

Slater Scoop

Newsletter Winter 2025 - 2026

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WINTER HOME SAFETY TIPS

Maintenance and Inspections

- Schedule an annual furnace cleaning and inspection by a qualified professional before the heating season starts.
- Replace or clean your air filters every one to three months to improve air quality and furnace efficiency.
- Regularly vacuum dust and debris from around the furnace, as it can accumulate dust and lint.
- Check thermostat batteries: Ensure your thermostat is operational and change the batteries if needed.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Fire Prevention Breakfast in October! Your support is vital for our department and greatly appreciated.

The next breakfast will be in February! Watch our Facebook page for all the details.

Gas Leak Detection

- Install CO and smoke alarms: Ensure you have working carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Test your alarms monthly to make sure they are functioning correctly.
- Recognize a gas leak: If you smell gas in your home or coming from the furnace, do not light any appliances.
- Evacuate the house immediately and call your local fire department (911)

Fire Prevention

- Maintain a 3-foot clear zone: Keep anything that can burn, such as paper, paint, rags, and other combustibles, at least 3 feet away from the furnace.
- Keep the area around the furnace clean and free of clutter.
- Avoid using ovens for heat: Never use your oven as a way to heat your home.



Do you have any questions and don't know where to start?

Community Connections

Informing and connecting Story County residents who are 60+ and their caregivers with programs and services

Provide resource lists

Listen and offer guidance

Help connect to resources

How we can help

Apply to Heartland programs

Explore low-income assistance

**Slater Public Library
3rd Friday of the Month**

Starting October 17th

10 am - 12 pm

People we serve:
Residents of Story County who are 60+ and/or their caregivers

Learn more at heartlandofstorycounty.org

Questions?
Contact Anne Nordman
(515)231-1092
anordman@heartlandofstorycounty.org

Library has some answers!
Please use this free resource for any of your questions or concerns.

SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

2:00	HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES	LIBRARY LOT
2:00 - 4:00	SANTA	SENIOR CENTER
2:00 - 4:30	CRAFTS	LIBRARY
3:00	FOOD	FIRE STATION
3:00	STORIES	LIBRARY
4:00	PUPPET SHOW	LIBRARY
4:30	HAM DRAWING	TREE
5:00	TREE LIGHTING	TREE

ADDITIONAL FUN STARTING AT 2:00

LIVE
NATIVITY

SLATER AREA
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

TREE
WALK

LOCATED AT 321 MAIN:

SILENT AUCTION
QUILT RAFFLE
FOOD DRIVE

GARDEN CLUB
WINTER
ARRANGEMENT SALE





LETTERS *To* SANTA

RETRIEVE A LETTER FROM
TOWN AND COUNTRY MARKET
AND DEPOSIT IT IN A MAILBOX
FOR NORTH POLE DELIVERY. A
\$20 TARGET GIFT CARD WILL BE
AWARDED TO ONE WINNER AT
SLATER'S CHRISTMAS ON MAIN,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.

THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

318 First Ave., P.O. Box 487, Slater, IA 50244 515.228.3832 Slaterhist@huxcomm.net www.slaterhistory.org

WE'RE OPEN AT CHRISTMAS ON MAIN!

🎄 Come See the Holiday Train! 🎄



It lights up, it toots its horn, and it even puffs steam!

We're welcoming everyone, kids and grown-ups, to Heritage Hall, 318 First Avenue, during Christmas on Main, December 7. Our doors will be open from 2 until 5 pm.

Last year we welcomed almost 300 people (It was a beautiful day!) We've set up an old-fashioned toy train for you to view, as well as our other exhibits you can visit. See the Big Cow, the 1939 Kitchen, The Country School, and the new Slater Timeline, and more.

*We offer docent tours to schools, organizations, and individuals. Open Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00 **and by appointment.** Call 515-336-4491*

NOW ON DISPLAY – GAS STATIONS & GARAGES



Now on display in our front wing, this exhibit full of history, stories, and humor, is going to be available for viewing through the first of the year. From when the speed limit was 6 miles an hour to the 1960's with the gas wars, there is a lot to see. Positively entertaining! Come visit us.

Slater Garden Club

Slater Garden Club Winter Arrangement Sale

Sunday, December 7 at 321 Main Street (Across from
Town & Country Market)

Slater potter, **Steve Boyd**, has been hard at work creating unique stoneware containers to hold unique winter greenery arrangements! If an arrangement is just what you need to complete your holiday decor, you have three options for getting one!

1. Repeat Customer Option-\$25

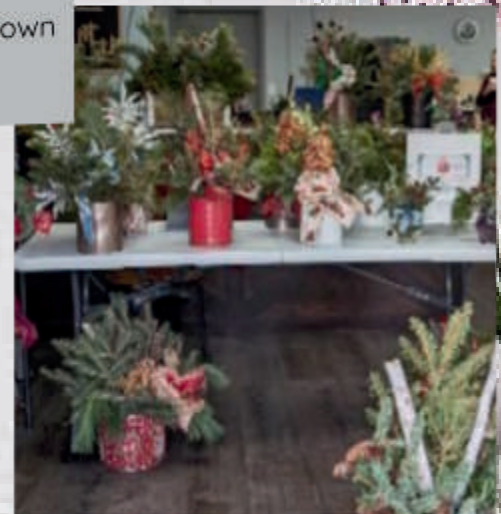
Bring back your Boyd pottery from last year and we will fill it for you!

2. "I have the perfect container" option-\$25-40, based on size

Bring a container of your own and we will fill that too!

3. Grab & Go Option-\$35

No time, no problem! Come choose an already made arrangement at Christmas on Main!





Dec./Jan. 2025-26

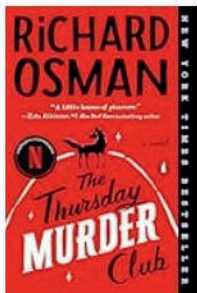
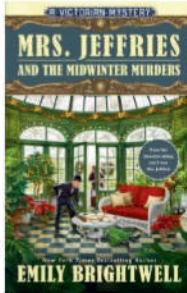


105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - noon

Book Club

The selection for December is *Mrs. Jeffries and the Midwinter Murders* by Emily Brightwell. Discussion will be on **Thursday, December 18th at 10 AM.**

Overview: As much as Inspector Witherspoon enjoys his job delivering justice, the last thing he wanted was a complicated murder case just a week before Christmas. He soon discovers that the victim's own husband and grown stepchildren are not overcome with grief and neither are most of her friends. And to put the icing on the Christmas cookies, the room where the body was found was locked from the inside and the only key was in the victim's pocket.



January we will be reading *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Discussion will be **Thursday, January 22 at 10 AM.** We will watch the movie version and have a light lunch following.

Overview: In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder

Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

Meet-n-Eat

Meet-n-Eat is scheduled for **Friday, December 5 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.**



Come enjoy a warm bowl of chili and a cinnamon roll while listening to special Christmas music with pianist Scott Keese.

There will **NOT** be Meet-n-Eat in **January.**



Community Connections

Heartland of Story County will be at the library on the third Friday of every month during our senior coffee to inform and connect Story County residents who are 60+ and their caregivers with programs and services. Come with your questions on **Friday, December 19 at 10 AM.** All are welcome!

Programming

Due to limited space, please refer to the calendar at our website slaterlibrary.org for more programming details. You can also join our email list to receive news on upcoming events and other happenings at SPL! It's easy to sign up, visit our website and enter your email address.

LIBRARY CLOSED December 24-26 and January 1
CLOSING EARLY December 31 at 4 PM

Friends 'n' Flannel

The Friends of SPL are planning a fundraiser at The Celler Winery for **Saturday, January 24 at 5 PM.**

Everyone is invited to kick-back, wear some cozy flannel and enjoy an evening with your friends playing trivia, eating BFabulous BBQ, and bidding on desserts and great auction packages.

Put together a team of 8 and prepare for a cozy night for a great cause! To reserve a table, visit the library website or scan the QR code. \$400/table of 8.



Christmas on Main

Set your calendars for Slater's annual Christmas on Main celebration at the library, **Sunday, December 7 from 2:00-4:30 PM.** The library will have Christmas stories and crafts available for the kids. Ms. Jen will be reading some of her favorite Christmas stories at 3:00 PM and performing a puppet show 4:00 PM.

Special Programs

Nutcracker Tea Party

We are planning a fun tea party for kiddos on **December 13 from 10:00-11:30 AM!** Join us for tea, cocoa, snacks, and Nutcracker themed crafts. Space is limited, so **registration will be required** and is available on our website.



Winter Wonderland Workshop

We're shaking up some Christmas cheer at the library on **Monday, December 15 from 4:30-6:30 PM.** Drop in to create your own snow globe with festive figurines and snow.



Noon Year's Eve Party

We're celebrating the new year early on **Wednesday, December 31 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** so the little kiddos can join in the fun! Take a photo at our photo backdrop and do a fun craft while you wait for the balloon drop at **NOON!**



BYO-Art Adventures

Bring your art project from home to the library to work on it among friends on **Wednesday, December 3 & 17 from 5-7 PM.**





Friends of the Slater Library would like to
invite you to join us for

Friends 'n' Flannel

A Cozy Night for a Great Cause!

Saturday, January 24 5:00 PM

Tickets: \$400/table of 8

Pull on your favorite flannel and join us at The Cellar Winery for an evening full of fun, friendship, and community spirit! The Friends of the Slater Public Library invite you to a heartwarming night featuring a **delicious meal catered by Bfabulous BBQ, charcuterie, dessert auction, trivia, a cash bar, and a live auction** you won't want to miss.

This special evening is all about celebrating the wonderful people who make our library such a welcoming place. Every dollar raised helps the Friends continue their mission to bring **more programs, resources, and special touches** that make our library the heart of our community. Together, we're keeping the library a lively, loved, and lasting part of **Slater's story**.

We're also seeking **event sponsors** to help make this night a success. Sponsorships help cover event costs and ensure that every dollar raised goes right back into making our library even better. Sponsors will be warmly recognized during the evening and in event materials.

Fabulous Friend – \$500

- Recognition on event signage
- Social media acknowledgment
- Tax-deductible contribution

Cozy Contributor – \$1,500

- Reserved table for 8
- Recognition on event signage
- Social media acknowledgment
- Tax-deductible contribution

Come share a meal, some laughter, and your love for the library!

To register your team and reserve your table, please visit our website at slaterlibrary.org
OR scan the QR code.



Parks + Rec Newsletter

Our amazing dog park is tucked just off the High Trestle Trail, right behind the Nite Hawk Bar!

We recently received wonderful support from a local Life Scout with Troop 163, who helped bring new features to the park for our furry family members. The updated dog obstacle area now includes a ramp, stairs, and a tunnel—perfect for building agility and offering mental stimulation for dogs of all sizes.

Big announcement coming in Spring!

Did you know we have a dog park in town?



ON SCENE WITH SLATER EMS

CALLS FOR SERVICE (JANUARY – OCTOBER 2025)

- 144 total calls (about 14 per month)
- 120 (83%) calls were responded to by Slater EMS personnel
- 24 (17%) calls were missed due to volunteer unavailability
- Most frequent 911 calls:
 - Trauma (Falls - 23, Motor Vehicle Crashes - 12)
 - Breathing problems (26)
 - Sick persons - weakness, nausea/vomiting (13)
 - Chest pain (12)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

- A LifeServe blood drive was held in September, resulting in 19 units of donated blood. The next blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin. Thank you for helping to save lives! Visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/> for more info.
- Please help us keep our community safe – do not park in the restricted areas in front of the EMS station by Nite Hawk, as blocking these zones can delay (or prevent) our crews from responding to 911 emergencies.

STAYING HEALTHY AND SAFE THIS WINTER

As we enter respiratory season, we remind everyone to take a few simple steps to stay healthy and prevent injuries:

- Talk with your healthcare provider about getting your influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to help protect yourself and those around you
- Use extra caution in snowy and icy conditions—falls are already the most common cause of injury, and slippery surfaces can make them even more dangerous
- Wear proper footwear, clear walkways, and take your time when walking outdoors this winter
- Practice safe winter driving—slow down, increase your following distance, and keep an emergency kit in your vehicle

CONNECT WITH US

Your health and safety are our priority—thank you for helping us keep our community well! Slater EMS is honored to serve this community, and we thank you for your continued support. If you ever need to contact us, you can reach us by email at EMS@SlaterIowa.org. You may also follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information and events.



Your Blood. *Their
Holiday Miracle.*

SLATER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, December 11

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Slater Log Cabin
300 Benton St. Slater

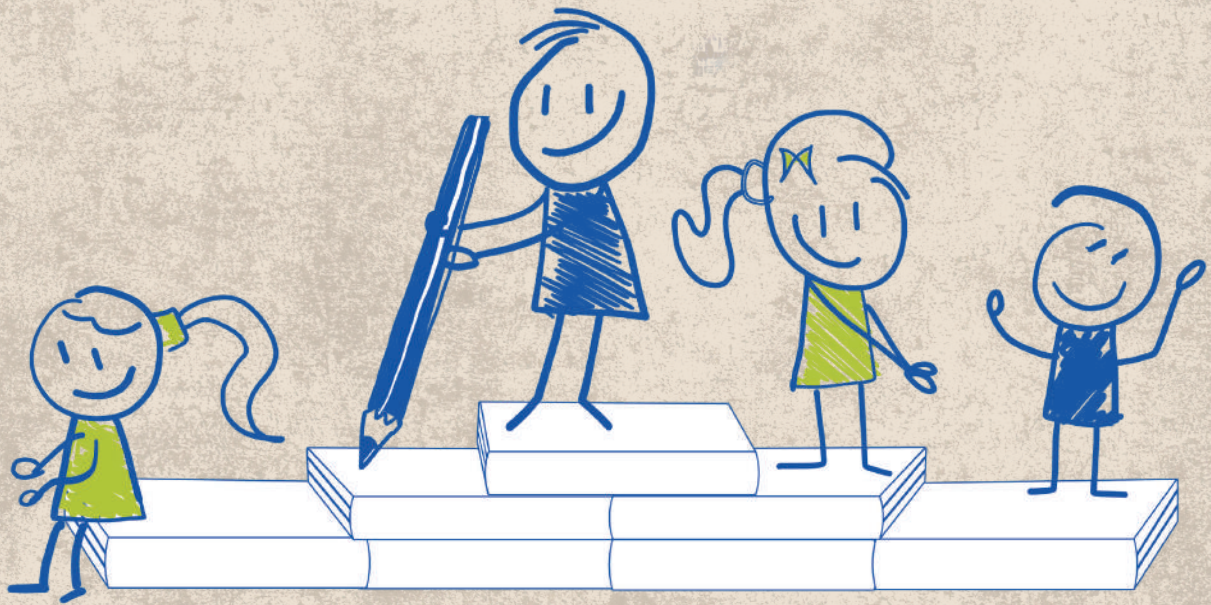
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CHRISTMAS *at Bethlehem*



Friday, December 5th
6:30 pm

with very special guests

FJELBERG BELL CHOIR

SHAWN PALEK

MINDY DEVRIES

OSCAR ROSALES

JONATHAN & STEPHANIE BELL

BALLARD COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND



CHRISTMAS
Variety
SHOW

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ELCA Lutheran Church

411 Third Avenue | Slater, IA | slaterblc.org | 515.228.3933

 Tickets available online at slaterblc.org

Loaded Tater Bar



Treats

COMPETITION
& AUCTION



&

JOIN US for our **THIRD ANNUAL**
Tater Bar & Treat Competition
and Stay for the Treat Auction!

Sunday, March 8th

at the Slater United Methodist Church, 401 Story St.

4:00 - 4:30 pm Treat Competition Entry Drop-off

4:30 - 6:30 pm Loaded Tater Bar

5:30 pm Treat Auction

NEW THIS YEAR – A GIFT BASKET GIVEAWAY!

Bring a donation for the food pantry, and receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring! The winner will receive a Gift Basket full of great items to enjoy! The drawing will be held at the end of the auction, *must be present to win.*

LOADED TATER BAR!

Meal includes: Large baked potato with your choice of toppings including: Butter, Sour Cream, Chili, Cheese, Bacon, Broccoli, Salsa, French Fried Onions and more! Also includes side salad and a drink. **Each attendee will get to vote for your favorite treat in each category,** voting ends at 5:00 pm. Free will donation.

TREAT COMPETITION & AUCTION!

Calling all Bakers, enter our Treat competition!

Prizes for the first & second place entries for best looking in each category as voted on by Tater Bar attendees (*note: none of the entries will be tasted for the contest*).

Categories are: Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Bars. All entries are donations to the auction. All purchased auctioned items may be shared as dessert for your table or taken home.

All proceeds go to the Slater United Methodist Church. Food donations go to the Slater Food Pantry.



Are you having a hard time finding amazing stocking stuffers?

Look no further! Swing by City Hall to check out Slater's awesome merch — the perfect gifts for friends, family, or yourself!

And the best part?
The prices are amazing!



All proceeds support the Slater Community Club



**Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st
SNOW
ORDINANCE IN
EFFECT**

Public Works Newsletter

During snow removal operations, no vehicles may be parked, abandoned, or left unattended on any public street, alley, or City-owned parking area until the snow has been fully removed and snowfall has stopped.

From November 1 through April 1, parking is also prohibited between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on designated snow routes, including:

Main Street (Story St. to Tama St.)

Marshall Street (Main St. to the first alley south of Main St.)

Story Street (Main St. to the first alley south of Main St.)

Violations of the City's Snow Ordinance may result in your vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

Towing charges include a \$250 impound fee for the first day, followed by \$40 per day for each additional day the vehicle remains impounded.

For full details, see City Ordinances 69.12, 69.13, and 70.06.



**GET READY FOR
WINTER
and holidays**

**All parks have been winterized!
See you next year!**

Does your property deserve more love?

If you're looking for assistance with property cleanup or compliance, City Hall can help connect you with available resources. Feel free to stop in for more information.

Utility Newsletter:

Tired of writing checks or paying card fees?

Make life easier — sign up for ACH payments for your utility bills!

Drop by City Hall or visit slateriowa.org/water-and-sewer to get started today.

Newly elected council members will be officially sworn in at the December City Council Meeting.

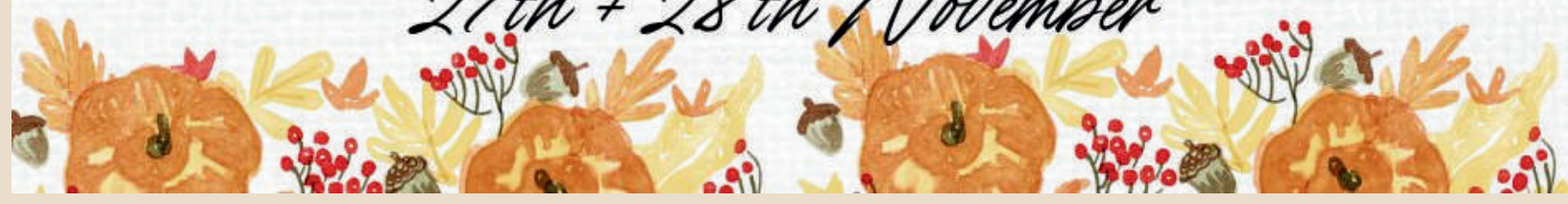
Next Regular City Council Meetings



**Dec 8th Jan 12th Feb 9th
6:00 PM**

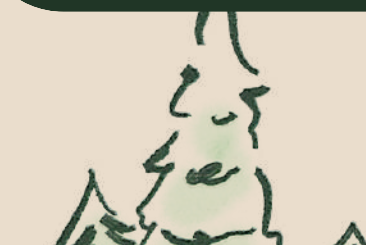


Happy Holidays!
We will be closed
this Thanksgiving
27th + 28th November



WE ARE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

CLOSED DEC. 25TH AND 26TH



WE ARE

CLOSED

ON NEW YEARS DAY



City Hall
Holiday Hours



★ MERRY ★ CHRISTMAS



WITH LOVE FROM YOUR CITY HALL

WISHING YOU JOY, HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS, FILLED
WITH LAUGHTER AND CHERISHED MEMORIES AS WE
CELEBRATE KINDNESS AND TOGETHERNESS.



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