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Friday, June 23, 2023

Good Friday Morning to You!

Welcome to the Friday 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.

“Regarding the simple things in life, here are a few more (Simple things, [June 14, 2023](#)). A tall, cold glass of drinking water, a full night’s sleep, a thank you, someone helping you open doors when you have your hands full, finding the remote on the first pass through the living room, a clerk actually giving you the benefit of your word on the price of an item in a store, a phone representative answering on the first attempt and being actually able to help you and solve a problem, a phone call from a friend you haven’t heard from in a while, making a green light when you are running a touch late, and finding a \$20 bill in your jacket you had forgot you left there.” - Rex



I am now complete. - Shane

“Hi, Shane. I went through my CDs (Leonard Skinnered, [June 19, 2023](#)) and came up with these: U2, Little Feat, Moe. (Yes, with a period), Grammatrain, Earl Greyhound, Devo, Drivin' & Cryin', The Bo Deans, The Big Wu, and The Hu (completely different). That's just from my 358 CDs. I'm sure I've got more in my 850-plus albums.” - James

And I am guessing you have them all alphabetized? Am I correct? - Shane

“B2wins are twin brothers from the violent slums of Brazil who are

on a mission to make the world smile with music (Leonard Skinnered, [June 19, 2023](#)). They've appeared at the Farmers Market.” - John

They truly are incredible, even with the misspelling. - Shane

“Hey, Shane! Just wanted to let you know that city kids can be in 4-H, too (County fairs, [June 20, 2023](#)). The Polk County Fair runs July 15-21. Thanks!” - Carol

I had an ant farm once. At least until that [blue aardvark](#) showed up. - Shane

“I sure enjoyed today's writings (County fairs, [June 20, 2023](#))! I was in 4-H for many years. I can sure tell a lot of county fair stories and have more I can NOT tell! In Centerville, the livestock barn had a second floor dormitory, and you could sleep there during the fair. My buddies and I usually conned our parents into letting us stay at least one night; however, we got very little sleep! We would spend the night running the fairgrounds getting into all kinds of mischief, including untying at least one calf and then waking up the older boys to help corral it! Ah, those were the days. And the smell? When I was 15, a buddy's dad owned a livestock sale barn. They had a livestock sale every Saturday, and he and I would work there. When they had sold the livestock on the sale ring, they were herded out and onto a scale, where they were weighed. I then ran the gate letting them off and driving them down the aisle where my Buddy would pen them. We got paid cash and maybe \$5 per hour, which was unheard of in those days. Today, the government would have the owner locked up for allowing 15-year-old boys to do this. Oh, by the way, the smell went home with me, which Mother was NOT a fan of. I'd have to undress in the mud room and leave my western boots outside to air off.” - Alan

Aaahhh, the county fair “hotel.” I never slept there but I know many who have, and they smelled like it, too. - Shane

Have a fantastic Friday, and thanks for reading.

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Hot weather sticks with us today and into tomorrow. A system approaching from the west will bring us storm chances this weekend Saturday from about the middle of the day lasting into Sunday night. Some could be severe Saturday. We go back to dry conditions after that.

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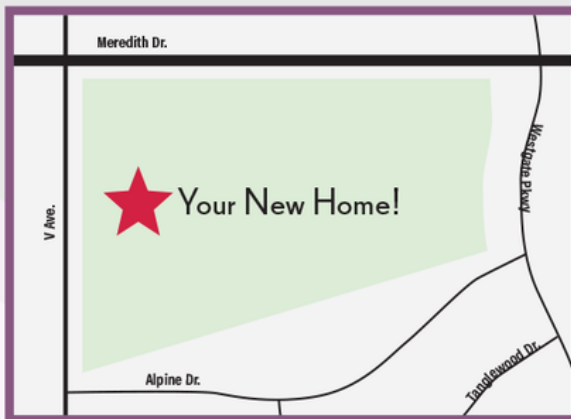
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A day of joy ends in sorrow. An Omaha woman who just married the love of her life will now have to bury him. He died an hour after they said their vows. [.READ MORE FROM KCCI](#)

FROM WHO-TV: Court Center announces renovation plan amid lawsuit from last remaining bar owner

DES MOINES, Iowa — Court Center is a shadow of what it once was after a midnight alcohol curfew led to a mass exodus of its bars. The complex's owner announced it will soon transform the building while it faces a lawsuit from the last remaining bar. [..READ MORE FROM WHO-TV](#)

FROM WOI-DT Local 5: Legislation prohibiting certain books from schools goes into effect July 1

DES MOINES, Iowa — Earlier this year, the Iowa legislature passed Senate File 496. Known as the parental rights bill or the "book ban" bill, the legislation requires that all books depicting sex acts be removed from school libraries. [..READ MORE FROM WOI-DT Local 5](#)



Global Greens Farmers Market is now hosted at Polk County Health, where Keo Way meets Carpenter Avenue. Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There were 27 vendors at last week's market. All were immigrant farmers.

Saturday evening brings a super food event to Moberg Gallery's (2411 Grand Ave., Des Moines) parking lot. From 5 p.m. the lot will host a block party in conjunction with Hollywood art star Robert Moore's first exhibition in his hometown. There will be food trucks, a DJ and spoken word performances.

Tune in Saturday at 10 a.m. to hear George Formaro and me talk all things summer in food world. <https://kfmg.org/>

— Jim Duncan

On June 23 in history ...

1972. Title IX enacted. On June 23, 1972, Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 is enacted into law. Title IX prohibits federally funded educational

institutions from discriminating against students or employees based on sex. It begins: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” As a result of Title IX, any school that receives any federal money from the elementary to university level—in short, nearly all schools—must provide fair and equal treatment of the sexes in all areas, including athletics.

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

Spotlight

Valley Disaster Relief

Tree removal for those in need

By Jackie Wilson

When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, volunteers from Valley Church and other churches helped with the cleanup.

Upon their return, they realized there were many opportunities to help people locally. Valley Disaster Relief (VDR) was established and now focuses on helping central Iowans in need.

The faith-based organization responds to assistance with local disasters, storm cleanup and emerald ash borer tree removal. The service is for those who can't afford the cost of removing trees, limbs or storm debris. They also partner with Habitat for Humanity and various church camp tree removals.

In 2022, VDR completed 226 projects, which took 2,962 hours of volunteer work, and removed 240 tons of wood.

... [Read more in the June issue of West Des Moines/Jordan Creek Living magazine.](#)



Birthdays and Notables!

These celebrities were born on this date: Selma Blair, Frances McDormand, Randy Jackson, Joss Whedon, Jason Mraz, Melissa Rauch



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Morning Chuckle



The answer to yesterday's riddle:

What do you call a flying monkey? - A HOT AIR BABOON! - Gail Tomlinson

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Today's Riddle

What's it called when you have too many aliens?

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