



## SENSE & SENSITIVITY

By Harriette Cole

### New Employee Hesitant To Have Longtime Friend As Boss

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have the opportunity to take a job where my friend will be my boss. I’ve never worked in an environment with someone I was friends with prior to working with them, and I don’t often make a habit of becoming close friends with co-workers. I’m a bit wary.

This friend of mine is someone I have known since middle school. Our dynamic now is not consistent, but when we do see each other -- usually two or three times a year -- it’s like we haven’t missed a beat. I wonder if the fact that we don’t spend much time together will be a good thing if we end up working together. She has a trustworthy and easygoing way about her. I just wonder what I don’t know about my friend yet that could impact our relationship if she becomes my manager? Am I thinking too far ahead? -- Friend in Charge

DEAR FRIEND IN CHARGE: Talk to your friend about her expectations and her work style. Ask her to tell you how she manages the team and what she wants from you. Tell her you intend to do a great job, and you want to have a clear understanding of what that would look like for her. Don’t plant any seeds of negativity or doubt. Just listen and learn. If you do end up being her subordinate, do your best to remember your roles and resist asking for favors or different treatment than she offers others.

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DEAR HARRIETTE: I called my cousin “Joe” to wish him a happy birthday. Joe and I were born in the same year and grew up like siblings. Now that we live in different states, we don’t talk as often, but when we do, we like to catch up. So when I called on his birthday, I was excited to hear what’s new with him. I happened to ask how his wife was doing, and after telling me she’s doing well, he asked me why I have been talking to her about leaving him. I was so confused. I barely talk to his wife -- not for any particular reason, just because we don’t really know each other that well. I explained to Joe that I don’t call her, and he insisted that “he knows” I do and that she’s been telling him what I say. I told him she’s probably trying to upset him, but he doesn’t believe me. What kind of wedge is she trying to drive between Joe and me? -- Lying Wife

DEAR LYING WIFE: Reiterate that you have not spoken to your cousin’s wife at all. If you want to help him get to the bottom of this, ask him to invite you over to his house when his wife will be there. The three of you can talk about it openly.

The bigger issue, though, is their relationship. He needs to address that. What is going on and why is his wife introducing the idea of a separation through a third party -- you? Joe needs to address his life head-on, not be distracted by what his wife said you said. Tell him that.

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## Do Just One Thing

By Danny Seo

-- that will set the fibers and make it impossible to save. Instead, soak the sweater

for 30 minutes in the sink with a few tablespoons of gentle soap (like shampoo). Place it on a large bath towel. Then gently stretch the sweater back to the original shape. Let it sit for a few hours, then roll it up in the towel. Once it’s completely dry, your sweater should be as good as new.

## News Notes

### Produce in the Park celebrates Christmas in July

**ATLANTIC** – Jolly good times and midsummer cheer are coming to Produce in the Park this Thursday, July 17, for Christmas in July, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Atlantic City Park. Atlantic is known as a special place to celebrate Christmas, and this week’s farmers market features a visit from Santa, The Cass County Choral Society singing Christmas carols, a free Christmas art activity with Your Forte, and Christmas face painting.

Food trucks at the farmers market this week include Noble Provisions grilling burgers, Zemog’s Mexican Kitchen, and Louie’s Shaved Ice serving the closest thing to snow available in Iowa in July. Vendor participation remains strong at the farmers market. This week, fresh produce shoppers will enjoy tomatoes, cabbage, and cucumbers, as well as additional produce. Other food for sale at the farmers market this week will include farm-fresh eggs, local honey, local meats (beef, chicken, and lamb), and freeze-dried snacks (fruit, vegetables, and candy). Baked goods fans will find sourdough bread, focaccia, seeded rolls, Christmas cookies, and more. Craft products sold at Produce in the Park July 17 will include

charcuterie and cutting boards, soaps, lotions, leather goods, artwork, seasonal garden decorations, and locally-made compost.

This week’s Guest Chef, a volunteer with the Rotary Club of Atlantic, will be sharing free samples of Caprese Candy Canes, using fresh tomatoes and basil found at the farmers market.

Visiting organizations at the farmers market July 17 include Healthy Cass County and the Friends of Lake Anita, who will be sharing information on their own Christmas in July campground celebration being held this weekend.

Produce in the Park is held every Thursday evening in the Atlantic City Park from 4:30–6:30 p.m. from June through September. All are welcome, and admission is free. The market accepts SNAP/EBT and Double Up Food Bucks for all qualifying food items.

Christmas in July at Produce in the Park is made possible by support from July market sponsors the City of Atlantic, First Whitney Bank & Trust, Gregg Young Chevrolet of Atlantic, Cass Health, Cass County Tourism, Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce, and Nishna Valley Family YMCA.

### Pollpeter to present at July Healthy U

Atlantic – The July session of Healthy U will be presented by Family Medicine Physician Dr. Jill Pollpeter on Thursday, July 17 at noon in Conference Room 2.

Dr. Pollpeter will be presenting on Urinary Tract Infections in Older Women. She will talk about symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, as well

as additional information that’s important for older women to know.

Space is limited! A free boxed lunch is provided for all attendees, so reservations are required. Call 712-243-7479 to reserve your seat. For more information about Healthy U, visit [casshealth.org/healthyu](http://casshealth.org/healthyu).



(photo contributed)

#### A child shows off her Christmas face painting at Produce in the Park.

For the latest market updates, follow Produce in the Park on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

ProduceInThePark and Instagram at [www.instagram.com/produceintheparkatlantica/](http://www.instagram.com/produceintheparkatlantica/).

## Tiara Donation



(photo contributed)

**Hanson’s Fine Jewelry donated a tiara to the Cass County Pork Producers, and pictured presenting and accepting the donation are Co-Owner Krysta Hanson and 2025 Cass County Pork Queen Maddy Anderson.**

#### Legal Notice

Ordinance No. 1057

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by amending speed regulations, section 63.04(2) of the City Code.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Atlantic, Iowa:

Section 1. New subsection. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, is hereby amended by amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04(2) as follows: B. On Chestnut Street from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to the Southern City Limits.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2025 and approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2025.  
/s/ Laura McLean, City Clerk

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Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Atlantic, Iowa:

Section 1. New Subsection. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, is hereby amended by amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04(2) as follows: C. On 29<sup>th</sup> Street from Chestnut Street to the Palm Street.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Atlantic, Iowa:

Section 1. New Subsection. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, is hereby amended by amending speed regulations, section 63.03 as follows: L. On 29<sup>th</sup> Street from the Palm Street intersection to a point 800 feet west of said intersection.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

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