



The family of Clarence Freese would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy extended to our family since his passing. Sherry and family, Mike and family, John and Susie.

A BIG thank you to all our friends and family that surprised us with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Dec. 10, 2016.
Chuck and Lois Kruse, Conrad.

Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for the sympathy extended to us during this unexpected time. Special thanks to the Grundy Center ambulance for their quick response and to the ER staff for their efforts. Also to Pastor Grames for the comforting service. Thank you for prayers, cards, calls, memorials, flowers and food. The memories shared have brought us much comfort.
Family of LuRay Neessen

Birthdays

Thursday, December 29: Al Meester, Kevin Pruisner, Steve Nielsen, Jennifer Smeins

Friday, December 30: Nathan Bruhn

Saturday, December 31: Josh Rekers, Doug Dall, Chris Dickerson, Wayne Graves, Sandy Simpson

Sunday January 1: Jan Weber, Mike Fuller

Monday, January 2: Marlyn Weber, Melvin Riebkes

Wednesday, January 4: Steve Cordes, Michelle Juel

Dates for Dike

Thursday, December 29
School remains on Winter recess

Saturday, December 31
New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1
Happy New Year

Monday, January 2
Last day of winter recess

Tuesday, January 3
Classes resume

Wrestling JV at Waverly BB at Summer

Wednesday, January 4
Free evening

Out with the Old in with the New

Merry Christmas to all. 2016 was gone in the wink of an eye and now we look to the future, 2017. If we look at City Hall for things to take place in 2017 we will see the rebuild and new construction of our sewer system.

We know that spring will allow finishing touches to the completed at Fields to Fields.

Kids will be using the facility for early spring events and it will be fun to watch how many kids will enjoy the activities.

I will continue to report the news around town so be prepared to share your stories with me. Today we see rain, snow and more snow. Just in time for kids to put to use those Christmas gifts of sleds, skates, coats and mittens. Oh yes, I forgot to mention that the City workers are preparing an area for ice skating at the Dike city park by the water tower.

We thank God for all the good of 2016 and ask to be blessed in 2017. Have a safe New Year's Eve and Happy New Year.

Kruger-Hemmen Sports Complex update

As 2016 comes to a close, we wanted to reach out and thank everyone for the tremendous support throughout this past year. Our progress has been rapid! The concession stand and PA Tower will be built as soon as we can get at it in later winter/spring. In addition, remaining 'green space' areas will be touched up and seeded. Our capital campaign needs still rest around \$75,000-80,000.

Many thanks to the recent contributions that have come in! We've had some donors capitalizing on their place of employment's 'match program'. With a week left in 2016, there's still time to capitalize on making a tax deductible contribution. Just know we appreciate any consideration in helping us close our funding gap. Contributions can be made at Peoples Savings Bank or mailed to Fields-2Fields Inc., PO Box 443, Dike, IA 50624.

I've attached a few pictures to demonstrate how far we've come. Hope you all feel the same sense of pride I have when looking at what we have. What an effort....



Blessings to you all this holiday season. Enjoy every moment with your family, friends, and loved ones.

AREA SERVICES *Please join us in worship!*

<p>ALBION 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 8:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>APLINGTON Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>BANGOR Bangor Liberty Friends Church Matt Bishop, Pastor office@blfchurch.org Sundays 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship</p> <p>BEAMAN United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>CONRAD Alice Church of God Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-623-5641 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Blue Collar Community Church 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9: a.m., Sunday Worship</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>United Methodist Church The Rev. Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship</p> <p>DIKE Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC) 705 1st Street 319-989-2141 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evening Praise Service</p> <p>Untied Methodist Church Dan Ridenour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor</p>	<p>GRUNDY CENTER American Lutheran Church Luther Thoresen, Pastor 319-824-3557 www.alcgc.org Sundays 8:45 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Worship service</p> <p>Bethany Presbyterian Church Al Polito, Pastor 319-824-5471 Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>First Baptist Church (GARBC) Nathan Barkley, Pastor 319-824-3324 www.fbcgrundy.com office@fbcgrundy.com Sundays 9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group 10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., AWANA 7 p.m., Youth Group</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church The Rev. Mike Campbell, Pastor The Rev. Sheryl Campbell, Parish Assoc 319-824-3152 www.facebook.com/grundycenterfirstpres Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Study in Chapel</p> <p>Orchard Hill Church Brian Steenhoek, Campus Pastor 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org Sundays at Center Theatre 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Orchard Kids for PreK thru 5th grade Sundays at Lincoln Center 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>United Methodist Church Phil Dicks, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. 'Full Charge Service' Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Kid & Family WOW, Meal & Sunday School 6:30-7 p.m. 'Quick Charge Service'</p> <p>HOLLAND Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church The Rev. Rick Vollema 319-346-1090 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>IVESTER Ivester Church of the Brethren</p>	<p>Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Potluck LINCOLN</p> <p>Salem Church of Lincoln The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>LISCOMB Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>MARSHALLTOWN Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA Sundays 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum Mondays 7 p.m. Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship, Communion</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor</p>	<p>Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium</p> <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class Wednesdays 6:14 p.m. Individual Absolution 7 p.m. Responsive Prayer</p> <p>St. Henry Catholic Church Father Don Czapl Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses 4:30 p.m. in English 6:30 p.m. in Spanish Sunday Masses 9 a.m. in English 11:30 a.m. in Spanish 5:00 p.m., Mass</p>	<p>PARKERSBURG Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Reformed Church of Stout Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors 319-346-1487 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>REINBECK Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>UNION Calvary Baptist Church Roger Crawford, Pastor Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Church Service 6:45 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens</p> <p>Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Class</p> <p>Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship First Wednesday 7 p.m. Church Board First Thursday 1 p.m. Willing Workers</p>	<p>Dan Brouwer, Interim Pastor 641-869-3305 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study</p> <p>St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service</p> <p>United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Worries 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>WHITTEN Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Thursdays 7 p.m. Soul Keeping</p>
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Year-End Reflections

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord."
—Lamentations 3:40 NIV

The end of the year can be a trying time for many. The hustle and bustle of the holidays, together with the felt need to spend more money than one can afford adds stress to our lives. Amid all the noise and celebrations, one should take some time for quiet reflection at the end of every year. Where did we fall short this past year? Surely all of us have done things we wish we hadn't and failed to do some things that we should have. Some of those things might be items on our personal or professional development checklists, but more importantly we should reflect on where we have failed morally and spiritually. Are we closer to God now than we were a year ago? Is our prayer life better than it was a year ago, and is our treatment of family, friends and co-workers better as well? Reflect on what went well in your moral and spiritual progress this past year, and try to redouble your efforts in the areas that might not have gone so well. Consider what you need to work on next year, and consider going about it in a systematic way. There are a lot of ways to work on our characters, and perhaps one of the best was Ben Franklin's system, which he describes in his autobiography. Franklin sought to perfect thirteen different virtues, and he worked on each one for a week, allowing him to work through all thirteen virtues four times over the course of the year. — Christopher Simon

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