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ANDERSON FAMILY SHARES GOALS FOR NEW YEAR



Here we are, we made it — 2023. If you are like me, you are thankful to be able to put 2022 behind you and ready to see what's next. For my family, we feel it can only get better. We have set goals in our home, to help make sure

2023 stays more on track than what 2022 did. Let's face it, that train derailed pretty hard April Fools' Day when I had my medical event and we have no plans to go back to that place.

With that, it may surprise you our first

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CENTRAL CAFE OPENS

2022 Year in Review

Take a look back on what year 2022 was all about

BY KATIE ANDERSON, ERIC SANDBULTE AND RENEE WIELENGA

Hawarden and Ireton have continued to grow and change in the last year. Here is a selection of stories throughout 2022 that highlight the new and interesting happenings in the two communities.

Jan. 20

Jen McVay and Deb DeJong with Central Café are back in business, opening at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Central Café was razed by a fire the day after Christmas. Twenty-three days later, McVay is serving breakfast again because of the generosity of Rooster's Midwest Steakhouse owners Todd and Anna Krug who offered their kitchen to McVay during the mornings.

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Cable rates, gas utilities, fees to rise in Hawarden

City Council approves ordinance increases

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The Hawarden City Council approved a pair of ordinances calling for new rates and fees for gas utilities and cable rates and fees.

First up for city council consideration was the third reading for the new gas utility rates. As seen in the agenda packet, the ordinance includes new language that, "In addition to the base rate, ... each gas customer will be billed for and must pay for the demand and variable costs associated with transportation and delivery of natural

gas to Hawarden's town border station. This cost will be an averaged price per CCF charged to the city of Hawarden during the same one-month period. There will be no markup of associated transmission cost to city gas customers."

As Hawarden Public Works director Travis Waterman explained, "Currently, the transportation and demand are paid to Northern Natural Gas from the city funds that we get from charging 50 cents per CCF for our delivery fee."

That cost will be passed through to the customer with a lower delivery fee of 45 cents per CCF.

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Booth Drug hosts giving tree

Enjoying treats that were prepared by staff at Hillcrest Healthcare Hazel Nibbelink uses her other hand to open her Christmas present she received during Booth Drug's annual Tree of Giving event. This event is where people in town pick a name and purchase a gift for a resident at the care facility. Photo submitted

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