

**QUOTABLE**

“If they’re flat, they’re meeting their goals.”



**Chrissy Spoo**, marketing manager at The Empire Mall, on retailers’ sales this year (page 12)

**PLACES TO BE IN DECEMBER**

**26** The women’s a cappella singing group **Anjelic** will perform at noon at the Old Courthouse Museum’s Winter Concert Series. Admission is free. Guests can bring lunch or buy one there from The Pickle Barrel.

**27** People can get a jump on New Year’s Eve celebrations with the **Resolutions Can Wait – Not Quite a New Year’s Eve Party** at 8 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena. The Johnny Holm Band and 32 Below will perform. Admission costs \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$20 for VIP seating. VIP tickets include a champagne toast, snacks and exclusive seating. Tickets are available at the Arena box office and all Ticketmaster venues.

**31** The **Glory Holes** and **Derek Post** will play a New Year’s Eve show at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., food is served from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and music starts at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the show. Tickets with a food option cost \$30. Tickets are available at Ernie November’s 41st Street location, both Last Stop CD Shops or online at [www.pepperentertainment.com](http://www.pepperentertainment.com).

**NONPROFIT MAKEOVER**

Office Elements is taking nominations for an Extreme Office Makeover. People are asked to nominate nonprofits in Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to receive an expensive office upgrade. Five nominees from each community will be chosen, and the public will pick the winners. Nominations are being taken through Jan. 7, and the public can vote on the finalists from Jan. 15 to Feb. 11. Nominations and votes will be taken at [www.officeelements.net](http://www.officeelements.net).

## How it’s made at



**B**etween 5 and 10 billion cartons leave Bell Inc.’s two Sioux Falls production plants each year. And almost all of what leaves as waste is put to good use. Vice President Ben Graham boasts that his family’s company recycles 97 percent of its waste. More interesting facts:

**Employees:** 225

**Locations:** Two manufacturing plants and one off-site warehouse in Sioux Falls; sales offices in Chicago and Minneapolis

**Customers:** 22, predominantly Fortune 500 companies, including McDonald’s, DHL, U.S. Postal Service and GE. Local customers include Wells’ Dairy, John Morrell & Co. and Berry Plastics

**Founded:** 1920s

**Top executive:** Mark Graham, president and CEO

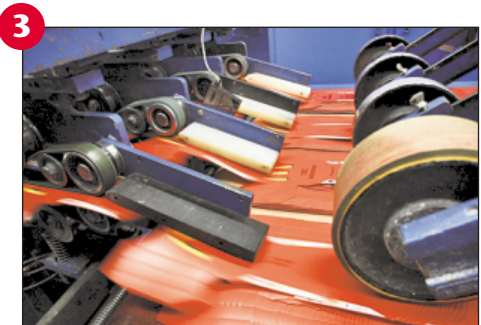
– *Caroline Lalley, Business Journal*



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1. The McDonald’s Chicken McNugget clamshells are printed on a high-volume printer.  
2. Press catchers pull clamshells off the press and send them to be folded.  
3. Clamshells come off a folder.

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