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## LEVSEN NAMED POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Waukee Police Department named Detective Bryan Levsen its Police Officer of the Year. A member of the department since July 2019, he earned this honor through displaying true professionalism and leadership in service to the community and providing constant support to his fellow officers.

Detective Levsen graduated from Wartburg College in 2017 and later earned his master's degree in professional studies in Homeland Security Studies from Tulane University. He is a 2019 graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Before working in Waukee, he worked as an assistant wrestling coach at Wartburg College. ■



### CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTIONS SET FOR JAN. 3 AND 10

The Christmas tree collection days for the City of Waukee/ASI garbage customers are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 3 and Monday, Jan. 10. Real Christmas trees can be placed on curbs by 7 a.m. Please have all items cleared off of trees before placing them out on the curbs — this includes tinsel and garland. Trees should not be placed in bags.

Residents can also set out yard waste that has accumulated since the Nov. 29 yard waste collection. ■

### 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://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukee.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs). ■

### 5-DAY FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 57 | LOW 31**  
Mostly cloudy and mild



**SATURDAY HIGH 43 | LOW 32**  
Partly sunny, cooler



**SUNDAY HIGH 45 | LOW 30**  
Mild with clouds and sun



**MONDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 18**  
Sunny and colder



**TUESDAY HIGH 29 | LOW 12**  
Times of clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# A GREAT LIBRARY CONTAINS SOMETHING TO OFFEND EVERYONE

“Ban that book. I don’t agree with it. No, not that book. I agree with that one. Keep it. Just get rid of the ones I don’t like.”

Sound familiar? That is exactly what is going on right now in school districts across America and right here in central Iowa.

Yes, book banning has been a hot subject as of late, especially with the changing of the guard on many local public school boards. Those who want certain books removed have legitimate points — at least from their perspective — but I fear that these efforts are damaging to free speech and, ironically, resulting in the opposite of what the book banners’ intentions are. Let me explain.

First, there should be a clear distinction between books in a public school library and books used for instructional purposes in classrooms. Books used for instructional purposes should be evaluated, scrutinized and carefully selected. Most public

school districts have curriculum processes in place to address this. You have every right to inquire about that process and judge it appropriately, but banning books that are simply available in a public school library is another matter.

Second, most of us read to learn, to exercise our brains and to grow our knowledge of a particular subject. With that in mind, how much will we learn by only reading books that fall in line with our own opinions? And how can we expect young people to grow by limiting access to all kinds of ideas?

Third, tell a child not to do something, and you can bet that the youngster will do all he or she can to explore it further. I guarantee that most any banned book will be read more after the banning than before. Believe it or not, there is this thing called the



Internet that kids are using today, regardless of what is or isn’t in a library.

And finally, it’s OK to be exposed to things we don’t agree with. Those differing views create healthy debates that we all learn from, and that includes our youth.

So if you don’t agree with books used for classroom instruction, let your voice be heard. You might want to serve on a committee or even run for school board, but we shouldn’t limit a child’s access to books that simply don’t fall in line with a certain person’s points of view. As Jo Godwin said, “A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.” As it should.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# FUN AT THE LIBRARY

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**Life-sized Candyland** — Dec. 27, 28, and 29. Part of the Library will be transformed into a life-sized Candyland for registered participants to enjoy. You can invite friends and family to join you as you work your way through the game and perhaps meet some favorite game characters. Group sizes are limited to 20 people.

**Creativebug Online Craft Videos** — Grab some friends, supplies, and watch a class on Creativebug. This free online resource is filled with thousands of award-winning classes to help you make something beautiful. It also provides tips, tricks, patterns, templates, and recipes for any and all creative adventures. ■

# HOLIDAY CITY OFFICE CLOSURES PLANNED; NO TRASH DELAYS

All City of Waukee offices will be closed on Dec. 24 in observance of Christmas. City buildings will also be closed on Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Eve/Day. The Waukee 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. ■

# HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING TIPS

As the holidays bring an influx of trash and materials to be recycled, the City's solid waste provider, Ankeny Sanitation, is offering a few tips to ensure items are picked up and that recycling costs remain low.

Make sure plastic and Styrofoam packing materials are removed from cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bin.

Shiny wrapping paper, gift bags and tissue paper go in the trash.

Make sure all loose garbage items are bagged to prevent items from blowing out of containers, especially on windy days. ■



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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL

Registration for the Waukees 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://waukees.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://waukees.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs), under the Youth Sports category. ■

### JOKE OF THE WEEK



*Which days are the strongest?*

*Saturday and Sunday.  
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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**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.

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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.

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

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