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SUMMERFEST RETURNS WITH FAMILY FUN

Bondurant Summerfest, a two-day annual event, will be held Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Summerfest includes a parade, carnival, food, games, silent auction, vendors, fireworks and more. Each year, the event, which is put on by the Bondurant Men's Club, draws more than 1,000 people to the heart of Bondurant, creating excitement and a sense of community.

The event kicks off on Monday evening with a parade coordinated by First Family Church. Directly after, activities and vendors open up at the Trailhead Depot. Food options this year will include Founders Irish Pub, Box Car BBQ and a variety of food trucks.

In addition to carnival rides and games put on by Sam's Amuse-

ments, Summerfest activities include a Little Princess Party, Oscar the Balloon Artist, a rock-climbing wall, performances by Kasey Leigh Dance Studio and the Heart of Iowa Cloggers, and a demonstration by East Coast Tae Kwon Do.

Again this year, the Bondurant Farmers Market will be held in City Park both nights of Summerfest. Tuesday evening will also bring the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull competition.

A raffle and silent auction will be held, too. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and top prizes include a gas grill, complete auto detail, Play Station 5 and flat screen TV. The silent auction will also be open for bids both nights of the event.

Summerfest will culminate with a

SUMMERFEST, CONTINUED ON BACK



Kids "pick a duck" for prizes at Summerfest. Photo submitted

BONDURANT WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 56

Sun and some clouds



THURSDAY HIGH 80 | LOW 62

Increasing clouds



FRIDAY HIGH 76 | LOW 55

A stray morning thunderstorm



SATURDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 60

Times of clouds and sun



SUNDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 66

Mostly cloudy and comfortable



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WIND & FIRE

Jolene and I have a daughter, Sara, who lives in California, a state known for beaches, surfing, sunshine, celebrities and, unfortunately, forest fires.

In her early months there, we were trading phone calls of concern about nearby fires that were seemingly a stone’s throw from her apartment. As an Iowa transplant, Sara was terrified. Her California-native neighbors were not concerned. That sounded crazy to me until a friend pointed out that Californians’ views on fires are no different than ours on tornadoes. Point taken.

As a child, I recall going in our front yard when a storm was brewing, looking to the sky and stretching my arms out to see if the wind would move me — until Mom would yell at me to get my you-know-what in the house. Then I would stare out the windows and watch the lightning flash and listen to the thunder pound. Eddie Rabbit wasn’t the only one who loved a

rainy night.

A tornado, though, is a different breed of storm.

On June 28, 1979, an F3 tore through our neighborhood in my hometown of Algona. This 10-year-old was home alone and shivering under the pool table in our basement while listening to our trees uproot and every window in our home shatter. We were fortunate. Just a couple blocks away, homes were leveled.

These were the days before cell phones, and my mother was north of town at an auction. My brother was at a friend’s home. My stepfather was a fireman and was at their monthly meeting. Mom frantically called me three times from a phone at the auction house, demanding that I go to the neighbor’s home. I didn’t. As a parent now, I can’t imagine the



anxiety she felt while driving through and dodging the debris to get back to our home to see if her family was OK. I was reminded of this while watching those California fires on the national news and trading calls and messages with Sara.

Wind and fire are not just two-thirds of an American band known for its kalimba sound and dynamic horn section. They are a reality in much of America. Most of us don’t take them as seriously as we should, until Mother Nature slaps us in the face. With the season upon us, we are reminded of how swift and significant these storms can be.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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HOLY SMOKES: A MEAT-SMOKING COMPETITION

Bondurant churches are holding Holy Smokes, a friendly meat-smoking competition and fun community event on Sunday, June 12, 3-6 p.m. at BrickHouse Fitness, 86 Paine St. S.E., Bondurant. There will be two categories — pork ribs and beef brisket — with trophies awarded to the winners, as well as a People's Choice Award. All proceeds benefit the Community Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$20 to register a team, \$5 for a pulled pork mean, and a freewill donation to sample entries. Celebrity judges will be Jason Brown, Grant Pinkley, Ryan Larue and Kristin Swift. Sponsoring churches are Federated Church of Bondurant, Hope, Cross Point and Bondurant Christian Church. ■

WATER BILL REMINDERS

The City of Bondurant bills for water, sewer, stormwater, garbage and recycling on your monthly utility bill; these utility services are broken down by services codes. Find out how to read your water bill by referring to a guide found on the City's website. Water bills are mailed on the last day of the month then are due on the 15th of each month. If you are late, a 10% penalty is applied on the 16th. Services are disconnected if the bill is not paid in full by 8:30 a.m. on the disconnect date. A non-payment fee of \$50 will be required and the total bill paid in full prior to turning the services back on (only during business hours) regardless of the disconnection of service. Be sure your bill is paid by signing up for automatic payment. Call City Hall at 515-967-2418 for information. ■

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

The City of Bondurant requires a permit for door-to-door sales and urges residents to be cautious when opening their door to a stranger. First, ask if they have a city-issued badge. When the person traveling door to door applies for a permit, they will report details about their services or products, along with criminal and driving records. If they do not have a badge, report unlicensed solicitors after they exit the premises by contacting the non-emergency number of the Polk County Sheriff's Department at 515-286-3333.

Solicitors can be drawn to areas where people are in need of repairs or populated areas, so be aware that a permit is required. For more information and to see who is permitted in Bondurant, visit the City's website, <https://www.cityofbondurant.com>. ■

B-F SPORTS SCHEDULES

Wednesday, June 8

4:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV/Varsity vs. Carlisle

5:30 p.m. **Baseball:** JV/Varsity vs. Carlisle

Thursday, June 9

4:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV/Varsity @ Boone

5 p.m. **Baseball:** 10th Double Header @ Ankeny

5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV/Varsity @ Boone

Friday, June 10

9 a.m. **Softball:** JV/Varsity Tournament @ Creston

5 p.m. **Baseball:** 10th Double Header vs. Ames

Saturday, June 11

9 a.m. **Softball:** JV/Varsity Tournament @ Creston



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June 9-11, 17-18, 24-26: "Legally Blonde"

CLASS ACT PRODUCTIONS

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June 3-5, 10-12: "Into the Woods Jr."

DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS

Des Moines Civic

Center, Cowles

Commons, Stoner

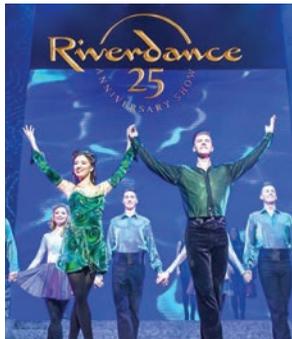
Theater, 221 Walnut

St., Des Moines

June 9-12: "Pieces of My Heart" choreopoem in partnership with choreographer Sonia Dawkins at the Stoner Theater

June 10-12:

"Riverdance" at the Des Moines Civic Center



DES MOINES PLAYHOUSE

831 42nd St., Des Moines

dmplayhouse.com

June 19 - July 2: "Buffalo Women: A Black Cowgirl Musical Dramey" co-produced by Pyramid Theatre Company and The Playhouse

TALLGRASS THEATRE COMPANY

2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines

tallgrasstheatre.org

June 16-18: Summer Concert Series "Into the Woods" at Jamie Hurd Amphitheater, 4100 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines

CONCERTS

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- June 9: Pianopalooza Band
- June 16: The Maytags
- June 23: Damon Dotson Band
- June 30: The Nadas
- July 7: Dueling Guitars featuring Brian and Brad
- July 14: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
- July 21: Brazilian 2wins
- July 28: Dazy Head Mazy
- Aug. 4: Final Mix

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

West Capitol Mall (rain location is Drake Fine Arts Center)

Every summer since 1947, Music Under the Stars has entertained central Iowans of all ages with free band concerts on Sunday evenings in the shadow of the Capitol. This season marks the 75th anniversary of the concerts. Admission is free. Featured guests are: June 12, vocalist Jackie Schmillen; June 19, vocalist Scott Smith; June 26, vocalist Max Wellman; July 3, vocalist Gina Gedler; July 10, vocalist Tina Haase-Findlay. For more information, visit www.musicunderthestars.org. ■

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The Bondurant American Legion hosts a Community Breakfast on the third Saturday of every month at the Legion Hall, 315 Second St. N.W., with serving from 7-9:30 a.m. The next breakfast is Saturday, June 18, 8-10:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, your choice of eggs, toast, hash browns, biscuits and gravy and sausage with coffee, milk and orange juice. ■

MAGIC SHOW!

Rick Eugene brings his amazing magic show to the library on Monday, June 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. ■

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

On July 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., come check out the different trucks and participate in the different activities at the Bondurant Regional Trailhead. ■

SIDEWALK CHALK OBSTACLE COURSE

Try out your skills on the Sidewalk Chalk Obstacle Course and then have some fun creating your own works of art using chalk at the City Park. This Summer Reading program, offered by the Bondurant Community Library, is being held Thursday, June 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. ■

BONDURANT IN MOTION

The City of Bondurant has a volunteer and donation program called Bondurant In Motion. The City of Bondurant organizes annual programming for the community through the support of community members, local businesses and sponsors. The City of Bondurant is rapidly growing, but it is still a small town. Bondurant Parks & Recreation provides a wide variety of activities, community programs, and special events including youth and adult athletics, instructional programs, community events and festivals. These special events draw many from the community, which truly provides a hometown feel. A few examples of those events are Bondu Blues & Brews, Cornhole League and Movies in the Park.

The City welcomes support through sponsorships, monetary donations and volunteer efforts. For more information, visit <https://www.cityofbondurant.com>, contact City Hall at 515- 967-2418 or info@cityofbondurant.com. ■

CITY REGULATIONS ON FIRE PITS

Warm weather has arrived and it's time for BBQs, pool parties and possibly bonfires. City Hall has had some inquiries about recreational fires and whether they are allowed or not. They're only allowed in fire pits that allow open air below. Also, no leaves or rubbish material is allowed to burn. Always keep the fire contained. Dried wood logs can be burned. Please read through more specific guidelines on the City's website. ■

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RECIPE

SAVOR THE FLAVORS OF SUMMER

(Family Features) Bringing your family together for a meal that tastes like summer is what the season is all about. If you're spending an evening firing up the grill, flipping on the oven, forming a homemade salad or anything in-between, the time spent together enjoying warm weather flavors is what everyone truly craves.

Your next backyard meal can start with a flavor infusion from Newman's Own Garlic Vinaigrette & Marinade, a versatile option that can be tossed with salads or added to proteins before cooking. Made with premium ingredients and a special blend of herbs and spices, it sets itself apart by mixing garlic into the dressing in four different forms – minced, powder, granulated and chopped – to deliver a delightfully bold and zesty flavor with every bite.

If hot weather means lighter fare is on the menu, this Mediterranean Orzo Salad can be ready in mere minutes. Just toss together a handful of tantalizing ingredients for a simple bite of summer that's perfect as a meatless meal or al fresco side dish. Or you can turn it into a quick weeknight dinner by adding cooked chicken, shrimp or a protein of your choice. ■



MEDITERRANEAN ORZO SALAD

Servings: 4

- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 2 mini cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup arugula
- 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata and green olives, cut in half
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup Newman's Own Garlic Vinaigrette & Marinade, plus additional for serving (optional)

In large bowl, combine orzo, cucumbers, tomatoes, chickpeas, arugula, olives and feta cheese. Toss with vinaigrette.

Serve with additional vinaigrette, if desired.

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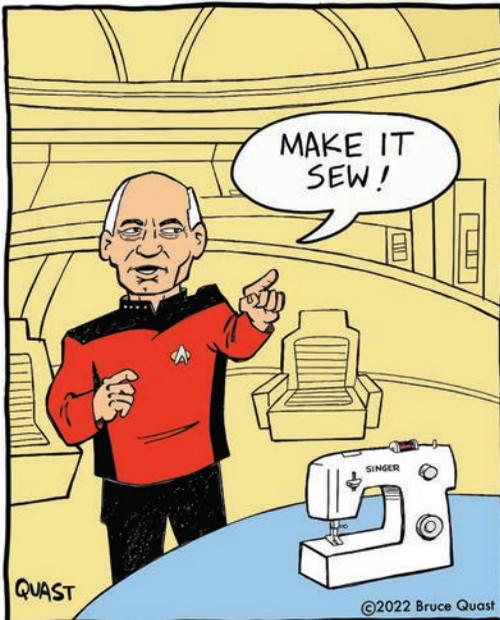
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JERALDINE BROWN

Jeraldine “Jeri” M. (Atherton) Brown, 88, died May 30, 2022. Jeri was born in rural Bondurant, where she continued to live until her death. Jeri graduated from Bondurant High School and married her high school sweetheart, Jerry, at Bondurant Christian Church. Jeri was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and attended the Christian Women’s Club. Jeri looked forward to her monthly luncheons with a neighboring group of women called the “Birthday Club.”



Jeri is survived by her daughters, Kyle (Mike Booth) Carney and Kristyn Brown; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; daughters, Jill and Leslie; grandson, Shaun; and six sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 4 at Hamilton’s Altoona Funeral Home. ■

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SUMMERFEST, FROM FRONT

fireworks display at Bondurant-Farrar Middle School (the old football field) on Tuesday evening around 10 p.m.

New this year to Summerfest are carnival ride wristbands that can be purchased in advance, replacing the

former carnival tickets. Wristbands can be purchased at Brick Street Market and Café for \$20 and used for unlimited rides for one night.

Summerfest proceeds are used by the Bondurant Men’s Club to serve the community. The funds make many community projects possible. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

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