Interesting Christmas Facts

Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph’s red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.

The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.

The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.

Christmas wasn’t declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.

Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

The British wear paper crowns while they eat Christmas dinner. The crowns are stored in a tube called a “Christmas cracker.”

Mistletoe (Viscum album) is from the Anglo-Saxon word misteltan, which means “little dung twig” because the plant spreads though bird droppings.

City Ordinance 69.10 prohibits parking on any public street or alley during a snow emergency parking ban. Such ban is in effect when two or more inches of snow or ice has fallen or is predicted by the National Weather Service. Ban shall continue for the duration of the storm and for forty-eight hours past the end of the storm unless streets are fully opened after plowing. If your vehicle is in violation of the snow emergency parking ban, you will be subject to a $35.00 parking ticket and/or your vehicle may be towed at your expense. Snow emergency parking ban will be posted on cable channel 86, the city website www.indianolaiowa.gov or can be confirmed by contacting the Police Dept. at 961-9400. Please take special note of this ordinance and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Weekly Trivia

As heavyweight champion of the world from 1937 to 1948, which boxer won 25 consecutive championship fights? (answer on back)

Downton Abbey Revisited

Tuesday, December 30th • 6:00 p.m.
The downstairs version - no frills! Catch up on all your favorites in time for the beginning of Season 5.

Children’s Book Clubs

Andrew Lost
3rd Wednesdays • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Graders

Sneak Peak
4th Monday • 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
4th & 5th Graders

Story Explorers
Tuesdays • 3:30 p.m. / Thursdays • 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 - 5

961-9418 or www.indianola.lib.ia.us
IMU Board of Trustees  
December 22, 2014  
City Hall Council Chambers  
5:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Roll Call  
2. Consent  
   A. Merit Award  
   B. Minutes  
   C. Claims  
3. Reports  
   A. General Manager  
   B. Chairperson  
   C. Director of Finance  
4. Discussion of IMU Logo  
5. Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems Inspection and Maintenance Plan  
6. Discuss the 2015 Water Utility 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
7. Engineering Services for 2015 Water Main Improvements  
8. Issue Notice of Letting for Filter Building (Old Water Plant) Demolition  
11. Hwy 92 Transmission Relocation Project - Amendment to MEC Bill of Sale  
12. Selection of 2015 Officers  
13. Other Business  
14. Adjourn

Battery Recycling Drop-Off

The City of Indianola, Metro Waste Authority and Call2Recycle® have partnered to make convenient battery recycling available to residents. This free collection program helps communities recycle rechargeable, household batteries and cell phones.

Three City Drop-Off Locations  
City Hall, 110 North First Street  
Public Library, 207 North B Street  
YMCA, 306 E Scenic Valley

Moving Out Checklist

• Contact Utility Services  
  Electric & Water IMU 961-9410  
  Gas MidAmerican 888-427-5632  
  Telephone CenturyLink 866-642-0444  
  Cable/Satellite & Internet Mediacom 800-332-0245  
  Trash Collection  

• Shut water off at main valve in property.  
• File a change of address with the post office.

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Please Keep Your Sidewalks Clear!

For the safety of pedestrians, City ordinance requires property owners to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice in a timely manner. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in a fine, court costs and/or payment to the City for costs associated with removal.

City Council Meetings  
Live Broadcast  
1st Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

IMU Board of Trustees  
Live Broadcast  
2nd Monday at 5:30 p.m.  
4th Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Council Study Meetings  
Live Broadcast  
3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meetings  
Live Broadcast  
2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Library Board  
2nd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.  
Public Library

Park & Rec. Commission  
2nd Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Answer: Joe Louis