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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

# What is the weirdest/most interesting fact you know?



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"There's only one letter that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name. The letter Q."



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"The poet, Lord Byron had a pet bear while attending college because they wouldn't let him have dogs. I aspire to have that level of pettiness and spite."



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"Peanuts aren't technically nuts. They're legumes."



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"I recently learned that Bob Ross was missing a finger and he didn't like his hair."



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"Thirty days hath September, April, June and Montana. Learned that from Bugs Bunny."



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"The guy who invented the cotton candy machine was also a dentist. Now that I think of it, he may also have been an evil genius."

Have a question you'd like us to answer? Send it to events@siouxland.net and it may end up on this page.

# CALENDAR

## CLASSES

**OCTOBER 5**  
**Monday Middle School Acting**, LAMB Arts Regional Theatre, 417 Market St., Sioux City. Middle School Acting Class taught by Mr. Brock Bourek. Class is held in The Box Theatre at LAMB. Registration includes the bonus of participation in the online musical, "Super Happy, Awesome News" if the student would like to participate outside of this 9 week workshop. Schedule would be determined by student's schedule. Schedule From: Oct 5 2020 to Dec 7 2020 Every Monday: 3:30pm to 4:30pm. 712-255-9536. 3:30 p.m.- Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. \$225.

**OCTOBER 5**  
**HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CLASS**, LAMB Arts Regional Theatre, 417 Market St., Sioux City. High School Acting Techniques. Taught by Brock Bourek Registration includes the bonus of participation in the online musical, "Super Happy, Awesome News" if the student would like to participate outside of this 9 week workshop. Schedule would be determined by student's schedule. Schedule From: Oct 5 2020 to Dec 8 2020 Every Tuesday: 4:00pm to 5:00pm. 712-255-9536. 4 p.m.- Dec. 8, 5 p.m. \$225.

**OCTOBER 6**  
**Tuesday Middle School Acting**, LAMB Arts Regional Theatre, 417 Market St., Sioux City. Acting Class for Middle School Students taught by Mr. Brock Bourek at LAMB Theatre Registration includes the bonus of participation in the online musical, "Super Happy, Awesome News" if the student would like to participate outside of this 9 week workshop. Schedule would be determined by student's schedule. Schedule From: Oct 6 2020 to Dec 8 2020 Every Tuesday: 5:00pm to 6:00pm. 712-255-9536. 5 p.m.- Dec. 8, 6 p.m. \$225.

## DANCE

**OCTOBER 1**  
**Country Dance Lessons**, The

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**Deadline:** Noon the Friday prior to publication. (Early deadlines in effect the week before holidays).

Don's Sports Bar & Grill, 801 W. 13th St., S. Sioux City. You will learn the 2step, waltz, Tripple 2step, Barn dance, and more. 7:15-8:45 a.m.

**OCTOBER 4**  
**Free couples pattern dancing class**, The Don's Sports Bar & Grill, 801 W. 13th St., S. Sioux City. Join Boots & Buckles Dance Club at The Don's in South Sioux every Sunday starting at 1 p.m. for free couples pattern dancing classes. 712-204-4500. 1-4 p.m.

**OCTOBER 5**  
**Beginner Line Dance**, The Don's Sports Bar & Grill, 801 W. 13th St., S. Sioux City. Will start with the basic steps and then learn many many fun dances. 7:15-8:45 a.m.

## FOOD & RELATED GOODS

**OCTOBER 3**  
**Wes Hampton - Cooking Show**, The Browns Theater, 11 Central Ave. NW., Le Mars. Wes Hampton not only is an incredible singer but he has published 2 cookbooks and Loves to cook! 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## FUNDRAISERS

**OCTOBER 4**  
**Siouxland Walk to End Alzheimer's**, Sioux City. This year's event won't be a large in-person gathering — instead, we invite you to walk in small teams of friends and family while others in your community do the same.

7124545034. 2-6 p.m.

## GIG

**OCTOBER 6**  
**Acoustix Entertainment**, The Marquee, 1225 Fourth St., Sioux City. Join DJ Diablo for a night of premium karaoke entertainment. Karaoke starts at 9 p.m. every Tuesday night at The Marquee. 1225 Fourth Street. 712-560-4288. 9 p.m.- Oct. 7, 2 a.m.

## LOCAL / COMMUNITY

**OCTOBER 1**  
**Board Game Night**, Brightside Cafe, 525 Fourth St., Sioux City. For a \$5 cover charge you can access our ever-growing board game library. Pizza and grilled paninis are served along with snack foods like chips and muffins. 712-224-7827. 5 p.m.- Oct. 4, 12 a.m. \$5.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Midweek Mommy and Me Morning**, St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 1100 Jones St., Sioux City. Midweek Mommy and Me Morning every Wednesday, 9-11. 712-258-7166. 9-11 a.m.

## SPORTS, HEALTH & FITNESS

**OCTOBER 2**  
**Kingdom Fit Strength & Tone**, Central Baptist Church, 4001 Indian Hills Drive, Sioux City. Weight lifting class with supervision from certified instructor. 712-202-5052. 5:25-6:30 p.m. Free.



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## Your comments welcome

Have something to say? We'd like to hear it. Seriously. Call 712-293-4229 or email events@siouxland.net

## Contributors

Tim Hynds, Justin Wan

**ON THE COVER:** Alex Kotelawala works to make a drink at Charged Food & Brew located in Heelan Hall on the campus of Briar Cliff University. The campus coffee shop is in the midst of a rebranding that will continue its partnership with the Sioux City's Stone Bru coffee shops. Photo by Tim Hynds, The Weekender

# MOVIES

THURSDAY, OCT. 1 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

## "The War with Grandpa"

Upset that he has to share the room he loves with his grandfather, Peter decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back. Rated PG for rude humor, language, and some thematic elements

## New DVD releases for this week:

"The 2nd"  
"The Pale Door"  
"The Secret Garden"  
"Switched"  
"The Tax Collector"  
"Valley Girl"  
"Yummy"



AP PHOTOS



## "Hocus Pocus"

A curious youngster moves to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century. Rated PG for some scary sequences, and for language



## "Friday the 13th-40th Anniversary"

A group of camp counselors are stalked and murdered by an unknown assailant while trying to reopen a summer camp which was the site of a child's drowning and a grisly double murder years before. Rated R.

## SHOWTIMES

### Local Theaters

#### Promenade 14

924 Fourth St  
(712) 277-8300

**Possessor (Uncut)** 7:10 9:35  
**Heaven** 6:50 9:30

**Kajillionaire** 7:00 9:30

**Star Wars: Episode 5 - The Empire Strikes Back** 9:10

**Shortcut** 7:30 9:30

**Infidel** 6:30 9:15

**The Broken Hearts Gallery** 6:45 9:15

**Tenet** 7:00 9:00

**The New Mutants** 7:15 9:30

**Bill & Ted Face the Music** 6:50

**Unhinged** 9:20

**Tulsa** 6:35

**Hocus Pocus** 6:50

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### AMC Southern Hills 12

4400 Sergeant Rd  
712-276-3062

**Star Wars: Episode 5 - The Empire Strikes Back** 7:15

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### Near By Theaters

#### Royal Cinema:

33 Central Ave SW., Le Mars, Iowa  
712-564-1778

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#### Pioneer 3 Theater:

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### Legacy 3 Theater:

712 W Sheridan Ave, Shenandoah, IA  
712-246-2245

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### Main Street 7:

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402-727-8986

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### Majestic Theatre:

310 Main St, Wayne, NE  
402-833-1833

[www.majesticmain.org](http://www.majesticmain.org)

See website for show-times

### Coyote Twin:

10 E Main St, Vermillion, SD  
605-624-3331

[vermilliontheaters.com](http://vermilliontheaters.com)

See website for show-times

### Holland Plaza Theatre

717 8th St SE Orange City, IA  
712-737-8866

**Tenet** 6:30 9:35

**Tulsa** 6:45 9:15

**The Broken Hearts Gallery** 6:45

**The Secrets We Keep** 6:50 9:10

**Infidel** 7:00 9:20

**Shortcut** 9:10

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### Main St. 3

401 9th St, Sheldon, Iowa  
712-342-2344

**Tenet** 6:30 9:35

**Tulsa** 7:15 9:45

**The Broken Hearts Gallery** 7:00

**Shortcut** 9:30

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# Sugar Shack offers fall flavors, LOOKS TO CHRISTMAS, TOO

BY DIANE DYKES

You know it's almost fall when the Sugar Shack Bakery ushers into the new season with tasty treats.

Owner Claudia Hessa said she has lots of seasonal items with pumpkin, apple and other traditional fall flavors.

"Somebody asked me that the other day, as far as apple or pumpkin," Hessa said. "Pumpkin hands down."

To prove it, the Sugar Shack has a maple iced pumpkin bread. Hessa said they usually try to do different flavors throughout the year to "think outside the box."

Hessa said the reaction to the new flavors of breads has been great so far, especially their new maple pumpkin, which will continue to be available throughout the season.

"We've been going through 40 to 50 loaves a week," Hessa said.

The maple pumpkin was something her baker wanted to try out, she said.

"We try to come up with something [new] every season," Hessa said. "We try to get so we don't have too many choices, but we don't want to limit ourselves to the same thing from the last five years, either."

Hessa said they're always finding ways to change things up.

"Then, of course, the small decorative cookies we always flip over to whatever season it is," Hessa said. "Now we have fall. We have football because a lot of the schools have their football games and things."



Cookies decorated for fall are shown at the The Sugar Shack Bakery in Sioux City, Iowa.

Hessa said no matter what time of year it is, the small decorative cookies are their most popular items, selling thousands a day.

Sugar Shack will also have cookie kits with Halloween decorations coming next month.

"It's kind of fun," Hessa said. "When all the COVID things started, there were a lot of kids at home. They needed things to do."

Hessa said they have more delicious treats throughout the year, especially Christmas cookies. They will also move to other treats like gingerbread flavors for things.



TIM HYNDS PHOTOS, THE WEEKENDER

Claudia Hessa, owner of The Sugar Shack Bakery, displays some of her Sioux City, Iowa, shop's fall-decorated cookies.



LEFT: Tiny accents give fall cookies a little oomph. RIGHT: Leaves? Of course, they're seasonal.



# SUX 6

THE BEST THINGS TO DO IN SIOUXLAND



ALLY KARSYN,  
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## Flashlight Apple Picking- Autumn Grove Orchard

Bring your Flashlight and have an evening of fun at Autumn Grove Orchard, 1658 180th St., Sioux City, on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

## 2 Oktoberfest at Tyson Events Center

Can't go to Munich for the Oktoberfest festivities? Well, how about celebrating Oktoberfest close to home? The Tyson Events Center, 401 Gordon Drive, will have its own Oktoberfest featuring many local breweries, live music, and food from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3.



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## 3 Comedy weekend at Marty's Tap

There's comedy for everyone at Marty's Tap, 1306 Court St., this weekend.

On Friday, the Twin Cities' Robert Baril and Ahmed Khalaf perform. Then, Saturday, Sioux Falls' Prairie Madness steps out. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

## Loess Hills Fall Fest

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Need a day to enjoy the fall weather? Then come to the Loess Hills Fall

Fest at the Moorhead City Park at 10 a.m. Saturday. Enjoy shopping, music, food and a silent auction.

## Kali Indiana debuts at Beer Can Alley Sioux City!

Join Nebraska based band Kali Indiana for its first performance at Beer Can Alley, 1109 Fourth St., on Oct. 3 at 9 p.m.

## Wes Hampton @ Browns Theater

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Grammy Award-winning singer Wes Hampton is coming to The Browns Theater, 11 Central

Ave NW, Le Mars, Iowa, to share his music from the band Gaither and his solo music this Friday at 1 p.m. Can't catch this show? There will be a second show at 7 p.m. on Friday and another on Saturday at 1 p.m.



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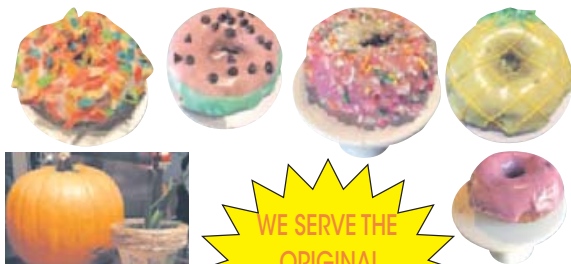


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# Kali Indiana

## MAKES A STOP IN SIOUX CITY

BY DIANE DYKES

**I**ndiana is coming to Iowa, by way of Nebraska.

The Nebraska-based band Kali Indiana will perform at Sioux City's Beer Can Alley on Oct. 3.

The husband and wife duo, K.C. and Ali Mumy, have been playing music for eight years, but decided three years ago to play together.

K.C. Mumy describes their music as classic country with some rock notes mixed in.

"We bring in a lot of different sounds," Mumy said.

Mumy said their music is influenced by his love for country music and her

interest in punk rock. He said audiences hear a lot of those influences in their music.

Kali Indiana has played all over Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, and sometimes Sioux City. The Beer Can Alley performance begins at 8 p.m.

"Hopefully, people are excited to get out," Mumy said.

Mumy hopes that people will find something to love about their music because its eclectic mix and the kinds of songs they choose.

Their sound is one of the many things that makes Kali Indiana unique. Combining guitar with fiddle gives it a country twist, said Mumy.

Kali Indiana will perform originals and take requests.

While Mumy knows

crowds are smaller now, during the coronavirus pandemic, he said acoustic shows were their way of staying in touch with fans. During the past months the two have also live-streamed their music.

"We've been fairly lucky," he said.

Mumy knows how hard musicians were hit over the summer. Like so many other bands, Kali Indiana had to find ways to stay in touch and perform for people somehow.

Mumy said fans have helped them get through this time.

"I think the main thing... people keep supporting live music venues and music artists in whatever capacity they can play in."



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Nebraska based band Kali Indiana. Band members K.C. Mumy, Ali Mumy, Joey Bastian, Michael Fernando and B.J Conway.

## Prairie Madness brings its brand of comedy to Marty's Tap



Jamie Tharney, a Sioux Falls, S.D., based comedian, will perform at Marty's Tap on Oct. 3. PROVIDED

BY DIANE DYKES

"If you ever wonder what women's deepest secrets are, we tell them in a funny way," said Jamie Tharney, a Sioux Falls, S.D.,-based comedian.

Tharney and the other women who are part of Prairie Madness will be at Marty's Tap at 8 p.m. Friday.

This all-outdoor event will feature Tharney, Regina Kramer, Sarah King and Alisha Rayne.

Prairie Madness is a

group of female comedians at different life stages and different outlooks in life, Tharney said. They each have their own stories to tell, stories about their day-to-day lives and the people they meet along the way.

"We mesh so well together," Tharney said.

Even with their differences, Tharney said there's something that women can relate to, like complaining about one's kids. "You'll hear some of the craziest stories you ever heard."

Tharney wants her comedy to be conversational, as if friends were talking. She wants her audience to feel that, especially when they hear things that no one talks about when it comes to life and family. She also wants to turn the complaints people have about life into laughs.

"It's definitely more on the blue side, like if a stay-at-home, mom was able to say what she wanted," Tharney said.

Tharney got the idea to put together an all-female

show because she thought it was a good idea to give the audience something new.

Tharney is thankful to all the venues across the Midwest that are still hosting comedians. She said she loves ones with outdoor areas.

"People desperately need comedy to keep their mental health in check," said Tharney. "I use comedy to keep myself in check."

Comedy is one of the things that allows people to forget what's going on, to escape and have fun.





Alex Kotelawala helps customers Mireya Jimenez, left, and Bernice Semana at Charged Food & Brew.

TIM HYNDY PHOTOS, THE WEEKENDER

# CHARGED UP

## Briar Cliff teaches students through coffee

BY DIANE DYKES

**W**hen is a coffee shop more than a coffee shop? When it becomes a training ground for students.

Enter: Stone Bru Coffee.

Brad Lepper, owner of Stone Bru Coffee, said Briar Cliff officials approached him about a year ago about the possibility of opening up a

location on the college campus to fill up an empty café space.

Java City was in residence last year in Heelan Hall.

"We started chatting with Briar Cliff," Lepper said. "We wanted to explore different options."

Lepper said the new location, called Charged, is owned and operated by the college, but Stone Bru is still involved with the store.

"Basically, we're coaching them

on the coffee business," Lepper said. "This is the first time we've established a relationship like this."

Lepper said the collaboration, which began at the start of the semester, should help students learn how to run a business.

"From a local business perspective, it's huge for us to partner with Briar Cliff," he said.

Since post-secondary institutions have contracts with single providers,

it's unique to have another business enter the market as well.

During the first weeks of the semester, Lepper said, employees from Stone Bru's other locations came to Briar Cliff to train student employees.

"Students have done a phenomenal job so far," he said.

Stone Bru will always be there if need, but the college has been running everything on its own, said

Lepper.

Because of the arrangements, students can adjust the menu to their customers' needs.

"I wouldn't doubt as time goes on that they'll have their own products and creations," Lepper said.

Among those helping with the venture: Lepper's business partner Nick Topf, Briar Cliff President Rachelle Karstens, and Sioux Cityan Timm Funk.





Workers Kayla Guerrero, left, and Alex Kotelawala help a customer Monday at Charged Food & Brew located in Heelan Hall on the campus of Briar Cliff University.



Kayla Guerrero, left, takes a drink order from seniors Paityn Hagberg and Spencer Vogel at Charged Food & Brew located in Heelan Hall on the campus of Briar Cliff University.



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## SIouxLAND STRANGE

A roundup of  
bizarre  
happenings  
from Siouland's  
police logs.

### It's an inside job

Turns out the perp was in-house.

A former Plymouth County Sheriff's deputy has been jailed on multiple felony charges in connection with burglaries and thefts that took place over a period of more than two years, while he was employed with the department.

Ex-deputy Aaron John Leusink, 41, was taken into custody by agents with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Sept. 24, according to a press release from the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

Leusink was charged in connection with burglaries and thefts that took place between December 2017 and January 2020, while he served as a sheriff's deputy. The thefts were related to prescription medications.

The following charges have been filed against Leusink:

- One count of first-degree burglary, a class B felony
- Two counts of second-degree burglary, a class C felony
- Two counts of third-degree burglary, a class D felony
- Felonious misconduct in office, a class D felony
- Unlawful possession of prescription drugs, a serious misdemeanor
- One count of fourth-degree theft, a serious misdemeanor
- Three counts of fifth-degree theft, a simple misdemeanor

Leusink's bond was set at \$30,000, and he was held in the Plymouth County Jail.

The Plymouth County Sheriff's Department became aware of Leusink's criminal activities in April, during a review of internal records. Plymouth County Sheriff Michael Van Otterloo requested that the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation review and handle the investigation.

Leusink was placed on administrative leave during the investigation, then terminated in April.

In a separate press release Sept. 24, Sheriff Van Otterloo registered his displeasure with Leusink's alleged misconduct.

"Every day the employees of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office put forth a tremendous amount of effort to serve with integrity, honesty, and public trust. It is disheartening to have that effort tarnished by the actions of one person, whose misconduct does not define who we are. Former deputy Leusink neglected his oaths in acting in a manner unbecoming of an officer of the law. He will face the consequences of his actions. Meanwhile, the men (and women) of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to serve and protect and will continue to do so," Van Otterloo said in the statement.



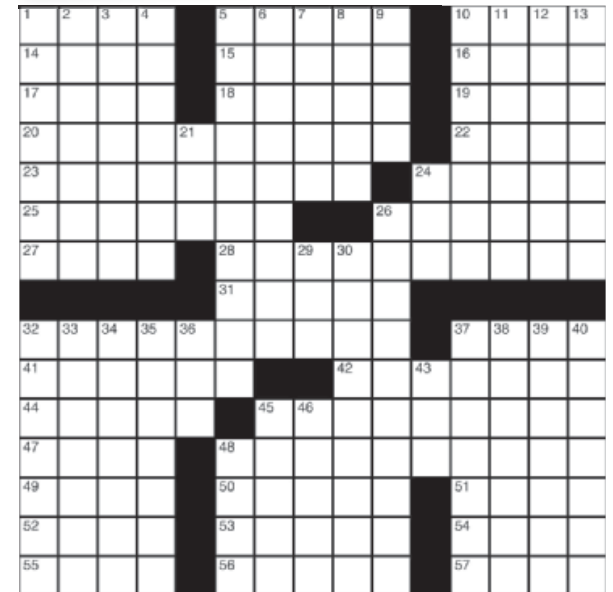
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## CROSSWORD



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- Brazilian music genre word meaning "trend"
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- Ebb
- Nailing, in a way
- Weather \_
- Kitchen fixture
- Mountain slope debris
- Welder's output
- Home improvement team
- One of two sts. admitted to the Union 11/2/1889
- Elder of an '80s-'90s country duo
- Metaphorical casino loss
- Formed by solidified magma
- Is \_ : imminently will
- Turndowns
- Perceived Cold War weapons disparity
- Propelled, as a raft
- Words preceding an important reminder
- Power eponym
- Antagonism
- Amazon, notably
- Singer for whom Bernie wrote lyrics
- Remit, nowadays
- "Contact" author Sagan
- Comes to terms
- "I'll do it"
- Formal "Who's there?" response
- Letter-bottom abbr.
- Bit of progress
- Atlantic food fish
- Pak of the LPGA
- Artist's pseudonym formed from the French pronunciation of his initials
- 1953 Ladd classic

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- Like court witnesses
- Try it
- Buttercup family member
- Biological mapping subjects
- Parachutist using low-altitude starting points
- Blockage
- Brought into being
- Dummy Mortimer
- Quite a while
- Rowena's lover
- Bouncer's job
- Early Wikipedia competitor
- Icon locale
- Giovanni's god
- Roman sun god
- Like a pendulum's movement
- \_ -mo
- Saw
- Like Hollywood films before censorship guidelines were introduced
- LeBron, since Jul. 2018
- One in a 1K, say
- Follower
- Certain youngster's nickname
- Least civilized
- Property recipient, in law
- Like a good-sized farm
- Plant support
- Santa follower
- Cabbage site
- "Ran" director Kurosawa
- Wish were here

If you must cheat, the answers are in the classified section on page 13



# ADVICE

ANSWERS FOR ALL YOUR WOES



## SCIENCE ADVICE GODDESS

AMY ALKON

### Joan of Arctic

*I'm a 54-year-old woman, married for 21 years to a pretty decent guy. When our now-18-year-old son was little, my husband completely ignored Mother's Day for maybe six years. Once, I asked him why, and he simply said, "You aren't my mother." It hurt me SO MUCH because I busted my butt to be a good mom. I told him why I was so upset, and one year, I laid on our bed and cried, but nothing changed. Six years ago, he began giving me a card and flowers on Mother's Day. This year, he and our son got me hanging flower baskets, which was wonderful. The problem is I can't get over his doing nothing in the past, and it's affecting my feelings for him and how I treat him.*

— Still Hurting

If your relationship has a spirit animal, it's best if it isn't a dog frozen in time after the volcanic eruption at Pompeii.

The problem between you started with an error in mind-reading. "Mind-reading" sounds like a Vegas magic act, but it's a mental ability we all have (though it's actually mind-predicting rather than -reading). Psychologists call this "theory of mind," referring to our ability to do reasonably well at guessing ("theorizing" about!) the "mental states" of others, meaning the emotions they're experiencing, their beliefs, their desires, and their intentions.

I give an example of theory of mind in action in "Good Manners for Nice People Who Sometimes Say F\*ck": "When you see a man looking deep into a woman's eyes, smiling tenderly and then getting down on one knee, your understanding and experience of what this usually means helps you guess that he's about to ask 'Will you marry me?' and not 'Would you mind lending me a pen?'"

Unfortunately, we often do pretty poorly at the everyday swami thing because we

tend "to imagine that other minds are much like our own," observes anthropologist Donald Symons. Making matters worse, we tend to assume others' minds *should* work like our own. So, if something isn't important to us, we assume it isn't (and shouldn't be) important to someone else.

Your husband's view of Mother's Day – unimportant and only applicable to one's own mother – led him to conclude it should be unimportant to you and to sneer, "You aren't my mother!" This sort of assumption leads to strife and maybe even divorce through the resentment that builds when one partner consistently doesn't get their needs met (and gets them mocked, to boot).

Happier, lasting relationships are fostered through a different approach: loving acceptance of the crazy. Even when you think your partner's desire is irrational or unbecoming of someone with an IQ surpassing that of a root vegetable, if you won't lose a limb, part company with your ethics, or otherwise seriously put yourself out, why not give them what they want? Again, you don't have to find it reasonable; you do it because it would make them happy.

Though your husband's now coming around on Mother's Day, I would bet my last bra strap he doesn't care in the slightest about Father's Day and still might not get why Mother's Day means so much to you. But you cried and cried, and he eventually got that it was hugely important to you (perhaps through your son's influence), and he's come around – this year with the hanging flowers of Babylon. That's awesome.

However, you have yet to update your idea of him as mean and selfish, perhaps because, like many people, you see forgiveness as a feeling and wait for it to strike you, *lightning on the golf course*-style. In fact, forgiveness is a set of actions you choose to take. Evolutionary social psychologist Michael McCullough explains that forgiveness involves deciding to set aside a grievance against a person, expressed in your "thoughts, emotions, and/or behaviors," in order to have a continuing relationship with them.



## ASTRO ADVICE EUGENIA LAST

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** – Listen attentively to find a way to deal with unreasonable people. Charm will help you motivate someone to see things your way. An energetic approach to love and teamwork will pay off.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** – If you get more involved with social media, you'll connect with someone who stimulates your mind. Expand your knowledge and skills to develop a way to improve your life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** – Problems will surface if you let an outsider interfere in your personal life. The less time you have to debate, the easier it will be to avoid setbacks. Physical activity is favored.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** – Uncertainty will stand between you and your goal. Speak up and discuss your intentions with someone you can count on for practical advice.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** – Pay attention to your personal needs and relationships. What you do will be more meaningful than what you say. Don't feel that you must take part in someone else's plan.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** – Helping others will lead to mixed emotions. Taking physical action and making things happen will get you farther than arguing. Stay focused and passionate, and forge ahead with enthusiasm.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** – Pay attention to what's happening around you, but don't get involved in other people's battles. Channel your energy into self-improvement and learning. Avoid fruitless battles.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** – Your changeable attitude will be confusing to some. Be careful when dealing with children or loved ones; if you show uncertainty, it will cause friction and a loss of control.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** – Don't be fooled by what others do or say. A colleague will be seeking to dismantle your reputation. Don't share personal information.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** – Take a moment to calm down. Anger will not help you solve a problem you encounter with someone opposing your lifestyle or habits. Intelligence will help you prevail.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** – Put your energy into something that will help you earn more money. Hard work will keep you out of trouble and lead to financial gain. A domestic confrontation will leave you in a vulnerable position.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** – Change begins with you. Consider the past, present and what you want to strive to achieve in the future. A healthy attitude and the ability to bring about change will encourage better relationships and prosperity.

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# FINAL SAY

PARTING THOUGHTS UNTIL NEXT WEEK

## GAME NIGHT WITH FRIENDS CAN BE FUN

GAME NIGHT  
BY DIANE DYKES

**T**he first time I played the game Among Us, I was the impostor. Through my lack of knowledge and incompetence, I managed to win... and no one knew how it even happened – including me.

That game ended too quickly and I'm not sure what event caused me to win. Was it sabotage or did I get rid of enough friends?

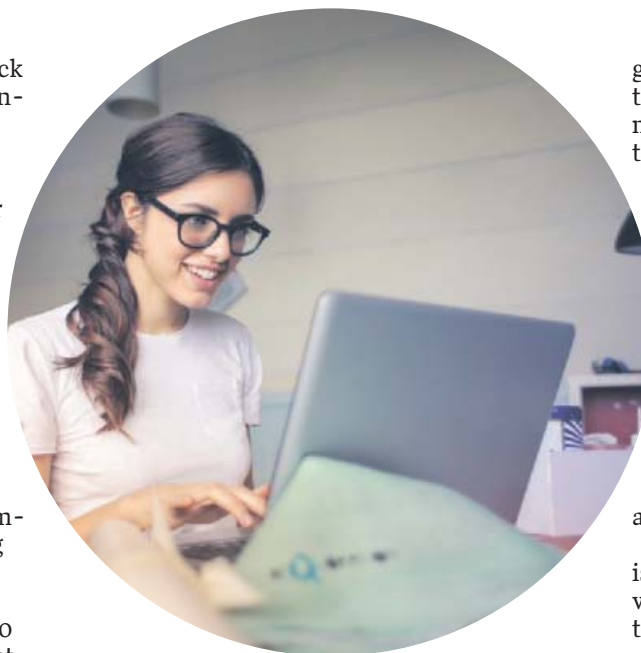
Among Us is a game that seems to be taking the internet by storm. Allowing people to connect with friends through the game and discord (which allows people to talk to each other as they discuss) as everyone works together to find either one or two impostors hidden among their crew.

There is something extremely unnerving about not being able to trust your friends and doing tasks that leave you blinded to anyone coming up. Among Us is a fun game and it's amusing to see how energetic people get while playing.

I got to play it for the first time a couple of weeks ago. I was playing another game around 10 p.m. on a Saturday when I got a call from my best friend telling me to download the game and hop onto our discord server.

Curious, I did as I was told.

I've seen plenty of YouTube gamers play it and a lot of them had me reeling with laughter as they



yelled at each other, trying to find the impostor.

The first round we played, I was the impostor and I found a way to win – even though I had no idea how to play.

After that, my friends suspected me from the get-go. They thought I would be the impostor twice in a row. And of course, the impostor framed me right away, so I was voted off and ejected from the virtual ship.

It sucks because I saw what happened and was about to hit report, but someone beat me to it... hence why the blame was placed on me right away. I tried to explain that I saw the whole thing unfold, but they refused to listen.

So... bye-bye to the light blue character I was playing. Out the door, I go, and I'm resurrected as a ghost.

Thank you everyone for making me play a whole round as a ghost. At least I was nice enough to still help with tasks – and I could do it without fear, plus I could go through the walls and move faster than anyone else.

The more people playing, the funnier the game is. More people means that you get a buddy – whether they end up stabbing you in the back is up to who's the impostor.

More people also means there are more people to blame.

So if want to do something with friends, but do not want to go out or you're an introvert, make a discord server for your friends and play a few rounds of Among Us on your phone or computer.

## Calendar

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#### OCTOBER 6

**Kingdom Fit Strength & Tone**, Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central St., Sioux City. Weight lifting class with supervision from certified instructor. 712-202-5052. 5:25-6:30 p.m. Free.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### OCTOBER 6

**Siouxland Area Diabetes Support Group**, Wilbur Aalfs Library, 529 Pierce St., Sioux City. MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center, UnityPoint Health Sioux City. Floyd Valley Healthcare and Siouxland Community Health are sponsoring a support group for people affected by diabetes. 712-279-2345. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### THEATRE

#### OCTOBER 2

**Wes Hampton in Concert**, The Browns Theater, 11 Central Ave. NW., Le Mars. Join Wes Hampton at the Brown's theatre, for two shows on Friday, October 2. 1-9 p.m.

#### OCTOBER 3

**Wes Hampton in Concert**, The Browns Theater, 11 Central Ave. NW., Le Mars. Join Wes Hampton at the Brown's theatre. 1-3 p.m.

### COMEDY

#### OCTOBER 2

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