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A RIBBON CUTTING WAS HELD AT THE SHINE SHOP CAR WASH, 1400 S.E. UNIVERSITY AVE., WAUKEE, ON DEC. 16.



REMEMBER, FIREWORKS NOT ALLOWED FOR NEW YEAR'S

As a reminder, the use of consumer fireworks is illegal in Waukee, with the only exceptions being on July 3 and 4 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Violations are a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than \$250 per violation. ■

HOLIDAY CITY OFFICE CLOSURES PLANNED; NO TRASH DELAYS

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

CRIME STOPPERS OFFERING REWARD FOR GRAFFITI INFORMATION

The Waukee Police Department is experiencing an increase in calls recently reporting graffiti to signs, electrical boxes and a Waukee park. These items are being "tagged" with graffiti throughout the community.

Waukee Crime Stoppers is offering a \$500 reward for any tip leading to an arrest related to this graffiti. To report an anonymous tip, call Waukee Crime Stoppers at 515-987-9000.

Members of the public are encouraged to call non-emergency dispatch at 515-222-3321 if they see vandalism occurring firsthand. ■

5-DAY FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 36 | LOW 9
Intervals of clouds and sun



SATURDAY HIGH 11 | LOW -5
1-3" snow, breezy and colder



SUNDAY HIGH 19 | LOW 16
Mostly sunny and cold



MONDAY HIGH 34 | LOW 22
Sunny and not as cold



TUESDAY HIGH 38 | LOW 24
Mostly sunny



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

APPRECIATION. COMMUNITY. LOYALTY.

Well, the Christmas shopping season is over — except for the returns, of course. Hopefully, you were able to purchase products and services from the many local merchants in the area. That effort truly does make a difference.

I am amazed at the sincere appreciation I feel each time I buy something from a local business. The reply is not a robotic thank you, but rather a heartfelt gratefulness for choosing to spend my dollars locally rather than with an online global chain that connects with me only by my credit card number.

With our company being locally owned, we also sincerely appreciate when businesses choose to market with us. It helps us invest in our staff, our facilities, our publications and our communities. We know that local businesses have all kinds of

advertising options today and that the out-of-towners swoop in frequently with something bright and shiny and new to sell them.

So with that in mind, I want to say thank you to the hundreds of local businesses that continue to choose to market their goods and services to each of you through our growing family of publications.

Loyalty is said to be a thing of the past, but that's not what we see. We see locally owned business owners and managers who look out for each other, support each other, and buy from each other during good times and bad — and encourage others to do the same. We see smart people who aren't distracted by the fly-by-night media reps who



show up for a few weeks and then disappear, but instead show their support for those who helped them get to where they are. And we see business owners and managers who truly appreciate their customers and their vendors alike, and they don't hesitate to show it. That's appreciation. That's community. That's loyalty.

None of us are perfect, and we can all improve, but I want to thank those in the local business community for being here to serve all of us. We appreciate you.

Happy holidays to all, and thanks for reading. ■

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DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

SHAKE YOUR WINTER BLUES

Looking for a fun way to get out of the house and off the screens? A change of scenery and a shock to the senses is sure to stimulate the mind and body. Explore the outdoors with a hike with a Dallas County Conservation Board naturalist or on your own Monday, Jan. 17, 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. at Forest Park Museum and RRVT Spur, Perry. Warm up with a visit to the displays inside the museum. Registration is required, www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

CONSERVATION WITH AN OWL

Meet Strix, a rehabilitated barred owl, during a naturalist-led conversation examining the owl species common to Dallas County. The evening version of the program includes an Owl Prowl hike. The program is held various dates January through March at Hanging Rock shelter house, Redfield. Register and check online for specific dates at www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

STARGAZING AND WINTER CONSTELLATION STORIES

Join a Dallas County Conservation Board naturalist under the star-filled skies to learn how to build and read a star chart, measure distances in the sky to help locate and identify common constellations, and share a few sky stories January through early March at Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham. Register and check online for specific dates at www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577.

BIRD-WATCHING BASICS

Learn the basics of identifying birds from a naturalist on various dates January through early March at Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham. Follow a path of lawn signs that will describe shape, size and field marks of birds and finish with a visit to the bird blind to test your skills. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. Register and check online for specific dates at www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation (click on Environmental Education then Virtual Nature Exploration Hub, then class of choice) or call 515-465-3577. ■

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. ■

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WASKE RETIRES FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Charles “Chuck” Waske is retiring from being the City’s water/wastewater superintendent after nearly 10 years of service. He led division staff through hiring, promotion, orientation, training and more.

“Chuck is a great combination of skill and attitude,” said Wauke Assistant Public Works Director - Operations Tim Royer. “He made Wauke a better place to live and work.”



Chuck plans to launch an ice cream truck business as a way to keep busy. ■

REAL FOOD 4 KIDS PROGRAM 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. Classes take place on Monday nights. The cost of the seven-week session is \$157.50. To register, visit https://wauke.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs. ■

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