

# People & Events

## Community invited to attend Christmas events at Grace Lutheran Church in Tripoli

The community is welcome to attend several upcoming events at Grace Lutheran Church, 208 First St. SW, Tripoli, this Christmas season. The Sunday school Christmas program will be held Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday worship service. Holy Communion will also be served.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set to be held Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 p.m. The bell choir will be performing during this service, and

Holy Communion will be served. Christmas day worship service will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be served. Christmas day potluck dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 25, at noon, in the fellowship hall. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, plus their own tableware. Coffee and water will be provided.

All are welcome to attend any events. Contact the church office at (319) 882-3579 with questions.

## Lenius receives Bremer County ISU Extension Service Award

Bremer County's Mark Lenius, Waverly, was recently honored for serving two terms (eight years) as an elected member of the Bremer County Council member for Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach.

Since 1918, ISU Extension and Outreach has served Bremer County rural and urban residents to improve

their knowledge and operations with science-based data and information. The four primary focus areas of ISU Extension today feature agriculture and natural resources, youth and 4-H development, human sciences and community and economic development. The county office is in Tripoli in the center of the county.

## Early dismissal fun Dec. 22 for students at Sumner library

Sumner Public Library and Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach will be providing early dismissal fun for elementary students together. Youth are invited to join Gingerbread Hour Thursday, Dec. 22, at 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Sumner Public Library.

Youth will explore literacy, STEM activities and fun to start off their winter

break. No registration is required and this event is free.

For more information, please reach out to Nicole at the Bremer County Extension office at (319-882-4275) or email nicolert@iastate.edu. People may also contact the Sumner Public Library.

## Services in Area Churches

**FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Tripoli**  
Rev. Marilyn J. Sargent  
Thur., Dec. 15: 1:00 p.m., Drop-A-Stroke.  
Sun., Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m., Sunday school and adult education.  
10:00 a.m., Worship with Sunday school program.  
Tues., Dec. 20: 8:15 a.m., ZOOM book study.  
2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Blood drive.  
Wed., Dec. 21: 7:00 p.m., Blue Christmas service.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION, Tripoli**  
Am. Assoc. of Lutheran Churches  
Pastor Benjamin Baker  
www.stpaulstjohnsumner.org  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., Divine worship. Also livestream on Facebook.  
9:15 a.m., Sunday school.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Crane Creek**  
Lay Pastor Jared Mcley  
Sundays: 8:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
9:15 a.m., Worship service with livestream option on Facebook.  
Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m., Remote confirmation.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Tripoli**  
Pastor Tyler Hoey  
Sun., Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m., Worship service with Holy communion and Sunday school Christmas program.  
10:15 a.m., Sunday school.  
6:30 p.m., Men's Bible study.  
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m., Confirmation class.

**FREDERIKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Frederika**  
Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship service.  
Neil Whitney second and fourth Sunday of each month. Lay speakers opposite Sundays.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Ralph Davis Sumner**  
Fri., Dec. 16: 9:00 a.m., Mass at Immaculate Conception, Sumner.  
Sat., Dec. 17: 4:00 p.m., Mass at Immaculate Conception, Sumner.  
Sun., Dec. 18: 10:00 a.m., Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.  
Tues., Dec. 20: 9:00 a.m., Word and communion at Immaculate Conception, Sumner.  
Wed., Dec. 21: 10:45 a.m., Mass at Maple Crest Manor, Fayette.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Evan Meester Frederika**  
Sundays: 10:00 Worship service.  
Holy communion celebrated first and third Sundays of the month.  
9:00 a.m., Sunday school first and third Sundays of the month.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Buck Creek, rural Sumner www.saintsinmission.org**  
Sun., Dec. 18: 10:00 a.m., Worship led by Pastor Kristin Wendland with Holy communion.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Readlyn Rev. Philip Girardin**  
Sundays: 8:30 a.m., Worship.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Western Douglas, NALC Pastor Kim Thacker**  
Sundays: 9:00 a.m., Worship service.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Spring Fountain (Lutheran-Missouri Synod) Pastor Tanner Post 1490 Tahoe Ave., Sumner www.stpaulstjohnsumner.org**  
Sun., Dec. 18: 10:00 a.m., Order of Holy Communion.  
11:00 a.m., Bible class.  
Tues., Dec. 20: 1:30 p.m., Ladies' Bible study at the Terrace.  
Wed., Dec. 21: 5:00 p.m., Religion class at St. Paul's.  
6:00 p.m., Advent service at St. Paul's.

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH 2649 230th Street, Readlyn Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor**  
Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Divine worship service.  
Martha Circle: First Wednesday of each month.  
Women of Life: Third Tuesday of each month.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor**  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., Divine worship service.  
9:00 a.m., Sunday school.  
1:30 p.m., Ruth Circle first Thursday of the month.  
6:00 p.m., Evening Circle first Thursday of the month.

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Maxfield Pastor Jared Mcley**  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m., Worship.  
Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month.  
Wednesdays, first and third: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Family Night including supper, confirmation, fellowship, Bible study, games, stories and youth group.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Artesian Pastor Larry Feldt 2022 Larrabee Ave. (2 1/2 miles north of junctions Highway 3 and 63)**  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m., Worship service.  
11:30 a.m., Bible study.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS) 2683 Quail Avenue, Readlyn Rev. Philip Girardin**  
Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship service.  
9:00 a.m., Sunday school.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Waverly 2700 Horton Road (north on First St. NW) Fr. Doug Wathier, pastor**  
Saturdays: 5:15 p.m., Mass;  
Sundays: 8:00/10:00 a.m., Mass.

## Community blood drive Dec. 20

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and/or platelets, and approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. To help save lives a community blood drive will be held in Tripoli Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

It will be held at Faith United Church of Christ, 408 S. Main St., Tripoli. Appointments are encouraged, and those interested in donating can text LIFESERVE to 999-777, call (800) 287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

## Allan Kuethe (Concluded from page 1)

Academy of Bellas Letras, Seville, Spain. The academy was established in 1737 by King Philip V to preserve the memory of the Spanish monarchy. Foreigners may be admitted as "correspondientes" after nomination by three members and a majority vote of the full membership. Before Kuethe in 2012, the last U.S. admission came in 2007.

On another level, Texas Tech worked through Kuethe to establish its Center, Seville, Spain, for undergraduate students to study abroad. The Center recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Roughly 500 to 600 students yearly use the center for everything from engineering to architecture to dance.

"While most of them only manage summer study, about 80 students do the long semesters. These youngsters live with Spanish families, bringing considerable benefits to both themselves and their hosts," Kuethe explained. "Over the years, I have produced a lengthy list of books, chapters and articles, beginning with a volume on 18th-century New Granada (Colombia, Ecuador and Panama) published in 1978, and culminating with *The Spanish Atlantic World: in the 18th Century: War and Bourbon Reforms, 1713-1796*, which the University of Cambridge Press published in 2014. Lourdes translated it into Spanish and the Colombians published that version in 2018. In between, came many others, and I remain active to this day.

The Spanish Atlantic World, I had found a substitute source. Fortunately, the French maintained an excellent intelligence system inside Madrid at that time, and thus I could find most of the answers I sought in the French Foreign Affairs Archive in Paris. I worked there for two years. This meant that I had to learn a third language, but it was worth the effort. Then too, Lourdes loved living in Paris as much as in Seville, and I never complained," Kuethe added.

Kuethe's years of dedication, passion for and research in Spanish history and culture led to the Hispanic Imperial Order of Charles V (Imperial Orden Hispanica de Carlos V) to invite him to knighthood. His induction occurred Saturday, Nov. 26, in the Alcázar of Segovia, the royal palace of Isabel the Catholic. He and his wife Lourdes brought three of their four children, their spouses and his grandchildren to Spain to attend the event.

"Having lived in Spain seven or eight years, maybe more, I have become very attached to its people and their customs, and I, of course, know their history, so to receive an honor of the category accorded me in Segovia was deeply emotional, especially because it entailed rituals that derived from the period I write about," Kuethe added. "I was also deeply honored to be accepted as a peer by part of the elite of Spanish society, which is no small matter for an outsider. I know of only one other person from the United States to have been knighted in Spain.

"I learned even before I published the first book on Colombia that the archives in Spain held many of the answers that I sought, and that was a pleasant development. Spain is a wonderful country and I quickly learned that it was impossible to separate its history from the colonies that I studied. The principal archive is the General Archive of the Indies located in the far south, in Seville, but much also can be learned in the General Archive of Simancas in the northwest and in the National History Archive in Madrid. Because of the respect that my writing soon earned, I was able to obtain research grants that frequently brought us to Spain, especially beautiful Seville. Our children attended Spanish schools."

"I was indeed fortunate to be able to bring three of our four children to Spain for the event, plus two spouses, and four of our grandchildren. This much impressed our hosts, above all because family ties are so strong in the Spanish culture. The events of those days will leave a lasting impression on the family, especially the children."

Kuethe and his wife currently live in Frisco, Texas, north of Dallas and enjoy spending their summers at their cabin in Frederika. He explained they found the opportunity to buy a cottage beside Indian Pond in 2001, and they have never regretted it.

One difficulty he encountered when researching colonial policy for the early 18th century was the absence of consistent documentation, which was because the royal palace in Madrid burned on Christmas Eve 1734. While the servants managed to throw the valuable paintings and the silver out the windows, Kuethe explained no one thought to save the archives.

"I cannot imagine nicer people than those of Frederika, and we are close to Tripoli, where I spent a lot of time as a child, and not far from Sumner. We love Iowa and above all Bremer County with its green, beautiful fields, and its stately trees. And if you know where to try, even the fishing is good. Then too, I am fortunate enough to own a bit of the former Kuethe farm, and that adds to our interest. I love to wander around the fields," Kuethe expressed.

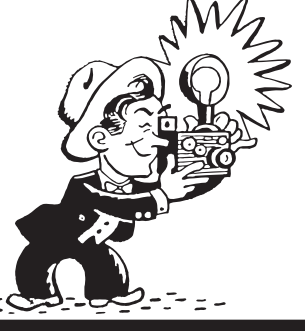
## Bremer and Butler 4-H/FFA weigh-in slated for Dec. 17

Bremer and Butler 4-H and FFA members will have beef weigh-ins Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Waverly Sale Barn from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. 4-H volunteers, Waverly Sale Barn staff and Extension staff will be facilitating the weigh in. Any Bremer or Butler 4-H member or FFA member planning on exhibiting market beef at the Bremer County Fair 2023 or at the Iowa State Fair 2023 will need to have their animal weighed in for growth recording purposes. Retinal scanning will also be available.

adviser on details shared from the local ISU Extension office.

For more questions, please contact Nicole Reynolds-Thimmesh at the Bremer County Extension office at (319) 882-4275 or Andrea Hobson at the Butler County Extension office at (319) 267-2707.

If exhibitors bringing beef to weigh-in are a 4-H member, they are asked to check their email account associated with 4-H Online for updates and emails. December's 4-H Newsletter also has information about the weigh in. If exhibitors are a FFA member, they should reach out to their FFA



## Leader Files 1932 - 1972 1997 - 2021

### 90 YEARS AGO Dec. 14, 1932

Frigid weather of the past week has put a finishing touch on the municipal ice rink, east of Main Street, and as a result many of Tripoli's men, women and children have been enjoying one of winter's best sports the past few days. The ice rink, which was started last year and sponsored by the local American Legion post, promises to fulfill the anticipation of all those who have been active in its promotion.

Miss Emilda Borcharding, daughter of Henry Borcharding, and Clarence Niewoehner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Niewoehner, were married at St. John's Lutheran Church Monday by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Mardorf. The double ring ceremony was used.

At the annual meeting of the Bremer County Medical Society, held in Waverly, last Wednesday evening, Dr. A. M. Stegeman, of this city, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Members of the Siegel Lutheran Church pleasantly surprised Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Gerlach Dec. 10th, the event being their silver wedding anniversary.

Markets: eggs 20 to 28 cents, chickens eight cents, ducks six cents, good hogs \$2.50, sows \$1.80, veal calves \$1.00 to \$3.25.

### 50 YEARS AGO Dec. 13, 1972

Tripoli Fire Department held their annual officer election Dec. 11 in the town hall. Les Dettmer was re-elected as fire chief for a second term. Others re-elected to office were Bill Seelhammer as 1st assistant chief, Vern House as 2nd assistant chief and Leroy Klein as treasurer. Rich Meyer was elected as secretary and replaces Gred Schmidt.

Iowa farm land values increased an average of \$45 per acre during the past year, the largest annual dollar jump since the land boom of 1920. According to a Nov. 1, 1972, survey of 571 farm real estate brokers, an average acre of Iowa land is now valued at \$440, up 11 percent from 1971 values.

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters will appear in person at McElroy auditorium in Waterloo on Sunday, December 17. They will be playing the Boston Shamrocks.

Tripoli basketball action was at Sumner Tuesday as the Pantherettes won the first game 51-36, however, the boys game it was Sumner winning 50-40.

Meat specials at Tripoli Locker: fresh beef liver 59 cents per pound, knackwurst or rinderwurst 69 cents per pound.

### 25 YEARS AGO Dec. 10, 1997

Richard and Marie Dumire will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with cake and coffee on Saturday, Dec. 13. Mr. Dumire and Marie Riker were married Dec. 13, 1957, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Independence. Mr. Dumire is retired from Waterloo Industries; Mrs. Dumire is a homemaker.

Tripoli Elementary School was recently informed by the R.J. McElroy Trustees that two application proposals submitted in October have been selected for funding. Tripoli's second-grade teachers, Karen Neuendorf and Glenda Slack, submitted a proposal for "Science in a Box." They will receive \$626 which will be used to supply science kits for their second-grade students to use during center time. Mary Dietz, fifth-grade instructor, will receive \$1,578 for her "Travel 'n Tech" project. Two or three eMate computers will be purchased for fifth-grade students.

The Tripoli Panthers wrestling team placed sixth in the Valley of Elgin Tournament held at Elgin Saturday, Dec. 6. The Panthers had 107 points in the tournament. Jacob Bucknell competed at the Valley of Elgin Tournament in the 171 pound class. Bucknell brought home third place for the Panthers.

### ONE YEAR AGO Dec. 15, 2021

The Tripoli Panther bowling teams traveled to Waterloo Friday, Dec. 10, to face the Columbus Catholic Sailors at Xtreme Bowling Center and recorded victories over the Sailors. The girls team dominated on the lanes as they picked up the 2083-1443 victory over Columbus Catholic to go 3-0 this season. The boys team holds a 2-1 record as they defeated the Sailors 2318-1903.

High school jazz band members play "Feliz Navidad" during last week's annual winter concert. The high school choir wrapped up the winter concert Monday, Dec. 6, with their rendition of "This Christmas." The seventh-grade choir members spread holiday cheer as they perform "Silver Bells."

Saturday, Dec. 11, the Tripoli varsity wrestlers traveled to Manly to compete in the 2021 Central Springs Round Robin Tournament. The Panthers recorded a sixth-place finish as a team with 39 points, while Central Springs won the tournament with 439 points.

Newman Catholic finished second and Garner-Hayfield/Ventura earned third place with 332 and 303 points, respectively. Giles Cowell recorded a second-place finish at 170 pounds.

## THS girls basketball (Concluded from page 2)

Riceville .....21 28 8 19 76  
at Dunkerton

The Panthers traveled to Dunkerton Tuesday, Dec. 6, to face the Raiders in ISC - North action and Tripoli was handed the 41-59 loss.

In the first quarter the Panthers recorded eight points while the Raiders took the lead with 13. Tripoli fought hard in the second period but were out-scored 15-18 to trail 23-31 at the end of the first half. The Panthers scored eight points in the third quarter and 10 points in the final period while Dunkerton put 28 second-half points onto the scoreboard. Tripoli fell 41-59 to go 1-2 this season.

Moeller recorded a team-high 13 points including four two-point baskets and five free throws. Chipping in six points apiece were Krueger, Bernard and Harken, while Blasberg and Quigley each scored four points.

Under the net, Tripoli grabbed 33 total rebounds and Quigley led with eight. Moeller had seven rebounds, while Blasberg and Harken pulled down six boards apiece. Leading in assists were Bernard and Moeller with three apiece, and Blasberg dished out one. The Panther girls stole the ball seven times including four steals by Bernard and one apiece by Harken,

Moeller and Reagan Schwarze.

**SCORES BY QUARTER**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Tripoli.....	8	15	8	10	41
Dunkerton ...	13	18	16	12	59

**TRIPOLI SCORING**

	2PT	3PT	FT	TP
K. Krueger.....	2/4	0/4	2/2	6
I. Bernard.....	2/4	0/0	2/5	6
E. Blasberg.....	1/4	0/0	2/3	4
S. Quigley.....	2/7	0/0	0/3	4
M. Harken.....	3/3	0/0	0/0	6
R. Moeller.....	4/9	0/0	5/8	13
Re. Schwarze....	1/3	0/0	0/0	2
Totals.....	15/34	0/4	11/21	41

**Rebounds, Assists, Steals & Blocks**

K. Krueger, 4 rebounds; I. Bernard, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 4 steals; E. Blasberg, 6 rebounds, 1 assist; S. Quigley, 8 rebounds; M. Harken, 6 rebounds, 1 steal; R. Moeller, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Re. Schwarze, 1 rebound, 1 steal.

**Upcoming action**  
This Friday, Dec. 16, Tripoli is scheduled to host the Waterloo Christian Regents in ISC - North play. The Panthers will travel to Sumner Monday, Dec. 19, to battle the Sumner-Fredericksburg Cougars in their final game before winter break.

**WHAT'S IT WORTH**

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**Hours**  
Wed. - Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Questions?**  
Call (303) 507-0045

**Christmas Dinner**

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

**10:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
Carry-out, Dine-in or Curbside

**Bone-in-Ham, Duck & dressing, Turkey & dressing, Meat Loaf, Liver & Onions with all the trimmings.**

**CLOSED DEC. 24, 25 & 26 MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Diane's Cafe**  
105 E. Main St., Hawkeye  
(563) 427-3315