

MADRID SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 24:
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Thurs. Sept. 25:
4 p.m. - JH FB vs. WCV
4 p.m. - JV/V VB at Coon-Rapids
4:30 p.m. - XC at Roland-Story

Fri. Sept. 26:
7 p.m. - V FB vs. AC/GC

Mon. Sept. 29:
4 p.m. - JH VB vs. ogden
4:30 p.m. - XC at Don Williams
6 p.m. - JV FB vs. Pleasantville

Tues. Sept. 30:
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MEALS ON WHEELS
Menu is subject to change
Cancellations please call 515-433-8329
before 9 a.m. if cancelling day of meal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24:
ROAST BEEF/GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
BRUSSEL SPROUTS
FRUIT COCKTAIL
1 C WHITE MILK
WW BREAD/MARG

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25:
LEMON PEPPER FISH
STEAMED RICE
CARROTS
BANANA
1 C WHITE MILK
WW BREAD/MARG

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26:
BBQ CHICKEN
1/2 BAKED POTATO
LIMA BEANS
YOGURT
1 C WHITE MILK
WW BUN

MONDAY, SEPT. 29:
FISH PATTY
TARTAR SAUCE
COLESLAW
FRUIT PIE
CHIPS
1 C WHITE MILK
WW BUN

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30:
TATOR TOT CASSEROLE
VEGGIE BLEND
BANANA
1 C WHITE MILK
WW BREAD/MARG

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1:
WE DO NOT HAVE THE OCTOBER
MENU YET

Ya Gotta Laugh

By Becky Blair

I’ve told my husband before that I’ll always love him. I followed it up with this: *“Honey, you can lose your hair and even your waistline, but if you ever lose your sense of humor, that might be a deal breaker.”* I think it’s one of a person’s greatest gifts, the ability to laugh at oneself. It follows that a person should also be able to take a bit of teasing without getting all bent out of shape. Here’s the conversation I recently shared with sisters and a few friends on a text thread: *“So here’s the story for my day girls: Shania Twain was on TV singing. I said to Marc,” ‘Whoa, oh, oh, oh’ (In a sing song voice). Do I sound like her?’ (Giving him a very obvious smirk). Marc quickly said, ‘No! And you don’t look like her either!’ (Also*

with that all-important smirk). *Several minutes later, he heads out to the garage to work on the car and says, ‘You know where I’ll be.’ I replied, ‘I’ll be putting my makeup on to look more like Shania!’ And Marc says with another smirk, ‘Better work on your voice, there’s more potential.’* (The fact that I am a TERRIBLE SINGER makes it even more meaningful.) My sister in Atlanta texts back: *“He’s lucky we’re at this distance!” (Winking emoji).* Daughter Katie: *“What a stinker. (Winking with tongue stuck out emoji).* Sister-in-law Cheryl: *He wouldn’t know talent if it slapped him in the face! (Laughing, tearful emoji).* My niece in Minneapolis texts: *“I can scissor kick him for you! (Smiley, smooches faced emoji).* My sister in Santa Rosa, California texts: *“Ouch! Although it sounds like something Gary would say, and we*

chose them in part for their sense of humor!” Then she followed with this: *“Well once Gary told me I’d lost my sense of humor. I told him – ‘No, my sense is that whatever he had just said wasn’t humorous.’”* Marc must have recalled this conversation on one March 31st day, because the next morning at breakfast he said to me, “I guess I would really rather be married to Shania Twain.” After a pause long enough for me to register an obvious frown... He continued, “April Fools!” What a fun way to communicate across the miles with these text threads, weaving together some memories. And what a sad world this would be if a person couldn’t find the humor within themselves and from time to time point out the humor in others. Sometimes, ya just gotta laugh! It’s good medicine!

Court Summaries: 9-15-25 – 9-19-25

- Lille Victoria Barnett, 19, Cedar Rapids, was sentenced by the District Court following a guilty plea to Robbery 1st, a Class B Felony. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years in prison with a requirement to serve at least 17.5 years before being eligible for parole. The conduct relates to the defendant’s role in the robbery/kidnapping event starting in the city of Boone from January of this year where the victim was abandoned in the cold out in the county. The case was investigated by the Boone Police Department.
- Jacob Carl Peters, 34, Bondurant, was sentenced by the District Court following guilty pleas to Eluding, a Class D Felony; and, OWI 1st, a Serious Misdemeanor. The defendant was ordered to 5 years in prison, with all but 20 days suspended. On the suspended portion, the defendant was placed on probation with terms to include completion of a substance abuse and mental health evaluations with follow through of treatment, a course for drinking drivers, plus payment of a fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Boone County Sheriff’s Office.
- Noah John Barbieri, 22, Stratford, was sentenced by the District Court following a guilty plea Forgery, a Class D Felony. The defendant was ordered to 5 years in prison, all suspended. On the suspended portion, the defendant was placed on probation with terms, plus payment of a fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Boone County Sheriff’s Office.
- Cypress Aiden Kalman Valdez, 24, Ames, was sentenced by the District Associate Court following a guilty plea to Domestic Abuse Assault 1st, a Simple Misdemeanor. The defendant was sentenced to 2 days in jail, completion of a batterer’s education course, plus payment of a fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Boone County Sheriff’s Office.
- Ana Garcia Barcenas, 39, Luther,



was granted a deferred judgment by the District Associate Court following a guilty plea to Fraudulent Practices 3rd, an Aggravated Misdemeanor. On the deferred, the defendant was placed on probation with terms plus payment of fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Iowa DOT.
- Amanda Toni Bermuded Billups, 26, Boone, was granted a deferred judgment by the District Associate Court following a guilty plea to Criminal Mischief 4th, a Serious Misdemeanor. On the deferred, the defendant was placed on probation with terms plus payment of fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Boone Police Department.
- Jennifer Lynn Hawkins, 47, Ogden, was sentenced by the Magistrate Court following a guilty plea to Assault, a Simple Misdemeanor. The defendant was sentenced to payment of a fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Ogden Police Department.
- Wyatt James Anderson, 19, Boone,

was sentenced by the Magistrate Court following a guilty plea to Public Intoxication, a Simple Misdemeanor. The defendant was sentenced to payment of a fine and fees. The case was investigated by the Boone County Sheriff’s Office.
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449 Century and Heritage Farm Families Honored at the 2025 Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson honored 449 Iowa farm families with Century or Heritage Farm designations at the 2025 Iowa State Fair. The program celebrates farms that have been owned by the same families for 100 and 150 years, respectively. This year, 246 Century Farms and 203 Heritage Farms were recognized during ceremonies in the historic livestock pavilion on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. To date, more than 21,000 Century Farms and 2,000 Heritage Farms have been recognized throughout Iowa. The Century Farm program

began in 1976 as part of the Nation’s Bicentennial Celebration. The Heritage Farm program began in 2006. “Century and Heritage Farm families represent the very best of Iowa and our values. Their deep roots, unwavering dedication, and tireless work ethic are a testament to the strength of our rural communities and multi-generation farm families,” said Secretary Naig. “By honoring these families, we celebrate not only their farming legacies and decades of agricultural success, but also the critical role they play in building our state’s economy and strengthening our nation.” The Century and Heritage Farm recognition program is made possible

through a partnership between the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. “It’s an honor to recognize Iowa’s Century and Heritage Farm families and their legacies and impact to this great state,” said Brent Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau President. “The work ethic and dedication demonstrated by these families over generations is very special, and we’re proud to celebrate their milestones.” To search the database of Century and Heritage Farm recipients, visit the Department’s website.

Iowa PBS's music series Studio 3 LIVE returns for a third season

JOHNSTON - A new lineup of local, regional and national artists will take the Studio 3 LIVE stage to perform original sets and share their musical journeys when season 3 of the series premieres Friday, September 26 at 8:30 p.m. Episodes will premiere weekly on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. on Iowa PBS and the PBS app. The program is also available on YouTube and wherever you get your podcasts. Performances and interviews for each episode are

recorded at the Iowa PBS studios in Johnston with a live audience. This season brings together an inspiring mix of well-known talent and fresh new voices: September 26 - Chicago Farmer October 3 - Kevin Burt & Big Medicine Featuring Bob Dorr October 10 - Jackie Venson October 17 - Dickie October 24 - Katie and the Honky Tonks October 31 - Andrew Hoyt November 7 - XOLEX

November 14 - TAE & The Neighborly December 19 and 28 - An Irish Christmas With Michael Londra February 20 - Your Smith February 27 - The Rubens March 20 - Socks in the Frying Pan March 27 - Best of Season 3 “The music this season spans genres and generations,” said Iowa PBS Senior Producer and Director Andrea Coyle. “From powerhouse blues and honky-tonk swing to indie

pop, Irish traditions and a holiday celebration, we’re bringing audiences an exciting mix of familiar names and fresh discoveries.” Hosted by Mickey Davis, each episode features interview segments woven throughout the program to learn about each performer, their creative process and what drives them to make their music. Funding for Studio 3 LIVE is provided by Prairie Meadows.

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