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The Nelsons return

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Faces prompt
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the one item you'd brave Black Friday crowds to purchase?



Chad Pauling
Publisher
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"A great local deal. I love shopping locally and supporting Siouxland."



Earl Horlyk
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"I'll go in for something cheap and electronic, become frustrated over not finding it and will leave the store with a metal canister of popcorn. Frustrated Black Friday shoppers always end up with popcorn canisters."



Mason Dockter
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"You mean, Black Friday and actually dealing with people? Ick, I'd never even consider it."

Have a question you'd like us to answer? Send it to events@siouxland.net and it may end up on this page.



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ON THE COVER: Artist Daisey Kliment called the recent showing of her art as a "Person Unknown" show. The faces from her artwork are, literally, people she had never met before. Photo by Earl Horlyk.

CALENDAR

MUSIC

Dueling Pianos, 8 p.m., Nov. 23, 25; Hard Rock Casino, 111 3rd St. Information: 712-226-7625.

Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

Bobby Gripp & Jazzed, 8 p.m., Nov. 26; Vangarde Arts, 416 Pierce St. Information: <http://www.vangardearts.com/events>.

A Musical Journey of the Land and its People, 2 p.m., Nov. 27; Stanley Auditorium, Betty Strong Encounter Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

Jill Miller Shine: A Benefit for Sunrise Retirement Community, 7 p.m., Dec. 2; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

Great White, 8 p.m., Dec. 2; Hard Rock Casino, 111 3rd St. Information: 712-226-7625.

Disney Princess - The Concert, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

Christmas with the Nelsons, 8 p.m., Dec. 3; Hard Rock Casino, 111 3rd St. Information: 712-226-7625.

John Primer & The Real Deal Blues Band, 8 p.m., Dec. 3; Vangarde Arts, 416 Pierce St. Information: <http://www.vangardearts.com/events>.

New Horizons Band of Sioux City Holiday Concert, 2 p.m., Dec. 4; Stanley Auditorium, Betty Strong Encounter Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

Zach Williams: I Don't Want Christmas to End Tour, 7 p.m., Dec. 7; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

Merry TUBACHRISTMAS, 2 p.m., Dec. 10; Stanley Auditorium, Betty Strong Encounter Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

A Very Garie Christmas, 8 p.m., Dec. 10; Vangarde Arts, 416 Pierce St. Information: <http://www.vangardearts.com/events>.

Mike Zito Band, 8 p.m., Dec. 16; Vangarde Arts, 416 Pierce

St. Information: <http://www.vangardearts.com/events>.

Classic Langley Originals and Holiday Favorites, 2 p.m., Dec. 18; Stanley Auditorium, Betty Strong Encounter Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

Sioux City Symphony Orchestra Christmas With The Symphony featuring Brulé, 3 p.m., Dec. 18; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-277-2111.

ART

Sioux City Art Center: Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez: Turn of the Sea, Aug. 20 to Nov. 27; Camera Club: Greatest Hits, Nov. 17 to Feb. 12; Larassa Kabel: Sojourn, Nov. 17 to Feb. 12; Grant Wood's Corn Room mural, ongoing; Earth-Water-Light, ongoing.

Betty Strong Encounter Center and Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center: Scraposaurs Traveling Exhibit, year-long.

OUTDOORS

Winter Fun Day and Artist Open House, 10 a.m., Dec. 10; Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road. Information: 712-258-0838.

Nature Tales - Letters & Numbers, 10 a.m., Dec. 13; Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road. Information: 712-258-0838.

Wild N' Woodsy Art Club, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 13; Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road. Information: 712-258-0838.

Winter Solstice Yoga, 5 p.m., Dec. 21; Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road. Information: 712-258-0838.

THEATER

Siouxland Chamber of Commerce presents "Elf", 3:30 p.m., Nov. 26; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3; 2 p.m., Dec. 4; Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, 788 North University St., Vermillion, S.D. Information: 605-658-3484.

The Le Mars Community Theatre Presents: The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1-7; Le Mars Community Theatre, 105 1st St. NE, Le Mars, Iowa.

A Charlie Brown Christmas: Live On Stage, 7 p.m., Dec. 6; Orpheum Theater, 528 Pierce St. Information: 712-279-4850.

Jamie Kennedy, 8 p.m., Dec. 16; Hard Rock Casino, 111 3rd St. Information: 712-226-7625.

COMMUNITY

Little Yellow Dog Auction, 11 a.m., Dec. 10; Ho-Chunk Centre, 600 4th St.

Bethlehem Revisited, 12 p.m., Dec. 11, St. John's Lutheran Church, 201 1st Ave. NW, Le Mars, Iowa. Information: 712-546-8855.

Inclusive Sioux City Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 14; Sioux City City Hall, 405 6th St. Information: 712-203-7738.

SPORTING

NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship, 10 a.m., Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2; 11 a.m., Dec. 3; 5 p.m. Dec. 5; 7 p.m., Dec. 6; Tyson Events Center, 401 Gordon Drive. Information: 712-279-4850.

The Arena Invitational, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 15; 2 p.m., Dec. 16; 9 a.m. Dec. 17; Tyson Events Center, 401 Gordon Drive. Information: 712-279-4850.

HISTORICAL

Japanese Strategies to Win WWII..., 2 p.m., Dec. 11; Stanley Auditorium, Betty Strong Encounter Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

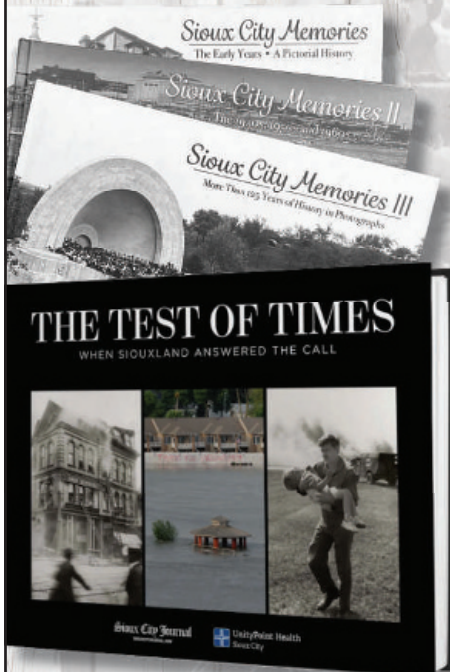
Learn About and Make Presidential Peace Medals, 1 p.m., Dec. 3; Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.

Decorate Holiday Sugar Cookies, 1 p.m., Dec. 17; Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, 900 Larsen Park Rd. Information: 712-224-5242.



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'GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY'
(Rated PG-13 for strong language, some violence and sexual content) Famed Southern detective Benoit Blanc travels to Greece for his latest case.

'NANNY' (Rated R for some language and brief sexuality/nudity)
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10:30
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Black Adam 1:25 4:30
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The Chosen 4:00 6:15
7:15
Ticket to Paradise 1:15
4:15 7:10
Smile 3:45
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Black Adam 7:10
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Thanksgiving. How many million pounds of antacid will we go through? Feh, we don't even want to guess.

Celebrating Turkey Day may be the best – and most fattening thing to do on Thursday.



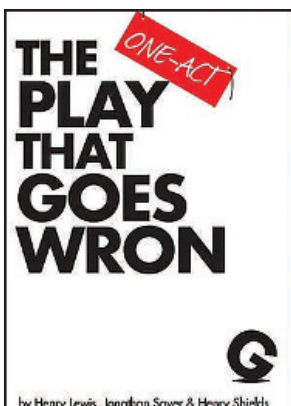
Keeping the green locally!

2 Celebrate Small Business Saturday at the Small Business Marketplace. Beginning Saturday and continuing every Saturday until Dec. 17, more than 20 small, locally owned businesses will pop up inside Bluebird Flat, 520 Nebraska, according to Downtown Partners' Ragen Cote. Buy local, keep the green in Siouxland!

A hometown holiday!

3 Is eating massive quantities of ice cream a holiday favorite? If you live in Le Mars, Iowa (aka, "The Ice Cream Capital of the World"), it probably is. The third annual Christmas in Hometown Le Mars will be taking place throughout the town all day Saturday. The big finale (slated for 6 p.m.) will involve lighting the 26-foot Christmas tree as well as a concert the gospel singing group The Browns.

Le Mars Community Theatre



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What is 88 times 2?

4

Yes, we know it equals 176. But each one of those keys will be heard when Dueling Pianos return to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem, 111 Third St., at 8 p.m. Friday.

Lotta Lager!

5

A singer, songwriter and all-around entertainer, Kirk Lager has been entertaining Siouxland audiences for years. He's making an encore performance at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Marquee, 1225 Fourth St. Kirk will also be celebrating the release of his new CD at the concert. According to a certain Kris Kringle, we understand the CD may make a nice stocking stuffer.

Spike that ball!

6

When it come to volleyball jargon, we know "spike" is a good thing, "whiff" is a bad thing and a "kill" is actually a legal maneuver. Outside of that, the NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship – taking place Wednesday through Dec. 6 at the Tyson Events Center, 401 Gordon Drive – looks like action-packed but confusing fun.

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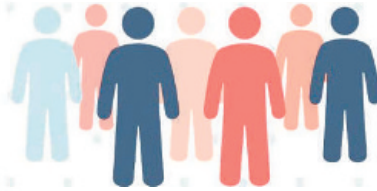
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**TWEEN
12 AND 20**
ROBERT WALLACE

He constantly complains about my weight

DR. WALLACE: My boyfriend wants me to lose weight, but I am happy as I am and even though I'm not tiny or really skinny, I'm not all that big either.

Other than complaining all the time about my weight, my boyfriend is generally a pretty good guy. We laugh a lot and like a lot of the same things, but when it comes to food, my weight and eating any meals together, it's always a rough experience for me.

For example, if we are at a restaurant, he will order for me and forbid me from eating certain foods. Of course, he eats whatever he wants because he considers his own weight to be normal. His weight is relatively normal, but he also could stand to lose a few pounds himself.

What can I do to get him to stop focusing so much on my weight and trying to control everything I eat? — **Unhappy About This, via email**

UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS: In your letter you used a key and very revealing word. That word is "control," and it's often quite toxic to any relationship. It's a really bad sign that your boyfriend is ordering your food in public and dictating what you can and can't order. This is unacceptable.

You should maintain the body weight that you wish to have, and you should also feel no outside pressure to change it against your will. You mentioned that he's "generally a good guy," but good guys do not control their partner and complain about their weight.

Over the years I've learned from many weight-loss professionals that the main reason a person begins a weight-loss program is to please themselves. It's important for a person to commence the program for their own self-esteem, enhanced confidence and self-satisfaction, not to prove something to anyone else. It's never a good idea to begin such a program out of guilt or outside pressure by any other person.

What can you do about this situation? You could either end the relationship or put your foot down immediately and tell him that it is both unacceptable and off limits for him to control your food orders or any other aspect of your life. It's important that you focus carefully on his controlling

behavior since it may not be easy to get him to stop it. Under no circumstances should you stay in a relationship when parts or all of your life are being controlled. And often one segment of control can lead to another — and another. Be very cautious and firm in looking out for yourself at this time.

Don't give up on your college dreams, defer them instead

DR. WALLACE: I'm 19 and just got married. I was planning to attend college, but I discovered that I became pregnant about four months ago, so I've focused on having a healthy pregnancy instead of attending college.

My husband is 21 and has a good job, so at this point he can provide for us. The two of us are truly in love and we are thrilled and excited to be starting our family, even if its arrival has come much earlier than either one of us had planned for.

Originally, I had told my parents about my college aspirations and the career path I hope to pursue. Before my marriage, my parents were overjoyed with my choices since they're both college graduates and working professionals in our city.

Now my parents seem disappointed in me because I won't be attending college and it looks like I'll be relegated to being a stay-at-home mother from now on. How can I get my parents to understand that I'm still happy and even though I was really looking forward to college, that I'm now fine without it? — **New Mother-to-Be, via email**

NEW MOTHER TO BE: It makes sense for you currently to focus on your pregnancy and your growing family. But don't feel that just because you will soon have a child and become a mother that your college dreams must be permanently abandoned.

There likely will be times in your future when you may be interested in taking a class or two to get back into the swing of your education. In today's world there are very flexible class schedules, including evening classes that are available at many colleges, including junior colleges.

Beyond the "in-person" college options, there are many online classes available. When the time is right, you can study those options and see if there is anything that would interest you or perhaps start you to earn credits in the field you have always dreamed of getting a degree in.

At your young age you can absolutely defer your college days to the future and still have many great working years to benefit from later should you choose to pursue your degree at a more convenient time in your life.



**DEAR
ANNIE**
ANNIE LANE

Setting boundaries has made me labeled as 'judgmental'

Dear Annie: I am struggling with the fact that I will be coming face to face with family members after a year estranged. I drew a line in the sand last year when my niece assaulted another guest in my home. "Lynnie" is nearly 40 and has always been the life of the party. However, her drinking has gotten out of control. She had a DUI three years ago and proclaimed the court-ordered Alcoholics Anonymous meetings "a joke."

I was hesitant to host her last year, but I thought if I didn't have a stocked bar and didn't loan her my car, the visit would be OK. It was, until her last night with us. Her cousin "Kim" drove to my home to fetch her for a girls camping trip. Kim took Lynnie to the store with her to buy supplies. This included alcohol. After I went to bed that night, Lynnie was drinking and Kim asked her to stop. I woke the next morning to find Kim making a hasty exit while holding an ice pack to a bruise on her head! I ordered Lynnie to leave. I told her she really needed to quit drinking and I don't ever want to be around her if she is drinking.

What happened in the following weeks really surprised me. Not only did Kim decide to forgive and forget; she joined Lynnie in berating and guilt-tripping me. Both women have texted me that I am a judgmental hypocrite and ruining the family. I do like a beer on a hot day or a margarita at a Mexican restaurant. However, I have never hurt anyone or broken the law. I am not out of control, ever.

Soon I will be facing both of these young women at a family wedding. What do I say if I am asked to kiss and make up? I don't want to! I think boundaries are a good thing. — **Strict Auntie**

Dear Strict Auntie: Your niece certainly sounds like she has a problem, and I think you are wise to not allow her in your home until she gets her drinking under control. It's a shame that she didn't take her court-ordered AA meetings seriously, but there is nothing you can do for her until she admits she has a problem.

Kim's situation is a bit more complicated. She obviously loves her cousin very much, but she is putting herself in danger by spending time with Lynnie. She already suffered a bruise, and God forbid she gets in the car with her cousin after a night of drinking. Attend a local Al-Anon meeting, and invite Kim to go with you, so that she can be better equipped to handle a loved one with a drinking problem.

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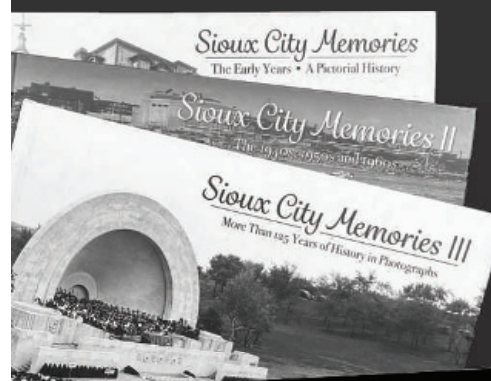


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Daisey blossoms

Convenience store district manager displays an eye for art of 'Persons Unknown'

BY EARL HORLYK

When Daisey Kliment closes her eyes, she see faces.

They aren't the faces of family or friends or anyone she had ever met before. Instead, the people who populate her mind's eye are, as she puts it, "Persons Unknown."

"Persons Unknown" was the name of Kliment's art show that opened at the BLOCK Art Gallery, 1307 Pierce St. in early November.

This wasn't just the first art show Kliment was involved with. Indeed, it was one of the few art shows the self-trained artist had ever seen.

"My dad was an artist who never really thought of himself as one," the Sioux City-based Kliment remembered. "But I always knew what he was able to do without any art school training whatsoever."

Like father, like daughter? "Probably," she said.

"I'm 40 now and got started drawing when I was about 10. So, dad really was an inspiration to me."

However, Kliment's initial choice didn't involve paint, ink or anything quite so permanent.

"No, my first art pieces involved chalk," she explained. "Usually black."

Growing up poor in a blended family on Sioux City's westside, chalk was the only art supply available to Kliment.

Encouraged by

instructors at the Salvation Army Community Center as well as by school art teachers, she credited drawing as a personal therapy.

"Things would get bad at home and I'd go into my bedroom to sketch something in a notebook," Kliment said.

Leaving home at an early age, she had to put her art aside in order to support herself.

Eventually, Kliment became a manager of a Casey's convenience store. Working her way up through the ranks, she became a district manager for the grocery chain.

"What does a district manager do?" she said with a tired grin. "A little bit of everything. During COVID, I was working 60 hours a week."

With the pandemic receding, Kliment wanted to get back into art.

All of the hallmarks of her art remain much like they did in childhood.

Using black chalk or black pencil, Kliment will sketch an image she conjured up in her imagination.

Sometimes, the art piece will take 30 minutes to complete. It usually takes less time.

"I'm fast," Kliment said. "As soon as I think of something, I need to draw it."

Indeed, most of "Persons Unknown" consist of faces, some with exaggerated eyes to emphasize emotions.

"Some people think my



EARL HORLYK PHOTOS, THE WEEKENDER

Standing alongside reproductions of her work, Sioux City-based artist Daisey Kliment uses chalk and pencil to create expressive faces of random people.

◀ During the day, Daisey Kliment is a Casey's Convenience Store district manager. But her passion is in art. The Sioux City native recently had an art show at The BLOCK Gallery.

her style to be extremely personal.

It takes her back to a childhood where art became a form of therapy or a type of self-expression.

"You know what? I've invited my art teacher from school to see my art show," Kliment said, smiling. "She couldn't believe I had my own art show."

Reflecting for a moment, she let out a chuckle.

"Sometimes, I can't believe I have my own art show,"

she said.

Hanging reproductions of her art pieces on the wall on The BLOCK, Kliment wants to be a role model for young people who are going through hard times.

Who knows? They may see random faces when using their imaginations.

And, maybe, such unknown person will become, like, known.

"It's taken me 30 years to have my art displayed in a gallery," Kliment said.

models are sad or mad," Kliment said. "I just think they're expressive."

According to some art show attendees, her work

bears some similarities to the Cubism favored by Pablo Picasso.

While Kliment likes Picasso, she considers

Here comes the Nelsons!

Matthew Nelson reflects on being a third generation teen idol and becoming a part-time Iowan

BY EARL HORLYK

As the twin sons of rock legend Rick Nelson and the grandsons of TV's Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, you'd think Matthew and Gunnar Nelson would be the ultimate Southern Californians who spend Christmas on the beach, right?

Not according to Matthew Nelson, who said the brothers spent their childhood in ski country while growing up. Nowadays, they call Tennessee home.

"Actually, I spend a lot of time in Northeast Iowa because my wife grew up in the little town of Waukon," he said. "Whenever we're there, I'm a regular at the Casey's Convenience Store because they serve the best breakfast pizza in America."

DETAILS

WHAT: "A Nelson Family Christmas" with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson

WHEN: 8 p.m. Dec. 3

WHERE: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem, 111 Third St., Sioux City

Well, that's a pretty strong recommendation coming from the third generation of the show biz-minded Nelson family.

Here's one more Hawkeye State-related you may

not know. Harriet Nelson (nee Peggy Lou Snyder) was born in Des Moines 113 years ago.

"So this California boy does have a bit of Iowa in me," Matthew said with a sense of pride.

Both Matthew and Gunnar Nelson will bring their "Christmas with the Nelsons" multimedia show to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem, 111 Third St., at 8 p.m. Dec. 3.

The multimedia aspect occurs when the two brothers find themselves in a Christmas episode of "Adventures of Qzzie & Harriet," the long-running TV sitcom that starred their grandparents and turned their dad as well as their Uncle David into teen idols.

"Audiences always thought of Ozzie as being the ultimate dad but he was so much more than that," Matthew explained. "In reality, Ozzie was his show's producer and director in addition to writing many of the scripts."

Since Ozzie began his career as a bandleader in the swing era, he knew music.

"When rock and roll became popular, Ricky became one of the genre's biggest stars," Matthew said. "He was as big as Elvis."

With such hits as "Hello Mary Lou" and "It's Late" having their first airing on the "Ozzie & Harriet" show, the sitcom introduced music videos to TV a good 20 years before MTV hit the airwaves.

Music must run deep in the family because Matthew and Gunnar achieved pop stardom as Nelson, which had a No. 1 song "(Can't Live Without Your) Love and Affection" in 1992.

In fact, the brothers' new "A Nelson Family Christmas" album was just released in early November.

"Every time Gunnar and I perform, we'll get fans of our grandparents, fans of our dads as well as fans who grew up listening to our music," Matthew said. "We are the third generation of the Nelson family in music plus we have three generations of fans."

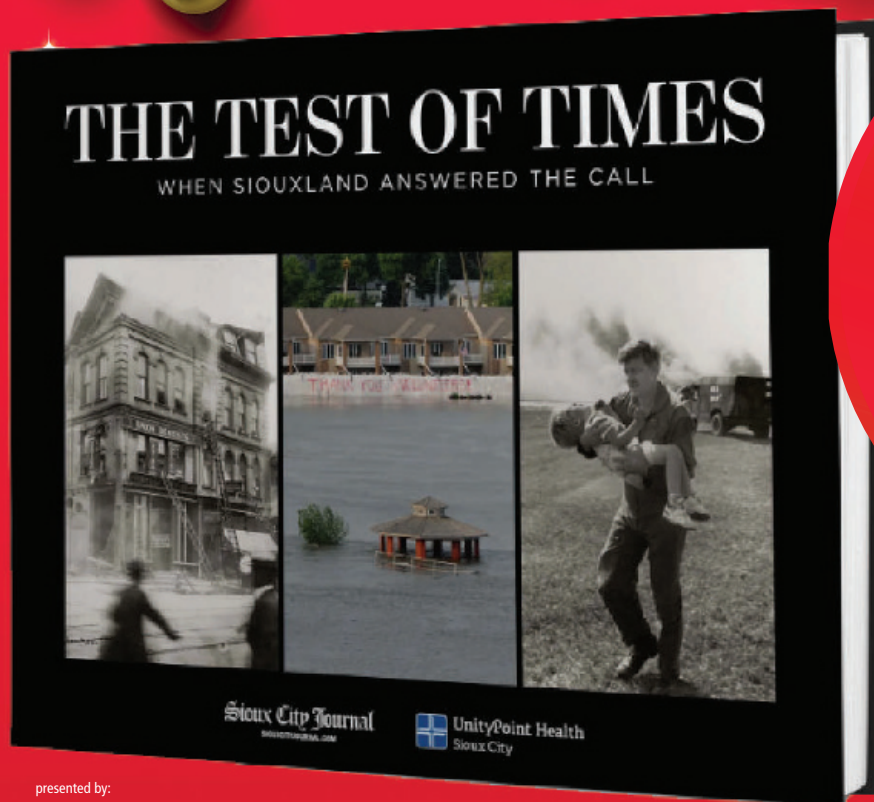
So, will there be a fourth generation of Nelson entering the music world?

"Well, I do have a 7-year-old son who is also named Ozzie," Matthew said. "He's already a pretty good drummer, so you never know."



Matthew and Gunnar Nelson will bring "Christmas with the Nelsons" to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem at 8 p.m. Dec. 3. PROVIDED

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