



commUNITY Newsletter

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A Season of Giving



A Message from the Executive Director

After a year of missing out on many holiday celebrations, we are getting back into the swing of holiday fun for the whole family! I have curated a list of exciting holiday events happening in our rural western Iowa area this season. Our events and festivities serve as an outlet to bring together people of all demographics from neighboring communities. With our small communities filled with school and church activities, youth organizations and clubs, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations, there is a little bit of everything we love in western Iowa. Take some time off! Relax and unite together to celebrate the season.

It is my hope that you are all enjoying and truly experiencing the spirit of this holiday season. Christmas is truly the season of giving, whether providing gifts, volunteering your time, or giving back to the community by providing food or shelter and helping the less fortunate. We celebrate those who give in such inspiring ways and show us how everyone has something to give - whether it is time, talent or simple acts of kindness. Anything you can give can make a difference to someone and we would love to see this kind of goodwill continue throughout the coming new year. Happy Holidays!

Kristine Sorenson





Dear Santa

Santa is waiting to hear from all the boys and girls before the holidays. He is making preparations in anticipation of the Christmas holiday. This year make sure to get your letters to Santa by emailing them to Santa@omnitel.biz

Happy Holidays from everyone at OmniTel!



Top: Kailia Grav enjoys her visit with Santa at the Walnut Annual Christmas Walk on Nov 27. Photograph courtesy of Shelley Grav, owner of the Plum Crazy Vintage & More on Antique Drive.



Left: Children had the opportunity to share their Christmas wishes with Santa Claus at the Avoca Holidays on Main "Holiday Hoedown" on Saturday, Nov 27.



Community Congratulations

OAKLAND, IOWA



Congratulations to Impact Hill on their recently awarded grant of \$300,000 from the Charles E. Lakin Foundation.

The mission of Impact Hill is to provide a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for the recreational, educational, social, and cultural advancement of southwestern Iowa. Parts of the historic Riverside high school have already been renovated into community spaces, art/sewing and music rooms, rental facilities for meetings and family activities.

With plans underway for additional expansion throughout the high school, the nonprofit organization will be utilizing the grant to redesign sections of the facility into a certified kitchen and technology center.

While awaiting their future progress, come out and enjoy some upcoming events at Impact Hill!

Thursday, December 2

Holiday Paint Night

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Taught by Laurie Fell
The Chalking Teacher

Creating
Double-Sided Snowflakes
or Double-Sided Christmas
Trees

\$35/person includes:
materials to make your
choice of 1 paint craft

Tuesday, December 7

Ribbon Tree Crafting Class

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Taught by Hanna Oltman

Creating
Ribbon Christmas Trees

\$20/person includes:
materials to make 2 ribbon
Christmas trees

Wine Provided for ages 21+



PRICING
\$10/TEAM/HOUR FOR HALF OF THE GYM
MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS
\$20/TEAM/HOUR FOR FULL GYM
MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS
\$250 + HALF THE DOOR FOR A DAY OF
COMPETITION AND FULL USE
\$350 WITH NO DOOR FOR A DAY OF
COMPETITION AND FULL USE
LASER GUN RENTAL - \$100
IN ADDITION TO GYM RENTAL FEE
LARGE CATERPILLAR BOUNCE HOUSE - \$75
IN ADDITION TO GYM RENTAL FEE

AUDITORIUM RENTAL



PRICING
\$25/HOUR FOR PRACTICE, SEMI-RENTALS, ETC.



IMPACT HILL
Supporting the Youth of Tomorrow

ROLLER BLADES



PRICING
SKATE PACKAGE
\$40 FOR TWO HOURS IN THE GYM
+ \$2/ SKATE RENTAL
SCHOOL RENTAL PACKAGE
CLASSROOMS CAN RENT 4-6 WEEKS
AT \$3/STUDENT
INCLUDES SKATES, HELMETS,
AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

RENTAL CANCELLATION POLICY:



A1 CLASSROOM



A2 CLASSROOM



PRICING
\$15/HOUR
MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS
RENTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
DECORATIONS
FOOD MUST STAY IN ROOM

Follow Impact Hill on [Facebook](#) and Instagram to watch for upcoming events and follow their progress.



Community Congratulations

WALNUT, IOWA



A bit of IOWA celebrated their Grand Opening in Walnut on Friday, November 5th with a WIDA ribbon-cutting ceremony, and wine tasting event with family and friends. Radberry's, the newest Bakery in Avoca, catered in quite the spread as guests explored the new space. The owner, Karol Calabro purchased the old Optimist gift shop and has given it more than a fresh coat of paint: A new idea. Her goal at "a bit of IOWA" art gallery is to exhibit the talents of Iowa's artists, local and afar. A wide variety of art graces the gallery from fine art, sculptures, wooden crafts, ceramics, blown glass, gourds, jewelry, photography, Walnut memorabilia and more. The collaborative gallery will feature a wide variety of makers with creative backgrounds and a wide variety of mediums. Calabro will be supporting individual artists with wine tastings and regular promotions. The building has room for growth and a lot of potential.



Walnut is highly known for its' antiques and many promotions in bringing people together, with the Antique Fall Festival, Market Days, and annual Christmas Walk. Calabro wanted to create something beautiful, to create more opportunities for local artists and a place for people to enjoy!

Prices are set by the artists themselves. When the art is brought in, it is photographed, insured and listed. Artists do not pay for space, just a small commission that supports the gallery, showings and promotions. The studio also welcomes sponsors and donations.

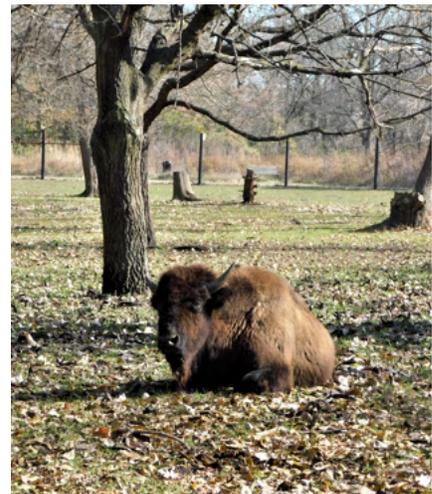
The gallery is located at 607 Highland, Walnut.
Hours: Wed-Sat 10 am to 5 pm, Sun 11 am to 3 pm
Hours will be extended for holidays and events.



Community Congratulations

HANCOCK, IOWA

On November 6, Pottawattamie County Conservation hosted their very first Bison Fest at Botna Bend Park. The largest land mammal in North America, Bison became nearly extinct by hunters in the late 1800's. Thanks to the preservation of areas like this, bison have been able to make a comeback. There are many bison in the park along with a large elk herd. Rangers and volunteers were spread out among the park for the event to discuss the history of bison and their role, showcase bison artifacts, demonstrate bison wool-spinning and more! Participants were even given the opportunity to try their hand at wielding an atlatl, a tool that aided in spear throwing before the bow and arrow were even introduced. It was a beautiful day for all of the family-friendly activities, hay-rack rides, learning experiences and seeing the herds. If you were not able to attend, keep an eye out for next years' event. Botna Bend Park is open year round. Park admission is \$3/vehicle per day, or you can purchase a yearly membership. Proceeds assist in raising awareness and funds for continued restoration of the animals and their habitat. As a reminder, bison are very majestic, but they are not something to mess with. When you visit, please use caution and view from a safe distance. We hope to see more people attend next year!



Community Congratulations

MARNE, IOWA



On November 18, Marne Elk Horn accepted a \$4.5M award to expand fiber internet further in western Iowa. In the next several years, underserved Internet customers in western Iowa will be served with Marne Elk Horn fiber Internet after the company completes fiber projects in the region. The company announced today that they have accepted the \$4.5 million grant award from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program, which was announced in September, as well as the locations of the fiber projects they will be doing.

According to Rachel Hamilton, CEO of Marne Elk Horn, in 2022 the company will complete the fiber project in the City of Neola, which it started in 2021 as part of the company's vision to serve all customers in their services areas with fiber. Also next year, they will begin work in the community of Exira and the Iowa grant awarded area near Underwood (see map for details of the project area). The company already has fiber to the community and rural areas of Brayton, Elk Horn, Marne, McClelland, Kimballton, and Walnut. Additionally, in the communities (and some rural areas) of Avoca, Underwood & Neola.

"Projects like this are tremendous for customers and exciting for us to do, and we're pleased to announce details of all we have been working on," said Hamilton. "It's important to remember that under normal circumstances projects of this size take a couple of construction seasons to complete. Right now things aren't normal.

It's more difficult to acquire materials, electronics and contractor crews, which impacts our ability to build these projects as quickly as we'd like. But we won't let that hinder our efforts."

Today, broadband (fiber Internet) is as important as electricity was in the 1930s. The disparity of available broadband Internet offerings across the state has left many rural residents and businesses without the reliable, ultra-fast fiber Internet that most Marne Elk Horn customers already have. This fact was exacerbated and exposed further by the pandemic when people needed to work and attend school from home. "Rural Underwood is in need of internet options and upgrades in order for our regional community to stay progressive and competitive with the shift to remote workforce and the need for speed to run more technologically advanced applications. Marne Elk Horn's project will meet this need, and we are thrilled," said Angie and Jim J. of rural Underwood. "Marne Elk Horn's investment will also benefit Underwood Schools and our rural student population." Zach Kerber, who has Marne Elk Horn service at his machine & design shop in McClelland said, "I was very happy to hear that they are expanding their fiber and soon I'll be able to get service from them at my home. At the office, Marne Elk Horn saved us from very poor service from a previous provider, and I can't wait to have Marne Elk Horn fiber at home too."

Community Congratulations

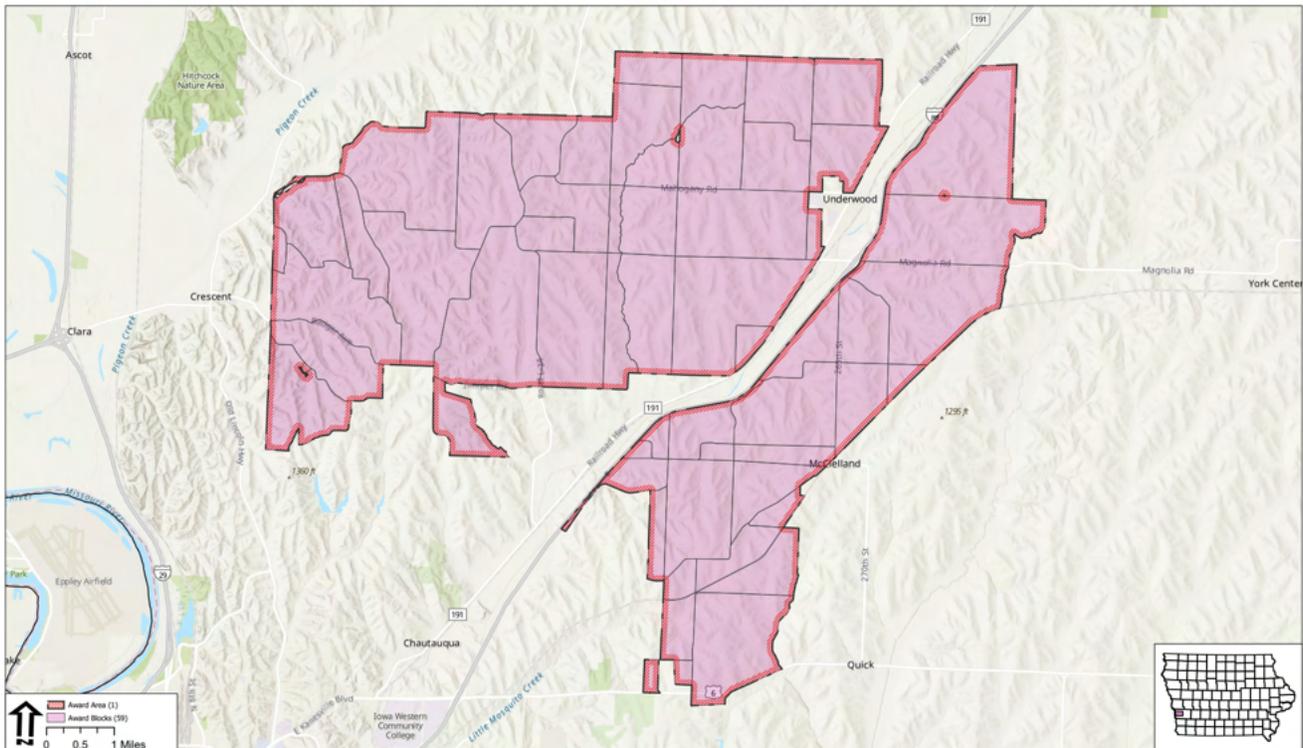
MARNE, IOWA CONTINUED...

Hamilton said that Marne Elk Horn is excited to continue to bridge broadband gaps with these projects, some made possible only because of grant funds. “Because of the tremendous cost to build fiber networks, without grants or other low-cost funding sources, it would be tough to make a business case to build fiber into these rural neighborhoods,” stated Hamilton.

“The Marne Elk Horn team is excited about 2022. We know our fiber projects will positively impact the day-to-day activities of rural residents who live here and we can’t wait to welcome you to our services and team. If you live in one of these areas you will be hearing more from us soon,” concluded Hamilton.



ocio NOFA006 Broadband Grants Program - Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Program
Office of the Chief Information Officer 416731 - Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company



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Ways to Give This Year

You can make the holidays brighter for families in the local area!

NACC Glove, Mitten & Sock Tree, Neola

The Neola Area Community Center is once again hosting the memory tree and the glove, mitten and sock tree (for Tri-Center Schools). The NACC will also be accepting canned goods for the area Food Pantry (now located in Minden).

Please consider donating new or gently worn items. Donations can be dropped off at the NACC during hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

Shoebox Angels, Oakland

A local nonprofit organization run by Mischa Martens of Oakland, Iowa. Since 2003, Shoebox Angels has been providing gifts for children and families in need. Martens takes donations and purchases gifts throughout the year. In 2020, Shoebox Angels assembled and gifted 156 boxes to area organizations, with the help of some amazing volunteers. Martens thoughtfully curates what she includes in the shoeboxes including goodies and essentials, along with special notes to ensure that recipients know that there is someone who cares. It is quite the process but in the end these shoeboxes mean the world to someone in need.

If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Mischa at shoeboxangels@gmail.com
FB: Shoebox Angels created by Mischa Martens

Riverside Toy Drive, Oakland

Keast Chevrolet and Buck Snort-Oakland are partnering up to make this the greatest holiday season for children and families in need! You can help them make a HUGE impact by donating and helping FILL A TRUCK with gifts!

Here are a few of the wish list items: Legos, He-Man toys, Barbie Dolls, Micro Machine Cars, Stationary, Baby Dolls, Dinosaurs, Fidget & Popits Toys, Art or Craft Kits, Superheroes, Pretend Kitchen Items, L.O.L. Surprise Dolls, Hair Scrunchies, Fuzzy Socks, Earbuds, Soft Blankets, Board Games, Nail Polish or Nail Kits, Horses, Basketballs, Nerf Guns, Remote Control Cars, Puzzles, Winter Accessories (Hats/Gloves/Scarves), and/or Gift Cards (Ruback's, Casey's, Destination Coffee & Cuisine, Target, Ulta, etc.). If you or your organization would like to donate, please drop gifts off at Keast Chevy in Oakland, Iowa

Denny's Place, Crescent

Denny's Place in Crescent has a Hat & Mitten Tree and are also taking donations for the local Food Bank. Hats, mittens and non-perishable foods can be dropped off during hours of operation.

Food Drive, Oakland

The Riverside High School Student Council is sponsoring a Food Drive from DEC 6 - 10.
Food items Needed: Any Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Canned Protein (Tuna, Chicken, etc.), Soups, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Noodles, Dry Rice, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Hamburger Helper, and Spaghetti's.



Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER



Carson Christmas

Wednesday, December 1

A shuttle will be provided for transportation from Broadway to the Community Building & Country Store.

5:00-8:00 pm

- FREE Christmas Fire Truck Rides (Fire Department)
- Open Houses at Carson Businesses
 - Sign-up for PRIZES at each location
- Wine Tasting at the Country Store

5:00-7:30 pm at the Community Center

- Soup Supper (Hosted by CVFD)
- Craft & Vendor Fair
- Kids Activities (Hosted by Eckles Memorial Library)
- Selfie Station
- Reindeer Run (Poker Run)
- \$5.00 to play 50/50 Prize
- Bake Sale (CPW)
- Quilt Raffle (Donated by Marilyn Mickey)

5:30-6:30 pm at the Dreamland Theater

- Concert featuring Paul Hart & Jackie Akers
- \$2.00/person

7:00 pm at the Dreamland Theater

- **SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES (BRING YOUR CAMERA)**

8:30 pm at The Bar'N and Grill

- PRIZE DRAWINGS



Impact Hill

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Hitchcock Nature Center

Thursday, December 2

Building Better Builders Series
Guided Birding Hike, 3:00-4:30 pm

Owl Prowl, 4:30-6:00 pm

The Ultimate Winter Bird Survey, A Summary of
the First Ever Christmas Bird Count Marathon
6:30-8:00 pm

Register Online:

<https://www.pottconservation.com/calendar/>

Sloppy Joe Dinner

Friday, December 3

Underwood High School

Dinner Served
5:00-7:00 pm

During the Basketball Games

Menu

Sloppy Joes
Baked Beans
Potato Chips
Ice Cream/Toppings
Drink

\$8.00 a plate
\$2 extra Sloppy Joe

Iron & Willow Beauty Collective

Fabulous Friends Night

Friday, December 3

5:30-8:30 pm

Bring a friend, shop around and enjoy discounted
chair massages, botox and more!

Local beauty vendors (hair and makeup), crafts &
designs, and wine tastings provided by Breezy
Hills Vineyard and Winery.

4111 S. 9th Street, Council Bluffs

We will also have a DRAWING for 2 lovely
homemade quilts
Tickets \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5

Proceeds fund and award college scholarships to
Underwood students through the Dollars for
Scholars Program



Christmas in Macedonia

December 3, 4 and 5

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW at the Grist Mill Theater

By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten and Directed by Christi Hartsock

PLAYING TIMES

Friday, December 3 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 pm

Adults \$15.00 Students \$5.00

Call 712-486-2216 for Tickets

Check the Grist Mill Website for
Seating Information: gristmillfinearts.com

Produced by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Light Up Macedonia

Prizes of \$25 to be awarded in each category:

Spirit of the Season, White Christmas, Clark
Griswold Best, Best Inflatables, WOW Factor,
and Most Colorful.

Judging on the evening of Saturday, Dec 4

HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON

Sponsored by MHDC

Open House Pioneer Trail Museum

Friday, December 3

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 4

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 5

12:30 to 2:30 pm

Painted Camel Open House

Friday, December 3

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 4

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 5

Noon to 6:00 pm

Cookies, Cocoa & Santa

Saturday, December 4

1:00 to 3:00 pm

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES

At the Pioneer Trail Museum

Bring your camera & get a picture!
Have some cookies and hot chocolate!



Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER



Join the Shelby Fire and Rescue
Saturday, December 4

Light Up The Holidays

11:30 am to 3:00 pm
at the Shelby Iowa Fire Hall

SOUPS & DESSERTS
(Free will donations)

SANTA CLAUS
WILL ARRIVE AT 1:00 PM
WITH A SPECIAL GIFT FOR EACH CHILD.

Make & Take Crafts
Photos With Santa
Wagon Rides & More

Blood Drive
Saturday, December 4

8 am-1:30 pm
Shelby Iowa Community Center
Call 1-800-733-2767
to schedule an appointment

SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO HANCOCK
Saturday, December 4

10:00 to 11:00 am
Hancock City Hall

Cookie Walk Avoca
Saturday, December 4

9:00 am to Noon
United Church of Avoca

Choose and purchase cookies by the dozen



Christmas at The Cafe Open House
Saturday, December 4

10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Millie McKeever's Vintage & Home Decor
and Frosting Inc.,
201 Antique City Drive, Walnut





HO, HO, HO
Sunday, December 5

**SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO
MCCLELLAND**

2:00 pm
In the Park
(Weather Permitting)
OR
At the City Hall

Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 5

Breakfast Served
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Walnut Community Center
415 Antique City Drive

Free will donation pancake breakfast.

PICTURES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

9:00 AM to Noon

Open House
Sunday, December 5

Celebrate the Holiday
Season with
Countryside Market

2:00 to 4:00 pm

VISIT SANTA CLAUS

Sample products in the store
and from an upcoming
bakery in the local area.

300 Main Street, Minden

Oakland Christmas
Sunday, December 5

Eckels Memorial Library Open House
3:00 to 5:00 pm

Crafts, cookie decorating, hot chocolate

Supper, Sweet Treats and Santa
Dinner at the Oakland Community Building
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Hot Dog/Soup Supper (Lions Club free will donation)

VISIT SANTA CLAUS

Sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER



Let's Light  Up Crescent
with Some Christmas Joy!

2nd Annual Decorating Competition!

Whether it be as simple as a beautifully lit tree or you have the dedication of the Griswold's, we're looking forward to your creativity and excitement.

Judging will be on the evening of December 19th.

Small prizes for the top three picked, plus bragging rights until next year.

The judging will be within the city limits, but we hope to see all our neighbors get into the spirit.

There will be new judges and new winners this year. Last years winners will have to wait until next year to be eligible again.



Believe in the **MAGIC** of the Season!

BINGO

Sundays
December 5 & 12

5:00 pm
Treynor Community
Center

Hosted by The Treynor
American Legion

Follow on Facebook:
American Legion Post 725

THE NUT

Monday, December 6

Volleyball League starts
Dec. 6th, so The Nut Bar
will be OPEN on Monday
nights at 5:30 pm.

Check the Facebook Page
for weekly food and drink
specials.

Walnut Community
Center
415 Antique City Drive

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER

Neola's "Old Fashioned Christmas"

December 11

St. Patrick's Hall

Soup Supper

4:00 to 7:00 pm

Adults: \$8

Children under 12: \$4

Children under 4: Free

Menu:

Chili, Vegetable Soup, Potato

Soup, Dessert & Drink

(Free Refills)

TO GO Meals Available

Cookie Walk

Begins at 4:00 pm

Medium: \$10.00

Large: \$15.00

Fire Hall

SANTA CLAUS

ARRIVES

3:30 to 5:30 pm

4-H is Providing
Crafts for Kids!

Christmas Caroling

with Bill Ambrose
and Cliff Killpack

St. Patrick's Hall
5:30 pm

Community Choir

"There is a Savior"

St. Patricks Church
7:00 pm

Directed by Jim Ross



Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER



Riverside Music Department Winter Music Concerts

Mark Your Calendars

December 13

OES 6:30 pm

CES 7:30 pm

H.S. GYM

December 17

6th Grade Band & Vocal

6:30 pm

Junior High Band & Vocal

7:30 pm

H.S. Auditorium

December 20

High School Band & Vocal

7:00 pm

H.S. Auditorium



2022

New Years Eve Party

Friday, December 31

Join Us to Celebrate!

"Third Wish" will play from

8:30 pm to 12:30 am

\$10 PER PERSON

FREE BAR SNACKS

CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

Walnut Community Center

415 Antique City Drive





"Support your ho-ho-hometown"



**SANTA SAYS
SHOP LOCAL**

Women's apparel, shoes, jewelry, accessories, and more.

20% off all summer clearance items!

Lots of new arrivals coming in weekly!



708 Old Lincoln Highway Crescent, IA

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A FREE FEATURE IN THE NEWSLETTER, FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN RURAL WESTERN IOWA. SUBMIT A SALES/PROMOTION OR OPEN HOUSE. ONCE PUBLISHED, YOU CAN SUBMIT A NEW ONE IN ANOTHER 3 MONTHS. SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: KRISTINE4WIDA@OUTLOOK.COM

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FREE SERVICES

- Offer to help you claim a FREE Google account.
- Advertisement of your promotions and specials – such as open houses, holiday promotions, and specialty days (military % offs, etc.).
- Brainstorming promotional/marketing ideas with you.
- Receive WIDA monthly e-newsletter.
- Recommendation of grants (if you have a nonprofit).
- Access to Ribbon Cuttings for special events.

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

\$100/YEAR

- Front page welcome in our e-newsletter.
- Listed on WIDA website as a member.
- Listed on WIDA Annual Report as a member.
- WIDA membership window decal.
- Receive WIDA monthly e-newsletter.
- Promotion of news releases, when sent in.
- Event postings on WIDA calendar, when sent in.
- Promotional flyers on WIDA website, when sent in.
- Business card ad in our monthly e-newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WESTERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IS A
501(C)6 ASSOCIATION FOR POTTAWATTAMIE
COUNTY, IOWA AND BEYOND.

OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESSES,
ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ENHANCE
THE COUNTY AND DEVELOP TOURISM.

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

\$500/YEAR

- Front page welcome in our e-newsletter.
- Listed on WIDA website as a member.
- Listed on WIDA Annual Report as a member.
- WIDA membership window decal.
- Receive WIDA monthly e-newsletter.
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- Promotion of news releases, when sent in.
- Event postings on WIDA calendar, when sent in.
- Promotional flyers on WIDA website, when sent in.
- Business Card ad in our monthly e-newsletters.
- Town Landing Page Sponsor for a year.
- Event organizational checklists upon request.
- Social media accounts set-up.
- Tourism venues listed on Travellowa.com
- Assistance creating marketing materials upon request.
- Listed on WIDA newsletter sponsor for a year.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

\$1000/YEAR

- Front page welcome in our e-newsletter.
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- Listed on WIDA Annual Report as a member.
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- Vendor recommendations upon request.
- Distribution of your promotional items at tourism events upon request (parades, etc).
- Grant review and proofreading upon request.



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COFFEE PLEASE

DESTINATION COFFEE & CUISINE

*Stop in and Ask for a NEW
 National Park Signature Drink*

GLACIER

Dark Chocolate Sauce & Peppermint Syrup

YELLOWSTONE

White Chocolate Sauce with
 Hazelnut & Salted Caramel Syrups

SMOKY MOUNTAINS

White Chocolate Sauce with Toasted
 Marshmallow Syrup

ZION

White Chocolate Sauce & Raspberry Syrup

GRAND CANYON

Caramel Sauce & Vanilla Syrup

Lattes

Medium \$4.75 Large \$5.25

Iced Coffee

Medium \$3.25 Large \$3.75

AVAILABLE HOT OR COLD



Frosting, Inc.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Cookies

- Assorted 25 pc cookie tray - \$35
- Decorate your own Cookie Kits, 12 cookies - \$24
- Frosted Sugar Cookies - \$24/dozen
- Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies - \$18/dozen

Candy

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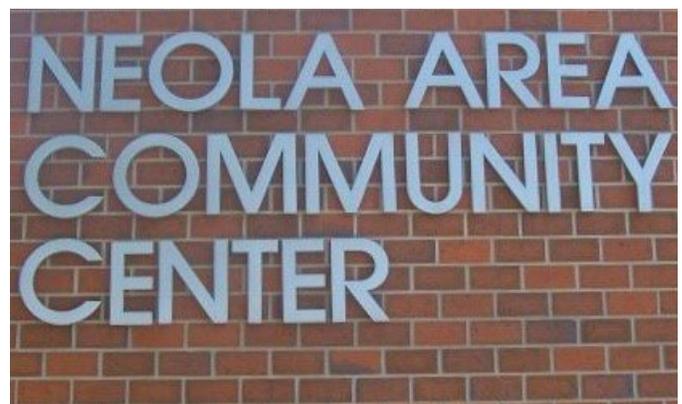
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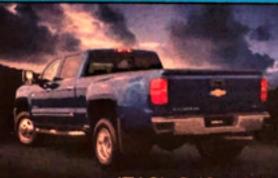
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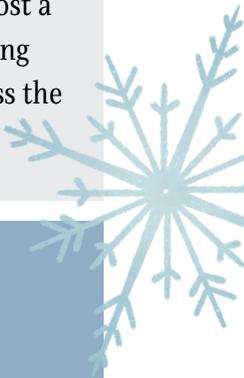


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- ☺ Most of Santa’s reindeer have male-sounding names, such as Blitzen, Comet, and Cupid. However, male reindeers shed their antlers around Christmas, so the reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh are likely not male, but female or castrated.
- ☺ All of the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas song equal 364 gift when added together. Almost a gift for every day of the year!
- ☺ Czech Republicans are very superstitious, a table at Christmas must be made of even numbers otherwise the one without a partner may die.
- ☺ Mistletoe (Viscum album) is from the Anglo-Saxon word misteltan, which means “little dung twig” because the plant spreads though bird droppings.
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