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## DES MOINES GETS NEW POLICE CHIEF



Michael McTaggart is sworn in as Des Moines' chief of police on Thursday at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines. CODY SCANLAN/THE REGISTER

## Longtime businessman, Des Moines champion Doug Reichardt remembered

**Kevin Baskins**  
Des Moines Register  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Born the son of an Iowa legend, John Douglas "Doug" Reichardt carved a legacy of his own throughout the Des Moines area.

Doug Reichardt died Oct. 11 at the age of 70. He will be remembered throughout the Des Moines area as one of its most successful businessmen and for his lasting contributions to the community ranging from the Giant Slide at the Iowa State Fair to renovations at Des Moines Water Works Park.

The son of William "Bill" Reichardt, a legendary University of Iowa All-American football player, Des Moines businessman and later state representative and senator, Doug Reichardt also was a two-year letterman for the Hawkeye football team in 1974 and 1975 as a quarterback.

But Doug Reichardt's brightest moments came outside the confines of Kinnick Stadium. Friends and family members say it was the impact he had on the lives of others that shined the most. He will be remembered as much for his philanthropy and mentorship as for his success in business.

Reichardt's son, Randy Reichardt, said his dad will be remembered as an "energetic business leader that wasn't afraid to stick his neck out and do good for the community as well."

When talking about Reichardt, everyone points out the commitment he had to making the Des Moines area the best place to live. Randy Reichardt wrote about that commitment in a 2016 guest essay in the Des Moines Business Journal:

"A subject of great passion for my father and his community-minded peers was doing everything they could to improve the quality of life in Greater Des Moines in order to attract and retain talented people at their companies. Doug had a joke in his family: For all the work he did to make Greater Des Moines a better place for future generations, two out of three of his children still left Iowa. But the reason I am sharing my story is not because I left Iowa. It's because I came back," Randy Reichardt wrote.

Randy Reichardt said his dad wanted to see people succeed and felt that Des Moines was a great place to do that.

Reichardt served as chair of numerous organizations close to his heart: The Iowa Sports Foundation/Iowa



**John Douglas "Doug" Reichardt**  
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Games, Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative, Young Presidents Organization, Wellness Council of Iowa, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Greater Des Moines Committee, United Way of Central Iowa campaign, Regional Business Development Board and the Greater Des Moines Community Development. He was a founding member of the Water Works Park Foundation.

Greater Des Moines Partnership President and CEO Tiffany Tauscheck in a statement that the organization will miss Reichardt and "will work to honor his memory by carrying forward his commitment to community leadership and mentorship."

"We often talk about how we are standing on the shoulders of giants who have driven our region's success. Doug was one of those giants," she said. "He was always innovative and brought a high-energy approach to every interaction, and he recognized the importance of stepping up to serve."

### Reichardt worked his way up from intern to CEO at Holmes Murphy

Starting out in 1976 as the first-ever intern for Holmes Murphy & Associates, a company providing employee benefits, and property and casualty insurance for businesses, Reichardt rose to CEO and chair of the company in 1993.

Even after his retirement in 2009, he continued his efforts to mentor young professionals when he co-founded Businessolver, which provides benefits management technology to businesses, and co-authored a business novel with his daughter called "The Best Seller."

Reichardt's influence on Holmes Murphy's success was reflected in a tribute to him on the company's website. It said Reichardt's influence has left "a lasting footprint."

"If you knew Doug, you also knew his life wasn't fully complete without ensuring others were cared for through mentoring, creating space for others to succeed, and philanthropic giving," the statement said.

"Doug approached everything he did with positivity, grit, and determination and was a great role model for all. Those

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Doug Reichardt (center front, wearing hat) and his family slide down the Giant Slide to celebrate their donation to the State Fair icon and Blue Ribbon Foundation. KYLE MUNSON/THE REGISTER

## Sheumaker ordered to pay DMPD officer \$6K

He sought \$250K after assault at state Capitol

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Former Des Moines City Council Member Indira Sheumaker has been ordered to pay a city police detective \$6,000 for assaulting him in 2020 — far less than the \$250,000 he had sought.

Filed Tuesday by Judge Coleman McAllister, the order comes in a lawsuit in connection with a brawl outside the Iowa Capitol on July 1, 2020. The plaintiff, Detective Jeff George, had



sought compensation for damages that included future emotional distress, calculated at \$100 for every week of the rest of his expected life.

**Sheumaker** Sheumaker was among more than a dozen protesters arrested at the scene, where angry crowd members grappled with officers trying to make arrests of several people with outstanding warrants.

She pleaded guilty to assault on a peace officer, then went on to be elected to City Council in 2021.

She resigned in 2023 after a lengthy absence from city meetings.

George and another officer, Peter Wilson, sued Sheumaker and several other defendants for their part in the confrontation, with George accusing Sheumaker of putting him in a chokehold after he was knocked to the ground. While Wilson and the other defendants have since settled or dismissed their claims, George maintained his case and won a default judgment against Sheumaker in August after she stopped responding to court filings.

### Officer testified to lingering anxiety after attack

At a hearing in September to determine his damage award, George testified that the fight left him with swelling, soreness and abrasions, and that he found himself uncomfortable in crowded spaces for several years afterward.

The year "2020 was stressful, but this particular event for me personally was very significant, to have a mob of people like that swarm me, to be put in a chokehold in a compromising position like that, to not know what was going to happen to me," he said. "... I'm not as reserved as I was, but it still weighs heavily on me."

His attorney, Mark Hedberg, pointed to text messages in which Sheumaker and other activists connected with the Des Moines Black Liberation Movement talked about "de-arresting" tactics and ways to physically confront and block police from doing their jobs.

"I think we've shown this was a premeditated attack," he said. "It wasn't a simple assault, it was a premeditated assault. I think people need to be held accountable for their actions, especially when it's so blatantly laid out, 'This is what we're going to do,' and they did it."

### Judge awards \$1,000 for pain, \$5,000 for past distress

George had asked the court for \$5,000 for pain and suffering, \$25,000 in punitive damages, \$12,500 for past emotional distress, and \$223,860 for future emotional distress.

In his order, McAllister noted that George did not require medical or psychological care after the incident but wrote he "has no doubt that Plaintiff found the experience to be traumatic and unnerving." He found George was entitled to \$1,000 for past pain and \$5,000 for emotional distress.

McAllister found George did not show evidence of ongoing or future




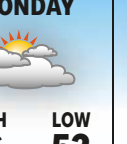
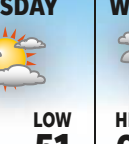
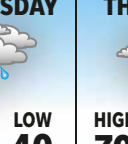
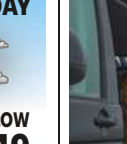
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# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR DES MOINES

TODAY/TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 <b>HIGH 73</b> <b>LOW 48</b>	 <b>HIGH 78</b> <b>LOW 51</b>	 <b>HIGH 78</b> <b>LOW 51</b>	 <b>HIGH 76</b> <b>LOW 52</b>	 <b>HIGH 76</b> <b>LOW 51</b>	 <b>HIGH 66</b> <b>LOW 40</b>	 <b>HIGH 70</b> <b>LOW 49</b>
Sunny and windy today. Winds S 12-25 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds S 6-12 mph.	Partly sunny and warm	Very warm with sunshine	Increasing clouds	Partly sunny and warm	A few morning showers	Clouds and sun



Windy today with plenty of sunshine. Winds south 12-25 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds south 6-12 mph. Partly sunny tomorrow.

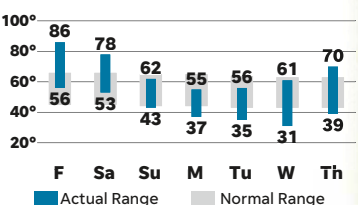
### ALMANAC

Des Moines through 4 p.m. Thursday

#### TEMPERATURE

High/low	70/39
Normal high/low	63/43
Record high	87 in 2016
Record low	23 in 1948

#### PAST WEEK'S TEMPERATURES



#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours through 4 p.m. Thu.	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.20" (1.62")
Year to date (normal)	30.13" (31.96")
Last year to date	21.75"

#### GROWING DEGREE DAYS

Index for knowing when to apply pest control and estimate crop maturity	
Thursday	0
Season to date	3945
Normal season to date	3164

#### HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Degree days are an indicator of energy needs.	
Thursday	10
Month to date	100
Season to date	109
Last season to date	147
Normal season to date	250

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:28 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:02 p.m.
Moonset today	9:01 a.m.

#### RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Thursday			
<b>Des Moines</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Fld Stg</b>
S.E. 6th	9.20	none	24

#### Raccoon

Fleur Drive	2.56	-0.04	12
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#### Mississippi

Dubuque	7.33	-0.02	17
Rock Island	4.30	+0.04	15
Muscataine	6.20	none	16
Burlington	7.54	+0.02	15

#### Missouri

Sioux City	12.88	-0.19	30
Council Bluffs	990.82	+0.10	1013

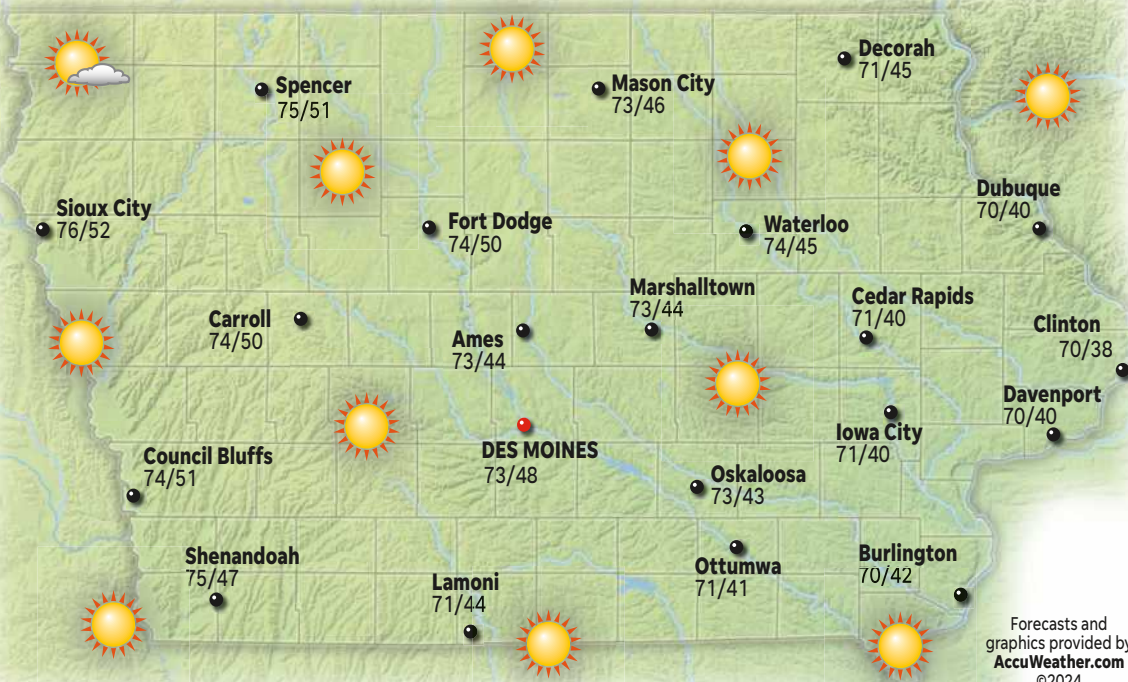
#### LAKE LEVELS

Coralville	685.44
Rathbun	903.42
Red Rock	741.90
Saylorville	836.76

### ACROSS THE AREA

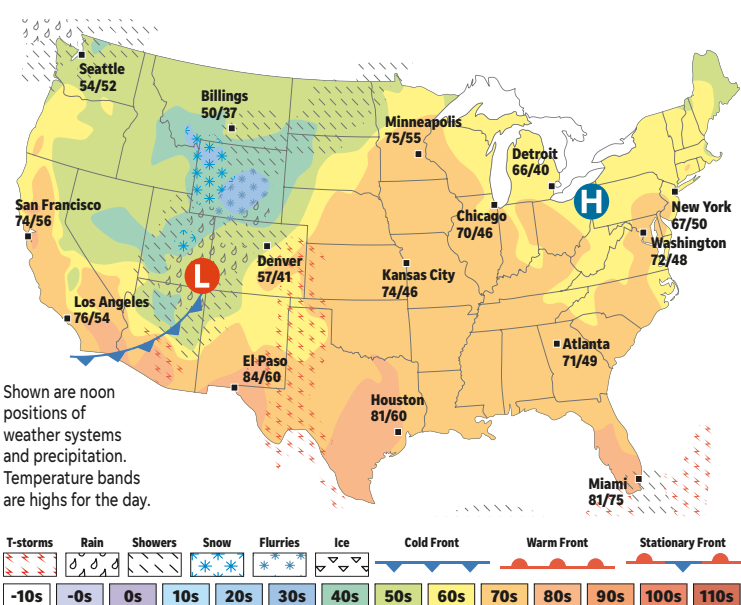
**TODAY:** Windy with plenty of sunshine. Winds south 12-25 mph.

**SATURDAY:** Partly sunny and very warm; great weather for viewing fall foliage. Winds south-southwest 7-14 mph.



### NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	71/49/s	73/50/s	St. Louis	72/44/s	76/47/s	San Francisco	74/56/s	80/55/s
Baltimore	69/42/s	72/42/s	Salt Lake City	54/39/r	61/43/pc	Seattle	54/52/r	64/57/sh
Bismarck	52/35/sh	63/43/s	San Diego	72/55/pc	76/54/s	Washington, DC	72/48/s	73/49/s
Boise	56/35/s	62/43/s						
Boston	60/45/s	68/49/s						
Charlotte, NC	71/44/s	72/46/s						
Chicago	70/46/s	73/50/s						
Cincinnati	69/43/s	73/45/s						
Dallas	78/56/s	79/55/s						
Denver	57/41/t	55/42/r						
Detroit	66/40/s	70/43/s						
Honolulu	89/73/s	88/74/pc						
Houston	81/60/s	83/58/pc						
Indianapolis	69/42/s	73/46/s						
Kansas City	74/46/s	76/48/s						
Las Vegas	71/58/c	83/58/pc						
Los Angeles	76/54/pc	78/57/s						
Louisville	70/44/s	74/49/s						
Miami	81/75/sh	84/76/c						
Minneapolis	75/55/s	72/56/c						
New Orleans	74/63/s	77/64/s						
New York City	67/50/s	72/52/s						
Oklahoma City	74/50/s	78/49/s						
Omaha	76/51/s	76/52/c						
Orlando	80/69/pc	81/68/pc						
Philadelphia	72/47/s	74/48/s						
Phoenix	77/59/t	78/58/pc						
Pittsburgh	68/37/s	72/40/s						



### EXTREMES

<b>IOWA THURSDAY</b>
74 at Spencer
27 at Muscatine
<b>NATIONAL THURSDAY</b> (in the 48 contiguous states)
90 at Marana, AZ
19 at Mammoth Lakes, CA

### STATE WEATHER

City	Today	Sat.
Algona	74/49/s	75/50/pc
Ames	73/44/s	75/48/pc
Atlantic	73/46/s	74/46/s
Burlington	70/42/s	74/44/s
Cedar Rapids	71/40/s	73/48/s
Clear Lake	73/45/s	75/51/c
Clinton	70/38/s	74/42/s
Council Bluffs	74/51/s	74/49/c
Davenport	70/40/s	75/45/s
Decorah	71/45/s	74/52/pc
Dubuque	70/40/s	74/47/s
Fort Dodge	74/50/s	76/52/pc
Iowa City	71/40/s	75/46/s
Marshalltown	73/44/s	75/50/pc
Mason City	73/46/s	76/52/c
Newton	72/45/s	77/49/s
Oskaloosa	73/43/s	79/49/s
Ottumwa	71/41/s	77/48/s
Shenandoah	75/47/s	77/48/pc
Sioux City	76/52/s	73/49/c
Spencer	75/51/s	74/50/pc
Storm Lake	72/51/s	73/52/pc
Waterloo	74/45/s	79/51/pc

### WORLD WEATHER

Athens	71/57/s	71/61/pc
Baghdad	92/67/pc	87/68/pc
Bangkok	91/78/t	88/77/t
Beijing	64/40/pc	57/32/pc
Berlin	63/49/pc	67/49/pc
Budapest	61/38/s	60/35/s
Buenos Aires	76/64/s	80/65/s
Cairo	86/71/s	87/68/s
Dublin	61/46/r	58/48/pc
Hong Kong	87/80/sh	91/80/pc
Jerusalem	77/57/pc	76/56/s
Johannesburg	79/58/s	84/59/s
London	62/54/pc	61/50/sh
Madrid	67/53/pc	69/52/pc
Mexico City	74/53/pc	75/51/sh
Montreal	61/42/s	63/48/s
Moscow	45/26/s	47/37/s
New Delhi	93/71/pc	94/71/s
Paris	62/52/c	59/50/sh
Rio de Janeiro	80/72/pc	77/67/r
Rome	72/61/c	69/58/r
Sydney	74/65/sh	76/61/sh
Tokyo	76/70/c	84/61/r
Toronto	65/41/s	67/44/s
Vienna	59/48/pc	59/41/c
Warsaw	59/40/s	56/37/s

## Sheumaker

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emotional damages and declined to award them.

As for punitive damages, McAllister noted Sheumaker had been criminally convicted for her conduct.

"While Defendant's actions were clearly wrongheaded, criminal, and injurious to Plaintiff, she has been prosecuted and punished for her actions. The Court does not feel that a separate award of punitive damages is compelled in this case as justice has been served through Defendant's prosecution," he wrote.

Sheumaker did not respond to a mes-

sage seeking comment.

Hedberg, George's attorney, said his client was glad to have taken the case to its conclusion.

"I'm satisfied we used the process to expose these people for what they were, which is advocating violence," he said.

As for the damages amount, he said Sheumaker's current location and employment status are unknown and it

will likely be hard to collect anything from her, regardless of how much the court awarded.

"We're satisfied we got our day in court and proved our case up in terms of liability and responsibility," he said.

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## Reichardt

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who had the pleasure of knowing Doug are better for it."

In an interview with the Register, Holmes Murphy CEO Dan Keough credited Reichardt for maintaining the business as a privately owned, locally based company.

"If not for Doug, Holmes Murphy might have been sold to somebody outside of Des Moines. You know our company is a non-family owned company so it's hand-selected individuals to carry on the reins into the future. And Doug was really, really committed to giving our generation an opportunity to carry on what he enjoyed," Keough said.

Reichardt's commitment to serving the community was a key concept passed down to the people he mentored, Keough said. He encouraged employees to serve on a board or contribute to a local cause they cared about.

"A lot of us are involved in community efforts today because of how Doug was deeply connected to Des Moines. And certainly his philanthropic efforts were something to be emulated," Keough said.

Reichardt's boundless enthusiasm helped inspire and motivate Holmes Murphy's team members, Keough said.

"He had the ability to energize a room. He had the ability to paint a picture of where we were going. He was a dreamer. Everybody believed that his dreams are things that could come to reality and oftentimes they did," Keough said.

The most important lesson Keough said he learned from Reichardt is that everything is about people.

"It's not about what you said. It's about how they felt. It's really the ability that you have to touch people's lives and make a difference in people's lives, and you know that's how we lead. We lead through our people with hearts and minds," Keough said.

### Reichardt gave to causes close to him, including the Giant Slide

Reichardt also was devoted to physical fitness, not only his own and his family's, but expanding the opportunities for others as well. It was Reichardt who helped found the The Iowa Sports Foundation/Iowa Games and Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative.

And it was Reichardt, then chair of the board of the Iowa Sports Foundation, who hired legendary Iowa quarterback Chuck Long as the organization's CEO and executive director.

"Doug is one of the best mentors ever. He taught me the ropes, the ins and outs and how to approach sponsors. He basically taught me how to be a CEO," Long said.

Long said Reichardt was dedicated to the health and wellness of others.

"He was just a great community guy with a positive attitude all the time. He wanted all Iowans to be active," Long said.

Long said he will always think of Reichardt when going by the YMCA.

"His family donated substantial money to our organization to help fund underprivileged kids involved with the YMCA so that they don't have to pay a fee to be in the summer games," Long said.

In 2015, the Reichardt family donated \$100,000 to the Iowa State Fair Blue-Ribbon Foundation to help preserve the Giant Slide — now called the Reichardt



Fairgoers enjoy a trip down the Reichardt Family Giant Slide during the opening day of the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Aug. 12, 2021.

BRYON HOULGRAVE/THE REGISTER

**"Doug approached everything he did with positivity, grit, and determination and was a great role model for all."**

**Holmes Murphy & Associates**  
In a statement about former CEO and chair Doug Reichardt on its website

Family Giant Slide.

Even that donation was with an eye toward promoting physical fitness, said Randy Reichardt.

"It kind of sounds strange, but it's health and wellness," he said.

"It got people moving, it got people excited about climbing some steps and sliding down," he said, adding that it's also the least expensive ride at the State Fair.

Randy Reichardt said his dad's commitment to health and fitness was shared with his grandfather Bill, but that Doug also saw it as a necessary

component to being an effective CEO.

"He knew during that time that he had to be fit because it allowed them to operate efficiently and think properly and work through problems and issues and if need be, work super late hours," Randy Reichardt said.

Longtime friend Rick Tollakson said it will be hard to replace Reichardt.

"I just think he was a community asset. He was a leader within the community. He was a kind of a go-to guy. Doug was always upbeat. He was always a Mr. positive kind of guy. I mean it's hard for a community to replace that kind of personality," said Tollakson, president and CEO of Hubbell Realty.

As Randy Reichardt has had the time to reflect on his dad's legacy, he said the way Doug Reichardt treated other people is the most valuable lesson that got passed down to him.

"I think the thing that stuck out the most individually would be his ability to look for the good in people. There's always things that aren't perfect and there's warts and freckles and you've just got to find the good in the people and you've got to highlight that as much as possible," Randy Reichardt said.

### Service information

The memorial service for Doug Reichardt will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Coppola Chapel at Dowling Catholic High School followed by a 1 p.m. reception at Wakonda Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the Reichardt Family Fund for future charitable giving at: [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/reichardt](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/reichardt)

Condolence letters can be directed to: Reichardt c/o Scott Flood, 1200 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA, 50265.