The Church Lady

"Give thanks always." 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

United Church of Diagonal

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Food Pantry - 8-9 a.m. each Saturday

Sunday, 9 a.m. Worship.

Worship leader: Heidi Lumbard
Communion Servers JP,

Wednesdays 10 a.m. prayer group.

Community Calendar

Princess Theater
7 p.m. on
Friday, Saturday
2 p.m. on Sunday.
December 5, 6, 7
December 12, 13, 14
WICKED: FOR GOOD
Rated PG

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

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

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

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

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December
1 Leslie Hingeley
3 Abby Eaton
4 Bryce Hower,
5 Jeremy Sobotka, Toni Schlapia, Josh & Jessie Haidsiak
6 Austin Still, Ty Jones, Aria Stephens
7 Ann Smith, Mark England
8 Mindi Hingeley, Mary Keller, Nancy Parker
9 Cindy Wolf, Kera Carpenter, Dillon Davenport, Kelly Allee
10 Jessica Hays, Dayson Gregg, Sherry Wiley
11 Shauna Stamps
12 Nathan Mercer
13 Andy Melody, Carter Lumbard
14 Kirston Lynam, Chase Johnston, Joey Novak, Kolbie Carson, Bob & Julie Malcom
15 Amy Whittington, Karleen Stephens, Randy/Jan Sobotka
16 Genna Naill, Sarah Stephens,
17 Marilyn Bear
18 Jerry Carson, Ann Schlapia
19 Claire Oshel, Jim Taylor, Dominik Sutton, Nathan Inloes, Lincoln Gunsolley
20 Claire Carol Grace, Terri Newton, Klisa Lynam, Emilee Austin, Randy Andrews, Jim & Joy Goins
21 Winter Sostice, Ryker Mason
22 Kaydyn Bolinger
23 Jennifer Tull, Alice Elliott, Chris & Wendy Richardson
24 Donavan Houghmaster, Bessie Austin, Steven & Becky Stamps, Isaac & Kylene Lumbard, Derald and Brenda Schaefer
25 Beth Stump, Karie Wasteney
26 Tony Lohmann, Doug Ruby, Brent Ricker Steve & Edie Stephens
27 Trey Strange, Trevor Wolf, Sawyer England
28 Darla Sobotka, Max Dickinson, Tom Shiflett
29 Pat & Fran Rouse
30 Darin Goins
31 Justin Cook

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Maroons shoot against the Ankeny Christian Eagles in Diagonal on Friday *Photo by Dalton Shadle*

Maroons drop two, but grow in losses

By Dalton Shadle

DIAGONAL, Iowa — The Maroons had two tough opponents to start the season, but the boys basketball team showed growth in each of those games.

Hosting Twin Cedars, Diagonal fell in its home opener 76-18 last Tuesday. Falling behind by double digits in the first quarter proved too much for the short-handed Maroons although they would more than double their output in the second quarter with nine points.

Senior Owen Whittington led Diagonal with eight points, seven rebounds, four steals and two blocks. Justin Novak added six points and six rebounds, fellow freshman Fred Malone had five rebounds.

"Our boys definitely didn't back down," Diagonal coach Ryan Parrot said. "I love their efforts. I just wish the scoreboard could show that a little better."

Last Friday, the Maroons hosted Ankeny Christian and fell 72-7. Senior E.J. Allee led Diagonal with four points. Freshman Foxx Haley had three rebounds and a steal.

Parrot said that the private school from Ankeny is a top-notch program.

"I am just glad we got it out the way, as bad as that sounds but its definitely the best team we play all year," he said. "Unfortunately it ended how it did, but I was glad to have it done and over with."

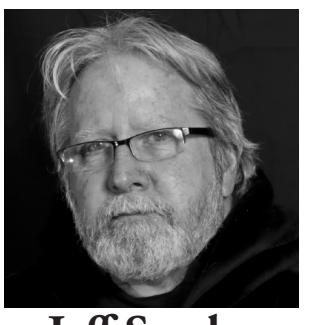
The Maroons played at Murray on Tuesday (results were not available as of press time) and host Lamoni on Friday.

Diagonal Junior Varsity Girls

The Diagonal JV girls squad hit the road last Thursday night to take on a strong and athletic Creston team, ultimately falling 47–14. Freshman Hailey Grandfield led the Maroonettes JV with nine points, including two three-pointers and a free throw. She also pulled down five rebounds. Jentri Cox added three points and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds. Aspen Egly scored two points and had a block, while Avery Grace contributed three rebounds.

Diagonal Junior High Girls

The Diagonal Jr. High girls hit the road Monday night for a matchup against Lamoni, ultimately falling 45–29. Kaydyn Bolinger led the junior high team with 16 points, including two three-pointers. Maci O'Kelley dominated the boards with 12 rebounds, while Zoey Grandfield contributed six rebounds, continuing her consistent play under the basket.



Jeff Snyder
... Just Sayin

Over the years I have had the good fortune of experiencing some wonder adventures.

I have walked the water soaked caverns that hide behind Niagra Falls (Cave of the Winds) and I have ridden a bicycle down the side of Mount Haleakala, the 10,000 foot tall dormant volcano on the island of Maui. I have even skied the slopes of Interlaken, Switzerland, as part of a once-in-a-lifetime school trip when I was in high school. My wife even gave me private flying lessons where I was allowed to take off but never afforded the opportunity to experience landing.

Now in my advancing years, I look back on these adventures and it got me thinking. How many opportunities did I have to expand my adverture resume but turned down.

In no particular order, here it goes.

1) Skydiving. The thoughts of diving out of a perfectly good airplane with a glorified bed sheet strapped to my back held little appeal for me. Pass

2) Swim with Sharks at Discovery Cove in Orlando. Getting into a large tank of water with an animal that can regrow teeth overnight dressed like an hors d'oeuvres just didn't make any sense to me. Besides, any animal with the name "Nurse" in their formal name seems just like you're just asking for it. Nope

3) Noodling. What is noodling you ask? This would be the practice of sticking your arm or leg into a hole underwater the color of a typical Starbucks coffee, hoping a giant fish will bite you. I would really like to meet the person who invented this fishing method, if for no other reason then to shake his hand, if he has any left. Hard No.

4) Bungee jumping. Had a chance to participate in a hiking/bungee outing while in California on business. I think it was in La Verne. Let's review. You climb up to the top of a very high gorge over a raging river passing below some 120 feet. They tie a giant rubber band around your ankles and hurl you off the bridge. This would be considered an unforced error in most sports. Nah!

For now I am happy with my past adventures and don't intend to risk my life unecessarily. I will say that hang gliding does intrigue me just a bit. Soaring like a bird on the warm summer thermals must be exciting. Just have to get over this little problem with heights I seem to have developed as the years have peeled by. Once I get up enough courage to traverse up and down the basement steps I might consider jumping off a cliff with fake wings firmly attached.

In the mean time, I'm happy with the contact I have with mother earth. Think I'll keep my feet on the ground.

Just sayin.

Girls

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onal held strong converting at the free throw line and scoring from the field to force overtime.

In overtime with blood pumping and the girls running up and down the court, the Maroonettes took control and outscored Ankeny Christian 9-1 in the extra period for the victory.

Junior Cadance Shifflett was extremely proud of the team continued to battle.

"I couldn't be more proud of my teammates," she said. "We held our ground throughout the overtime jitters, and worked like we knew we could.

Both White and Shifflett although excited about the win, know there is still improvement to be made.

"Even though we won we have a lot of work to do and things we can improve on so as we celebrate this win we recognize it and then it's back to work for bigger and better teams," White said. "We are not satisfied with just winning because we know we have more talent and room to grow not just as individuals but as a team. Our goal is conference champs and I believe we cannot only reach that goal and continue to go even further with our coaches and community behind us."

Shifflett agreed with her teammate.

"This win shows how much we really have to prove, but this is just the beginning," she said. "We have bigger competition ahead. We're going to work as hard as we can to reach our goal as conference champions. And bring back the light of Diagonal Basketball."

Diagonal coach Gina Warren reminds her team to keep their eye on their goals.

"I (tell) the girls that we can't be satisfied with the win, we got a lot more work to to to get to where they want to be," Warren said.

Diagonal stats were not available as of press time.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!