

Malcom's Hardware in Ida Grove aims to please

by BRENT HARM
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Malcom's Hardware in downtown Ida Grove has been owned and operated by Brian and Shelley Malcom since 1999. The store provides a variety of paint and hardware products for area residents. Shelley Malcom shared a brief history of how she and Brian came to be the owners. They had experience in the hardware business prior to opening the Ida Grove store.

"We had a store in South Dakota for two years, and we sold that. We decided after we sold it that we would continue in the hardware business, and we were trying to find a county seat town that was close to my family. I'm from here, and we came back to be close to my aging parents. That's why we started the business here. It was just an empty building when we bought it. There wasn't a hardware store in town, and we tried to pick things the town didn't have. For example, I sell a

lot of really good mattresses that are made right here in Iowa," said Shelley.

Shelley talked about their educational background, and the goods and services that Malcoms provide.

"We focus on paint," she explained. "That's why we put paint in our name at the beginning, because that's our biggest department. I went to school for retail sales, and I'm a hair stylist, so I have a good concept of color. It's very easy for me to figure out the paint colors and the mixing of paint, which is fairly technical. We have a very well stocked plumbing section. The light bulb section and batteries are also very important. If we don't have something in stock, we order and get a truck every Thursday, so people should always ask about special orders. We have a paint computer that can match anything, and our records go back over twenty years. We also make

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Friendly faces at Malcom's Hardware: Shelley Malcom (left) and Trisha Hoffman are ready to help customers with all their needs at Malcom's Hardware in downtown Ida Grove.



Pheasants Forever sees an amazing night

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It was an amazing night well attended at the Pheasants Forever Banquet on the eve of March 25 at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove. Quite a slew of live and silent auction items were

lined up to the circumference of the Skate Palace rink. There was hunting gear, many beautiful framed prints and other decor, and many different guns, and more!

The most delicious dinner provided consisted of a generous slice of prime rib, potato casserole, salad, whipped dessert, and buns.

There were auction

games for kids and adults and drawings enjoyed by all.

The whole event grossed \$163,000. They were able to provide their commitment of a \$50,000 check to Rich Smith Wildlife Habitat. The remaining went to Ida County Youth Trapshooting and Pheasants Forever will continue to support Habitat Cost Share Programs.

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Sam Bennett, emcee for Pheasants Forever Banquet.



Ida Grove: A free movie, *Paddington 2*, will be April 1 at 3 p.m. at the King Theatre. Come see the Easter Bunny and have your picture taken! The Ida Grove Chamber will have their first annual Shop Hop April 1-7. Find the hidden Golden Egg at participating businesses for special prizes! Participating businesses are: Rustic Lily, Selections, Drey's Digital, Ida Grove Food Pride, Trendue Salon & Spa, Ida Grove Subway, Fashionable Dreams, The Pharmacy, Taco Island, Jepsen's Simply Rustic; and Malcom's Paint & Hardware. Grand prize gift baskets will be given out at the

Easter Egg Hunt. On April 8, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ida County Fairgrounds for ages 0-10. There will be free hotdogs and prizes after the Egg Hunt. These events are sponsored by the Ida Grove Chamber.

Battle Creek: On April 8, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9 a.m. at the Battle Creek Community Building.

Holstein: On April 2 at the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home, they will be serving hot dogs, chips and pop (Free will donation). The Easter bunny will arrive. Photos at noon. Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. Three age groups- 03, 4-6,

7-10. One Golden egg for each age group to win a bike. One silver egg for each age group to win movie passes.

Galva: On April 8, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. at the Galva City Park. The Easter Bunny will arrive after the hunt and will be available for pictures.

Arthur: On April 1, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and the Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Odebolt: On April 8, the 4-H Richland Robins will have an Easter Egg Hunt at the Odebolt Nursing Home at 10 a.m. (ages 0-9).

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Ida Grove native Susan Lawrence inducted into the Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame



Susan S. Lawrence

Armed Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) International President and CEO, Lt. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence (Ret.), the first woman appointed as the U.S. Army's chief information officer, was inducted into the Army Women's

Foundation Hall of Fame on March 22 in a ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She is also the first woman to lead AFCEA International in the association's 76-year history. The City of Ida Grove honored Law-

rence by naming a street after her, and she hosted her military retirement party in Ida Grove.

Lawrence, daughter of the late Merlyn Lingren and Patricia Conard, graduated with the Ida Grove class of '72, joined the Women's Army Corps in

1972 and was commissioned in 1979. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Campbell University in North Carolina, a master's degree in information systems management from the University of Georgia, and hon-

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