Skyrocketing Rent

Housing rates increase as university grows

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Week's Watch

Things to look for this week

Fall camp
Football season has finally arrived. Fall camp for the ISU football team begins Aug. 4. Iowa State is set to play its first game against North Dakota State on Aug. 30. Check in with iowastatedaily.com for coverage and analysis of the team throughout the 2014 season.

America’s Night Out Against Crime
The Ames Police Department is hosting America’s Night Out Against Crime for the city. The event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and occurs every year in an effort to prevent crime. Police departments and neighborhoods have been teaming up for the night out for 31 years. Ames families will celebrate this year with fun and games.

World agriculture conference
The International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences at Iowa State led its organization’s World Congress, which ended last week and brought 40 international students from 17 different countries to Ames. Look for this story online this week at iowastatedaily.com.

Defining Ames opening
The Ames Historical Society is set to open its exhibit celebrating the city of Ames’ sesquicentennial Aug. 4. The exhibit is called Defining Ames: 150 Historic People, Places and Events 1864-2014. The exhibit will be open in the Octagon Center for the Arts through Oct. 25.

Second-highest external revenue
External revenue paid to the university for fiscal year 2014 was 12.9 percent higher than last year and the second highest the university has ever received. To see how Iowa State earned the funds and what it means for the university, check iowastatedaily.com this week to see the story.

Public hearing
The Iowa Board of Regents will be hosting a public hearing where individuals can provide input on the agenda for the regents next meeting. The meeting will be in the Memorial Union at 4 p.m. Aug. 1.

Resilient Agriculture Conference
The Resilient Agriculture Conference will be in happening from Aug. 5 to Aug. 7 in Ames in the Garden Room of the Gateway Conference Center and Hotel. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack will speak via remote to attendees at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 5.

Week’s Worth

Last week’s newsworthy stories

Solar car race
The Team PrISUm solar car placed third in the American Solar Challenge cross-country race. The race went from Austin, Texas, to Minneapolis from July 21 to 28. The race included a checkpoint stop in Ames. Check out the photo gallery from the checkpoint July 26 on iowastatedaily.com.

Fruit recall
One food science expert and ISU assistant professor Angela Shaw warned last week that fruit affected by a recall made its way into Iowa. The fruit from California is possibly contaminated with listeria and was sold in Ames stores. To learn all of the details about the recall, go to iowastatedaily.com.

Football commitments
Two more prospects in the class of 2015 committed to Iowa State this past week. Julian Good-Jones, an offensive tackle out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, committed July 25. Joining Good-Jones two days later was Macel Spears, a 6-foot-2-inch, 205-pound linebacker from Olathe, Kan.

Homeless Veterans Stand Down
The ISU Police Department along with other local and university organizations hosted Homeless Veterans Stand Down on July 29. The event provided clothing, food and other vital services to anyone who is or at risk of being homeless. Check out coverage of the event on iowastatedaily.com.

Efficiency review
Deloitte, a company hired by the Board of Regents to complete an efficiency review, is beginning the second phase of its project. The company had meetings at Iowa State last week. Check out coverage of the efficiency review and Deloitte’s visit to the ISU campus on iowastatedaily.com.

Politicians’ visit
Monica Vernon, Jack Hatch’s running mate and democratic lieutenant gubernatorial candidate, visited Ames on July 26. She was in town to attend a fundraiser for State Senator Herman Quirmbach. Both discussed tuition freezes and student debt. Read coverage of the event on iowastatedaily.com.

MyState app
The MyState app has been streamlined to make use easier for ISU students. The app includes features like maps, bus schedules, photos and more. Multiple departments at Iowa State joined together to rebuild the app. Check out the coverage published on iowastatedaily.com for more information.

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Faces of Iowa State

Fangqi Li
Sophomore in physics

What are you most afraid of?

“The start of next semester because I’m taking 20 credits next semester. Now I also have two jobs like 15 hours for a week and a boyfriend.”

Jeritt Tucker
Graduate student in psychology

What is your proudest moment at ISU?

“I feel a lot of pride when my students learn something new. It’s a pretty amazing moment. I’m teaching high school students on campus through Cy-Tag.”
One-on-One with William Gallus

By Greg Zwiers
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William Gallus is a meteorology professor at Iowa State University who focuses mainly on severe storms, their formation, and their rainfall. Gallus has been at Iowa State for 19 years.

Can you walk us through your daily routine?

Especially in the summer when there aren't any classes, everything I do is pretty much related to the research and now I have a pretty big group of graduate students that I oversee and they're the main ones that do the research, so I'll have meetings with them from time to time and get updates, try to give them guidance on how to do the research. In meteorology, a lot of the research uses computer models. Basically we have all these equations coded up into the computer program. In Iowa, usually in June, we have that kick in in the last half of May and some years it lasts pretty well through June and even July. Thunderstorms need for the atmosphere to be unstable, which means it needs to get pretty warm and humid down near the ground and still be kind of cool up high. So usually the time of year where things get the most unstable is the first half of summer. We know the hottest weather, sometimes is the beginning of July. Sometimes you still have a lot of wind shear plus you have the instability so you can get strong thunderstorms.

Is there a specific reason why there tend to be a lot of heavy storms during the midsummer months?

In Iowa, usually in June I think is our peak month for getting lots of thunderstorms. We can tend to have that kick in in the last half of May and some years it lasts pretty well through June and even July. Thunderstorms need for the atmosphere to be unstable, which means it needs to get pretty warm and humid down near the ground and still be kind of cool up high. So usually the time of year where things get the most unstable is the first half of summer. We know the hottest weather, sometimes is the beginning of July. Sometimes you still have a lot of wind shear plus you have the instability so you can get strong thunderstorms.

For intense thunderstorms... we had a lot of those during June, you also need to have pretty strong winds blowing throughout the atmosphere and something called wind shear, which means that the winds are changing their speed and their direction as you go up. Again, you normally have wind shear through the cold part of the year, so if you're into June and the beginning of July sometimes you still have a lot of wind shear plus you have the instability so you can get strong thunderstorms. By the time you get to late July and August, the wind shear often is pretty weak, so even if you do form thunderstorms, then they're not quite as powerful as they are in the first part of summer.

I understand that some of your research is going into wind patterns that might increase wind energy production.

In recent years, especially in Iowa as there have been more and more turbines put into place and more of our power coming from wind, the companies have gotten a little bit more interested in trying to improve the accuracy of the forecasts. In meteorology, we didn't pay much attention to what the winds were doing you know a couple dozen feet above the ground until, that's of course when the wind turbines are put up is exactly where they need to know what the winds are doing. I think when the wind industry really started to take off, we were discovering "Wow, there's problems in forecasting the wind. We don't necessarily do a good job all the time."

So I've gotten involved in some projects where we're looking at ways to see "How can we make changes in the models or "How can we adjust what the computer models are telling us" to get better forecasts of wind up at the level where the turbines are.

There's also things we don't understand, we know the wind can change very rapidly as you go up and down right about that level of the atmosphere, so again that would also be wind shear, the same kind of wind shear you need for thunderstorms, but now we're talking about the wind shear in a very different way. So the winds can be 10 to 20 miles per hour less strong at the very bottom of the blades as it is up high. So when you picture these blades, as they're sweeping out the circle, the top is getting spun around much faster than the bottom and so that causes stress on the blades. So it's believed too that that might be playing some role in causing the wind farms not to generate as much power as we thought they would for a given amount of wind. So we're learning a lot about what the winds are doing in that part of the atmosphere.
150 Years of Ames

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Child immigrants deserve protection

In the last few years, the number of arrests being made at the U.S.-Mexico border has been at a record low. Border Patrol agents have only made about 414,000 arrests in the area in the past fiscal year, compared to the record high 1.6 million in 2000, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

One reason for the lack of arrests on the United States borders? There are more children crossing than there has ever been before.

Compared to the first ten months of 2013, the number of unaccompanied children crossing the border into the United States has more than doubled, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The problem is that with this many children coming across the border there is not enough room for them in the detention shelters.

There has been a 106 percent increase in the number of children 17 and younger crossing the border from the 2013 fiscal year to the 2014 fiscal year to date, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Many of these children have traveled a long way to come to America with very little money — if they have any money at all — to either meet parents that are already in the United States waiting for them or to come to our country to start a new life for themselves. It is a shame that after such a hard journey, especially for a young child, that many people in the United States think that these children should be turned away.

The chance of them making it back to their home country is slim, and the chance that they will be able to find their family once they get there is even more slim.

The government has taken control of 57,000 children who have crossed the border into the United States from countries such as Honduras and El Salvador, according to a report by the Des Moines Register.

According to government officials, many are trying to escape extreme poverty and gang violence. At least 139 of these children have been sent to Iowa to receive care, according to the Des Moines Register report.

Once the children are in the country, they are usually cared for by the Department of Health and Human Services, which is in charge of coordinating their care and making sure they have a safe place to stay.

Iowa should embrace the children who are coming here. America is a melting pot of people from all different countries, so these children deserve to have the chance to grow up in the land of opportunity.

The border should have tighter security, and something needs to be done about the increase of illegal immigration, but as for the children who are here now, it is our job to take care of them. It is not as simple as sending a child under the age of 12 back to their home country and praying that they make it there alive and eventually find their families in their poverty-stricken counties.

We must all remember that although illegal, these are still children without their parents and they need to be cared for as long as they are in the United States.

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Look past Ernst’s wording to radical motivations, ideas

By Michael.Glawe

“H e has become a dictator,” said Joni Ernst, the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, last January at a Montgomery County Republican forum. Of course, calling our president a dictator is nothing new. Every time that word is used, the quote from Carl Sagan comes to mind: “Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.” Indeed, all such statements — made in malice or folly — deserve heightened criticism from the electorate.

In a weekly Republican address, Ernst reminisced about her college days when she traveled on an agricultural exchange to the Soviet Union, where she “saw with her own eyes what a nation without freedom looks like” and “what happens to people when they lose their liberty.” While this experience is used to explain why Ernst decided to join the military, it also raises suggestive undertones that play to the credulity of her base. Perhaps she’s equating liberals with communists.

As the Senate hopeful said of our current legislators, “They’re not speaking out against the president when he oversteps his bounds, when he makes those appointments, when he’s appointing czars, when he is producing executive orders in a threat to Congress that won’t do as he wishes. So he has become a dictator.”

Of course, one need not read Orwell or Solzhenitsyn to oppose government intrusiveness in our lives — that sentiment is natural and universal and the right does not have a monopoly over it. Ernst perpetuates the same old mischaracterizations of the left.

Ernst has since backtracked her statements about Obama’s “regime” and the call for his impeachment. But her backtracking isn’t sincere enough, and it seems that she really does think Obama should...
be impeached under the facade of her campaign. Her relations with the infamous opportunist and political huckster Sarah Palin — who is at least honest about her desire for an impeachment — perhaps undermines the attempt of her campaign to brush over the statement.

The language Ernst uses, such as “we need to get the government out of our way,” is an attempt to gain favor with the little guy in a united front against a heavily bureaucratic establishment, one that for the most part, doesn’t really exist. The fearmongering suggests we’ve arrived at some sort of Kafkaesque point. It’s the same old tea party drumbeat.

It’d be too easy to reference Orwell’s essay on the use of political language and how it is employed against our better reasoning to design a pseudo-crisis in need of a hero; the overuse of the words “freedom” and “liberty” is surely dubious. What we should examine is the substance of Ernst’s policy suggestions. She thinks there should be a budget amendment, the Environmental Protection Agency should be abolished and the Department of Education should be dismantled.

Her support of a balanced budget amendment suggests that she knows nothing about deficit spending and how to counteract the effects of recessions. Many on the right agree that legislators need access to funds to address economic emergencies. Even Adam Smith, in some respects, recognized this.

Ernst thinks that we need to “force Washington to stop spending more than it takes in,” further saying “that is how we run our households, and we should expect nothing less from Washington.” Indeed nothing less, but only because the federal government’s budgetary process isn’t like how you run your household. Why do people continue attempts to square these two completely different spheres? It’s maddening to any serious macroeconomist.

Furthermore, abolishing both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Education, instead of improving both, is simply irresponsible. Both agencies greatly improve our communities and our competitiveness, despite the shortfalls they may have from time to time.

Joni Ernst has tried to walk back her statements in response to the backlash. Unlike Rep. Bruce Braley’s gaffes, her lengthy diatribes seem genuinely a part of her ideology. Braley’s gaffes are certainly silly, but we know of his tenure as an effective legislator. Iowans know those slight blemishes misrepresent his otherwise bright and wholesome political career.

Ernst’s are much more revelatory. They touch upon deep ideological roots which have only been confirmed by her affiliations with people of similar and more extreme principles. It would be good of Iowans to recognize the distinction between word vomit and the actual expression of radical and irresponsible convictions.

Joni Ernst is the Republican nominee running for the U.S. Senate. Columnist Glawe believes many of Ernst’s recent remarks are not sincere and show her lack of knowledge in some areas.
Rental prices in Ames have been increasing for years and the basic economic principle of supply and demand is the cause.

The question facing ISU students — many of whom now pay rental prices similar to those found in parts of the Des Moines metro area and have a difficult time finding a one-bedroom apartment for less than $700 a month — is why are rental prices continuing to rise?

The reason Peter Orszag, university professor of economics, said the answer lies in the number of students looking for housing in Ames.

"It is an issue of market supply versus market demand," Orszag said. "For roughly 25 years, Iowa State ranged between 25,000 and 27,000 students in the number of students looking for housing in Ames. My guess is this year it will be in the neighborhood of 35,000 students. We are adding on average 1,000 plus students a year, it took a while for the market to adjust to that growth."

The force behind the market adjustments are the firms, in this case housing entities, who raise their prices to maximize value.

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Increased demand for apartments could lead to lowered prices

“If you are a housing manager, any vacant apartment is a cost to you,” Orazem said. “On the other hand, you do not want to underprice your products, so you are going to try to price at whatever you think is the highest price you can charge and still rent all your units.”

While Iowa State scrambles to provide enough university-based housing for the rapid influx of students pouring into Ames, landlords in town find themselves in a favorable position to increase profits. But not all housing price increases are created equal.

“We do not raise prices across the board,” said Ben Wichtendahl, leasing coordinator with Campustown Property Management. “We base all of our rates on the market [for each specific type of unit].”

Laura Kilbride, community manager of University West Properties, explained why rental units may increase at different rates, or even decrease in a market that is currently seeing most rental prices being driven upwards.

“University West tracks how quickly each type of apartment is leasing every week,” Kilbride said in an email. “If a certain floor plan is moving very quickly … its price might increase, even during the leasing season. And if a floor plan is moving too slowly, the property will typically offer concessions to decrease the market rent and make that floor plan more attractive in the mix.”

As Kilbride describes it, rental pricing in Ames may not only increase each year, but actually each week based on trends, and with more students arriving at Iowa State each year, it may benefit those seeking to rent who also want options to sign a lease as quickly as possible.

However, it is a game of risk. Waiting could also provide a price decline to any units that remain un-

The numbers

As far as the yearly price ranges are concerned, the jump from 2012-13 to 2013-14 has been noticeable.

Wichtendahl said that at Campustown Properties, the ranges have bumped between $5 to $20 per month per unit across the different units offered. Campustown offers everything from one-bedroom units to five-bedroom units.

At Haverkamp Properties, situated mostly in west Ames, leasing agent Kade Olson said that one-bedroom prices rose about $25 per month on average. He added that prices for multi-bedroom apartments have risen higher than $25 per month overall, but tend to level out at about $20 extra per month per person when there are multiple renters.

“The combination of the very rapid increase in students who are at one particular part of the market, which is primarily rental housing, combined with the constraints on Ames being able to annex more land … probably has had the effect of at least short term bidding up the price of apartments,” Orazem said. “We are getting complaints regarding more rapid increases in housing prices than what people were used to.”

The future

Orazem said that the laments of students may soon become rejoicings as the trend of rental prices being pressed upward may be about to change.

When a market grows as quickly as the Ames housing market has grown during the last handful of years, the demand rises and the supply stays roughly the same in the short term.

Yet in the long term, other firms see an opportunity and enter the market and capitalize, which then ends up benefiting the consumers, in this case student renters. The other firms press prices downward.

“Whatever the demand is, if you increase supply the price will go down,” Orazem said. “You will also start to see some of the older rental units losing their ability to price so you may find that some houses that had been converted into rentals are going to convert back to owner-occupied down the road.”

Wichtendahl said there are numerous new complexes being built around Ames, which will add more competition to the market and will help to level out prices — something Orazem echoed.

“I would not be surprised with as much housing as is going to come online next year, if you [saw] some give back on prices,” Orazem said. “As the newer complexes come online you are going to see more competition and some of the increases this year may be reversed as early as a year from now.”
Hopping on a bike and pedaling for 30 to 50 miles in one day is not the ideal hobby for most people. For the members of the Iowa State Cycling Club, it's something to get excited about.

Every week, the club meets up and goes on a ride because coming together for the sake of riding is what it's all about for them. In fact, the club's Facebook page states, "Anything with two wheels will do, whether it's made of steel, aluminum, bamboo or carbon."

And while a bamboo bicycle would be a sight to see, it probably wouldn't stay intact for the full duration of an actual road race.

Matt Vermeersch, junior in agricultural engineering and the vice president of the cycling club, is mostly involved in the road race aspect of the club, traveling from state to state with the club and competing against clubs from other universities.

In the past year, Vermeersch said the club has traveled to Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Mo., Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, University of Minnesota, University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa.

At all of those races across the Midwest, one cycling club member has been able to find success. According to usacycling.org, junior Judah Sencenbaugh has placed first in four different races as well as second at a race at Northern Iowa. In May, Sencenbaugh qualified for the 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road Nationals.

Not bad for someone who just picked up the sport competitively a year and a half ago.

Sencenbaugh said she has always been an outdoors person, but the prospect of riding for 20 to 25 miles hasn't always appealed to her.

"I wouldn't say that I was like, 'I want to go out and do a 25 or 50 mile ride,'" Sencenbaugh said. "I'd ride from here to there, do family rides, but when I was 17, 18 I did a few triathlons and rode, but nothing to train for."
Once she did start training, though, everything began to click.

Since Sencenbaugh began competing, she has won nine races and finished in the top three 14 times, according to usacycling.org.

During the road race at nationals in Richmond, Va., Sencenbaugh was at the front of the pack when her chain fell off in the middle of the race.

While pedaling up a cobblestone hill, Sencenbaugh’s chain flipped off of her bike, causing the cyclist behind her to fall. Sencenbaugh stopped on the hill, got her chain back on, and then after a brief running start got back on the bike.

That was the first of three times the chain came off during the race.

Sencenbaugh wound up finishing 47 out of 71 riders in the road race, and while she said her place was disappointing, it was a good experience.

As for her mode of transportation? “I’m getting a new bike,” Sencenbaugh said.

With only a year and half of experience under her belt, Vermeersch attributes Sencenbaugh’s successes to her work ethic. “She’s not afraid to race against people and she’s got a pretty good work ethic,” Vermeersch said. “A lot of it is experience. You’ve got to have experience in races to know when to pass people, when to make a move and that’s a big part of it.”

As full-time students, the biggest challenge facing Sencenbaugh and Vermeersch is the clock. Finding time to fit in school, work and 20 to 30 miles of cycling is no easy task.

Even with classes, work and broken chains, Sencenbaugh keeps getting back on her bike. “The feeling you get, the competitiveness — it’s kind of addictive,” Sencenbaugh said. “Getting yourself out there is the hardest part, but once you’re out there, it feels so good. It’s a way for me to relax.”

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Leave your wedding in style

By Saige.Heyer
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After a long day of wedding festivities, newlyweds just want to go back to the bridal suite and spend time alone. Some just drive away in their car without any more pomp and circumstance, while others drive away in style.

Vehicle

There are a few different factors that determine what kind of vehicle the bride and groom will make their getaway in — the couple’s style, the wedding theme and availability.

A classic way for couples to leave the wedding is to drive off in a classic car such as a Rolls Royce or a 1969 Mustang convertible. It all depends on the couple’s tastes and the availability of vintage cars.

If the couple wants an extremely vintage getaway, they can do something that predates motorized vehicles and get a horse-drawn carriage.

Decorations

The theme of the wedding will also help the groomsmen and bridesmaids decide how to decorate the car.

There is a lot more to consider when decorating a horse-drawn carriage than a vintage car. You may want to skip the tin cans or anything else that makes a lot of noise and can scare the horses. A custom sign announcing the recent nuptials, however, would be the perfect decoration to add to the back of the carriage.

When decorating the couple’s getaway vehicle, it is important to remember not to obstruct the driver’s view. Window paint on the back window would let others know about the newlyweds without making the getaway unsafe. Be careful to not get window paint or anything else on the paint as it may ruin it.

Tying ribbons, balloons and streamers to the vehicle will give the couple a festive getaway and will make less noise than tin cans or whatever the wedding party decides to tie on the back of the vehicle.

Give your guests a sweet treat for your reception

By Maddy.Arnold
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It’s summer and that means it’s wedding season here in Iowa. To help with your wedding planning, here is a list of sweet treats to use as wedding favors. These sugary desserts and spreads are sure to make all of your guests happy as they are leaving your reception.

1. Macarons — These brightly colored cookies are perfect for a wedding favor. You can match the sweet treat to your wedding color, and it can be individually packaged for your guests to take home.

2. Personalized M&M’s — Personalized M&M’s are another treat that can match your wedding colors. The candy is the perfect opportunity to write a message to the guests.

3. Mason jar treats — Everyone loves getting a snack stuffed in a Mason jar. Jars filled with hot chocolate mix are the perfect favors for a winter wonderland wedding.

4. Hershey’s Kisses — Put some of these treats in a small bag with a note saying, “Hugs and kisses from the Mr. and Mrs.” This sweet play on words will surely make your guests smile.

5. S’more kits — A make-your-own-s’more kit is a perfect addition to any outdoor wedding. A small package with graham crackers, chocolate and a few marshmallows is a fun favor for guests.

6. Pretzel sticks — Everyone loves salty and sweet! Dip pretzel sticks in dark and white chocolate, the perfect colors to make them look like a tuxedo and a wedding dress. Pretzels are easy to package and enjoy.

7. Jam or jelly — Give your guests a homemade treat. Just put some delicious jam or jelly in a small Mason jar with a note saying, “Spread the love.” This wedding favor would go perfectly with a country-themed wedding.
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4 Group on a dais (11)
9 Egyptian Peace (6)
12 Objet d’?
14 “Take heed, __” (9)
15 “Just like me” (9)
17 Require medical attention (11)
18 Britney Spears hit (15)
19 Old-fashioned (5)
20 Adjustable light source (9)
23 His face is seen (10)
25 Dedicatory opus (9)
28 “Hold your horses!” (11)
30 Henpeck (9)
33 Medieval slavery (11)
34 Forwarder’s abbr. (6)
36 Ajar, in poems (7)
38 Donald Sutherland (9)
39 Gallery array (11)
41 Fed. org. research?
42 Solomon conclusion? (8)
43 Just about (9)
45 Got ready, with “up” (9)
46 Scold harshly (9)
47 Ocean-warming phenomenon (12)
48 Find intolerable phenomenon (14)
49 Classic Pontiac (9)
50 Mislabeled name (9)
51 Concave landform (9)
52 Migratory rodent (9)
53 Exodus mount (9)
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55 Certain campaign managers (9)
56 Maximum degree (9)
57 Dryer detritus (9)
58 Cookies n’ Creme (9)
59 Golfer Davies, (9)
60 Sweet drink (9)
61 TV comic Kovacs of Merit awardee (9)
62 Golfer’s concern (9)
63 Certain campaign managers (9)
64 Complaints (9)
65 Solution: Abbr. (9)
66 Amtrak structure (9)
67 Tizzies (9)
68 Big Bird fan

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1 “Trust, but verify” president (9)
2 Melodic (6)
3 Giant with power (6)
4 A jar, in poems (6)
5 “And she shall bring forth __”: Matthew 1:20 (9)
6 Gives a thumbs-down (9)
7 Official order (9)
8 Age of Reason philosopher (9)
9 Exotic vacation (9)
10 One at a reunion (9)
11 Totalitarian (9)
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Horoscope by Linda Black

Today's Birthday
(7/30/14)
Today's Birthday (7/30/14). Charisma, magnetism and charm radiate this year, with Jupiter in your sign. This may be a time to pursue creativity and innovation in your personal life. Saturn enters Sagittarius (12/23), sparking a playful 2.5-year phase. Eclipses next spring (3/20, 4/4) may bring unexpected changes to your life. Practice for mastery.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 18 – Keep your foot on the gas and advance as far and fast as you like. Refill your tank. A happy surprise awaits. Dress up a level for power (and a hot date).

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 18 – While your inclination may be to pour energy into business, consider taking a love break. Work to live, not the other way around. Roses and other flowers dare you to savor their fragrance.

 Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 – You can get farther on a home project than imagined. Make sure cash is available for supplies. Charm loved ones into compliance. Your best friend understands. Listen to a female. Exceed expectations.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is an 8 – Accept a challenge. Let yourself get persuaded into something exciting. The final outcome means more work for you. You’re good at remembering facts, especially now. Upgrade your workplace technology. Play with words.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 9 – Your investments go farther today, with a golden touch. Take coaching from an authority, a wise person who loves you. Hide away a treasure. Enjoy the lap of luxury. Share it with someone sweet.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 – You’re feeling exceptionally powerful with the Moon in your sign. Make a major improvement with minor expense. Consider the long haul, and invest in high quality. Celebrate with people you cherish.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 – You can see an important connection. Try something you haven’t done before. You’re cute, someone’s taking notice. Work with a partner to take a project farther.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 – Close up shop on your career. Appreciate someone’s talent, and practice yours. Share your passion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 – An opportunity for collaboration sparks. Rise to the occasion. Good conversation is free... talk about shared interests, and let yourself get excited. Use your power responsibly. Will power is required. Choose terms and sign.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 9 – The coast is clear... full speed ahead. Make an important connection. Try something you haven’t done before. You’re cute, someone’s taking notice. Work with a partner to take a project farther.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 9 – Let go of outgrown associations and beliefs. The more you learn, the better you look. Send your team the information they need. You’re inspiring someone. Keep searching for the rest of the story.

Sudoku by the Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk
**THURSDAY 7/31**

**Summer Fashion Show**

*What:* Maurices is hosting an annual summer fashion show. Visit the mall and take in fashion from local stores.

*When:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Where:* North Grand Mall

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**Ames Municipal Band concert**

*What:* Listen to an outdoor concert from the Ames Municipal Band. Preconcert entertainment starts an hour before the concert.

*When:* 8 p.m.

*Where:* Durham Bandshell Park, 6th Street and Duff Avenue

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**SUNDAY 8/3**

**Roosevelt Summer Sundays Concert**

*What:* Enjoy free concerts each week from local bands who play many different genres of music.

*When:* 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Where:* Roosevelt Park, 9th Street & Roosevelt Avenue

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**MONDAY 8/4**

**Defining Ames Exhibit Opening**

*What:* The Ames Historical Society is opening its exhibit. It will include 150 historic people, places and events from the last 150 years.

*When:* All day

*Where:* Octagon Center for the Arts, 427 Douglas Ave.

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**TUESDAY 8/5**

**America’s night out against crime**

*What:* Enjoy a night outside with the Ames Police Department. Activities will include a movie in the park, games, food and more.

*When:* 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Where:* Brookside Park, 1325 6th St.

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**WEDNESDAY 8/6**

**North Grand Farmers Market**

*What:* Vendors will be selling fresh Iowa-grown fruits, vegetables and more.

*When:* 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Where:* J.C. Penney parking lot at North Grand Mall

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**FRIDAY 8/1**

**Ames on the Half Shell: Sidecar Rallye**

*What:* Enjoy music from Sidecar Rallye. Audience must be 21 years or older and admission is $4.

*When:* 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Where:* Durham Bandshell Park, 6th Street and Duff Avenue

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**SATURDAY 8/2**

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**Yoga in the Park**

*What:* Enjoy a free and relaxing yoga session in the park.

*When:* 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Where:* Bandshell Park, 125 E 5th St.

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**SUNDAY 8/3**

**Prairie Moon Summer Music Series**

*What:* Enjoy pizza, wine and music. Listen to blues music from Craig Swallwell at the Prairie Moon Winery.

*When:* 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Where:* Prairie Moon Winery, 3801 West 190th St.

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**TUESDAY 8/5**

**Public hearing on Regents’ agenda**

*What:* Provide public input on the regents’ agenda for its meeting Aug. 6.

*When:* 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Where:* Oak Room, Memorial Union

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**WEDNESDAY 8/6**

**Veenker’s One Player Best Short — King of the Beasts**

*What:* Play a one-player best shot tournament at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. The entry fee is $40 and includes play, carts and prizes.

*When:* 8 a.m.

*Where:* Veenker Memorial Golf Course, 1925 Stange Road

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**THURSDAY 7/31**

**Art opening, wine and cheese tasting**

*What:* Visit Wheatsfield Co-op to enjoy an art opening. While you’re there, try out some wine and cheeses.

*When:* 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Where:* Weatsfield Cooperative, 413 Northwestern Ave.

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**FRIDAY 8/1**

**Dance Social**

*What:* Join in a free dance social hosted by the ISU Ballroom Club. Singles are welcome and dress is casual.

*When:* 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

*Where:* Pioneer Room, Memorial Union

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**SATURDAY 8/2**

**Ames Main Street Farmers Market**

*What:* Vendors will be selling fresh Iowa-grown fruits, vegetables and more.

*When:* 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Where:* 300-400 block of Main Street

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