

Local musicians to perform with New Horizons Band Dec. 12

More than 80 Northeast Iowa musicians will perform with the UNI New Horizons Band at the group's winter concert Monday, Dec. 12.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, Cedar Falls. Admission is free, and a complimentary reception will follow the performance.

Diana Blake, Waverly, directs the New Horizons Band, which is open to persons aged 50 and older and rehearses twice a week during fall, spring and summer sessions. Musicians come from Waverly, Denver, Shell Rock, Sumner, Tripoli, Fairbank, Oran, Fredericksburg, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Grundy Center, Dike, New Hampton,

Maynard, Parkersburg, Reinbeck and Wellsburg.

The December program will range from Christmas selections to concert band standards by Alfred Reed and Claude T. Smith. Nancy Morris, New Hampton, will solo on the alto saxophone in "Harlem Nocturne." A group comprised of Brad Jensen and David Glenn-Burns, Cedar Falls, Jo VanDeBerg, Sumner, Jim Moeller, Denver, Betty Winther, Waterloo, and Rita Losh, Oran, will be featured in "Dixieland Jamboree."

The concert also will include a performance by the University of Northern Iowa student double reed ensemble.

Commercial manure applicator training scheduled for Jan. 5

Commercial manure applicators can attend annual training to meet commercial manure applicator certification requirements Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct commercial manure applicator training from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 72 locations in Iowa. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

There is no fee for the workshop. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins allowed. Applicants must register by Thursday, Dec. 29, with the ISU Extension and Outreach county office where they plan to attend. A complete list of workshop locations can be found online.

Commercial manure applicators need to recertify and those wanting to certify for the first time should attend. All currently certified commercial manure applicator licenses will expire March 1, 2023. Those wanting to renew must complete training requirements and submit forms and fees to the Department of Natural Resources prior to March 1 to avoid paying late fees. The law requires all commercial manure applicators to attend three hours of training annually to meet certification requirements. Businesses that primarily truck or haul manure of any type or from any source are also required to meet certification requirements.

Those unable to attend the program Jan. 5 need to schedule time with their ISU Extension and Outreach county

office to watch the training videos. Due to scheduling conflicts, many Extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these videos but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training.

If individuals can't attend training during one of the scheduled reshow dates at their county Extension office, they will be charged a fee to view the training at their convenience. If attending the workshops or watching the three-hour video is not convenient, commercial applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam. Another option for commercial manure applicators is to take their training online at DNR MAC eLearning site at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/>. The applicator will need to sign in and get an A&A account.

In addition to the commercial manure applicator training offered Jan. 5, ISU Extension and Outreach will also offer six dry/solid manure workshops for commercial manure applicators in February 2023. Information regarding these workshops and locations is also contained in the link to the brochure listed above. Program requirements are the same as the regular commercial training program, but this training program is geared more toward dry/solid manure issues.

For more information about the commercial manure applicator certification program, contact a local ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

Set financial goals for the New Year

The holidays often are a time when families reflect on the past year or start thinking about their upcoming New Year's resolutions. "Whether from holiday overindulgence or remembering an unfinished summer task, in December and January many folks make plans for what they want to accomplish," commented Ryan Stuart, a human sciences specialist in family wellbeing with Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach.

It is also a great time to revisit financial plans and goals. "In addition to our own agendas, many tax benefits and other financial changes take effect on the first day of the year. These changes could have a significant impact on household finances," said Stuart, who also is an accredited financial counselor. Insurance premiums, tax withholding and cost of living increases are among the most common items to change at the beginning of each year. While these changes could negatively impact a family's budget, they can also create some flexibility to set new financial goals," Stuart added.

Something as simple as an adjustment to tax withholding could free up money toward a savings, retirement or debt reduction plan. For those heading into 2023 as a retiree, a larger than usual Social Security cost of living adjustment, often referred to as COLA, a slight decrease in Medicare premiums and new Iowa tax laws could bring some relief to individuals on a

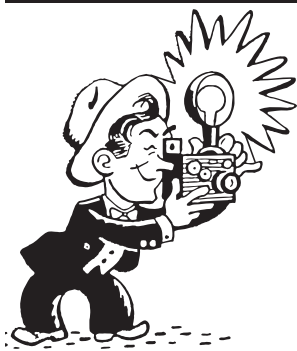
fixed income.

According to the Social Security Administration (SSA), the average benefit will increase by approximately \$140 per month starting Jan. 1, 2023. In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services report a \$5.20 per month decrease in premiums for most Medicare recipients.

While the impact of the new Iowa tax laws will depend on an individual household's circumstances, the savings for an average retiree on Social Security and Medicare will be approximately \$150 per month.

If people are new to creating financial plans, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has free tools to help individuals with their goal planning. For example, "Setting SMART goals" is a tool for setting goals which are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound. The "My new money goal" worksheet can help people look at their budget and commit to a new saving plan.

ISU Extension and Outreach offers numerous resources for Iowans to start the new year on the right financial track. A free, confidential and unbiased one-on-one financial consultation with a family well-being specialist is one way to get started. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program can assist with many tax-related questions, and new personal finance topics are covered weekly on ISU Extension and Outreach's MoneyTip\$ blog.



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90 YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1932

W. H. Wehrmacher, Waverly attorney for the past 25 years, and Fred Rewoldt, Jr., Frederika attorney and county attorney elect, completed arrangements last week for the formation of a partnership for the practice of law to take effect immediately. The firm will be known as Wehrmacher and Rewoldt.

A birthday party was held at the home of Conrad Goodenbour Sunday, in observance of the 5th birthday of his son, Curtis, which was Thursday, December 1st.

Hans Hanson, 33, formerly of this city, was indicted by a federal grand jury at Cedar Rapids for theft of a mail pouch from the depot at Buckingham last February, and was sentenced to 10 years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and in addition to the sentence was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Tripoli again this year.

Markets: eggs 20 to 28 cents, light hens five cents, heavy hens eight, heavy broilers seven cents, roosters five cents, ducks five to seven cents, good hogs \$2.50, sows \$1.80, veal calves \$1.00 to \$3.25.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 6, 1972

Investiture for the recently organized Junior Girl Scouts was held here Sunday evening, December 3, in the elementary school gymnasium. A total of 49 recited the Junior Girl Scout oath before their leaders and received pins at this investiture.

The Tripoli Board of Education has approved a tentative budget of \$709,422 for the 1973-1974 school year at a recent board of education meeting. The budget adopted is based on an estimated enrollment of 798 students.

Championship match winner at 155 pounds at the Independence Invitational was Tripoli's Carl Zander. He scored this takedown in first period action as he commanded a 6-3 decision over his Independence opponent.

Caryn Le Sells, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sells, Frederika, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jahnke, Tripoli, has been named one of the princesses for the annual Rose Bowl Parade.

Specials at The Mercantile: Blue Bonnett margarine 29 cents per pound, pork sausage 49 cents per one pound roll, boneless beef stew meat 89 cents per pound, Crisco 89 cents for three pound can.

Farm Transitions Conference to be held in Ames Feb. 9-10

The two-day Farm Transitions Conference will return to the Gateway Hotel, Ames, Feb. 9-10, 2023. Whether individuals want to begin farming, are looking to transition their farm business to the next generation or simply want to know more about farm estate planning, this conference will provide expert answers and insight.

Hosted by the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State University (ISU) and ISU Extension and Outreach, participants will hear from more than a dozen professionals including attorneys, farmland owners and managers, financial experts and mediators.

This two-day conference is full of practical resources to help farmers make educated farm transition and succession planning decisions. Students, individuals and families will all learn how to identify next steps in the planning process and how to work more effectively with their professional advisors. The opening day includes an overview of the current farm economy with Chad Hart and Alejandro Plastina, economists with ISU Extension and Outreach, and a presentation by Chris Cornelius, a native Iowan and co-owner of Cornelius Seed.

In her presentation called

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 3, 1997

Representatives of the ABC Club have presented a check to representatives of the Tripoli Ambulance Service, the Frederika First Responders, the Tripoli Volunteer Fire Department and the Frederika Volunteer Fire Department. Each of the organizations received checks in the amount of \$500.

The Panthers boys basketball team will play its opening game of the season at Allison-Bristow Dec. 5. Returning letterwinners are Garrett Rettig, Jeff Judisch, Josh Frahm, Andy Bies-terfelt, Josh Stanek and Aaron Garner.

Heather Johnson and Sara Wittenburg teamed up for back-to-back steals that brought the Lady Panthers close in the game with Denver last week. However, the Tripoli team came up just short of a victory, losing 55-50 in the season opener.

Three Panthers football players were among the high school players honored by the selection of Iowa Newspaper Association All-State Football Team for 1997. For Tripoli, Josh Stanek was named to the second team offense. Garrett Rettig was given honorable mention for offense and Travis Laures was given honorable mention for defense as a linebacker.

ONE YEAR AGO
Dec. 8, 2021

Santa Claus has his hands full as he meets with Kash, Adler and Sawyer Pitz during Christmas Around Tripoli Sunday, Dec. 5.

The first-grade students at Tripoli Elementary sing "Jingle Jive" to help spread the holiday spirit at the annual winter concert. Tripoli Elementary fifth-graders sing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" to conclude the annual concert.

The Tripoli School Board met for a special meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30, and approved to amend the current school calendar by extending Christmas break.

The respective boards of directors of American Savings Bank (ASB) and Readlyn Savings Bank (RSB) are pleased to announce their official merger and operation as Readlyn Savings Bank effective Dec. 1. The Tripoli location will now be known officially as American Savings Bank, a location of Readlyn Savings Bank, while the Readlyn office continues as Readlyn Savings Bank.

The Tripoli Panther wrestling team traveled to Wapsie Valley High School Dec. 4 to compete in the annual Chris Davis Wrestling Invitational. Tripoli finished in 14th place with 24 points.



Craig and Michelle Vogt welcomed Rose into their home as part of the Retrieving Freedom foster program, which houses a dog in the breeding program with a home. (Photo submitted)

Retrieving Freedom (Concluded from page 1)

more specialized service dog training at Retrieving Freedom. They are then evaluated into three paths, which include becoming a service dog, enter into the breeding program or have a career change.

"When they are at Retrieving Freedom and doing their training, they're both living and working there, which is why the weekend fostering program is so important," Vogt commented. "The dogs basically get to go on vacation for the weekend. They don't train on the weekend so you can pick them up Friday, hang out with them on the weekend and bring them back Sunday. It's really rewarding and a lot of fun."

Bergmann added foster parents can take the dogs in public and not worry about whether they're doing the exact right things a training dog should be doing. It's a time for the dogs to get away and explore different environments.

Vogt stated they have fostered about 15 dogs over the weekend program, and they often take them to football games, grocery stores and anywhere else they like to go on the weekend. She commented there is no requirement to travel at all; sometimes staying at home all weekend with the dog is a fun experience too.

"We were nervous our first time having dogs on the weekend out in public too, but you just go about your business. They know what to do and what not to do. It's such a rewarding program because you get to spend time with these dogs who are training to do amazing things," Vogt expressed.

Bergmann stated they no longer foster dogs on the weekends since they've had Piper, but the option is still available for them. Both families are also signed up to have another dog

in the breeding program if Retrieving Freedom needs another housing option.

"I think Rose is lonely during the day, so that's why we signed up. We'd love to have another dog around the house," Vogt commented.

There are many different volunteer opportunities with Retrieving Freedom. Bergmann explained fostering dogs and visiting the Waverly facility and helping clean or care of the dogs are great ways to help.

"I would encourage anyone to find a way to volunteer with Retrieving Freedom. It's such a great organization and it is doing great things for people who need service dogs. They do all of this through donations and grants, and just to be a small part of the process in helping veterans and children is amazing," Bergmann added.

"I can't say enough good things about Retrieving Freedom and the fostering program. We're helping this amazing organization provide service dogs to people who need them, at no cost. Because of Rose, 10 more people right now are potentially going to get a service dog and change their lives. It's such a great thing," Vogt explained. "I can't wait we get to celebrate their placements. Each milestone is celebrated with the dogs and it's so fun, so when the time comes to know they're going to be matched, it's going to be awesome."

Piper and Rose are owned by Retrieving Freedom and contracted to live with Bergmann and Vogt, but when they eventually leave the breeding program after a few years, they will have their forever homes.

"When they're done and out of the program, they're officially our dogs. I can't wait for that day, but between now and then they're going to do great things," Bergmann commented.



Paige Bergmann (left) and Carew Vogt show their love to their foster dog Piper, who is part of the breeding program at Retrieving Freedom, and she has lived with them for over a year. (Photo submitted)

Office Closed:

The Sumner Gazette, Fredericksburg Review & Tripoli Leader office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2,

so employees may spend time with their families.

Early deadline for Dec. 29 issues is Thursday, Dec. 22, at noon
Early deadline for Jan. 5 issues is Friday, Dec. 30, at noon

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