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This year's event is especially important, as there are numerous projects that our community needs. We are committed to supporting essential pillars, such as fire and police services, arts and beautification, and programs for children in the community, creating endless opportunities. I invite everyone to participate—attend the Gala, donate, or volunteer. Together, we can ensure Polk City remains a special place for future generations. Let's build a proud future together.



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Sound familiar? If you have ever asked for directions from someone who lived in a town for a long time, you likely heard something like that.

I worked at a gas station in high school, and a day rarely went by when people didn't stop in and ask for directions — and they also rarely wrote my instructions down. Either my directions were really simple, or they got lost along the way. I am guessing the latter.

I learned to first ask directions-seekers if they were familiar with the area. If the answer was yes, I could use landmarks as a guide. If the answer was no, I offered street names and my best guess for a number of blocks.

You may know people in town who moved to an older home where the prior owners lived for many decades. The Smith home. The Johnson home. The Jones home. The new owners could live there for 20 years, but many of the locals would still call it by the name of the prior inhabitants. Change is slow for many of us.

When our editor and I discussed a story idea about popular landmarks in the community, we both wondered what we would hear from residents when asked to name a few of the most popular. Parks. Ponds. Monuments. Bridges. Things like these topped the list, but we also heard about some unique landmarks that we guess many have never heard of. In that sense, landmarks are like art, and what defines art is different to every person.

French essayist Joseph Joubert said monuments are the grappling irons that bind one generation to another. I believe this to be true with many other landmarks, too, as they give us a sense of comfort and belonging and identity. And, although many of our central Iowa communities have a great deal in common, these landmarks make each one unique.

In this issue of your Living magazine, we share some of the popular landmarks in town and tell the stories of their relevance to the community. We hope you smile as you recall some of these, and we hope you are also inspired to seek out the others.

Thanks for reading. ■

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Landmarks add
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By Lindsey Giardino

Polk City may not be the largest town in the metro, but it's home to some treasured landmarks that provide glimpses into the community's history. From a historic school house to the classic bandstand and solemn Beebe Cemetery, these sites are reminders of the town's past and enduring legacy. Each landmark tells its own story and provides a window into Polk City's unique character and the lives of its early residents.

Roxana Currie of the Big Creek Historical Society visits the historic bandstand on the Polk City Square.



Big Creek Historical Museum was built in 1863 by Adam Schaal, an accomplished craftsman known for his work with native black walnut wood. The original walnut can be seen in the bell tower of the museum.

Big Creek Historical Museum

Situated directly on Polk City's town square, the Big Creek Historical Museum stands as a beloved piece of local history, representing more than 160 years of community life. Built in 1863 by Adam Schaal, an accomplished craftsman known for his work with native black walnut wood, the building is one of the town's oldest structures and among the longest-serving municipal buildings in Iowa.

Schaal, who settled in Polk City in the 1850s, became renowned for his durable and intricately crafted homes and barns throughout the region.

"Anybody that owns one of the houses that he built says, 'Man, it takes a piece of dynamite to remodel this because the walnut wood is so hard,' " explains Roxana Currie, who is heavily involved with the Big Creek Historical Society.

The museum itself is a testament to this craftsmanship, showcasing sturdy walnut beams that have withstood the test of time. As the tale goes, Schaal took his son, Will, up on the roof to nail down some shingles and told him, "You will never forget this adventure."

This past fall, a group of men fixed the rope for the building's bell tower, and, as they did so, they discovered huge pieces of walnut. One of the men said, "It's like time has stood still."

Originally constructed as a two-story framed schoolhouse, the

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building served as Polk City's school for 30 years before being repurposed as city hall in 1894. The first floor housed city government functions, while the second floor became a lively community center, hosting a wide variety of events, from traveling shows and dances to Boy Scout skeet shooting and church services.

In 2002, the city of Polk City entered a lease agreement with the Big Creek Historical Society, allowing the organization to call the building home. This also marked the beginning of a seven-year restoration journey. In 2004, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places, affirming its cultural and architectural significance.

The restoration project officially commenced in 2005, focusing on the first-floor interior, the cupola and the main entrance. After completing these areas in 2006, efforts shifted to the exterior and the second floor, known as Miller Hall, which was restored to reflect its 1915 appearance. By April 2009, the museum's transformation was complete, preserving the building's history while allowing it to serve as a modern gathering place once again.

Today, the Big Creek Historical Museum continues to be a focal point of community life and houses artifacts and historical exhibits managed by the Big Creek Historical Society. The preservation of this historic structure has ensured that Polk City's past remains accessible to future generations.

"It's a remarkable building," Currie says. "We're just so lucky to have it."

The Bandstand

Another iconic feature in Polk City is the town's treasured bandstand, often referred to as the "gazebo" on the Square.

The bandstand was built in 1883 by Will Schaal at a time when it was common for towns to have a city band. Albert Kurtz is a name tied to the early days of the bandstand. His father played the cornet and was the blacksmith in town. When Kurtz joined the Navy, he wound up playing in and directing the Navy Band on the ship he was stationed on. When he returned, he carried on the tradition with the Polk City Band, leading a 15-piece band that performed regularly for about 35 years, bringing people together for concerts and community

celebrations.

"The band was a big deal back then," Currie says, describing how the bandstand would be alive with the sounds of polkas and other popular music of the era.

There are even articles about how the train used to arrive in town from Des Moines, bringing people who would enjoy the square and the Polk City Band.

While today's residents may see the structure as a gazebo, it was designed for utility, not simply decoration. Even today, the bandstand hosts local musicians at events like the farmers market, though it has undergone several reconstructions over the years.

"It's been rebuilt so many times, it's hard to say how much of the original is still there," Currie notes.

Regardless, the bandstand remains a cherished piece of Polk City's history.

Beebe Cemetery

Not far from the museum, another landmark quietly tells its own story of Polk City's early days: the Beebe Cemetery.

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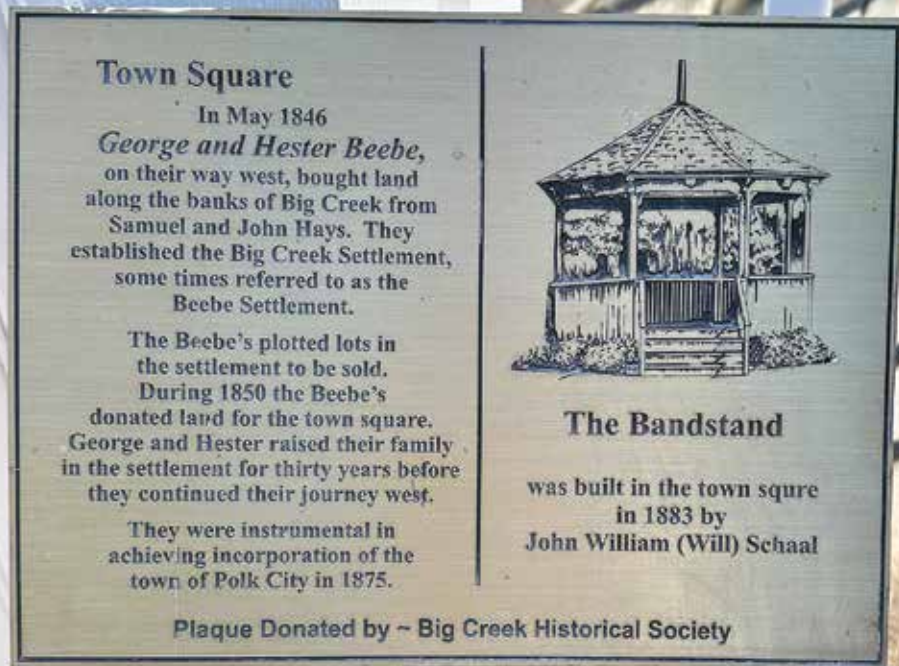
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The cemetery, located on Broadway Street, serves as the resting place for six of the Beebe children, including an infant born shortly after the family's arrival in 1846. It is believed that the family chose to stop in Polk City due to the hardships they faced on their journey, and the town eventually became a place where they could lay down roots and build a community.

Over the years, Beebe Cemetery has faced the challenges that time



The plaque at the bandstand commemorates its opening on the town square in 1883.

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brings: fallen and weathered gravestones, as well as a loss of historical context. Community members and the Polk City Historical Society have undertaken several restoration efforts, including a significant one adding a protective fence around the site. More recently, a donation allowed the Historical Society to add plants and landscaping, giving the cemetery a peaceful, garden-like atmosphere that honors those buried there.

Currie emphasizes the importance of both the museum and the cemetery as links to the town's past. They serve as places of remembrance, connecting current residents with the legacy of the pioneers who shaped Polk City.

"I think that's where something like the museum is important to a community," Currie says. "Because, if you don't keep telling those stories, nobody knows."

Alongside the Big Creek Historical Museum and the town's historic bandstand, Beebe Cemetery completes a trio of landmarks that embody the spirit and resilience of Polk City's early settlers. These sites offer a narrative that spans generations, reminding residents of the community's roots and the people who built it from the ground up. ■



Beebe Cemetery was established by local pioneers.

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BRING the taste of takeout home

(Family Features) Some nights, especially when schedules are jam packed, the allure of grabbing takeout or swinging through a drive-thru between activities may sound more appealing than spending time in the kitchen. You can skip the to-go boxes, however, with these tasty Asian-inspired dishes that come together almost as fast as delivery while allowing you to get creative at mealtime.

Packed with fresh shrimp and crispy veggies, this crab and shrimp sushi burrito fuses some favorite takeout dishes together to satisfy cravings in half an hour. Using Success Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice, which cooks up soft and fluffy, provides a flavorful and aromatic base. This combination of seafood, homemade sauces and flavorful veggies makes for an unforgettable taste experience comparable to your favorite quick-serve restaurant.

Find more recipe inspiration to tackle takeout cravings and more at SuccessRice.com. ■

Crab and shrimp sushi burrito

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/2 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
- 4 sushi nori sheets
- 1/2 carrot, ribboned, divided
- 1/2 cucumber, ribboned, divided
- 6 crab sticks, shredded, divided
- 6 large shrimp, cooked, deveined, tails removed and butterflied, divided

DIRECTIONS

- Rinse rice bag under cold water to remove starch. Prepare rice according to package directions.
- In small saucepan over medium-low heat, heat rice vinegar, sugar and salt until sugar and salt have dissolved, about 1 minute. Set aside.
- In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, Sriracha sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.



- Transfer cooked rice onto large baking sheet. Drizzle half the vinegar mixture over rice, turning until all rice is fully coated. Taste and add more vinegar mixture, if desired. Spread rice into thin layer and cool to room temperature. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top.
- Lay down one sushi nori sheet. Spread layer of rice on it. Place half the carrots and cucumbers on rice. Place crab and shrimp on top.
- Place another sushi nori sheet just under first one and roll. Repeat with remaining sushi nori sheets, rice, carrots, cucumbers, crab and shrimp. Wrap both burritos in plastic wrap. Let rest 10 minutes.
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Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 6

- 6 cups chicken broth
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- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 pound chicken breast tenders
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced

DIRECTIONS

- In pressure cooker on saute setting over high heat, bring broth and rice bags to boil. Boil, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bags with fork and set aside.
- Add coconut milk, curry paste, soy sauce and brown sugar to pressure cooker. Turn off saute setting. Add chicken. Cover and lock to seal. Set to pressure cook setting over high heat about 10 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Carefully, manually or naturally, release pressure according to manufacturer's instructions before removing lid.
- Set pressure cooker to saute setting over medium heat. Remove chicken and shred with two forks; add to soup along with lime juice and green onions. Remove rice from bags and stir into soup.
- Simmer until rice is heated through.



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Maria's challenge isn't unusual, as staying in our homes as we age is not always possible. Chronic health challenges can make living independently ill-advised, and full-time care at home can be expensive.

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Aaron Wheeler is Vice President of Home and Community-Based Services for WesleyLife, which provides health and well-being services, including WellAhead — A WesleyLife Well-Being Experience, a CC@H offering. To learn more, visit wesleylife.org/wellahead.



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V. BOYS BASKETBALL

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|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dec 2 | 7:30pm | Atlantic | North Polk |
| Dec 3 | 7:30pm | Pella | Pella |
| Dec 6 | 7:30pm | ADM | ADM |
| Dec 10 | 7:30pm | Gilbert | Gilbert |
| Dec 12 | 6:00pm | Webster City | North Polk |
| Dec 13 | 7:30pm | Ballard | North Polk |
| Dec 17 | 7:30pm | Winterset | North Polk |
| Dec 19 | 7:30pm | Waverly-Shell Rock | Waverly-Shell Rock |
| Jan 3 | 7:30pm | Carlisle | North Polk |
| Jan 7 | 7:30pm | Bondurant-Farrar | North Polk |
| Jan 10 | 7:30pm | Carroll | Carroll |
| Jan 14 | 7:30pm | Boone | North Polk |
| Jan 17 | 7:30pm | ADM | North Polk |
| Jan 21 | 7:30pm | Gilbert | North Polk |
| Jan 24 | 7:30pm | Ballard | Ballard |
| Jan 28 | 7:30pm | Winterset | Winterset |
| Feb 4 | 7:30pm | Carlisle | Carlisle |
| Feb 7 | 7:30pm | Bondurant-Farrar | Bondurant-Farrar |
| Feb 11 | 7:30pm | Carroll | North Polk |
| Feb 14 | 7:30pm | Boone | Boone |
| Feb 17 | 6:00pm | Johnston | North Polk |
| Feb 18 | 7:45pm | Hoover | Hoover |

V. GIRLS BASKETBALL

| DATE | TIME | OPPONENT | LOCATION |
|---------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1Jan 26 | 6:00pm | Dallas Center-Grimes | Dallas Center-Grimes |
| Dec 3 | 6:00pm | Pella | Pella |
| Dec 6 | 6:00pm | ADM | ADM |
| Dec 10 | 6:00pm | Gilbert | Gilbert |
| Dec 13 | 6:00pm | Ballard | North Polk |
| Dec 17 | 6:00pm | Winterset | North Polk |
| Dec 19 | 6:00pm | Waverly-Shell Rock | Waverly-Shell Rock |
| Dec 19 | 6:00pm | Indianola | North Polk |
| Jan 3 | 6:00pm | Carlisle | North Polk |
| Jan 7 | 6:00pm | Bondurant-Farrar | North Polk |
| Jan 10 | 6:00pm | Carroll | Carroll |
| Jan 11 | 3:00pm | Xavier | Xavier |
| Jan 14 | 6:00pm | Boone | North Polk |
| Jan 17 | 6:00pm | ADM | North Polk |
| Jan 21 | 6:00pm | Gilbert | North Polk |
| Jan 24 | 6:00pm | Ballard | Ballard |
| Jan 25 | 2:00pm | Ankeny Centennial | North Polk |
| Jan 28 | 6:00pm | Winterset | Winterset |
| Jan 30 | 7:30pm | Ankeny Centennial | North Polk |
| Feb 4 | 6:00pm | Carlisle | Carlisle |
| Feb 7 | 6:00pm | Bondurant-Farrar | Bondurant-Farrar |
| Feb 11 | 6:00pm | Carroll | North Polk |
| Feb 14 | 6:00pm | Boone | Boone |
| Feb 17 | 6:00pm | Johnston | North Polk |

V. WRESTLING

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 12/5/24 | 5:30 PM | Bondurant-Farrar High School |
| 12/7/24 | 10:00 AM | Long Lines Family Rec Center |
| 12/12/24 | 5:30 PM | ADM High School North Gym |
| 12/14/24 | 10:00 AM | Johnston High School |
| 12/19/24 | 5:30 PM | Carroll High School |
| 12/19/24 | 5:30 PM | Carroll High School |
| 12/21/24 | 10:00 AM | Northwest High School |
| 1/4/25 | 10:00 AM | Osage High School Gym |
| 1/9/25 | 5:00 PM | North Polk High School |
| 1/11/25 | 10:00 AM | Marshalltown High School |
| 1/11/25 | 10:00 AM | Marshalltown High School |
| 1/16/25 | 5:00 PM | North Polk High School HS Gym |
| 1/18/25 | 10:00 AM | Creston High School |
| 1/23/25 | 5:30 PM | Winterset High School |
| 1/25/25 | 9:30 AM | East Marshall High School |
| 1/30/25 | 5:30 PM | Pella High School |
| 2/1/25 | 10:00 AM | ADM High School North Gym |



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Be sure to attend these events and programs at the Polk City Community Library. See all events at polkcitylibrary.org.

Note: The library will be closed for the holidays all day Dec. 24-25 and all day Jan. 1, plus closing at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Giving Tree: Blank

Children's Hospital, Nov. 15 to Dec. 13. We are partnering with a Polk City second-grade Cub Scout troop to collect items for Blank Children's Hospital Child Life Specialists. The most needed donations include: doll clothes (including Barbie), action figures, craft supplies, diamond paint art kits, bead bracelet kits, Paw Patrol toys, Little People toys, notebooks, card stock, copy paper, children's underwear, solid colored t-shirts, solid colored sweat pants, and AA batteries. Unwrapped donations may be left under the tree in the library's foyer.

Chair Yoga, Mondays, 9 a.m. This chair yoga practice will include breath work, mindfulness and simple, easy movements to release tension, reduce pain and restore your body to optimum movement. Props needed are an armless chair, like a kitchen chair, and a small hand towel or kitchen dish towel. This class will be broadcast on the big screen in the library or join the Zoom meeting from home via our website. No chair yoga Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

STEAM Storytime, Mondays, 10:15 a.m. Attend Miss Nicole's session for a STEAM-themed story along with an engaging STEAM activity or experiment. Designed for ages 3-5. No storytime Dec. 23-31.

Geri-Fit® Strength Training Workouts, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Strength training workouts that work for all ages and fitness levels. Geri-Fit is challenging, effective, and safe to do. The Geri-Fit® program requires a set of light dumbbell weights, a sturdy chair and water to drink during the workout. Ages 50 and older. Stretch bands and a Zoom link are available upon request. No Geri-Fit Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

Lil Comets Storytime, Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. Join Miss Nicole at the library for stories, songs and activity stations. Every story can be logged in our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, too. Designed for ages 3 and younger. No story time Dec. 23-31.

Ladies' Wednesday Coffee, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Ladies, join us for coffee and conversation.

Sit 'N' Stitch, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Bring your current project and join us for stitching and conversation.

Men's Friday Coffee, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon. Gentlemen, drop in for coffee and conversation. Enjoy spending time and having a few laughs or interesting discussions with other men from around the area.

Adult Crafternoon, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. Join us for a relaxing crafting afternoon. We'll have supplies for several different bookmark

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Monday - Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday: closed

crafts, perfect for treating yourself or someone you care for. Ages 17 and older. Registration required.

Wednesday Book Club, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. As much a part of Christmas as mistletoe and carolers, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was once read publicly on Christmas Eve each year by Dickens himself.

Babble and Brew, Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. Don't let the cold weather get you down. Come on in to the library for some climate-controlled fun. We will have coffee for you and exciting, age-appropriate toys for the kiddos.

Graphic Novel Book Club, Monday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Join us for an exciting Graphic Novel Book Club at the library. Kids in grades 4-7 can dive into the world of colorful stories, amazing characters and thrilling adventures. Each month, we'll read a different graphic novel and discuss the art, plot and our favorite moments. Whether you're a comic book expert or new to graphic novels, everyone is welcome to join the fun. The December book is "The Dragonet Prophecy" (Wings of Fire: Book No. 1). Registration required.

Lego Club, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3:45 p.m. Engage in learning through stacking and building with these deceptively simple bricks. Enhance your problem-solving skills and teamwork. For ages 8-16. Registration required.

Adult Evening DIY, Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m. Join us for a fun crafty evening. We'll be making a winter-themed tic-tac-toe board to enjoy with friends and family or gift to someone you care for. Ages 17 and older. Registration required.

...Ready for It? Friday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m. Join us for a family-friendly after-hours celebration in honor of Taylor Swift's birthday. TS-themed crafts, karaoke, dancing and lots of laughs. Dressing in your favorite Era or Swift-inspired outfit is encouraged. All ages are welcome.

Monday Book Club, Monday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. December is the season of giving, and there's no better gift than a book recommendation. This month, everyone will bring their favorite book (or books if you can't pick just one) to discuss and recommend to the group. There is no set book for this month.

GenNEXT: Teen and Tweens, Monday, Dec. 16, 4-4:45 p.m. We will have a delicious time getting into the holiday spirit while creating a dessert charcuterie board fit for center stage at any family gathering. For ages 11-17. Registration required.

Comets Kids Club, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4-4:45 p.m. Kids will create their own holiday-themed craft. Registration required.

Adult Coloring, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5-7 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring. Colored pencils and gel pens will be provided. You are also welcome to bring your own. Ages 17 and older. No registration required.

Messy Munchkins, Thursday, Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m. This fun-filled program invites little ones to dive into sensory play with squishy, splatterty activities. Dress them in old clothes and watch as they explore, create and get delightfully messy in a safe environment.

Family DIY Drop-In Holiday Craft, Monday, Dec. 23. Bring the whole family to the library and make an adorable mini-wreath. A craft designed for all ages to create and put on display. Available all day while supplies last. ■

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FINANCE

By Rachel Moler

HOW TO have a financially stress-free

The holidays can bring us a lot of joy, laughter and fun, but they can also bring with them a lot of financial stress. Between holiday meals, gifts, travel and more, the financial burden of holidays can quickly become overwhelming.

But here's the good news. It doesn't have to be this way. With some planning, budgets and mindfulness, you can have a stress-free holiday season.



1. Create a realistic budget and stick to it

Creating a budget can be simple, but the hard part for most people is sticking to it, especially during the holidays when there are sales in every store. Setting budgets is the first place to start. Choose categories like "gifts," "meals" and "travel" and set a budget for each.

2. Choose experiences over gifts

One way to avoid stress is to opt for more experiences rather than gifts for the holidays. While we know experiences aren't all free, some are, and those experiences can be done throughout the year, not only the holidays. This offers more family time, fun and less money spent on gifts that will take over your home and hardly be used.

3. It's OK to say no

It can be difficult to say "no," but if something doesn't fit within your budget or schedule, it's OK to say it. There are never-ending parties and events to go to, and these can quickly drain both your bank account and energy levels. Choose events that fit you and your needs.

4. Divide and conquer

When it comes to meals or parties, the cost to host and cook can add up quickly. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Make it a potluck or assign people to bring specific items like decorations, dessert or drinks to lighten the financial load. Remember, this is the season of giving, and people want to help out.

5. Shop earlier

While you may be waiting for those holiday sales, if you have your budget and know what gifts your family and friends want, shop earlier to avoid hassles and overspending. This will also allow you to enjoy the holidays more as you won't be needing to make all those trips to the store and don't have to worry about shipping or stocking concerns.

6. Look into savings programs

Financial institutes usually have specific savings programs to help you avoid financial stress. This is an easy way to save money throughout the year to use for those special occasions without stretching you financially.

Talk with a banker to learn more about how you can have a financially stress-free holiday season. ■

Information provided by Rachel Moler, universal banker, Home State Bank, 101 E. Bridge Road, Polk City, 515-329-8801.

MEET Hilary Seibert

First-year kindergarten teacher

Hilary Seibert is in her 10th year of teaching school. However, this is her first year at North Polk, where she teaches kindergarten at Central. The growing district currently offers eight sections of kindergartners at Central and West combined.

Seibert has lived in Polk City for five years and previously taught at Des Moines Public Schools and Johnston Schools. She was eager to teach closer to her home.

"I always wanted to teach in North Polk. People spoke highly of the school," she says.

She knew early on she wanted to be a teacher. She taught at a dance studio and liked teaching children. Her family members were involved in the teaching profession as well.

"I've learned from my family, which has been in teaching for 30 years," she says. "I've been inspired by them."

Part of why she chose to teach kindergarten is because of her own kindergarten teacher.

"I remember, in kindergarten, my teacher loved us. She was always excited to teach and show us fun experiences."

Seibert attended kindergarten half days and recalls a 100-days-of-school activity where they did 100 exercises.

"I remember that as a kindergartener. I hope to do the same with my students."

Kindergarteners come with their own set of strengths.

"It's my job to celebrate their successes — whether it's reading or writing. You get to set the foundation of learning, joy and growth throughout the year," she explains. "They are so pure and honest and tell it like it is. They are sweet, innocent and curious — with good intentions. I can learn from them, too."

As kids work at a different pace, strong support outside the classroom is essential.

"When kids and families work together to practice things at home, they are the most successful," she reflects. "Parents are surprised at how much they grow as little people."

Seibert has two young kids who are not quite school age, but she hopes they attend the same school she teaches at.

"I'd love for them to go to the school where I work," she says. "There's pros and cons about that."

Seibert says the most challenging part of her job is multitasking.

"I'm just one teacher trying to meet all their needs at once. It's all about finding balance."

As it's her first year in the district, Seibert feels fortunate for a warm welcome by the North Polk district.

"I've been blown away by all the support in the district. I'm lucky to work with a great group of kids." ■



Hilary Seibert, who is in her 10th year as an educator, joined North Polk this year as a kindergarten teacher at Central.

WHAT IS glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a common eye disease that can damage the optic nerve, resulting in loss of vision. It happens from increased pressure inside the eye, which is why we check the pressure at every eye exam. Our eye produces a fluid, aqueous humor, which needs to drain out of the eye. If the fluid is not draining out enough or too much is produced, you get a buildup of pressure inside the eye. Over time, this damages the optic nerve, which results in blind spots and possibly tunnel vision. Vision loss from glaucoma can be prevented with early treatment. The first line of treatment consists of taking eye drops daily to lower the pressure in the eye. There are other treatments such as lasers and surgeries that can be done if needed. The thing about glaucoma is you don't know you have it if you don't get your eyes checked. There are no early symptoms like pain or blurry vision to give you a clue that there is a problem. Glaucoma is hereditary, so if you have a family member who has the condition, then it's advised to get your eyes checked yearly. Also, people with diabetes are twice as likely to get glaucoma. Luckily, the disease usually progresses slowly so, as long as one gets their eyes checked, it should be easily detected and treated. ■



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INSURANCE By Corey Hoodjer

GETTING started with insurance

As you transition from relying on your parents to being an independent adult, managing your finances is a big deal. Insurance is an important part of that planning.

If something unpredictable happens, you need insurance to help cover the costs. But what type of insurance do you need?



- **Health insurance.** Typically, you can stay on your parent's health insurance until you're 26 years old. If you're working, you may get health insurance through your employer. If you're a student, you might have health insurance options through your school. Otherwise, you'll need to buy health insurance on your own. There are several options available to purchase your own health insurance policy.

- **Renter's insurance.** If you're a college student and your parents have homeowner's insurance, their policy may cover your personal belongings. Otherwise, you may need renter's insurance.

- **Auto insurance.** You can stay on your parent's car insurance policy as long as you live with them or you're a college student. Once you move out, you need to get your own policy. Being a good student with a safe driving history can help keep rates as affordable as possible.

- **Life insurance.** You have a lower risk of medical conditions when you're younger and healthier. That means your life insurance premiums will probably be lower, so it may be a good time to get a policy in place. ■

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INVESTMENT By Kyle Matzen

WHICH IRA is right for you?

Two IRAs are available — the traditional and the Roth. Which is best for you?

With a traditional IRA, you generally invest pre-tax dollars, and your earnings grow tax-deferred. With a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't deductible, but you can typically withdraw your earnings tax-free once you're 59 ½ years old and you've had your account at least five years. Taxes and penalties apply to both types of IRA if you withdraw earnings before you're 59 ½.



If you think you'll be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, you might want to consider a Roth IRA. Conversely, if you think you might eventually be in a lower tax bracket, you might lean toward a traditional IRA.

With a traditional IRA, you'll eventually have to take withdrawals or face penalties. But you can keep your Roth IRA intact and even pass it on to your heirs.

You may not be able to contribute to a Roth IRA if your income exceeds certain levels. Income limits don't apply to a traditional IRA if you and your spouse have no retirement plan available through an employer.

Compare the two IRAs carefully — and make the choice that's right for you. ■

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FORDYCE looks to the future

Contributing to Elkhart's growth

Brad Fordyce moved to Elkhart in June 2017 after spending several years in Polk City. When looking for a community that was a bit smaller but still within the North Polk School District, Elkhart felt like the perfect fit.

"My wife and I both grew up in towns of under 1,500 people," Fordyce says. "We wanted to maintain that small-town feel and thought Elkhart was the best choice."

Elkhart has a unique appeal due to its proximity to Des Moines — just 20 minutes from downtown — making it a convenient option for commuting without sacrificing affordability. The cost of living in Elkhart is significantly more attractive than in other nearby areas, too.

Despite the town's growth, Elkhart has kept its sense of community and predictability, which Fordyce also appreciates.

"I know when I drive by people that I can wave at them and they'll wave back," he says. "My kids can go down the street and play without fear. We have wonderful park facilities. We have above-average school districts. There's no reason to leave. I'm 20 minutes from everywhere I need to be."

In terms of amenities, Elkhart is evolving. A daycare opened in recent years, and a long-awaited gas station project is in the works. This isn't just any gas station, either; it will serve as a community hub, featuring seating areas, a wine-tasting section and food options.

"This isn't a tiny little hole-in-the-wall, small-town gas station," Fordyce says. "We're excited what it will bring to the rest of the community."

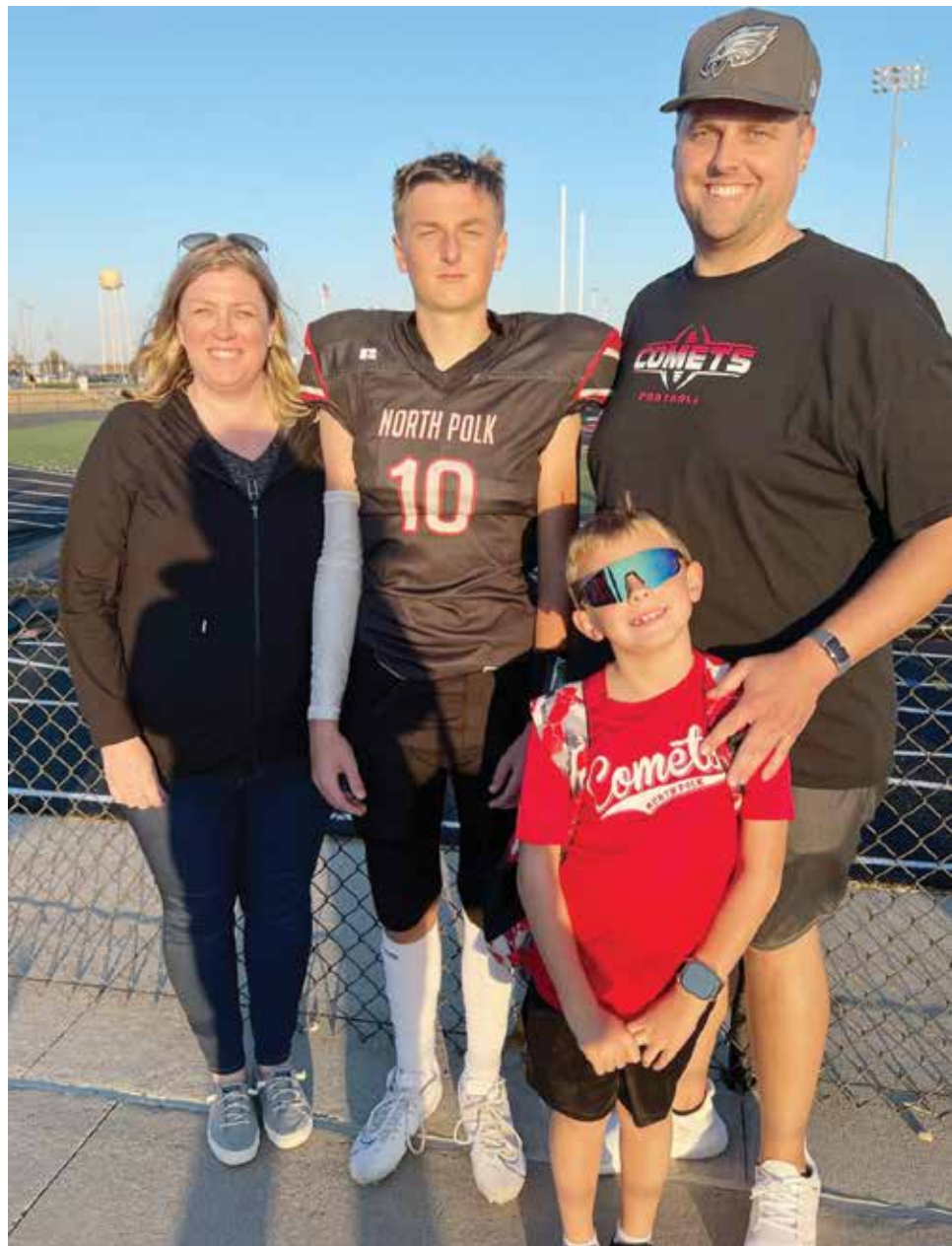
One of the biggest reasons Fordyce appreciates Elkhart is his involvement in the city government. Starting with planning and zoning, he was later encouraged to run for the city council, where he just began his second term. In that role, Fordyce has dedicated his time to thoughtfully guiding Elkhart's growth.

"If you don't control the growth, the growth will control you," he says.

His vision and leadership has helped enhance the city's infrastructure and increased staff to support it, as well as improved amenities for the community.

The city is wrapping up a \$5.3 million water treatment plant, promising high-quality water for residents while maintaining competitive rates. The city has also received recognition for innovative projects, like transforming old sewage lagoons into fishing ponds at Prairie Point Park. This new recreation area now features walking paths, a basketball court and a fully fenced-in park.

Fordyce credits the North Polk school district for encouraging more



Brad and Molly Fordyce and their family moved to Elkhart in 2017 and enjoy small-town living.

unity among the nearby cities, helping solidify Elkhart's place as a thriving community with a promising future. Looking ahead, Fordyce and other Elkhart leadership are positioning the town to be a strong candidate for a new elementary school, which would further solidify the town's growth.

Ultimately, Fordyce's passion and dedication ensure that, while the town grows, it remains a place he and his family are proud to call home.

"There's a lot here," he says. "It's not just a small bedroom community." ■

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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Upcoming in North Polk Living magazine:



Holiday recipes: Do you have a holiday recipe that has special meaning to you? Will you share it with our readers? Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com by Nov. 27 to have it included in our December issue.



First cars: Do you remember your first car? Do you have a photo of yourself with it? Or maybe you still own it? We want to hear your stories. Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com by Dec. 22 to be included in the January issue.

Bake Sale, White Elephants and Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 23,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Masonic Temple,
106 Third St., Polk City.

Polk City O.E.S. Chapter 361 will host a bake sale, white elephants and dinner. Dinner is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. Carryouts will be available. The bake sale features homemade mincemeat and apple butter, cashews, pecan halves, mixed nuts, butter toffee peanuts, chocolate amaretto pecans and chocolate-covered peanuts.



Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 14, 9-11 a.m.

The Wing at the Polk City United Methodist Church,
1421 W. Broadway St.


You are invited to a pancake breakfast. Decorate cookies and visit with Santa. New this year is Santa's Workshop. Children are invited to "shop" for and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones.

Sponsors and donations sought for gala

The Polk City Community Foundation is planning its annual Winter Wonderland Gala, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The gala will include a program, dinner and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Polk City and the foundation's nonprofit partnerships in the area.

Polk City Community Foundation (PCCF) was formed in 2008 as an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. The Foundation was formed to assist in improving the quality of life in Polk City and surrounding communities through philanthropy. PCCF provides an opportunity for donors to direct their donations to the projects that are important to them. They do this by raising money through donations, planned giving, grants and fundraising. This year, the Foundation has a big goal — to raise \$150,000.


The foundation encourages the public to support the event as an attendee, sponsor or donor. Donations can be made by credit card online at getmeregistered.com/PCCFWinterGala or by check mailed to Polk City Community Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Polk City, IA 50226.




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Runnells Community Center, 108 Brown St.

Plan a trip to Runnells for its annual holiday craft show.

Fall Makers Market

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger

Shop for gifts or goods just in time for the holiday season. This year's event has expanded from the Jester Park Nature Center and Outdoor Recreation buildings to include the Jester Park Lodge. With more than 60 local makers, artisans and hand crafters, you are bound to find something for everyone on your list. Admission is free. Pho Wheels & Sushi, Miss Casey's Donut Delights, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be on site. www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market

Holiday Hop

Saturday, Nov. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Multiple locations in Winterset

Winterset's Holiday Hop is a time when the community's churches and several other organizations come together to offer a city-wide craft and bake sale featuring hand-crafted items, vintage Christmas decorations, baked goods, lunches, treats, artwork, door prizes and much more. Each of the 11 locations contributes gift cards as door prizes. Get your ticket punched at each site and enter it for the drawing. As an added benefit, the churches use money raised at the holiday hop to support its charitable projects.

Participating stops include:

- First Christian Church, 103 W. Green St.
- First United Methodist Church, 309 E. Jefferson St.
- First United Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Green St.
- Foursquare Church, 224 E. Court St.
- New Bridge Church, 1305 W. Jefferson St.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1026 N. Eighth Ave.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1120 N. Eighth Ave.
- Spotlight Dance Legacy, 116 E. Court St.
- Stop and Shop Craft Fair, Madison County Fairgrounds

Community Building

- Winterset Art Center, 224 S. John Wayne Drive
- Winterset Public Library, 123 N. Second St.

Christmas in Olde Town

S.E. Second St., downtown Altoona

Saturday, Nov. 30

Once a year, downtown Altoona transforms into a bustling winter wonderland for Christmas in Olde Town — a celebration of the community and the holiday season. Load up your sleigh with family and friends and enjoy live music, walking tours, the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, a light show, and a special appearance from the Big Guy himself. Family-friendly activities start at 2 p.m. <https://altoonahistory.org/christmas>

Jingle in the Junction

Thursdays, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, 5-8 p.m.

Valley Junction

The holiday season is in Valley Junction as many businesses extend their hours on Thursday nights to give you more time to find the perfect holiday gift, enjoy dinner and enjoy three blocks of free entertainment on Fifth Street under the glow of more than 100,000 holiday lights. Enjoy free horse-drawn trolley rides, ice carvings, photo op, a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the West Des Moines Fire Administration Headquarters at 318 Fifth St., rotating entertainers, live reindeer, carolers, and Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Historic Valley Junction Foundation office from 6-8 p.m.

Holiday Promenade

Fridays, Nov. 22 to Dec. 20

Historic East Village

The Greater Des Moines Partnership and the Historic East Village Neighborhood Association will spread holiday cheer during the Holiday Promenade, an exciting, free celebration full of holiday-themed activities, entertainment, shopping and family-friendly fun. A number of activities will be scheduled throughout the five Fridays including tree lighting, a scavenger hunt, ice skating and more. During the Holiday Promenade dates, Historic East Village retailers are encouraged to remain open until 8 p.m. while restaurants and attractions are open later. ■

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CHAMBER

By Staci Allen

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Shopping local isn't just about fulfilling a need; it's about investing in our community's future. When you choose to shop at a local store, dine at a neighborhood restaurant or use a local service, you're directly contributing to the vibrancy of Polk City. These businesses not only create jobs and foster creativity but also play a significant role in making our city lively and welcoming — a place we can all be proud to call home.

Have you explored our member directory lately? It's a treasure trove of Polk City's finest businesses, each offering something distinct that you won't find elsewhere. Whether it's the allure of charming boutiques and handmade goods, the necessity of essential services or the temptation of delicious dining options, our local businesses provide personalized experiences and top-notch products that set Polk City apart. Take a moment to delve into the directory, discover your new favorite spot and show your support for the businesses that keep our community vibrant.

Our strong sense of community makes Polk City feel like home. Our local business owners aren't just entrepreneurs; they're your neighbors and friends who genuinely care about improving our city. Many go the extra mile by sponsoring events, volunteering their time and supporting local causes. Their efforts help build the connections that make Polk City a warm and welcoming place for everyone.

As we pause to express our gratitude, let's also remember to show our appreciation to the local business owners who work tirelessly to serve us. A simple "thank you" can mean the world to them. Whether it's a friendly chat, a glowing review or just choosing to shop local, your support is a powerful force that can make a significant difference. It's our collective responsibility to ensure the success of our local businesses, and, by doing so, we empower ourselves to shape the future of Polk City.

Polk City's true strength lies in its community spirit and the teamwork between residents and businesses. By continuing to shop locally and back our business members, we're ensuring Polk City remains a beautiful place to live, work and play for years. Let's embrace this season of gratitude by celebrating the businesses that add so much character to our city and nurturing the sense of community that makes Polk City feel like home.

Together, we can make Polk City even better. Check out our member directory today and discover the fantastic local businesses that make our hometown special. Thank you to all our local business members for your dedication and being the foundation of our community's success. Let's keep supporting each other and making Polk City the fantastic place we love. ■

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OUT & ABOUT

CHAMBER Lunch

The Polk City Chamber lunch was held at Luana Savings Bank on Oct. 23.



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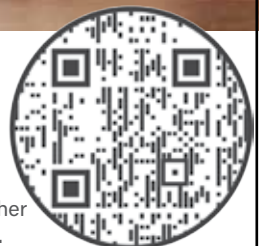
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NEWS FROM NORTH POLK CSD

NOVEMBER 2024

A FANTASTIC FALL FOR FINE ARTS

North Polk Activities has had an incredible few weeks! A huge congratulations to our talented vocalists accepted into the All-State Chorus: Aurden Selmecki (2nd year), Jordan Rasmussen (2nd year), and Nathan Harrington (1st year). They will rehearse in Ames on November 22-23, culminating in a concert at Hilton Coliseum on November 23 at 7:30 PM. This marks the 78th anniversary of the Iowa All-State Festival, where about 17% of auditioning students are selected. The concert will be recorded by Iowa PBS for later airing.

On another note, the North Polk Marching Comets had a stellar season, achieving several top finishes, including:

- **1st Place Class 3A** at the Urbandale Marching Invitational, including Best Drumline and Best Colorguard in Class 3A
- **2nd Place Class 3A** at the Marching Dutch Invitational
- **1st Place Class 3A** and multiple awards at Valleyfest, including Best Drumline and Best Music, Best Hornline, and Best Soloist (Jordan Rasmussen) in Class 3A
- **Division I Rating** at the State Marching Contest
- **2nd Place Class 3A** at the Mid-Iowa Band Championships

Director Brandon Weeks praised the students for their hard work and impressive achievements, noting this season featured the band's highest scores in over two decades. Thank you to everyone who supported the program this season!



PEN PALS: A JOURNEY OF FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

In today's digital age, receiving a handwritten letter is a special experience. This month, our 5th graders at Central began a pen-pal journey with Morris Elementary in Des Moines. Inspired by Central Elementary's administrative assistant, Ms. Sharon Knapp, who shared her heartwarming story of a long-time pen pal from Hawaii, students are excited to create meaningful connections.

Central is thrilled to revive the joy of letter writing! Through this Pen Pals program, students will enhance their writing skills, explore different cultures, and make new friends. Each student will be paired with a pen pal, sharing thoughts and experiences through letters.

Thank you to Counselor Roberts for facilitating this wonderful opportunity and showcasing our commitment to nurturing curious learners who value connection!

PARTICIPATE IN OUR STRATEGIC SURVEY!

The district has recently partnered with Heartland AEA to look at refreshing our strategic plan. As part of this effort, we will gather insights on our collective commitments, values, and mission statement, as well as feedback on the five-year Board of Education goals established during the 2022-2023 school year. This process will also enhance our understanding of future facilities and staffing needs.

Your input is crucial as we assess these needs. We encourage everyone in the community to participate by completing a brief survey. Your feedback is vital as we shape the future of our district together. Thank you for your involvement!

The survey closes November 27. Please scan the QR code below to access the short survey. >>



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