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## SEEN AROUND TOWN

THE CITYVIEW BUSINESS JOURNAL 21 FROM 2021 BUSINESS LEADERS WERE HONORED AT AN EVENT AT SHERWOOD FOREST NOV. 4.



Chris Crone, pictured with her husband, Jerry Crone, was one of the leaders honored.



Chris Crone and Tara Knight-Ortiz



Travis Gaule (honored), Mike Bartos and Chris Crone (honored)

## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY

The Waukee Park Board has narrowed down the entries in the Holiday Lights Contest Sponsored by Mi-Fiber to the top 10 entries. Now it's time for Waukee residents to vote for their favorite display. The house with the most votes at the end will win bragging rights and \$75 gift card to a local restaurant of their choosing. Take a tour of the top entries to see the lights person before you vote. Be sure to submit your vote by Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11:59 p.m. ■

### 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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## BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Looking for ways to give back to your community, enhance the Waukeee Public Library, and make a big impact in just a few hours per month? Consider joining the Waukeee Public Library Friends Foundation Board of Directors.

You'll work with other service-oriented members of the community to find ways to fund and enrich the Waukeee Public Library and its mission to provide beneficial resources and services to the Waukeee community and surrounding areas. Make a positive impact in 2022 and join the Friends Foundation Board today. Email [waukeepfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:waukeepfoundation@gmail.com) for more information on how to apply. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

The mission of the Waukeee Friends Foundation is to support and enhance the programs and services of the Waukeee Public Library through volunteerism and provide for the ongoing and long-term financial needs of the Library.

To find out more about the Waukeee Public Library Friends Foundation, go to [waukeepubliclibrary.org](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org) ■

## CITY ANNOUNCES NEW WATER/WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT

Dylan Knudsen began working as the City of Waukeee's new water/wastewater superintendent on Dec. 9. Knudsen will lead division staff through hiring, promotion, orientation, training and more. He follows in the footsteps of Superintendent Chuck Waske, who is retiring this month.



Before coming to Waukeee, Knudsen worked for 15 years in water treatment and distribution as well as in water well contracting/drilling. He holds two certificates: one is in Water Treatment Plant Operation and the other is in Water Distribution System Operation and Maintenance from California State University, Sacramento. Knudsen and his wife have a 14-year-old daughter. They are also foster parents and have hosted several international and foreign exchange students in their home over the years. In his free time, Knudsen enjoys smoking meat on his pellet grill and traveling with his family. ■

## HOLIDAY CITY OFFICE CLOSURES PLANNED; NO TRASH DELAYS

All City of Waukeee offices will be closed on Dec. 23 and 24 in observance of Christmas. City buildings will also be closed on Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Eve/Day. The Waukeee Public Library will be closed Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Trash collection for City/ASI customers will run on its normal schedule, without any delays. ■

## REAL FOOD 4 KIDS OFFERED

Keep the kids busy in the kitchen this winter with Real Food 4 Kids held Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. Participants ages 6-12 will learn about ingredients, measuring, mixing, chopping and blending. Plus, make recipes from scratch, such as energy bites, veggies and dips, pancakes and homemade syrup, desserts and pasta dishes. Classes take place on Monday nights. The cost of the seven-week session is \$157.50. To register, visit [https://waukeee.activyreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukeee.activyreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs). ■

### WAUKEE SCHEDULES

**WAUKEE:**

**Friday, Dec. 1**

- 6:15 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ WDM Valley
- 7:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ WDM Valley

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

- 10 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational @ Southeast Polk

**WAUKEE NORTHWEST:**

**Friday, Dec. 17**

- 6:15 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Ankeny
- 7:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Ankeny

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

- 9 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Meet vs. Des Moines Roosevelt

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

- 7:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity vs. Ankeny Centennial

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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL

Registration for the Waukee Parks & Recreation Department's Girls Softball League is now open. The season will run from mid-April through early June. Online registration ends Feb. 17. Register participants for the grade they are in for the 2021-2022 school year. The cost is \$70 for grades K-2, and the cost is \$92 for grades 3-7. Grades K-1 will play with both a tee and coach pitching. Tees will not be used for grades 2-7. Players are required to provide their own helmets and ball gloves. Register at [https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs), under the Youth Sports category. ■

### JOKE OF THE WEEK



*Where do pirates get their hooks?*

*Second hand stores!*

## NOW HIRING!

### CITYVIEW magazine is seeking an ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

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## 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.

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**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.

**BUSINESS FOR SALE:** Medical Equipment, Supplies and Bracing Business. Provides a variety of bracing and support products for a diverse customer base recovering from sports injuries or suffering from chronic pain. Owner is looking to retire. Asking Price: \$250,000. Call Wayne Appleton 641-799-3240.

**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](http://www.careinitiativeshospice.org).

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