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Dollar General, 107 Merino Ave., Eddyville has been open since February. Store Mgr. Loresa White cut the ribbon with Assistant Mgr. Chris Barnett and District Mgr. Michelle Benton assisting. They are open 8 am to 10 pm 7 days a week. Michelle spoke of the shipping delays in Christmas items and toys but do anticipate their arrival. Over the next year Dollar General plans to open 1,000 stores with 50 to 75 of those in Iowa. New stores and remodels will include larger coolers for additional food and meat items as well as fresh produce. Paul Vilinski, Regional Director reminded us of Dollar General's interest in community participation in the way of volunteer hours, matching grants, and donations; as well as there being many employment opportunities available. Call 641.638.6160.



The Village in Eddyville celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting by owner Sheryl Leydens. She and friend Julie Francis have put a great deal of time into making this 1867 red brick home at 708 Mill St., Eddyville an active Bed & Breakfast, gift shop, and event venue. Gift shop offers local crafts, goodies, and vintage items. Four bedrooms are available to rent nightly, weekly, or monthly. The Village including back porch can be rented for events. Upcoming community events include Oct. 16 Ladies Spa Day, Nov. 13 Make a Gnome Day, and Dec. 11 Cookie Swap Day. Visit The Village in Eddyville on Facebook or call 515.422.6464.



Jennifer Romas and her family (Michael, Landon, Grant and Lenox) cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Shop Jen Miracle, 1506 A Ave. East in Oskaloosa. You'll find clothing, accessories, candles and other fun items. With 4 years of experience as a blogger and influencer, and more recently on-line sales Jennifer has made best use of space in Headquarters for Hair. General hours will be Tue-Sat 10 am to a time yet to be determined. Follow on

Facebook and Instagram for updates and weekly new arrivals.

M. Shrago and Son, Inc. at 704 1st Ave. West in Oskaloosa celebrated a REOPENING to the public recently. Under new ownership, and having completed a total clean up, they are ready to serve you accepting scrap metal and iron as before and now CARS as well. Owner Phil Grandinetti indicated their family has been involved in scrap for many years in Mount Pleasant. He was customer of Shrago back in 2007 and started his own business in 2010. They are happy to hold on to the M. Shrago name as the family name dates to the late 1800s when they



Lindsay's Chatterbox celebrated a short move to 218 N. B St., Oskaloosa. Lindsay was happy to bring her skills and business to town in 2014 from the east coast. Being a local girl and having a pull from friends experience hearing loss, it was not a difficult decision to come back "home." Left to right with Diplomats: Beth Overton, Accountant; Lindsay Overton, Therapist/Owner; Taylor Overton, Receptionist; Holly Ten Napel and Dee Gerot. They offer speech pathology to children through adults, helping one find the best method to express one's speech. Accepting private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare and in-house or teletherapy. Call 641.676-6759.



Envision Art Gallery is a new venue at Oskaloosa Penn Central Mall. They feature art by local and international artists. Art is available for purchase. The gallery is managed by Vera Babich, global integration specialist at Musco and Sergiy Nagorny, owner/artist at NV Design. The idea brewed as Vera attended numerous art shows and exhibits over the years with Sergiy. Having many artist friends whose work deserved to be seen and admired, the gallery in Oskaloosa, a small town with such a diverse and active art community made sense. The gallery will be open M-Sat 11:30 - 6 and Sun noon - 5, as a pop-up project through the holidays. Depending on its success, the hope is to stay as a permanent venue. Currently they feature three artists: Julie VerSteeh, Vitali V. Lobov, and Sergiy Nagorny. Call 563.299.3742



Cara Van Stennis, owner of McDonald's in Oskaloosa cut the ribbon on the brand-new restaurant after a four-month total re-build. Cara's history with fast food dates back to 1979 when her father started McDonald's in Oskaloosa. In the mid 80's Cara served as General Manager for the Oskaloosa McDonald's and

then moved to supervisor for her dad's three restaurants. In 1993 she purchased her first McDonald's in Minnesota but sold it after a year to purchase 2 in St. Louis. She called St. Louis home until 2012, when her father retired, and she moved back to Iowa to purchase his four restaurants and has since grown to 14. Now through the end of 2021 they will donate \$1 to the Oskaloosa Marching Indians Band every time you use the Kiosk to place your order or use their mobile app.

Team members in photo along with Chamber Diplomats include LtoR: Mark Schuring, General Mgr.; Janet Hamilton, Supervisor; Jean Bambrook, Director of Operations, Cara Van Steenis (owner), and in the right back Toby Johnson, Office Mgr.



Love INC Thrift Shoppe celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 200 High Ave. West, Suite 1 in Oskaloosa. Located in the northwest portion of the Penn Central Mall, they are open Tu-Sat 10-6 and accept donations M-F 10-5 and Sat 10-2. This local thrift store is designed to support the ministries of Love INC of Mahaska County. So many churches, volunteers, prayers, and donations are responsible for the opening of this fantastic store. If interested in volunteering contact Penny at 641.638.2495. In photo with diplomats include: Susan Doolan, Director; Connie Clark Louderback, Board President cutting ribbon; Penny Adams, Volunteer Coordinator; Patty Busse, Warehouse Mgr.; and Ralph Munson, Merchandise Mgr. Volunteers in attendance included: Dorothy Vos, Lavonne Brink, Maryann DeJong, Debbie Stephen, Vera Franje, Jana Bandstra, Lois VanUtrecht, Linda Van Donselaar, Carol Renaud, and Board Member Doug Boender. Call 641.676.4074.

