

Thankful and Grateful Brunch

Volunteers at the Moorhead Cultural Center were hosted at a "Thankful and Grateful Brunch" to honor the volunteers at the Center throughout the 2022 season. The first storm of the season on November 16 dumped a taste of winter that morning, so Colleen Shol, Judy Hous-

ton, Emogene Andrews, Christina Haug, Tonia Copeland, Lark Pratt, Judy Patrick, Bobbi Ford and Barb Rice were unable to attend. Diann Iversen led discussions on what volunteers accomplished this year and why there were good outcomes and what plans could

be implemented in 2023 for more excitement at the Cultural Center. The 2023 season is for amateurs and will start with photos and literary subjects on May 6. The theme is "Capturing Memories and Fantasies."



Those who attended the "Thankful and Grateful Brunch" were, from left: (front) Ruth Pickle, Toni Engelhardt, Sandy Olson and Annie Porter; and (back) Diann Iversen, Susan Johnson, Sue Cutler, Tiffany Eastwood, Mary Kay Beauchamp and Sharon Hinrichsen.

Open Cupboard food distribution is Dec. 21

The Open Cupboard and Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. Mobile Food Pantry distribution will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. ending at 4 p.m., at the Mapleton Community Center, 513 Main Street in Mapleton. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Everyone is welcome.

They also do Walmart Distribution every Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They pick up food from the Denison Walmart to give away in the front of the Center. Come in the front door. The Open Cupboard serves about 40 families which includes about 60 adults and 15 children each week.

During the school year, each week they deliver 87 backpacks for grades Preschool thru fifth grades in the Mapleton and Anthon school buildings. Even if you don't need food, please come or call to check out what we do. Maybe God is calling you in some way. The Board and Volunteers would like

to thank everyone who has been a part of these programs in one way or another. They want to wish everyone a great holiday season.

All donations are greatly appreciated in any form: food, money and help. If you would like to donate to any of these programs The Open Cupboard and/or The Open Cupboard Backpack programs. Mail to the Open Cupboard, c/o First Security Bank, 401 Main Street, Mapleton, Iowa 51034 or to Treasurer Lana Timm 216 South 3rd, Mapleton, Iowa 51034. The Open Cupboard operate strictly on donations.

They are also doing a toy drive for the kids who parents pick up food on December 21. There is a box at Dollar General in Mapleton. There is also a box for food for Open Cupboard and Backpack programs.



Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10: 6-8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17: 6-8 p.m.
 (weather permitting)

- Santa's elves will be handing out "GOODY BAGS" to the children
- Kids can put their LETTER TO SANTA in Santa's mailbox
- Santa will be waiting at the end in his NEW CABIN
- Kids and families will be able to get out to have their PICTURE taken with Santa.
- You'll receive a Mapleton Holiday Extravaganza HANDOUT for Light Contest voting and Scavenger Hunt.

Free Will Donation with proceeds going to the Mapleton City Park Shelter House Project

Community Soup Supper

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH • 5-7 PM

at the Mapleton Community Center

Serving before and after the Lighted Parade.

FREE WILL Donation. Proceeds go directly to community projects in Mapleton
 Menu includes Homemade Chili and Homemade Chicken & Noodles, Dinner Rolls, Decorated Christmas Sugar Cookies, Bottled Water, Coffee, and Hot Cocoa.

Soup supper provided by

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK

Lighted Parade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH • 6 PM

- Lineup at the high school sports complex at 5:30 p.m.
- Pre-Register by calling Mapleton City Hall, 712-881-1351 (pre-registration preferred but not required)
- The route will go down 7th Street, turn on Main Street to go by Community Center
- Please don't throw anything out during the parade

Holiday Lights Contest Map

A.) Santa's Village
 B.) 415 South 2nd Street
 C.) 206 S. 3rd Street
 D.) 305 South 5th Street
 E.) 212 S 4th Street
 F.) 319 Main Street
 G.) 502 Main Street
 H.) 101 North 7th Street
 I.) 611 Sioux Street
 J.) 108 North 8th Street
 K.) 804 Main Street
 L.) 812 Main Street
 M.) 817 Courtright Street
 N.) 17 Elwood Drive
 O.) 9 Tower Street
 405 South 5th Street (not in contest)

Maps also available at the Casey's & Mapleton Cenex

Christian Women Connect to meet Dec. 14

Former Mrs. Nebraska USA, Pam Schram from Ponca, will be the guest speaker at Christian Women Connect on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at noon. The event is held at First Christian Church, Onawa, and all area women are invited. This charming mother and grandmother will share her story of finding her biological family after many years. Pam is a different speaker than was originally scheduled.

history behind the well-loved Christmas carols? This slant on the music portion of the luncheon promises to be fun and interesting. Remember, there are always door prizes!

Reservations and cancellations are required. Please call either Fern at 423-1286 or Marlene 433-3727 by December 12. Catering is by Ada J's from Ute. Why not treat a friend to an early Christmas lunch and enjoyable meeting?



Pam Schram

"Stock the Socks" Sock Drive for feet in need

Security National Bank has partnered with Siouxland News this holiday season to "Stock the Socks" those in need throughout Siouxland.

Socks are one of the most requested items at shelters, but one of the least donated. Many homeless people walk several miles each day and spend a considerable time on their feet causing socks to wear out quickly. Help Security National Bank give the gift of comfort this season by donating new socks to any branch location.

Between now and Dec. 16, local residents and businesses can bring in unopened packages of socks to bank locations across Sioux City and rural Siouxland in Akron, Mapleton, Lawton and Merville.

Area Briefs

December 15 Mapleton Scarlet O'Hatters Christmas

Mapleton Scarlet O'Hatters will have their Christmas Party at the Beef-n-Brew on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 11:30 a.m. The \$10 gift exchange is optional.

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Cast Your VOTE in the Holiday Lights Contest

Place the LETTER (from above) you think has the best light display in each category:

- _____ Best Traditional Display _____ Most Creative Setup
 _____ The Griswold Award _____ Participation Ribbon (best try)

The winner in each category will receive \$50 in Mapleton Bucks.

After voting, drop your voting form off in the drop box at Mapleton City Hall (513 Main Street). The last day to get vote in Dec. 26.

Scavenger Hunt

Be looking for these things as you look at the light displays. Put the LETTER (from above) in the blank where you found them.

- 1.) Can you find the the Color Changing Olaf? _____
- 2.) Can you find the Lollipop? _____
- 3.) Can you find Big Yoda? _____
- 4.) Can you find the llama? _____
- 5.) Can you find the Giant Candy Canes? _____
- 6.) Can you find the Snowfairy? _____
- 7.) Can you find the Cow? _____
- 8.) Can you find Santa's Puppy? _____
- 9.) Can you find Big Reindeer? _____
- 10.) Can you find the Big Green Ornament? _____
- 11.) Can you find the Gingerbread Man? _____
- 12.) Can you find the Cardinal? _____
- 13.) Can you find the Blue Heart? _____
- 14.) Can you find the Owl? _____
- 15.) Can you find the Old Sled w/ Skates _____

After finding everything on the scavenger hunt, you can drop the form off in drop box at Mapleton City Hall (513 Main Street) until Dec. 26. The forms with all of the correct answers will be put into a drawing.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Late Night Shopping

On Friday, Dec. 9 and Friday, Dec. 16 a number of Mapleton businesses will be OPEN until 8 p.m. including Graceful Boutique, Kraft Clothing, Main Street Spirits, Revolving Closet, InControl/P&R Cards, Hometown, Beef-n-Brew and Hawkeye Bar for extra Holiday Shopping or grab a bit to eat! There will also be some make-n-take activities at local businesses.

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