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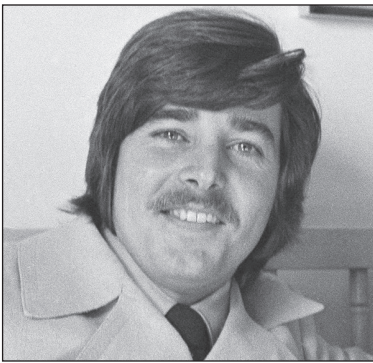
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Today's birthdays:

Actor June Lockhart is 100. Civil rights activist James Meredith is 92. Singer Carly Simon is 82. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 78. Actor-writer-comedian Ricky Gervais is 64. Hockey Hall of Famer Doug Gilmour is 62. Actor Angela Kinsey ("The Office") is 54. Actor Linda Cardellini is 50. Actor Busy Philipps is 46.

Bobby Sherman, teen idol in the 1960s and '70s, dies at 81

Former teen idol Bobby Sherman has died at 81. His winsome smile and fashionable shaggy mop top helped make him into a star in the 1960s and '70s with bubblegum pop like "Little Woman" and "Julie, Do Ya Love Me." His wife, Brigitte Poulbon, announced the death Tuesday and family friend John Stamos posted her message on Instagram.



Shane Gillis to host ESPN's award ceremony, the ESPYS

LOS ANGELES — Shane Gills will host ESPN's annual awards show, the ESPYS. The ceremony, which honors the top athletes and sports moments of the past year, will be held in Los Angeles on July 16 and broadcast live on ESPN. The 37-year-old Gillis is one of the nation's most successful touring comics and the creator and star of the Netflix series "Tires."

OKC's Game 7 win draws top finals audience in 6 years

BRISTOL, Conn. — The NBA generated more than 5 billion views across social media platforms during this season's NBA Finals, up 215% from last season's title series. That figure, released Tuesday, follows a 10% leap in overall viewership for ESPN and ABC during the 34 games they carried in this year's playoffs as opposed to their numbers from a year ago.

Barbra Streisand finds 'The Secret of Life' on her new duets album

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barbra Streisand was worried.

She had just spent six days a week for six weeks recording the audiobook version of her 2023 memoir "My Name is Barbra" — which became more than 48 hours of discussing her storied, EGOT-winning career and the unexpected life that came with it. But now, it was time to record a new album with a stunning lineup of duet partners that ranged from current hitmakers Hozier and Sam Smith to legends Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney and James Taylor. And when producers played the songs for her, she couldn't sing along. Her mighty voice would just squeak.

"My voice was shot," Streisand, 83, told The Associated Press, calling from her home in Malibu, California. "I mean, I literally prayed to God in front of that microphone, 'Let my voice be there for me.' And I don't know how, but it was there."

Fans will be able to hear that for themselves on Friday, when her album "The Secret of Life: Partners, Volume 2" arrives in stores and on streaming services. And despite her misgivings, Streisand shows she can still deliver the performances she wants, while also coaxing them out of others.

Bob Dylan: 'Would you sing with me?'

Her duet with Dylan had been decades in the making. In 1970, Dylan sent Streisand a bouquet of flowers and a note — written in what she believes was crayon — asking, "Would you sing with me?"

But they did not connect until decades later, when their styles had converged a bit. When Streisand started work on her new album, she sent Dylan a copy of her memoir with an inscription referring to their time separately performing in Greenwich Village as teenagers and hoping it was time to finally sing together.

Choosing to rework the Ray Noble standard "The Very Thought of You" — popularized by everyone from Nat King Cole and Tony Bennett to Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald — turned out to be a surprise. It's not one of her personal favorites, though it is her longtime manager Marty Erlichman's favorite song.

Dylan, one of the most revered songwriters in music history, only wanted to sing a standard, not one of his own classics. "Isn't that great?" Streisand said. "I would've sung anything with him."

She also agreed to his request to keep everyone else



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Singer Barbra Streisand performs in New York in 2012.

out of the studio when they recorded — including Streisand's husband, James Brolin, who often goes to her sessions.

"I had heard he wrote 'Lay, Lady, Lay' for me," she said. "So I thought, 'Let's make this lush, romantic track.'"

Though Dylan has a reputation for not taking much direction from producers, Streisand said he was very receptive to her suggestions.

"He was totally open to 'Why don't you maybe try this?' or 'Phrase it this way' or 'Try something else' — just like I do as a director in movies and he was my actor that day," she said. "To capture his originality and his voice and his phrasing, it was just an exciting experience."

McCartney worries about his 'Valentine'

Her experience with McCartney was more daunting. There was a full film crew on hand, led by Oscar-winning director Frank Marshall, to capture the recording of two of the world's most successful artists for an upcoming documentary on Streisand's life. Streisand said that added to the challenges of the session.

"He was kind of shy about it and I understand him," she said about recording "My Valentine" with McCartney. "I walked into a room of 25 people (to sing) and I don't like that."

McCartney told his website he was "terrified" during the three-hour session.

"I thought, 'Well, this will be easy because it's my song, it's 'My Valentine.' What can go wrong?'" he said. "But what I'd forgotten was that they'd arranged it so that it had to go in Barbra's key and then in my key. So, to get from Barbra's key into mine was kind of difficult. ... It wasn't easy at all!"

They quickly worked it out. "It turned out great," said Streisand, who released the song in

May as one of the album's preview singles.

It's another single, though, that is resonating even more. "Letter to My 13-Year-Old Self," Streisand's duet with Icelandic singer-songwriter Laufey, hit No. 1 on the iTunes chart earlier this month, topping Sabrina Carpenter's "Manchild" and Mariah Carey's "Type Dangerous" on release day.

Streisand related to the song because it reminded her of a middle-school report she wrote called "My Thirteen Years," which meant so much to her that she still has it. In neat, cursive writing, she recalled what her life was like, her love of Shakespearean sonnets and the death of her father, Emanuel. "I was too young to realize what had happened," she writes in the report.

Streisand connects to her '13-Year-Old Self'

It was at age 13 that Streisand also made her first record, when her mother brought her to Nola Studios in Manhattan to record "You'll Never Know" and "Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart."

"When I was 13, that's a very distinguished year in my life," Streisand said. "So I hear this song ... and it really hit me."

She worked with Laufey to turn the original, which Laufey sang solo, into a duet. They settled on Laufey singing as the 13-year-old and Streisand as her mother. Streisand said she was "absolutely thrilled" with how it turned out and how fans have responded to it.

Sure, duet success is nothing new to Streisand, who has topped the charts with Neil Diamond on "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," and Donna Summer on "No More Tears (Enough Is Enough)," and a string of albums including "Duets," "Partners" and "Encore: Movie Partners Sing Broadway."

But "The Secret of Life:

Partners, Volume 2" is different. Streisand said her worries about the world and President Donald Trump's second administration may have subconsciously contributed to her selection of some of the album's more serious tracks — like Sting's "Fragile" and her reworking of "Love Will Survive" from last year's "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" series into a duet with Seal.

"I'd like to be happier," Streisand said. "But every time I turn on the television — and I'm a glutton for punishment, obviously — I'm fascinated and horrified at the same time, you know?"

At a recent dinner with U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., Streisand said he described the current state of Washington as "created chaos, corruption and cruelty."

Streisand added, "I thought, 'That kind of sums him (Trump) up.'"

However, Streisand, who has retired from touring, said she does plan to work on achieving the goal she set out in her memoir: To enjoy life more. "The Secret of Life" — named from the James Taylor classic, as well as a children's book she reads her grandchildren — has sparked thoughts about what enriches her life.

"The secret of life is spending time with people you love," she said, adding she plans to release a string of photos of her and her "secrets," including her husband, her son Jason Gould, and other friends, family and, of course, dogs.

Streisand is in her "stop and smell the roses" era.

"I'm getting older by the day, by the minute, and you have to take a look at your life from that point of view again, you know?" Streisand said. "I look in the mirror and go, 'How much time do I have left?' ... I've had several projects I've never fulfilled, but I have such fulfillment now with people that I love."

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Thomas "Tom" Ratliff, 72

Thomas "Tom" Ratliff, 72 and lifelong resident of Garwin, Iowa, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on the morning of June 20, 2025, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.

A celebration of life for Tom is planned for Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Memorials in Tom's name may be directed to his family for a later designation. For additional information or to send a condolence

to the family, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234.

Those left to remember and cherish his memory are his wife of 51 years, Sheila Ratliff; his sons: Anthony "Tony" (Jindi) Ratliff, Cory (Heather) Ratliff and Sean (Tiffany Fouts) Ratliff; his six grandchildren; one great grandson; five step grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol (George) Siemens and Connie (LaVern) Jackson; his father-in-law, Allan Luethje and sister-in-law, Sherri Goettsch alongside numerous nieces and nephews.

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Marshall County Courthouse Court

June 24
• Anser Antes made an initial appearance on a violation of probation charge. The probation revocation hearing is set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 13. Antes is being held without bond.

Property Transfers

June 23
• Pebbles Properties LLC to Ashlee Krukow and Ray Patro, 40 4 S. Second St.
• Anne L. and Steven B. Paullus to Karen A. and Michael R. Himes, 2227 Edgebrook Drive
• Richard E. Relph to Richard E. Relph Revocable Trust, 212 W. South St.
• Matthew Jennings to Devin Burgart and Morgan Hughes Hernandez, 1508 Elder Drive
• Donna A. Spillman to Marc Broer, 1505 Sanford Ave.
• Eppert Family Revocable Trust, Aaron C. Landmesser Trustee and Tysen D. Landmesser Trustee to Andrew J. and Kacie A. White, 2211 Dubois Circle
• Joseph Krough to Lucinda Marie Krough, Lucinda Marie Reed, 104 and 106 Fourth St. NE, State Center

CollegeNotes

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Pinnick named to spring 2025 Dean's List

DeKALB, Ill. — Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2025 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Hu-

Marshall County Courthouse

Marriages

• Carlos Medina Romero to Natalie Esqueda
• Maria Cervantes Covarrubias to Brian Hernandez-Ordaz
• Miguel Milian Guerra to Jose Aguirre Romero
• Devin Woosley to Hshe Poe
• Teresa Speas to Brett Stewart
• Madison Husak to Avery Heinrichs
• Christopher Tiernan to Kathy Corbin
• Julie Jimenez to Shane Rose

Marshalltown Police Department Arrests

• On Monday, June 23, Christian Martinez, 23, was arrested for domestic abuse assault-strangulation with bodily injury and domestic abuse assault-second offense.

Marshall County Sheriff Arrests

• On Monday, June 23, Anser Antes, 36, was arrested on a warrant charging him with violation of probation.

man Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Visual and Performing Arts. Receiving this honor is Luke Pinnick, of State Center.

Loras College announces 2025 graduates

DUBUQUE — Loras College has announced the names of students who earned a bachelor's degree or master's degree in 2025. Area students receiving degrees include: Emily Vaughn, of Garwin, and Ethan Wertzberger, of Marshalltown.

Lazard & state NFL Legends Youth Football Camp is Friday

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ALLEMAN — From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on June 27 some of the greatest Cyclone legends are coming back to Iowa for the State Legends Youth Football Camp & Fan Experience at North Polk High School.

Open to boys and girls ages 7-14 this high-energy,

non-contact camp offers young athletes the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to train alongside some of Iowa State's most iconic football stars:

- Allen Lazard
- Breece Hall
- Jake Hummel
- Seneca Wallace

...plus more surprise Cyclones to be announced.

Campers will enjoy position-specific drills, fun competitions and hands-on coaching from the players themselves — all while making memories on the field with their heroes.

New this year: A Meet & Greet experience is open to both kids and adults, giving fans of all ages the chance to connect with fa-

vorite State legends — take photos, get autographs and be part of the action. Plus, experience a thrilling ride along with Ames Ford Performance with a sports car test course.

Spots are limited and will fill quickly. Register now at: events.octane-sports1.com/event/state-nfl-legends-fan-fest

Republican Central Committee to meet at Legends

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The Marshall County Republican Central Committee will meet at 12 p.m. on June 27 at Legends American Cafe. This will be the July meeting due to

the first Friday in July falling on a holiday. Members and guests are welcome to come after 11 a.m. for informal conversation and lunch if they wish.

In addition to usual of-

ficers' reports, topics on the agenda include a review of the June 20 BBQ Fundraiser, an update of the bylaws review process, introduction to a county-wide membership survey

and awareness program, review of the public events calendar and discussion of fall municipal and school elections. Open political discussion will occur as time permits.

