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## Good Thursday Morning to You!

Welcome to an extra edition of the mailbag where you will find some of the comments, questions and ideas sent recently by subscribers of this newsletter or our publications. They are edited for space and clarity.

*"Shane, regarding the sock-sock/shoe-shoe vs. sock-shoe/sock-shoe procedure, for 80 years, sock-sock was definitely the way to go (Socks, [May 9, 2023](#)). About that time, I found it was closer and easier to put a sock on with a foot over my opposite knee, even though that involved some discomfort in knee and hip joints. So it made sense to put the shoe on that foot while it was closer than repeating the movement a second time." - Duane*



Makes sense to me. - Shane

*"I use sticky notes cut up in small pieces to make more sense of a complicated novel or book series with many characters (Post-it Notes, [May 11, 2023](#)). This allows me to skip the parts I don't care to read again and jump to where I like the story." - Donna*

That's cheating. - Shane

*"I don't recall if we ever had the pitcher, but we still have four of these cups (Kool-Aid, [May 31, 2023](#)). I think we got them free from coupons? Anyway, my 20-plus-year-old grandson still remembers drinking out of them and had his son use them when he was here a few months ago." - Linda*

Oh, yeah! - Shane

*"Shane, 40-plus years ago, the push was*

supposedly on to go to metric to catch us up with the world (Metric conversion, [June 6, 2023](#)). In radio, we reported temps in both F and C. I recall the bank clock in Sheldon would give 61F and 16C, and that was base



knowledge. Speeds on highways were 100K, which was about 67 or so mph. NFL, NCAA and high school football is on 100 yards of turf. Basketball is a 10-foot hoop, and a free throw is 12 feet. Track is a whole different world: 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter not 100 yard, 220 yard or 440 yard. These examples could go on, but I am looking into my old, reliable crystal ball, and it says to stay away from the topic with a 10-foot pole.” - Rex

That sounds penny-wise but pound-foolish. - Shane

“I somehow found this article very engaging, because in our family, we weren’t allowed to wear jeans... until we got away to college, and I had no idea how much I was missing (Blue jeans, [June 7, 2023](#)). Your article brought back fond memories of buying my first pair. I never told/wore them around Bill (Reichardt), so this brought back some of his stories about when to wear casual clothing. Thanks for the creative writing.” - Doug

I imagine wearing blue jeans was sacrilegious for the Reichardts. Thanks for the note, Doug, and enjoy your jeans. - Shane

Have a thoughtful Thursday, and thank for reading.

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91	86	88	80	84	86	85
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### Your Clear Mortgage forecast from Jason Parkin

Another day and more of that heat. This lasts into Friday before more clouds and rain chances move in late on Saturday. Rain chances linger until early Monday morning.

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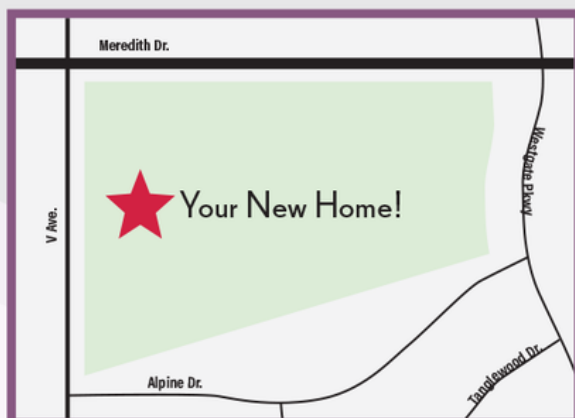
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## Headlines

## **FROM KCCI: Marshalltown woman recovering after shark attack in the Bahamas**

DES MOINES, Iowa — A Marshalltown woman is recovering after she was attacked by a shark in the Bahamas. Heidi Ernst was attacked while scuba diving on June 7. [..READ MORE FROM KCCI](#)

## **FROM WHO-TV: New 'Caitlin Clark Rule' in women's basketball**

The NCAA is changing its penalty for delay-of-game violations in women's basketball. Players will no longer get charged a technical foul for certain delay-of-game violations, including the one Iowa star guard Caitlin Clark got called for in the Hawkeyes' NCAA championship game loss to LSU. [..READ MORE FROM WHO-TV](#)

## **FROM WOI-DT Local 5: Local BBQ restaurant bringing residents back to Valley West Mall**

DES MOINES, Iowa — Last fall, a Polk County judge ordered the foreclosure of the Valley West Mall, after court documents showed the mall owes more than \$42 million to lenders. With that news, it makes sense that the mall has a lot of empty spaces these days. But if you take a ride to the downstairs food court, you'll find the Leachmon Pit Stop BBQ Shack, where business is doing well. [..READ MORE FROM WOI-DT Local 5](#)



In 2022, the Coca-Cola Co. generated twice as much dollar value as its next four or five competitors.

Corn prices are jumping as rain disappoints farmers.

Trostel's Greenbriar hosted Johnston High School's upper 3% of graduating seniors to a complimentary dinner Tuesday.

— Jim Duncan

**On June 15 in history ...**



**1846. U.S.-Canadian border established.** Representatives of Great Britain and the United States sign the Oregon Treaty, which settles a long-standing dispute with Britain over who controlled the Oregon territory. The treaty established the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Strait of Georgia as the boundary between the United States and British Canada. The United States gained formal control over the future states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; and the British retained Vancouver Island and navigation rights to part of the Columbia River.

**1904. Fire on riverboat leaves more than 1,000 dead.** More than 1,000 people taking a pleasure trip on New York City's East River are drowned or burned to death when a fire sweeps through the boat. This was one of the United States' worst maritime disasters. The riverboat-style steamer General Slocum was built in 1890 and used mostly as a vehicle for taking large groups on day outings. On June 15, the St. Mark's German Lutheran Church assembled a group of 1,360 people, mostly children and teachers, for their annual Sunday School picnic.

**1877: First African American graduate of West Point.** Henry Ossian Flipper, born into slavery in Thomasville, Georgia, in 1856, becomes the first African American cadet to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York on June 15, 1877.

Read more at [History.com](https://www.history.com).

## Personalities

### Downes find much to like about Winterset

***John Wayne Birthplace executive director fond of community***

By Lindsey Giardino

Brian Downes has a whole lot of love for Winterset.

He moved to town in 2008 after being recruited to promote and raise funds for the development of the John Wayne Birthplace Museum. Prior to that, he lived in a small high-rise apartment on Chicago's lakefront to be close to the downtown newspaper office where he worked.





“My first two years in Winterset, I lived in an even smaller apartment above the Ben Franklin store, and I loved it,” Downes says. “My windows overlooked the courthouse square with great views of the courthouse clock and the Iowa Theater marquee. I had no grass to mow or snow to shovel and was able to enjoy open-air summertime band concerts without leaving my living room.”

... [Read more in the June issue of Winterset Living magazine.](#)



The orange protrusion on this bumble bee is called a pollen basket or corbicula. It is part of the tibia on the hind legs of certain species of bees. They use the structure in harvesting pollen, carrying it to the nest or hive where it is used as food by the colony. Photo taken by Paul Houston.



## Birthdays and Notables!

**These celebrities were born on this date:** Courteney Cox, Ice Cube, Leah Remini, Neil Patrick Harris, Helen Hunt, Julie Hagerty, Jake Busey

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## Morning Chuckle



### The answer to yesterday's riddle:

What classic rock song did the all-vulture band play? CARRION MY WAYWARD SON! or "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road," Carolyn Rogers. Or Anything by the Grateful Dead! - Rex Post

### Today's Riddle

A dentist decided to open an office on a boat. What did he call it?

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