

A Cold, White Christmas



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A winter storm moved into southwest Iowa late last Wednesday into Thursday morning, bringing sub-zero temperatures, high winds and a white cover of snow just in time for Christmas. Most of the Mills County area received just 2 - 3 inches of snowfall but wind gusts over 40 mph caused blizzard-like conditions on some area roadways. The frigid temperatures stuck around through the holiday weekend. The temperature message on the sign at First National Bank read minus 5 degrees on Friday morning.



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Above: Somebody with a sense of humor placed a partially-decorated Christmas tree in a snow pile public works employees pushed to the middle of Walnut Street after the storm. The tree and snow pile were removed Tuesday morning. At right: The snow added a special touch to Christmas decoration displays on North Myrtle Street.



Malvern, Tabor men arrested after traffic stop, foot pursuit

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

Two suspects, one from Malvern and one from Tabor, were arrested following a traffic stop and foot pursuit in Tabor last Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Fremont County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 40-year-old Jeffrey Dale Hankins of Malvern and 66-year-old Ronnie Hankins of Tabor around 9:10 p.m. after making a traffic

stop near the intersection of Elm and Main Streets in Tabor.

Jeffrey Hankins fled from the vehicle but was apprehended moments later following the brief foot pursuit.

Jeffrey Hankins had a warrant stemming from a stolen vehicle report on Dec. 8 in Tabor where he also fled on foot after being approached by deputies from Mills County, which resulted in two law enforcement officers receiving minor injuries. Jeffrey Hankins had an additional arrest warrant for allegedly making a false

report to the 911 communications center.

Jeffrey Hankins is charged with interference with official acts and 3rd degree harassment, both simple misdemeanors, false reporting, a serious misdemeanor, 2nd degree theft, a Class D felony, and violation of probation. Ronnie Hankins was arrested for accessory after the fact, an aggravated misdemeanor, and possession of methamphetamine, a serious misdemeanor. Both men were taken to the Fremont County Jail in Sidney where they were being held on bond.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Glenwood Rotary celebrated its 100th anniversary as a club last month during its annual fundraising spaghetti dinner.

Glenwood Rotary Club marks 100 years in 2022

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

A Glenwood service club recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The Glenwood Rotary Club was chartered on Nov. 4, 1922. The club was founded under the sponsorship of the Council Bluffs Rotary Club.

Last month, Glenwood Rotarians marked the occasion with a 100th anniversary celebration held in conjunction with the club's fall spaghetti

dinner at the Mills County Museum Annex. The club's spaghetti dinner is an annual community fundraising event.

"Over \$6,000 was raised by soliciting area businesses and individuals for donations and of course, a very delicious spaghetti dinner brought many to the Mills County Museum annex, specially decorated for the event," Glenwood Rotary President Dennis Kelly stated. "Earlier in the year, the Rotary sponsored the circus in town and made another \$3,000 to distribute to local charities."

Kelly said Rotary "is a fixture" among service organizations in Glenwood, noting the club is known for supporting projects and causes both locally and internationally.

"Rotarian world-wide focus has been on eradicating the scourge of Polio and in the time since the conflict in Ukraine has broken out, in assisting over 4,000,000 Ukrainian refugees who are now temporarily living primarily in Poland," he said. "Locally, the Glenwood

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Ransomware attacks a growing concern for Iowa school districts

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In July 2019, Superintendent Devin Embray found out that the Glenwood Community School District was held hostage by foreign ransomware attackers.

The hackers encrypted student data that included schedules, contact information and demographic information, making it inaccessible to the school's administrators, Embray said. They demanded \$130,000 worth of cryptocurrency from the school district to unlock the encrypted data. Glenwood's insurance company ended up paying \$10,000 in ransom.

"There was really nothing we could do on our end," Embray said.

The 2019 Glenwood attack is just one example of a surge in ransomware attacks on Iowa schools. While Glenwood chose to publicly acknowledge the incident, which included an interview with The Opinion-Tribune in August 2019, many schools that are targeted by cybercriminals do not. Most ransomware attacks go unreported and communities are left in the dark about what happens to their private information and taxpayer dollars.

For schools, increased ransomware attacks bring steep insurance costs, rigorous requirements to qualify for insurance and, in some cases, disruptions in students' educations. Aaron Warner, CEO of ProCircular, a cybersecurity firm in Coralville, said hackers usually demand between \$2 million and \$10 million in ransom from larger school districts.

"I would say that every school is attacked in one way or another every single day," said David Fringer, the executive director of information technology at the Green Hills Area Education Agency.

Fringer said larger schools are appealing targets because they have more money than smaller districts, but that it is easier for ransomware criminals to attack smaller schools. He said ransomware groups demand lower amounts from smaller schools but attack more of them to collect an amount equivalent to what could be collected from one larger school.

Recent ransomware attacks on Iowa schools include those in 2022 that hit the Cedar Rapids Community School District, the Linn-Mar Community School District and the Davenport Community School District. Unlike Glenwood, these schools did not voluntarily disclose details of their ransomware attacks, including how much ransom was paid, to prevent sensitive information from being leaked.

The Linn-Mar school district initially described its ransomware attack in late July of 2022 as "technical difficulties" within the school's servers. However, a leaked image of one district computer revealed that the school's files had been encrypted by a ransomware group known as Vice Society, which wrote on its website that it would release the school's important documents, photos and databases to the dark web.

A Linn-Mar employee who spoke for this story with a promise of anonymity in order to protect the person's job said the school's administration continued to refer to the attack as a "computer issue" after the leaked image circulated in various news organizations.

The employee said Linn-Mar did not

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DEATH NOTICES

Shawn Michael Fernald, 57
Barbara Ruth King, 68

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OBITUARIES

Shawn Michael Fernald, 57 March 3, 1965 – December 21, 2022

Shawn Michael Fernald, the eldest son of Mary Lou (Mitzel) and Marvyn C. Fernald, was born on March 3, 1965, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He passed away peacefully into Jesus' arms on December 21, 2022, in Omaha, Nebraska, surrounded by his loving family.



Rosary with visitation to follow is scheduled for Sunday, January 1, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 24116 Marian Avenue, Glenwood, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, January 2, 2023, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church with interment at the Silver City Cemetery. Peterson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

At age three, Shawn was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States. At the time of Shawn's diagnosis, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Fortunately, people today with cystic fibrosis are now living longer because of advancements in treatment.

Despite having cystic fibrosis, Shawn never complained about nor resented his health limitations. Instead, he made a conscience decision to live each day with a positive attitude and to follow his doctors' instructions. Shawn was very grateful that his family, notwithstanding this diagnosis, ensured he lived an adventurous and happy life.

As a young boy, Shawn and his brother, Sid, enjoyed riding their motorcycles until they ran out of gas; visiting Grandpa and Grandma Mitzel and extended family on the farm in North Dakota; and spending weekends with Aunt Alice and the Ryan cousins. As Shawn used to say, "the Ryans had the best toys!"

Shawn received his first Holy Communion and was confirmed at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Glenwood. He graduated from Glenwood High School in 1983 and from Iowa State University in 1988. While at ISU, Shawn joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity where he made many friends and had the time of his life! Following college graduation, Shawn returned to Omaha and began working at Mutual of Omaha. To show you that God has a plan in everyday life, Shawn met his best friends while working at Mutual ~ Kurt and Shary Irlbeck and Tracie Pettijohn. Your love and friendship meant everything to Shawn.

On September 2, 1995, Shawn married his high school sweetheart, Teresa Kay Boyer, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Glenwood. Shawn and Teresa made their home in Omaha and always with a beloved rottweiler dog (or sometimes two)!

Among Shawn's greatest blessings were his niece and nephews ~ Shelby Marie, Shawn Thomas, Stewart Michael, and Austin David. Uncle Shawn loved you with his whole heart and to the moon and back.

By 2007, Shawn's lungs were so diseased that he received the greatest gift of all on September 10, 2007 - a double lung transplant! We thank God that Shawn received this precious gift of life from an Angel that, to this day, remains unknown.

As many know, Shawn endured many health challenges during this past year. Jesus walked side by side, if not carried Shawn, this month. On the night before his passing, Shawn said he believed that he was going to have a new adventure and he expected Heaven to be beautiful where he could breathe. Rest in eternal peace, our love, until we see you again.

Preceding Shawn in passing were his maternal and paternal grandparents, Fred and Rose Mitzel and Marvyn C. and Dorothy Fernald, Sr.; father-in-law, James M. Boyer, Sr.; and his organ donor Angel. Survivors include his devoted wife Teresa Fernald of Omaha, Nebraska; parents, Marvyn C. and Mary Fernald of Mission, Texas; brother and sister-in-law Sidney and Sheila Fernald of Mission, Texas; their children Shelby Marie Fernald of Portland, Texas, Shawn Thomas and Stewart Michael Fernald of Mission, Texas; mother-in-law, Phyllis Boyer of Silver City, Iowa; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tony and Laura Gaines and their son Austin David Gaines of Scottsdale, Arizona; brother-in-law James M. Boyer, Jr. of Omaha, Nebraska; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Shawn's family extends a heartfelt thank you to the caring doctors, nurses, technicians, and care team support staff at Nebraska Medicine who cared for Shawn his entire lifetime since his original diagnosis in 1968.

In memory of Shawn, please consider becoming an eye, organ, or tissue donor and please discuss your decision with your family. If you already are a donor, we cannot thank you enough since a single organ and tissue donor may save eight lives and enhance over 75 more. Those who donate eyes, organs, tissue, marrow, and blood truly are sharing gifts that are beyond measure. God Bless.

Memorial donations may be directed to Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Barbara Ruth (Condon) King, 68 May 12, 1954 – Dec. 24, 2022

Barbara Ruth (Condon) King, 68, of Glenwood, Iowa was born May 12, 1954 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Cyril Edward and Lorene Violet (Bram) Condon. She passed away December 24, 2022 at the Hansen House in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Visitation will be Friday, December 30, 2022, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Peterson Mortuary, 212 S. Locust Street in Glenwood. A Celebration of Life will be Friday, December 30, 2022, 2 p.m., at Peterson Mortuary.

Barb was united in marriage to Thomas Arthur King on December 10, 1977 in Anchorage, Alaska. To this union two sons were born, Jeremiah and Collin. Barb was a Registered Nurse until her retirement. She and her family shared their love of the outdoors and went fishing whenever she had the chance. They fished in Canada and Alaska which she thoroughly enjoyed. Her family brought her a lot of joy, especially her grandchildren.

Preceding Barb in passing were her parents and brother Jim Condon. Survivors include her sons Jeremiah King; Collin (Whitney) King of Glenwood, Iowa; grandchildren Conner King, Cameron King, Tate King, Macy King and Aurora King; siblings Tom (Pam) Condon of Ft. Dodge, Iowa; Kimmie (Terry) Zimmerman of Storm Lake, Iowa; nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

Interment to be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

GLENWOOD ROTARY

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Rotary assists the Love Tree, Storehouse, fire and police departments, youth league projects, Glenwood schools, and many, many other worthy endeavors."



Kelly also pointed out that each year over 200 dictionaries are distributed by the club to all third graders in Mills County schools. Eighth graders receive a personal copy of the U.S. Constitution, courtesy of the Rotarians. Also, there are scholarships presented to seniors at area high schools and specific grant projects are selected and funded with assistance of matching funds from the Rotary District to make permanent improvements in the area.

Also, each year local high school juniors are chosen to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).

Kelly added, "Local civic minded individuals and businesses are welcome to join in the work of the Glenwood Rotary to better help them do more for the betterment of Mills County."



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SOME ORIGINAL ROTARIANS

Glenwood Rotary presidents from 1922 - 1933 are pictured here. Front row (from left): Bert French, Dr. George Mogridge, Wayne Choate, Will Rathke. Middle row: Leo Hollingshead, Floyd McCluskey, Scott Robinson. Back row: Clyde Genung, Dr. Thomas Lacey, Frank Raynor, Dr. Will Plimpton and Ed Hocter. The photo was previously published in The Opinion-Tribune's 1996 book "A Glimpse Of The Past - A Pictorial History Of Mills County, Iowa."

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There's plenty of warm activities going on in January at the Glenwood library

"This is a great library. And it's thanks to you," she said, waving at us all before heading out the door.

She was a patron and supporter for many years and watched your library go through decades of changes.

We feel like it's the patrons that make the library so great!

* We will be hosting early out events for students on Jan. 11 and Jan. 25, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We'll have drinks, snacks and several activities to choose from.

Or they can just hang out... * Story times remain one of our most popular programs!

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and every Thursday at 4 p.m., we read several picture books aloud and have materials ready to go to make crafts. Everyone is also welcome to play with our toys before they go home.

Come to the temporary Children's Department at Mrs. Mickelwait's desk and check out our snow-themed crafts all month.

* Snow fight! Our 2nd annual "Indoor Snowball Fight!" will be Friday, Jan. 27, at 4:30 p.m. All the fun of a snowball fight without the winter chill.

* Everyone's favorite program will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. at Parea in downtown Glenwood. Shelf Indulgence, our "book preview" event, is held every month and gives you a chance to come look at our most interesting new books and to be first in line to check them

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Tara Painter

Glenwood Public Library Director



out.

* The Quilting Club will be meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. Bring pieces to work on amongst other quilting enthusiasts!

* WITS is still going strong! Join Valerie Ramsey from Mills County Public Health will be here Jan. 10 and 24 at 2 p.m. in the Willard Stivers Room to help members of the community who want to keep their wits about them as they age. As one patron noted, it's a hoot and holler! They play games and solve puzzles that are fun and interesting.

* We have a place for you at the table if you're looking for company while you knit, crochet, sew or doodle during our Craft and Chat program at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13. These wonderful people are also a great resource if you are looking for crafting inspiration or solutions!

* Chloe Benjamin's *The Immortalists* will be our Spinecracker's novel in January. Starting in 1969, it tells the story of 4 children who go see a psychic who predicts the day each of them will die. It has a profound impact on how they live their lives. The book club will meet

on Jan. 18 at 12 p.m. to discuss this fascinating tale.

* Set in occupied France during World War II, our History Book Club's book will be *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Bestselling author Anthony Doerr. Doerr weaves a tale about a blind French girl and a young German boy and how their lives are not only complicated by war but become intertwined.

* Resource review: If checking out the library's limit of 10 books is not enough to get you through, take a look at our trade-a-book collection. Housed in the vestibule at our entrance on Heritage Lane, the book rack full of paperbacks is a great way to keep your reading material fresh. Bring in paperbacks that you have already read to the library staff at the circulation desk and then take that many new books home with you! A great resource for voracious readers...

* The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 16 for staff development. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We hope to see you at the library!

RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

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notify faculty that their personal data was impacted until months later on Oct. 10, 2022.

The employee provided for this story images of an email sent from the superintendent to staff on Oct. 10. It said an extensive investigation into the July event indicated that employee data may have been impacted, but student data was not. The email said that anyone whose data was affected was to receive a letter with additional information about the event and an offer for free credit monitoring.

Linn-Mar's failure to publicly acknowledge their ransomware attack is consistent with the responses of other targeted school districts. The Cedar Rapids Community School District informed parents that a ransom was paid but has not disclosed the amount. The ransomware attack on the Davenport Community School District was made public by the criminal group, known as Karakurt in a post on the dark web where it threatened to release students' personal information online.

Fringer said schools are advised to handle ransomware attacks privately to prevent further targeting by cybercriminals.

"It is the belief of the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security that once the who and the how get out about cyber incidents, it encourages other attacks," he said. Others, however, argue that the schools' secretive handling of the attacks fuels skepticism.

Randy Evans, executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, a nonprofit that advocates for open government, is calling for schools to disclose ransomware attacks and payment amounts.

"Government entities belong to the public and not to government officials," Evans said, referring to the Cedar Rapids district attack. "The owners of the Cedar Rapids school district ought to know: Did they pay a ransom? How much did they pay and what assurances do they have that the problem is resolved?"

According to Iowa law, schools are required to notify the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division of a security breach affecting at least 500 Iowa residents within five business days after notifying the affected people. However, delays in notifying the affected people are permitted if the notification would interfere with a law enforcement agency's criminal investigation.

Evans said Iowa's Open Records Law allows public records dealing with cybersecurity to be kept confidential. But he said he is concerned that the public does not understand the magnitude of the problem and noted that the Cedar Rapids and Davenport school districts are Iowa's second and fourth largest school districts.

"If any of these institutions had the resources, it'd be the largest ones. Those small school districts, they're the ones that are really sort of out there on their own," Evans said.

Glenwood's Embray said he tries to be transparent as much as possible.

"We exist for our community; our community doesn't exist for us, so if we need to shore up things, we own that," he said.

'Nothing more important' than kids

ProCircular's Warner said attacks on K-12 institutions accounted for most of the ransomware cases his firm handled in the last six months.

"They're targeted primarily because of their sensitivity to downtime. There are a lot of very time specific pressures in the education world that maybe don't exist in other industries," he said.

He also said that the involvement of children can make districts more willing to pay a ransom. Ransomware groups often publicize who their victims are to encourage parents to pressure schools.

"When a bad guy holds a school hostage, the stakes go up because there's nothing more important to people than their kids," he said.

Warner said one of the best ways schools can mitigate potential ransomware losses is by purchasing cybersecurity insurance.

The Glenwood district purchased cybersecurity insurance two years before it was attacked when a school board member who worked in the banking industry recommended it. The ransomware attack on Glenwood came through an open port left by a previously employed technology director to work from home.

"We were unknowingly vulnerable. We

thought we were probably safer than we were," Embray said.

Embray said the school's insurance provider worked with a cybersecurity firm in England and the FBI to investigate the attack while negotiating the \$10,000 ransom.

Insurance protection

Warner said cyber protection insurance costs depend on several factors, such as a school security system's maturity and the number of cybersecurity incidents that previously have occurred.

But costs are rising. "Cyber insurance has doubled and tripled in cost, so much over the last five years," Warner said.

Fringer said annual cyber insurance costs for the Green Hills AEA was \$23,000, but that would be on the lower end because the AEA doesn't serve students directly. Annual costs for the Council Bluffs school system three years ago when he worked there until June 2020 went from near \$15,000 to \$30,000 and then as high as \$50,000 over a few years, he said. The district had 9,500 students and 1,200 staff.

Fringer advises 45 school districts in southwest Iowa and connects them to recommended insurance vendors. He said while larger schools are more likely to have IT departments, many smaller districts are led by a technology director without formal training. He said this often means that smaller school districts have a more difficult time meeting insurance requirements.

"The biggest challenge is protecting small school districts with less expertise and less resources," Fringer said.

Insurance companies also have increased the number of security requirements, such as multi-factor authentication for faculty and students, for schools to qualify for cybersecurity insurance policies.

Warner said, "Insurance policies have gone from a one-page question questionnaire to a 35-page audit, and schools often need assistance to get through that to even get insurance."

When schools are held hostage by ransomware attackers, insurance companies typically negotiate with cybercriminals on behalf of the victims. Warner said hackers often demand two separate payments from their victims; the first to decrypt the stolen information and the second to ensure it won't be leaked.

Larger hacking groups often have their own negotiation departments, Warner said. He provided a redacted transcript from a 2020 ransomware negotiation with a hacker group called Snatch in which the ransom amount was negotiated from \$500,000 to \$100,000.

A few precautions exist for schools. In addition to insurance, both Warner and Fringer emphasized the importance of training school faculty. Fringer said the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer has been a great resource for schools he works with but that demand for training is too high for the office to keep up with.

"They have some great programs and training, but they are also understaffed and underfunded. Sometimes if you ask them for help, they schedule you 12 to 18 months out," Fringer said.

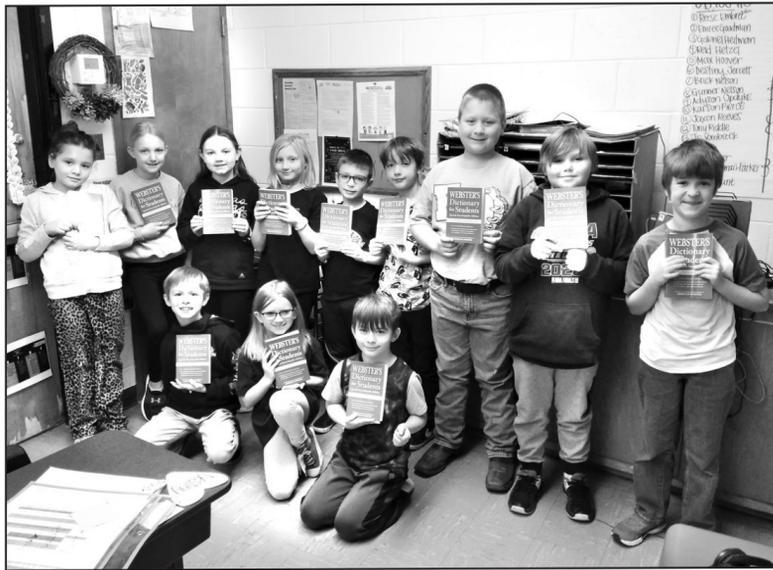
Fringer said Iowa's nine area education agencies can help schools identify threats and that, in his experience, they usually can respond to schools' questions within a day. He also said schools can use a federal E-Rate program to purchase discounted network hardware, such as firewalls, that act as barriers between a private network and the public Internet.

Despite these measures, Fringer said being the victim of a ransomware attack can be unavoidable.

"You can drive really, really carefully, but if someone hits you, it's still an accident. The same thing is true in the cyber world. You can be really, really safe and then somebody hits you," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Vivien Guo and Makenna Mumm contributed to this story, which was produced as part of a University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communications reporting project. To learn more about the cybercriminals behind ransomware attacks and their motives, check out this podcast with Aaron Warner of ProCircular.

ROTARIANS DISTRIBUTE DICTIONARIES



COURTESY PHOTOS - GLENWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Earlier this month, the Glenwood Rotary Club distributed 200 dictionaries to all third graders in Mills County. Rotary has been distributing the dictionaries to third graders since 1995. They are given out free of charge through Rotary as part of a nationwide Dictionary Project. The dictionaries feature extensive almanac and reference materials in the final pages. Third graders at East Mills Elementary School are shown posing with their new dictionaries in these two photos.



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GUEST COLUMN

Children's Square serves southwest Iowa families

By PHIL TAYLOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, CHILDREN'S SQUARE USA

Children's Square U.S.A., a nonprofit organization serving thousands of children and families in crisis per year, recently announced an anonymous donor has extended a matching donation beyond the initial limit to encourage more donors to join in supporting the nonprofit this year. Donations made to Children's Square on or before Dec. 31, 2022, will be doubled thanks to the match and will help address the heightened need Children's Square has seen from the community.

"This donor has gone above and beyond to help us rally additional critical funding and support during this time of greater need. We are incredibly grateful for this donor and for everyone who has donated. We could not do what we do every day without the kindness of our generous supporters and community members," said Viv Ewing, Ph.D., Children's Square President and CEO.

For 140 years, children and families have come to Children's Square for help while experiencing insurmountable obstacles, a distinct lack of safety and security, and a need for our immediate intervention and action. Every day, Children's Square serves more than 1,000 children, youth and families in Iowa and Nebraska with behavioral, emotional, and psychiatric needs through its comprehensive programs. These programs include counseling, emergency services, early childhood care, foster care, residential treatment, and education for children with severe emotional and behavioral disorders.

"This year has been extremely difficult for our Omaha and Council Bluffs families. Historic inflation, layoffs, and an ongoing health crisis have resulted in unprecedented stress for many who have turned to Children's Square for much-needed support. As a result, we have seen an increase in all service areas, particularly in our counseling and mental health care services for children," said Ewing.

Ewing urges anyone seeking to make a real difference for families in the community to consider a year-end donation to Children's Square. Anyone wishing to join in and donate can do so by visiting childrens-square.org and clicking the green "donate" button on the upper right corner of the homepage.

About Children's Square:

Children's Square U.S.A. is a private, nonprofit organization headquartered in Council Bluffs, with an office in Omaha. Its programs include childcare and preschool, mental health counseling services, emergency shelter services for children, special education program, residential treatment for children and adolescents experiencing serious emotional and mental health challenges, children's emergency shelter, foster care, adoption, and aftercare services for young adults who have aged out of foster care. In addition, Children's Square recruits, trains and supports resource families that provide foster, adoptive and relative care throughout southwest Iowa and the Omaha metropolitan area.

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Two calendars, half the efficiency

People often ask me how I manage to stay so organized. Actually no one's ever asked me that and I'm not sure why. Obviously, I'm on top of things, in control. And I owe it all to my two personal assistants. Thanks to them, my life is a perfect testament to efficiency and organization with just a touch of delusio.

Meet assistant number one, my smartphone. It can do everything except write my column and with a few more updates it might be able to do that too.

Assistant number two is my old-fashioned calendar / planner. In the age of electronics, some people think a paper planner is unnecessary. Careful observation will show that those people always know where their smartphone is.

I could never part with my paper planner. For one thing, it's too big to lug around so it's less likely to go missing than my smartphone. And it never needs charging. And I know how to use it.

I may never completely understand all the features of my smartphone.

ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



But I do love it. Its calendar looks so clean and neat all year. My paper planner only looks that way in January and maybe February, depending on what my New Year's resolutions were and how long I kept them.

By March, the pages are crinkled and covered in stains, scribbles and even an occasional shoe print because I leave it on the floor beside my chair. But that's only because I depend on it so much.

I need it nearby because my fancy smartphone has a way of disappearing when I need it most. On the bright side, it rings every time I get a spam call which is pretty darn often. So I'm able to track it down in the couch cushions or the linen closet - or underneath my planner on the floor.

My planner doesn't

ring, ding or vibrate like my phone does, but it does make seeing the big picture easier. I like having the whole week laid out before me complete with appointments, tasks and the occasional shoe print.

But my planner can't remind me when it's time to leave for appointments like my smartphone does - when it's charged. And electronic reminders are very helpful when you pay attention to them.

I prefer my paper planner for to-do lists though. I love crossing off tasks so much that sometimes I write down things just to cross them off. Ate lunch! Done! Putting a task in my smartphone just to delete it isn't nearly as satisfying.

Together my planner and smartphone are a team, backing each other

up, making up for each other's deficiencies. My smartphone is with me when I leave the house. My planner steps in when the smartphone is missing - or dead.

I'd like to say the result is a perfectly organized life, but I don't like to lie during the holiday season. You see, there's a flaw in my system. As clever as my two assistants are, they can't talk to each other. That means when I'm out and about and I make an appointment on my phone, I have to remember to add it to my planner when I get home. And when I'm at home and make an appointment in my planner, I have to add it to my phone - if I can find it.

The result is I occasionally double book myself or miss something altogether because it's not on the calendar I'm using at that moment. I've solved this problem electronically, though not satisfactorily. I've set a reminder in my phone to remind me to sync my calendars once a week. This works well as long as the phone is charged and I can find it.

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Thank you so much to all the wonderful, generous people in the Glenwood / Silver City area.

After our fire in November in Silver City, their love and generosity have been overwhelming.

All your prayers, donations and good wishes are very much appreciated.

A new year is just around the corner and we all look forward to a much better year.

Thank you, again, and very Merry Christmas to you all.

With love and prayers.

James and Elijah Vierkandt,
Silver City

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Bonnie Millsap, President
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2 Acres | Fremont-Mills School District
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