

A LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR IN SPAR-TAN SPORTS, PART II

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Ringing in the new year for the kiddos



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Solon Library's Noon Year's Eve event provided free family fun

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SOLON — The Solon Public Library hosted a Noon Year's Eve event Saturday, Dec. 31 at the library, giving kids and families an opportunity to ring in the new year. The event, first held in 2019, was cancelled last year due to pandemic concerns but returned as an even bigger event this year with the addition of a balloon drop at high noon.

For a schedule of upcoming Library events go to www.solon. lib.ia.us or watch for weekly library updates in the Solon Economist.



Brooks (left) and Dylan Huey, from Waukee, blow horns to celebrate the coming new year Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Solon Public Library. The boys were in town visiting grandparents Dean and Lori Manternach.



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Children gather up balloons after a balloon drop Saturday, Dec. 31 during the Solon Public Library's Noon Year's Eve event. The annual event, back after a pandemic-induced hiatus, provided families an opportunity to ring in the new year well before the kiddos' bedtimes.



balloon drop at high noon capped off a Noon Year's Eve event Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Solon Public Library.



A young girl dances among balloons from a Noon Year's Eve event balloon drop Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Solon Public Library.

Solon Robotics holding can drive

Solon Robotics will be fundraising by collecting cans & bottles with the 5-cent deposit on Saturday, January 7. Donations can be dropped off behind the Community Center Auditorium between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Pick up can be requested by email to solonrobotics 367@gmail.com or leaving a message at 319-541-6855.

Optimists to hold annual Tri-Star Basketball Contest

The Optimist Club of Solon will hold their annual Tri-Star Basketball Contests Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Solon Community Center (313 South Iowa St.). Contests include dribbling, passing, and shooting for ages 8-13 in both a boys and girls division. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented to each age with the boys and girls champions receiving a gift certificate.

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. (application required with parental agreement signature and liability waiver form completed and signed by parent), contests start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants should bring their own basketball.

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Weekend weather

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High: 34°/Low: 21° • **Sunday:** Partly cloudy. High: 35°/Low: 22°





