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**JUSTIN ROGERS AND HIS WIFE, JON-AH**, pose in front of a photograph shot by Justin that was on display at the Olson-Larsen Galleries in West Des Moines.

## Picture perfect

**FD native  
Rogers taking  
photography  
to a whole  
new level**

By **DANA BECKER**  
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Justin Rogers can remember when he was first handed a camera as a way to collect memories for a family vacation.

Now, years later — and thanks to the advice of a close friend — Rogers has photographs hanging around the state and continues to be honored for his work through the lens.

Rogers, a 2003 graduate of Fort Dodge Senior High, currently lives in Ankeny with his wife, Jonah, and their son, Jameson.

“I’ve always enjoyed taking photos,” Rogers said. “I’m pretty

sure I got my first digital camera back in 2003 when we took a trip to California. However, it wasn’t until a friend of mine back in 2013 sat me down and told me everything I was doing ‘wrong’ that I finally started doing everything ‘right.’

“I was shooting in the automatic modes and letting my camera choose the setting for me — which weren’t necessarily ideal — but his advice and letting me tag along with him on shoots is what took my photography to the next level. Shooting in manual allowed me to

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*“While I do enjoy building websites ... photography has been a great outlet for me as working from home and sitting behind three computer screens all day long doesn’t allow for much socializing or being able to get out and enjoy nature.”*

## A step into history

### Trump offers hand to Kim in Demilitarized Zone

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — With wide grins and a historic handshake, President Donald Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un met at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone on Sunday and agreed to revive talks on the pariah nation’s nuclear program. Trump, pressing his bid for a legacy-defining deal, became the first sitting American leader to step into North Korea.

What was intended to be an impromptu exchange of pleasantries turned into a 50-minute meeting, another historic first in the yearlong rapprochement between the two technically warring na-

*“I was proud to step over the line.”*

— President  
Donald Trump

tions. It marked a return to face-to-face contact between the leaders after talks broke down during a summit in

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## Ambulance hit by van Saturday night

### Samuelson: Incident still under investigation

By **PETER KASPARI**  
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A Fort Dodge Fire Department ambulance was struck by a van Saturday night as it was on the scene of a medical call.

The initial call for service came in at 7:32 p.m.

According to Fort Dodge Police Department Sgt. Paul Samuelson, officers and rescue personnel responded to 1234 1/2 First Ave. N. after receiving a report about a dog bite.

Samuelson said someone

had come over to that house when the owner’s dog bit them.

As the owner and another person at the home intervened, the dog bit both of them as well, and then it got into a fight with a second dog inside the house.

Multiple ambulances were dispatched to the scene, according to Samuelson.

While one of the ambulances was parked outside

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## Beshey passes on legacy of art

**‘Life goes on if you color outside the lines’**

By **PETER KASPARI**

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The love of art that Meg Beshey has is more than just a personal interest. It’s in her blood.

Many members of Beshey’s family have been involved in art, allowing her to be exposed to it at a young age. Her father is an illustrator and a painter. Her paternal grandmother was an oil painter, and one of her dad’s grandfathers went to the Philadelphia School of Art.

“And on my mom’s side, my uncle was involved with the Business Committee for the Arts,” Beshey said. “And, basically, that was run by the Rockefellers, so he was at the pleasure of the Rockefellers to buy art for their many corporate places.”

She carried that love of art through her childhood and into adulthood.

“Then I taught for 27-plus years in various school districts,” she said. “Rolfe Community Schools, Okoboji. I came down to the Blanden (Memorial Art Museum) for six years as art educator and then I was at Fort Dodge for 15.”

While she loves teaching art to people of all ages, she especially enjoys working with children because of their curiosity about different types of art.



## Hometown Pride


*Editor’s note: This feature first ran in a special publication called Hometown Pride, featuring people and organizations from Fort Dodge and the surrounding area who are working hard for their communities.*

“They love to hear why you’re so passionate about art,” Beshey said. “Anybody can teach color theory, but when you tell them what happens, that little chemistry about what happens when you mix red and yellow together, what might happen when you put a bit too much yellow or a bit too much red. Then you let them experiment. Then it doesn’t just become a color; then it be-

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-Messenger photo by Peter Kaspari

**FORT DODGE ARTIST MEG BESHEY** holds up some of her art supplies, including two brushes and a permanent marker. Beshey has had a lifelong interest in art and comes from a family of artists.



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## This date in history

### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2019. There are 183 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On July 1, 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

### On this date:

In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

**Five years ago:** David Greenglass, the star witness in the trial of his sister, Ethel

Rosenberg, and her husband, Julius, died in New York City at age 92. (The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953 for conspiring to pass secrets about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union; Greenglass served 10 years in prison for espionage followed by years of living under an assumed name.)

**One year ago:** Canada began imposing tariffs on \$12.6 billion in U.S. goods as retaliation for the Trump administration's new taxes on steel and aluminum imported to the United States.

**Thought for Today:** "In an age of multiple and massive innovations, obsolescence becomes the major obsession."

— **Marshall McLuhan, Canadian communications theorist (1911-1980)**

## Messenger poll

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Have you ever participated in a county fair?

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The Messenger Poll is updated weekly. Answers and new questions will be published on Sundays.

## From our files

### 10 Years ago: July 1, 2009

**NEWS:** Community Health Center of Fort Dodge received a \$356,750 federal grant to help pay for building renovations.

**SPORTS:** Fort Dodge beat Boone 6-4 in baseball.

### 25 Years ago: July 1, 1994

**NEWS:** Stewart Memorial Hospital received a \$636,000 bequest from the estates of Johnny S. and Annie Johnson.

**SPORTS:** St. Edmond beat Manson Northwest Webster 13-6 in baseball.

### 50 Years ago: July 1, 1969

**NEWS:** The Wakhonsa Chapter of the Questers Club had a display of unusual cups at the Fort Dodge Historical Museum and Fort.

**SPORTS:** Cedar Valley beat St. Edmond 4-2 in baseball.

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## Rogers

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capture what I was after in a scene and I also gained post-processing tips from him."

Rogers didn't jump right into his current profession upon graduating from Buena Vista University. Instead, he landed a job in Urbandale building websites for car dealerships. Those connections helped him eventually branch out on his own, which also opened the door for more work with the camera.

"While I do enjoy building websites — and that's ultimately what pays the bills — photography has been a great outlet for me as working from home and sitting behind three computer screens all day long doesn't allow for much socializing or being able to get out and enjoy nature," Rogers said. "The fact that I can at least generate enough income from my photos to pay for my photography gear is a bonus as anyone who is involved with photography knows that it is not a cheap hobby. I just consider this my second job and as long as I make enough to support my addiction, then I guess I'm doing all right."

"Because of photography, I've made many more friends than I ever would've by just working at home. I really enjoy the photography community and being inspired by other people's work. Seeing so many people at the Iowa State Fair photography competition is always a fun time to catch up with everyone and see what they've been up to over the past year. But probably the most rewarding part of photography is hearing how I've brought so much joy to people over the year through my images."

"I'm just glad that people enjoy my images as much as I enjoy taking them. I never imagined I'd have a photography book full of my own images published or be the featured artist at an art gallery installation. It's still weird seeing my work in such a professional



-Messenger file photo by Bill Shea

**ABOVE: JUSTIN ROGERS** stands in the Fort Dodge City Council Chambers with a mural of the Fort Dodge skyline.

-Submitted photo

**LEFT:** Justin Rogers poses with "Images From the Heart of Iowa," a collection of photos shot by Rogers that was published in 2017.



capacity — whether in a book, on the cover of a magazine or framed on a wall under the lights."

Rogers has earned numerous first place awards for his work, which has been featured in publications such as Farm & Ranch

Living, Our Iowa and Country. He has also ventured to Mexico, Iceland and Ireland for projects.

As he continues to grow with the camera, Rogers is hoping to make it a family affair on future trips.

"Aside from the techni-

cal learning curve at the beginning, the hardest part as of late has been finding the time to get out," Rogers said. "We had our first child at the end of 2017 and, although he's my best creation, he's also the most time consuming. I look forward to a few years from now when hopefully he shares some of my same interests (outdoors and photography) and perhaps we can go on some adventures together."

Samples of his work can be found on RogersPhotography.com. Rogers also had a photo book titled "Images From the Heart of Iowa" published in 2017.

## Korea

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Vietnam in February. Significant doubts remain, though, about the future of the negotiations and the North's willingness to give up its stockpile of nuclear weapons.

The border encounter was a made-for-television moment. The men strode toward one another from opposite sides of the Joint Security Area and shook hands over the raised patch of concrete at the Military Demarcation Line as cameras clicked and photographers jostled to capture the scene.

After asking if Kim wanted him to cross, Trump took 10 steps into the North with Kim at his side, then escorted Kim back to the South for talks at Freedom House, where they agreed to revive the stalled negotiations.

The spectacle marked the latest milestone in two years of roller-coaster diplomacy between the two nations. Personal taunts of "Little Rocket Man" (by Trump) and "mentally deranged U.S. dotard" (by Kim) and threats to destroy one other have given way to on-again, off-again talks, professions of love and flowery letters.

"I was proud to step over the line," Trump told Kim as they met in on the South Korean side of the truce village of Panmunjom. "It is a great day for the world."



-AP photo

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP** shakes hands with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the border village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone, South Korea, Sunday.

Kim hailed the moment, saying of Trump, "I believe this is an expression of his willingness to eliminate all the unfortunate past and open a new future." Kim added that he was "surprised" when Trump issued an unorthodox meeting invitation by tweet on Saturday.

As he left South Korea on his flight to Washington, Trump tweeted that he had "a wonderful meeting" with Kim. "Stood on the soil of North Korea, an important statement for all, and a great honor!"

Trump had predicted the two would greet one another for about "two minutes," but they ended up spending more than an hour together. The president was joined in the Freedom House conversation with Kim by his daughter and son-in-law, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, both senior White House advisers.

Substantive talks between the countries had largely broken down after the last Trump-Kim summit in Hanoi, which ended early when the leaders hit an impasse.

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