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EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

TAKO Ice Fishing at Buehland Christian Camp near Elgin, 224673 Abbey Rd. Should ice and/or weather conditions get marginal, contact TAKO President Leif White at 319-939-1567 for updates. Registration at 8 a.m. at main lodge with the event until 1 p.m. Lunch provided, proceeds to BCC.

Take your child to the library day at Oelwein Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon. Fun activities and book drawing available.

Poker and Euchre Tournament at Fayette County Fairgrounds. Registration for euchre at 10 a.m., begins at 11. Poker registration is 1 p.m., starts at 2. \$50 per team for euchre, \$50 poker buy-in. Free food from sponsors, \$1,000 first place poker prize with 75 players.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Wapsie Valley High School will host an American Red Cross winter blood drive, in the high school multipurpose room 1-6 p.m. Appointments can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org, or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Oelwein Senior Meal Site service by The Kitchen of Decorah, 11:30 a.m., V.F.W. Post 1725, 120 N. Frederick Ave. Meals by Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A), open Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Older adults can reserve a meal two days ahead by calling the Oelwein Senior Center, 319-239-8019. Diners under age 60 must pay the cost of the meal. Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Tuesday Tourists will meet at 1 p.m. at the public library. Ruth Lau will lead a discussion of “Confronting the Presidents” by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard. Edith Biddinger and Karen Cannon will serve as hostesses. Prevent Relapse 12 Step Program, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, 225 20th St. SE, Oelwein, 319-240-9135

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Health and Wellness 365 class, 11 a.m., Oelwein Senior Center in the VFW Hall, 120 N. Frederick Ave. Discussing nutrition, activity for senior citizens, topics vary. Food samples each class, focusing on budget friendly and/or healthy choices. Occasional physical activity. Offered by Missy Anders, aging specialist-nutrition, NEI3A, 319-874-6893.

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Tuesday Tourists hear of women’s roles in American Revolution

Nine members of the Tuesday Tourist Club ushered in the New Year as they gathered at the Oelwein Public Library on January 13. To celebrate the USA’s 250th birthday, Sue Frost presented information and led a thought-provoking discussion on the role of women in the American Revolution.

Women played an integral role and served as a central part of the resistance to British rule during the Revolutionary War years. Their contributions were often overlooked. In a letter to his wife, Abigail, in 1777, John Adams wrote, “Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom!” Women made many sacrifices and played an important role in preserving that freedom.

Anna Strong, an American patriot, is believed to be one of the few female members of the Culper Spy Ring during the American Revolution. She used ingenious ways to communicate top secret messages to fellow spies. One technique was hanging a petticoat or handkerchiefs of a particular style or color on her clothesline to relay messages to a courier. Then that fellow spy would run the information about smuggling or military missions to General George Washington.

Anna’s husband was held on a British prison



Pictured are Marlene Doyle and Nancy Black, hostesses, and Sue Frost, presenter. Absent from the picture was Linda Potter.

ship for most of the war, and that act provided the motivation she needed to resist the British. Many people believed that she was the notorious Agent 355. Although some historians have challenged the validity of her activities in the Culper Spy Ring, she remains an obscure, but important, Revolutionary War figure.

Mary Katherine Goddard, a publisher and postmaster, was another important woman during the American Revolution. She ran her brother’s printing business and

published the Maryland Journal under the name M. K. Goddard while her brother was imprisoned for his debts. The newspaper was one of the first papers in the colonies to report that war had begun.

The Continental Congress commissioned Mary Katherine to print the Declaration of Independence with all signers’ names attached. She not only printed the document but became the only woman to sign her full name on it. Anna’s brave efforts made her another important American Revolution

figure.

Phyllis Wheatley was a Black poet, historian, and philosopher. She wrote poetry which focused on patriotism and human virtues. Her 1773 collection of poems, published in London, impressed and inspired many notable people, including Voltaire. She satirized royal officials and played an important role in promoting resistance during the Revolutionary War period. Each of the three women was a key figure in the movement toward independence.

Sue announced a program entitled “The Founding Mothers” will be presented by Laura Keyes on March 5 at the Oelwein Public Library. The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Members were reminded that the March 10 meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Oelwein Public Library. Viv Rourke will lead a discussion of “*Boat Baby*” by Vicky Nguyen.

Beautiful snowmen decorations were displayed, and delicious refreshments were served by Nancy Black, Marlene Doyle, and Linda Potter, hostesses for the event. The February 10 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Oelwein Public Library. Ruth Lau will lead a discussion of “*Confronting the Presidents*” by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard. Edith Biddinger and Karen Cannon will serve as hostesses for the event.

THE AMISH COOK: The 6 Yoder siblings

By GLORIA YODER

At the supper table I asked the children what I should write about them. I got an instant response from a quick-witted eight-year-old. “Tell ‘em my sister kicked me during prayer!” Yep, we are real people with real deals we get to work with every day!!

When someone suggested that I tell you a bit about each of the children, I didn’t have a reason not to. Why not talk about the people that bring me much delight, try me to my limits, and by being their own selves, bring more decisions to be made than I sometimes know what to do with?!

Ya, I love being a mama. In fact, as I write I’m enjoying hot cocoa from my large pink mug with a bear and the word, “Mama.” Yes, a mama bear—sometimes the challenge comes in to not act like one! The day I got married it never crossed my mind what motherhood may entail, but nope, I wouldn’t go back.

I want you to meet my oldest daughter, Julia Rose, who is 14. Before Daniel passed, there was no one in her life like her daddy. He was her absolute hero. I felt beyond crushed to see him gone from her life in this way, yet I’ve been beyond grateful for the foundation God has granted her by having a daddy for 10 years. Her struggle with Lyme disease has been a journey for the last year, but with treatment we trust things will move in the right direction. I set up a table in our kitchen

where she is sewing a dress for herself. We love working together whenever we have a chance. We are both super excited to have her home from school next year and be able to help others and hopefully spend many hours together cooking, baking, scrapbooking, and hopefully do more sewing.

Austin Daniel is the oldest son—he is 11. His willingness to help around the house has blessed me a lot, yet I also sense a keen need for him to be out and about and get to do more masculine projects. He has an interest in motors and mechanic-type projects. He has a couple old lawn mowers the neighbors dropped off for him to tinker on and hopefully get running. I love watching him interact with his younger siblings. Joshua has especially developed a strong liking for him and finds a sense of security in him.

Tonight, as I tucked Hosanna Rayne (age nine) to bed she quipped, “Mom, you are a 36-year-old grandma—and you are a short grandma, too!” Carefully she had been arranging and rearranging her favorite doll next to her, ensuring that she has a comfy spot to sleep and that the light doesn’t glare in her eyes and she’s warmly covered. “Tomorrow will be Bonnie’s birthday and you’ll need to be sure to give her a gift,” she went on. “Bonnie has been crying with an earache. I hope she’ll be better for her birthday party tomorrow—you are invited to her party; you can help me make the cake

for her.” Hosanna and her imagination make quite the interesting combination. Today she sewed a stack of clothes for Bonnie with a piece of fabric I gave her. She cuts (without patterns) and sews and tries it on her baby ‘til it suits her taste.

If you stop by and happen to see a youngster in socks and a short-sleeve shirt running over the snowy floorboards of our screened-in deck, chasing out a bird, you’ll never need to second guess who it was. Blonde-haired Jesse Jordan adds a rich splash of life and ambition wherever he goes.

Elijah Courage will be caught up with Jesse in age on Valentine’s Day when he turns eight years old. He’s making plans for his birthday supper and is trying to guess what I’ll be getting for his birthday. He thrives on quality time and being allowed to take time to think things through before expressing himself. Tonight, as we were talking about Daddy memories he was pleased with lots of memories I helped him write down that first year. Though a lot of memories are hazy to him, he loves talking about his daddy.

Last but certainly not least is five-year-old Joshua David. He is learning to read and write the alphabet. His favorite part of kindergarten work so far is numbers. He’s intrigued with how they work together. Recently he came to me with the question, “Is 10 hundred, plus 200, take away 200, 10 hundred?” You can almost see the wheels in his brain spinning as he digests new

concepts. This winter he experienced quite the deal when he was holding our toy poodle, Gumdrop, when she somehow flipped out of his hands and landed on her head and lay limp on the floor. Though we assured him that it is okay, it’s not been easy for him to process that Gumdrop is no longer here. Despite his sadness and all he’s dealt with in regard to food allergies and struggle with not feeling well, he does add lots of sunshine to our home. He likes keeping up with the big boys as much as possible.

Okay, why not join our family as we scoop snow and make a big batch of snow cream for all to enjoy.

Snow Cream
2 cups milk or cream
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar
1 T. instant vanilla pudding
1/4 teas vanilla
1/4 teas maple flavoring
• 1 egg(opt)
In a mixing bowl, whip together the milk or cream, brown sugar, sugar, instant vanilla pudding, vanilla, and maple flavoring until well combined. Gradually fold in fresh, fluffy snow until the mixture reaches a soft-serve ice cream consistency. Serve immediately and enjoy!
• Optional richer version: Beat the egg and add it to the milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then immediately remove from heat. Allow the mixture to cool completely before whisking in the remaining ingredients (sugars, pudding, flavorings). Then fold in snow until desired consistency and serve.

Honeybee class in Tripoli Tuesday

Folks interested in learning more about honeybees and honey production are invited to class at the ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County office in Tripoli on

Tuesday, Feb.10 at 6:30 p.m. Longtime area beekeepers Jerry and Susan Macken of Wapsie Acres Honey Farm of Readlyn will be presenting the in-person class.

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