies on the Yard this summer at Johnston Town Center, 6245 Merle Hay Road. The lineup includes:

- **Thursday, May 16:** “Barbie”
- **Friday, June 21:** “Kung Fu Panda 4”
- **Thursday, Aug. 15:** “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3”
- **Thursday, Sept. 19:** “Wonka.”

All screenings begin at dusk. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and loved ones for an evening of free entertainment. ■

FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

MARJORIE ANN "MARGIE" KATZMANN

Marjorie Ann "Margie" Katzmann, 88, of Johnston died April 25, 2024, in McAllen, Texas. Funeral services were Saturday, May 4, at Iles Westover Chapel, 6337 Hickman Road, Des Moines. Visitation was prior to the service. Interment for Margie and Jerry will be held at Lincoln Cemetery near Granger.



Margie was born May 17, 1935, in Des Moines, where she lived most of her life. She worked for the Des Moines Public School lunch program for many years and retired in 1999. On July 8, 1994, she married Gerald "Jerry" Katzmann at Zion Lutheran Church, Des Moines, where they were active in the church choir. Margie and Jerry had a great love for music. They provided music and entertainment to local care centers, Iowa State Fair and the Pharr South Jams in Pharr, Texas. They also enjoyed fishing and spending winters in Pharr, Texas.

Margie was a member of the Des Moines Women's Club, Des Moines Corvette Club, a Hall of Famer with the PMECI (Professional Musician and Entertainers Club of Iowa) and the Pharr South Trio.

Margie loved her family, and one of her favorite things was being "Mooga" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Margie is survived by her children, Jim (Siriluck) Baker, Joyce (Paul) Binder and Jeff (Becky) Baker; four grandchildren, Jessica (Dustin) Stevens, Sarah (Jason) DeLaet, Ashlee (Tristan) Harringa and Brett Baker; numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren; a nephew, John (Debbie) Marmon and their families. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, on Dec. 25, 2022; her parents, Merle "Red" and Frances (Steele) Scobee; her twin sister, Margaret McConnell; and her brothers, Jimmy and Kenny Scobee.

Memorial contributions may be directed to: The Des Moines Women's Club Scholarship Program, the American Cancer Society or Iowa Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences are welcome at www.IlesCares.com. Arrangements by Iles Westover Chapel. ■

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. Almost 600 families are being served per month, so the need is high. In particular need at this time are personal care items, including toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner and soap. Due to lack of storage, only summer clothing is being accepted. However, winter coats are always accepted.

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. ■

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EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**GREENBELT MUSIC FESTIVAL**

May 17-18

Horizon Events Center, 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive
horizoneventscenter.com

This music festival returns to the Horizon Events Center with double-digit musical acts to fill your weekend, starting Friday at 3 p.m. and going till Saturday at 11 p.m. Kids 12 and younger enter for free. Indoor and outdoor stages. The Friday entertainment is headlined by Railroad Revue with Lindsay Lou and Yonder Mountain String Band. Saturday's headliners are Umphrey's McGee, Sierra Hull, and Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country. Enjoy vendors, a silent disco, goats, Kids Zone, face painting, food trucks and more.

ANKENY ART FESTIVAL

May 11

Uptown Ankeny,
Third Street and Walnut Street, Ankeny
www.ankenyartcenter.org/artfestival2024

Join the Ankeny Art Center for a fun-filled day of art, demonstrations, shopping, food, live music and more.

GARY'S RIDE: BEAT BRAIN CANCER

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.

Rider check-in and pickup is 9-9:45 a.m.
Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trailhead,
Hickman Road and N. 10th St., Waukee

Help support local brain cancer patients and their families by making a charitable contribution toward

Gary's Ride's \$45,000 goal. Register at www.garysrideiowa.org/shop.

VALLEY JUNCTION ARTS FESTIVAL

May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

100-200 Blocks of Fifth Street, West Des Moines
www.valleyjunction.com/valley-junction-events/valley-junction-arts-festival

Live entertainment, art activities and artists' demonstrations. Refreshments will be available from several food vendors on the street, and several Valley Junction stores will be open during the festival.

CELEBRASIAN

May 24-25

Western Gateway Park,
1205 Locust St., Des Moines
www.iowaasianalliance.com

A weekend of Asian cuisine, music and entertainment. Vendors and performers will fill the area with an authentic celebration of Asian culture.

DES MOINES CON

May 31-June 2

Hy-Vee Hall at Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St.,
Des Moines

A celebration of all things nerdy. From Marvel to Star Wars to LEGOs and around the universe and back, this con has you covered.

**VIETNAM WAR
LIVING HISTORY EVENT****Iowa Gold Star Military Museum,**
7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston
Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday,
June 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Discover what life was like for an American servicemember during the Vietnam War. Meet knowledgeable historians, explore historically accurate campsites, and see period military vehicles. Admission is free. ■

RECIPE

MAKE MOM'S DAY WITH A CRAVEABLE BRUNCH

(Family Features) There's perhaps no better occasion to show off your kitchen skills than Mother's Day, a perfect opportunity to turn the tables on mom and let her relax while you handle cooking duties. A homemade breakfast — or better yet, letting her sleep in for brunch — is a sure way to win her over and show how much you care.

If a full Mother's Day celebration is on the menu, try this hearty dish. A frittata provides the best of both worlds, as it's a filling meal that's also easy to make — just let the oven do the work. This Apple, Tomato and Goat Cheese Frittata is no exception as it calls for a handful of everyday ingredients you can whisk together in a cinch. While it's in the oven (about 30 minutes, give or take) you can put the finishing touches on your last-minute decorations and handwritten cards. ■

APPLE, TOMATO AND GOAT CHEESE FRITTATA

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 20 turns fresh cracked pepper
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 1 Envy Apple, small diced
- 1/2 cup sundried tomatoes, chopped
- 4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 F.
In large mixing bowl, whisk eggs, hot pepper sauce, salt, pepper and milk until well combined.
Stir in apples, tomatoes, goat cheese and chives until well combined.
Using 1/3 measuring cup, spoon frittata mixture into oven-safe large skillet or 9-by-9-inch pan.
Bake 25-30 minutes, or until eggs are set.
Let cool slightly then serve.



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JOHNSTON BASKETBALL CLUB 2024 TRYOUTS

Sunday, Aug. 11

Johnston High School Gym, 6500 N.W. 100th St.

The Johnston Basketball Club (JBC) girls and boys tryouts are scheduled on Sunday, Aug. 11, at Johnston High School Gym, 6500 N.W. 100th St. Grades eligible for tryouts are first through eighth (grade they will be attending in the fall of 2024). Check the JBC website (johnstonbasketballclub.com) to register for tryouts in July. Specific times for tryouts per grade will be on the website in August. ■

DIRECTOR, FROM FRONT

and a master’s degree in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

“The Library Board of Trustees is excited about Holly’s appointment as the new leader of the library.”

said Katie Fiala, Library Board of Trustees president. “The board has full confidence in her abilities to steer the library towards a bright future. We look forward to working with Holly to maintain the library’s high standards of service and excellence in serving the Johnston community.” ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Old rolltop antique desk for sale. Call 515-249-8664.

GOLF CLUBS FOR SALE: Adult and kid’s sets. Photos and descriptions can be viewed by accessing the Des Moines Craig’s List on the internet. Enter GOLF JOHNSTON and INTEREST! in the search box and reply to any sets that interest you.

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

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