Community Calendar

NOTICE - If you would like your organization's meeting dates to appear in the calendar, please contact Record-News staff at 464-2440.

Reoccuring Events

2nd and 4th Monday of every Month
Caregiver Support Group meetings will be held the second Monday of each month from 1-2 p.m. at the Ringgold County Courthouse 1st floor conference room.
The meeting is for those who are currently or previously have been the caregiver of a loved one. Call Ringgold County Public Health if questions, 641-464-0691.

Thursdays
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mount Ayr Depot Museum.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Mondays
Al-Anon offers understanding plus support for families, friends of problem drinkers. Join us for a safe, welcoming spce to share experiences plus find strength together.
7:15 p.m. Mount Ayr First Christian Church.

Red Cross Blood Drive First Christian Church 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
January 6, 2026
March 3, 2026

LifeServe Blood Center

VA Mobile Clinic Held at UBP Church 2343 Hwy 169.
November 25, 2025

EveryStep "Touching Our Grief" support group (every 3rd Thursday)
3:30-5 p.m. Ringgold Co. Extension office, Mt. Ayr

Lucky Lanes Bowling September through May
Friday and Saturday
6 -10 p.m. open bowling. Private Parties available by request.

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DIAGONAL EVENTS
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Princess Theater 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday 2 p.m. on Sunday.
December 5, 6, 7
December 12, 13, 14
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MOUNT AYR EVENTS
Thursday December 4
4-7 p.m. Christmas Market at ISU Extension Office Mount Ayr. Sponsored by Junior Farmers 4-H Club.

Saturday December 6
5:30 - 7 p.m Marching Into Christmas at the American Legion in Mount Ayr, hosted by Owen and Mary Martsching. 5:30 Meal, bring a side or dessert. 7-8 p.m. First Things First entertainment. Free Will Offering. RSVP 641-464-8096.

Sunday December 7
2-3:30 p.m. Sip & Paint Christmas Door Mats at Trails End Saloon, $40.00. Contact Tara Wurster 641-414-7020.

Friday December 12
8 p.m. Ugly Sweater Party Sponsored By Trails End Saloon.

Saturday December 13
4-6 p.m. Christmas Tour of Homes. $15 advance ticket sales at Country Blossoms, Record News and Mitzi Hymbaugh (641-340-4175), $20 at the door. All Proceeds go to women battlng breast cancer in Ringgold, Union and Decatur Counties. Sponsored by First Christian Church, all

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TINGLEY EVENTS
Saturday December 13
2 p.m. Santa is coming to town. Will be in Tingley location yet to be decided.

LAMONI EVENTS
Sunday December 7
2-5 p.m. Holiday Home Show. Sponsored by City of Lamoni.

Tingley Congregate Meal Site

Congregate meal served at noon
Ellston American Legion Building

Friday, December 5: Country Fried Steak
Monday, December 8: Hamburger Steak
Tuesday, December 9: Fish
Friday, December 12: Beef Enchiladas

Six Days on the Mountain: 168th Infantry Commemorates the Battle for Monte Pantano

By Dalton Shadle

Painting of the Battle of Monte Pantano by artist Donna Neary

The 168th Infantry Regiment commemorated a historical day on November 29, The Battle for Monte Pantano. The battle lasted for 6 days 29 November – 04 December 1943.

On 29 November 1943 the 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry Regiment was tasked with seizing the four peaks of Monte Pantano, then held by a full battalion of heavily entrenched German defenders. 168th Soldiers, veterans of Operation Torch and the North Africa Campaign, quickly dislodged the defenders and found themselves under immediate and sustained counterattack. Company B stopped seven German assaults on their position while the commander of Company A, despite being wounded three times, led a bayonet charge to halt a German breakthrough. The Battalion took the fight to the enemy, engaging in hand-to-hand combat throughout the battle and hurling stones down the mountainside at attackers when their ammunition ran low. Despite brutal cold, dwindling supplies, mounting casualties, and constant enemy bombardment, the 168th was able to hold their position for six days until finally relieved. This battle marked the first crack in the German's "impenetrable" winter defensive line and opened the way to Monte Cassino, Rome, and Germany's soft underbelly. A painting was done by Donna Neary which commemorated this historical event and pays respect to those whose lives were lost during the battle. The painting adorns the walls of National Guard armories across Iowa and Minnesota.

Porch Time with T

By TERESA (ANDREWS) CRECELIUS

"Pass The Rolls"

So this Thanksgiving I texted my two children and their spouses and my grandsons about our holiday lunch we offered to host at our house (the home my parents and I used to live in).

Actually for the first time Im close enough to host this fam of 10, vs them driving to our place in Sidney.

I feel as though I am a big girl now so I had a few motherly requests for the day (as they rolled their eyes) and maybe even left my group chat due to me being a nuisance lol.

At this point I didn't care, I was raised an only child and only 3 of us at the table for holidays.

I wanted to be able to say " pass the rolls " as we all sat together. If you know my offspring, they took it to a whole new level which was not exactly what I was thinking but as my girl tells me many times in this life, "Mama, you take what you can get, it's the little wins, we all were able to make it for lunch", true facts.

My son, the family character by default, a chip off the the old block (I raised him remember), remembering a family trip (I'm sure a nerve wracking trip for mom as they were bad long distance travelers) where we went to Lambert's Cafe and they "threw the rolls", so he made his way around my well adorned table of food I'd prepped for days, throwing us each our homemade rolls this year.

Now, I kinda also had a thought of asking the youngest to lead us in saying Grace but decided I may be pushing it a bit, so decided to sit down, enjoy these people God has Blessed me with, who "showed up" and just feel Thankful for this "Little Win"!

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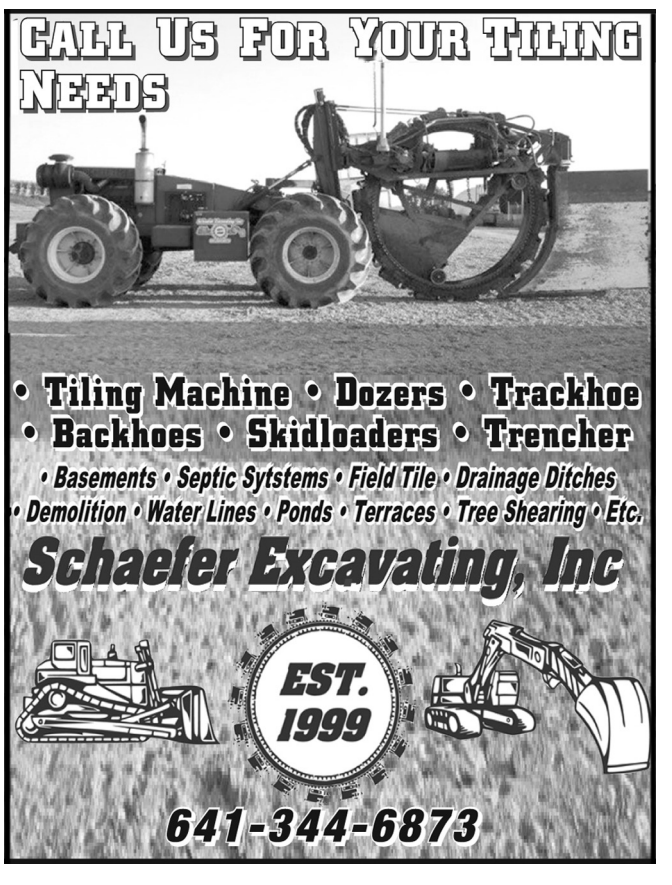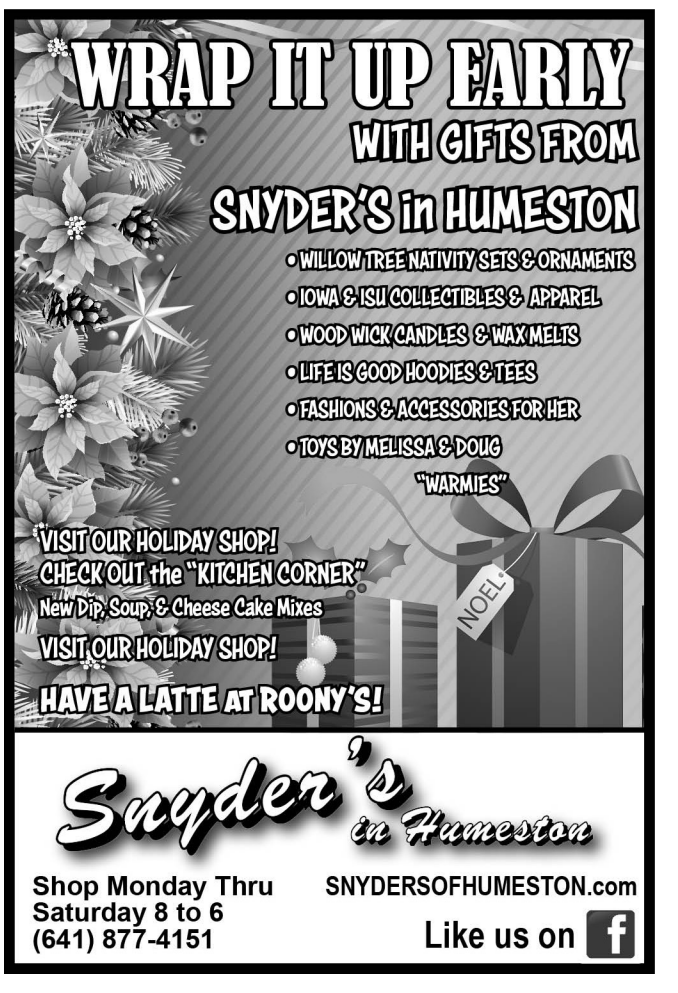
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