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SEEN AROUND TOWN

KIWANIS SOUP AND CHILI COOK OFF WAS HELD ON NOV. 18.



Chris Tigges, Traci Friedman and Steve Karsjen served as celebrity judges.



Bill Currie and Jim Bowersox



Briggett DeVos and Jim Mitchell



The Friedman family



Tabytha Currie and Roxanna Currie

5-DAY FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 21
Times of clouds and sun



SATURDAY HIGH 29 | LOW 12
Partly sunny, breezy



SUNDAY HIGH 39 | LOW 25
Mostly sunny



MONDAY HIGH 47 | LOW 25
Sunny and mild



TUESDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 30
Partial sunshine




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FROM THE PUBLISHER

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

In our Iowa Living magazines this month, our cover stories feature residents of each community and their memories of Christmases past compared to how they celebrate today. It is a wonderful collection of holiday memories and traditions passed along through generations.



Those of us who grew up in Midwest communities share many of these same Christmastime experiences. Decorating the Christmas tree. Baking lots of sweets. Gathering of family. Opening of Christmas presents. Eating traditional foods. Attending a Christmas service at a church — and recognizing that the birth of Jesus Christ is the reason for Christmas.

We are also reminded that our neighbors today may look and act a little different than we are used to. Different traditions. Different meal choices. Different definitions of family. And a different interpretation of Christmas. Not wrong. Just different.



Those of us who honor Jesus should know that we need to work to understand, accept and even appreciate those with different views and lifestyles than our own. That doesn't mean that we should abandon, deny or feel guilty about our own traditions and beliefs about Christmas. Unfortunately, we live in a world today when saying something as simple as "Merry Christmas" is somehow offensive, which is the exact opposite of the intention.

For most of us, saying

"Merry Christmas" is an uncomplicated invitation to family, friends and people we don't even know yet to enjoy and celebrate the Christmas season — in any way they see fit. Let there be no doubt, I will be celebrating Christmas, and I hope you are able to as well.

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Jack Frost nipping at your nose. Yuletide carols being sung by a choir. And folks dressed up like Eskimos."

Yes, I am listening to "The Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole as I write this column, and I am reminded that "although it's been said many times, many ways... Merry Christmas to you." ■

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• **Story Time** is held Mondays and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Join Ms. Melissa at the library for stories, songs and an activity or craft. Choose the day that works best for you. Register online at our website for one of the programs each week. Every story can be logged in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, too. No story time Dec. 27-28.

• **Geri-Fit Strength Training Workouts** are held Mondays at 1 p.m. These work for all fitness levels. The program requires a set of light dumbbell weights, a sturdy chair and water to drink during the workout. The program is for ages 50 and older. Stretch bands are available upon request. Register online at polkcitylibrary.org if you will be attending in person. If you would like to participate from home via Zoom, please call the library ahead of time.

• **Coffee Wednesdays** are 10 a.m. to noon for women to gather for coffee and conversation.

• **Geri-Fit Weights program** is held Wednesdays at 1 p.m. This 45-minute intermediate strength training exercise program is designed to build strength, increase bone density and tone your muscles. It's never too late to learn how to work out with weights. The program requires a set of light dumbbell weights, a sturdy chair and water to drink during the workout. Register online at polkcitylibrary.org if you will be attending in person. If you would like to participate from home via Zoom, please call the library ahead of time.

• **Open Card Games** are held Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. The library has cards and Cribbage boards. Participants pick what game to play each Thursday. For ages 17 and older.

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

• **Men's Friday Coffee** is 10 a.m. via Zoom. 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. ■

POLK CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

- Thursday, Dec. 23, CLOSED
- Friday, Dec. 24, CLOSED
- Saturday, Dec. 25, CLOSED
- Friday, Dec. 31, CLOSED
- Saturday, Jan. 1, CLOSED
- Monday, Jan. 17, CLOSED ■

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NORTH POLK SCHEDULES

Friday, Dec. 17

4:15 p.m. **Wrestling:** Middle School @ Adel DeSoto Minburn CSD

Saturday, Dec. 18

9:30 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational vs. Multiple Schools

Tuesday, Dec. 21

6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Winterset
7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Winterset

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Christmas then and now

Read about the funniest (and changing) holiday observances.

Winners' Choice recognizes winners

Central 27th honors families

Apple eat, crumble and citrus caramel topping



SEEN AROUND TOWN



Justin Dentino of Turner Construction donated 20 turkeys to the North Polk Comet Cupboard on Nov. 21.

GET YOUR READING DONE FOR JANUARY BOOK CLUBS

- **Wednesday Adult Book Club**, Jan. 5, 7 p.m. “Untamed” by Glennon Doyle, a memoir about her love story with U.S. soccer Star Abby Wambach.
- **Book Club (grades 5-7)**, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 4 p.m. “The City of Ember” by Jeanne DuPrau. Pick up your copy while supplies last. Read, then join us for some fun discussion.
- **Book Club (grades 3-5)**, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m. “I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871” by Lauren Tarshis. Pick up your copy of the book while supplies last. Read, then join us for some fun discussion.
- **Monday Adult Book Club**, Monday Jan. 24, 2 p.m. “Killers of the Flower Moon” by David Grann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. ■

JOKE OF THE WEEK



Where do pirates get their hooks?

Second hand stores!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Three wheel double baby/toddler Stroller. \$35. Call or text for photos. 515-238-3198.

FOR SALE: 2005 Saturn Relay FWD. Gold with Gold leather interior. Fully loaded/Quad seating/Multi Disk CD player/DVD. 213,000 miles. Asking \$750.00. Call 515-238-3198. Located 5 miles from Grimes.

BABY BED FOR SALE: Has changing table on one end, 5 drawers for storage. Well Built. Needs a home to put it to use. Call 515-238-3198.

FOR SALE: Heavyweight Ashley dining table, seats 8, 4 matching chairs and 2 bench seats \$475. London brand queen-size sleeper sofa, upholstered fabric \$450. 3-tier pie crust table \$275. Large wooden garden table on wheels - 2 shelves under work top and 3 small shelves on side \$175. Oreck bagged vacuum cleaner with 8 bags \$75. Bagged Iron Man canister vacuum with 5 bags \$50. Call 515-478-4594. Please leave a message.

FOR SALE: 2 used Magic Gumball floor dispensers with lighted spiral Gumball delivery. 1 red, 1 yellow. Both need some rewiring to light them up. Keys included. \$100 each, originally \$600. Located in Grimes. Call 515-772-9287.

MARY'S ALTERATIONS AND CUSTOM SEWING: Specializing in wedding wear with over 30 years experience. For an appointment call Mary at 515-822-8734 or 515-528-1850. Located a short drive west of Adel.

FOR SALE: Used Whirlpool Clothes Dryer, 220 electric. \$250. Call 515-993-4595.

FOR SALE: 2011 Toyota Camry, silver. Excellent running order, new all-season tires this year. 203,000 miles. \$6,900 OBO. Call 515-262-3842.

WANTED: Legal Assistant - wills, estate planning, bankruptcy. Call Janssen Law 515-274-9161.

WANTED: Broken appliances & A.C.'s, 10 years old & under, repair hopefuls. Call 515-238-3343.

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Plumbing & HVAC business for sale in Fairfield Iowa. Excellent business with a backlog of work and high revenue. Lots of potential and room to grow with the business. Owner looking to retire. Asking Price \$600,000. Call Wayne Appleton 641-799-3240.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Care Initiatives Hospice is looking for compassionate people in the Des Moines and surrounding areas to become hospice volunteers to provide support to patients and families to help ensure quality of life during this final journey. Call Debra Kiviranta, Volunteer Coordinator, at 515-223-3813 to learn more. For more information about Care Initiatives Hospice, visit www.careinitiativeshospice.org.

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