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"Birds, Bugs and Wetlands" Exhibit At The Nature Center

As Marisa Sidles paddles her kayak, the nature around her fills her with artistic inspiration. "I get this up-close and personal view of nature," she said.

Sidles will display "Birds, Bugs and Wetlands" themed art in the eARTh exhibit area February-April at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Okoboji, featuring acrylic paintings of sloughs, found metal sculptures of insects and collages of birds.

"I think the nature center and what I'm working on lately go together," the Terril artist said. "I thought it would be a great honor to display my vision at the nature center and share with people my vision of nature in the area."

"I want people to see the nature around us here in a more whimsical way and speak to the child in us," Sidles said.

Her newest work is a continued exploration of the creative nature she has had her entire life. Her family helped foster an appreciation for art at a young age, and she dabbled in everything from painting to metal sculpture. Eventually she made a career out of graphic design while spending her free time with other artistic endeavors.

"I just love creating new things and experimenting with different materials," she said.

A reception will be held in Sidles' honor 5:00 - 7:00pm Thursday, February 11, at the Dickinson County Nature Center. She will be on hand to discuss her pieces and how she created them. Art lovers will have the opportunity to ask questions, to sample delicious hors d'oeuvres and to even purchase a piece from the collection. Pieces range in price from \$100-\$400.

Sidles will also share her newest passion of collage with art students 9:00am-noon, Saturday, February 27, at the nature center. During her class she will help people create animal silhouettes out of paper and cloth scraps.

"They can then take it home with them to create more," Sidles said, adding that her students can even take their newfound skills home to teach their friends an art form that doesn't need expensive supplies. "I just want them to have fun and say they enjoyed themselves while creating it."

The February 27 collage class costs \$30, including supplies. Participants need only bring an inspirational photo to use as their subject and photos or magazine clippings to use in the collage. Students of all ages may pre-register with Sidles by calling 712-363-1307 or e-mailing mreynolds@terril.net.

View Sidles' exhibit at the nature center through April during open hours 10:00am - 4:00pm, Monday-Friday.

For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352. You can also keep up with what's happening at the nature center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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Area Legislative Forums

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting 4 Legislative Forums with area legislators.

The forums will be held on Saturdays and are scheduled for February 5, in the Character Center of the Bedell Family YMCA; February 20, in the Board of Supervisors room at the Dickinson County Courthouse; March 5, in the Council Chambers at Spirit Lake City Hall. The forums will run from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Dates could be subject to change.

Invited guests include State Senator David Johnson, Senate District 1 from Ocheyedan, State Representative John Wills, Legislative District 1 from Spirit Lake and State Representative Megan Jones, Legislative District 2 from Spencer.

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Spirit Lake: 11:30am IGL Women's Group - Senior Center, 2100 Zenith Avenue
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Spirit Lake: 7:00pm Discussion Group - Lakes Regional Healthcare, 2301 Highway 71 South
- Wednesdays**
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Spirit Lake: 12:00 Noon Brown Bag - Discovery House, 1411 Hill Avenue
- Thursdays**
Arnolds Park: 8:00pm Candlelight Meeting - Arnolds Park City Hall, 1107 S. Highway 71
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- Saturdays**
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- Sundays**
Spirit Lake: 10:30am Big Book Study Group - Spirit Lake Public Library, 70216th Street
Lake: 7:00pm Beginners Group - Discovery House, 1411 Hill Avenue

Rebecca Peters Named Okoboji Tourism Director

The Okoboji Tourism Committee (OTC), a Committee of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, has selected Rebecca Peters as its next Tourism Director.

Peters is currently the marketing manager for the Clay County Fair, a position she has held since 2011. She was also the marketing and development director at the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association 2008-10 and served as the transitional administrator of the Dickinson County Nature Center for eight months in 2010-2011. She begins her new position with the OTC February 17.

The OTC began a search for a new director in late December following the resignation of Carina Woodward, who took a new position in Des Moines. "We selected a director that will further the mission of the OTC which is to responsibly market the Iowa Great Lakes to visitors," said Matt Schmeling, chair of the Okoboji Tourism Committee. "We are thrilled to have Becky joining Okoboji Tourism. Her excitement and energy is contagious and her background in graphic design, marketing, and social media made her an ideal candidate to fill this position. She will represent the Iowa Great Lakes area very well."

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to promote the Iowa Great Lakes region," said Peters. "This area is one of the best destinations for visitors to get away and create lasting memories, and I'm looking forward to sharing that message with people to attract them to the Okoboji area and all we have to offer!"



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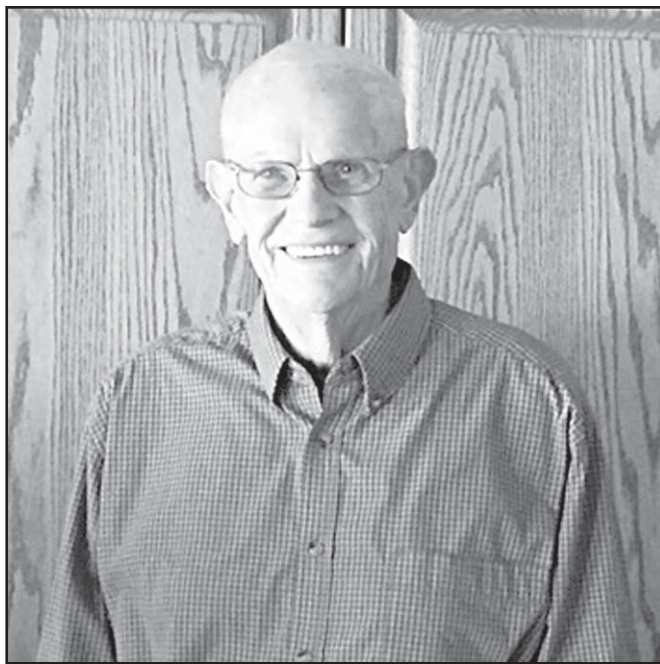
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Birthday Announcement

Mark Kollasch turns 80 on February 9, 2016. Mark and Alice will celebrate this special occasion with their daughters; Carla (Jim) Wellik, Sondra (Curt) Holck, Paula (Allan) Eppens and their families. Cards may be sent to Mark at 25356 182nd Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360-7329.



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Wine Tasting Fundraising Event

All are welcome for a Mardi Gras wine tasting and silent auction fundraising event on Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 – 9:00pm, at Supreme Kitchens, 2230 33rd Street, Spirit Lake (north of Ace Hardware). Cajun food and jazz music will be featured along with a wine tasting, silent auction and great discounts on wine. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds go to Spenser's Underground Teen Center Outreach. Call Jodi at 712-339-5324 or Supreme Kitchens at 712-336-6988.



Legislators Host FFA Members

This week, Representative Megan Jones (R-Sioux Rapids), pictured right, and Senator David Johnson (R-Ocheyedan), pictured second from left, hosted members of the Emmetsburg FFA chapter to the floor of the Iowa House of Representatives. The students met with legislators and toured the Capitol for FFA's Day on the Hill.



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Valentine's Day Dinner & Show Fundraising Gala Benefiting Rally 4 Veterans will be held Friday, February 12, 2016, featuring Shaun Johnson and The Big Band Experience at the Clay County Regional Events Center. Tickets are \$100/person. Includes a variety of hors d'oeuvres; 1 glass of wine and 1 glass of champagne on the house; chocolate fountain; choice of four dinner options: seared ribeye, amaretto chicken, smoked wild mushroom risotto, alaskan halibut; New York cheesecake or red velvet layer cake, and show ticket. All meals will be served with a variety bread basket and a house salad with a herb vinaigrette dressing. Hors d'oeuvres – 6:00pm; dinner – 7:00; live music – 8:30pm. A cash bar will also be available.



Proceeds of this event will be donated to Rally 4 Veterans in Laurens, Iowa, to help provide a service dog to an Iowan veteran in 2016.

Concert tickets are available online at midwestix.com, by phone 515-244-2771 or at the Event Center Box Office Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. Tickets are \$35 each, general admission only, entrance at 8:00pm. Concert ticket does not include entrance to event prior to concert.

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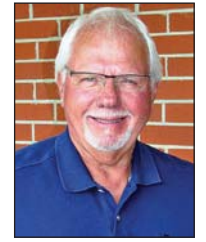
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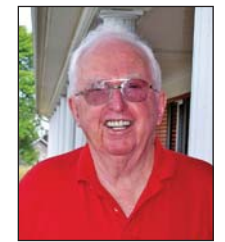
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John and Kathi Hinn of DOWDEN-HINN, REALTORS® have recently released the names of 17 agents that were "Multi"-Million Dollar Producers in 2015.

Honored for this achievement were: Mary Lynn & Jon Ingvall, Angie Hinn Schaub, Katie Slater, Keith Diekevers, Debbie Goetzinger, Rob Hinn, Mike Schrunk, Lonna & Brian Draayer, Butch Jensen, Todd Henderson, the late Gordon Hansch, Tia Hofmeyer, Fred Dowden, Davi Ring, and Rhonda Wedeking.

To receive this award, an agent must sell or have listings sold for over \$1 Million worth of property in that year. These Realtors all sold over that amount and achieved that goal in 2015. All are members of the Lakes Multiple Listing Service, Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and the Iowa Association of Realtors.

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Don Breuker, Milford Kiwanis Club President; Ms. Hoffmann, jazz band director; Miss Orness, choir director; Jody Ingwersen, OMS Instrumental Director.

Milford Kiwanis Soup & Pie Fundraiser for Music Parents

Once again, the Milford Kiwanis Club is helping out our youth – "One Child at a Time". The Milford Kiwanis has been sponsoring the Soup and Pie dinner for over 20 years. The proceeds go for helping defray the costs of the Okobojo music trip to the east coast where the Okobojo band performs and also has the opportunity for many educational and informational stops. According to Joe Simington, chair of the project since inception, it is estimated that Milford Kiwanis has given over \$20,000 through the years for just this one project. There are many, many projects that Kiwanis supports and funds. It is gratifying to be a part of an organization that does what it says that it does, helping the children of our community and the world.

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Birthday Announcement

Myrt Swanson is celebrating her 85th birthday on February 9, 2016. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Warm wishes can be sent to 2408-25th Street, #91, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Iowa State BPMI Exhibit Continues

Enjoy your February art experience by seeing the Iowa State student exhibit "Biological and Pre-Medical Illustration" at Arts on Grand in Spencer, Iowa.

Sponsored by the Spencer Municipal Hospital, the exhibit presents work by 20 Iowa State students. BPMI drawings are as varied as the natural world, including skeletons, organs, birds, fish, mammals, plant life and microbes.

Illustrators use a variety of media: paint, charcoal, pen and ink, colored pencils and software programs such as Photoshop. The art also can be three-dimensional.

There are about 60 Iowa State students majoring in BPMI. Although BPMI may be an unusual major - fewer than 10 similar programs exist or are planned at other American universities - Iowa State's program turns 30 this year.

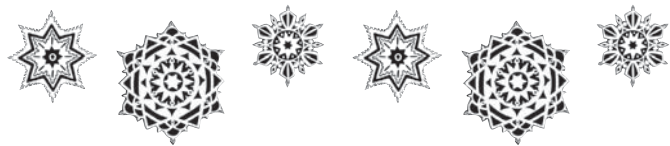
Biological and medical illustrators work with researchers, doctors and others to turn detailed and complex information into visual images. Their work is found in textbooks, scientific journals, instructional videos, museum exhibits, surgical brochures and many more places, including courtrooms when juries need to understand complicated medical information.

"We are communicating science through art," said Caitlin Swenberg, senior in biological and pre-medical illustration and vice-president of the BPMI Club.

"It can be through an animation, it can be an illustration, a graphic. There are a lot of different outputs, especially with the digital side." "We are not just drawing something. We are figuring out what goes into it to make it accurate," Swenberg said.

The BPMI exhibit runs until February 13. Arts on Grand is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Visit their exhibit and check out the Gallery Shop.



Minnesota West Community & Technical College Named As One Of Top 150 In The Country

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program today named Minnesota West Community & Technical College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds, as well as Siemens Technical Scholars Program student scholarships.

The Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than seven million students - youth and adult learners - working towards certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

"Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility in our country," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "This competition is designed to spotlight the excellent work being done in the most effective community colleges, those that best help students obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap to better student outcomes for community colleges nationwide."

A full list of the selected colleges and details on the selection process are available at www.aspenprize.org.

Scholarship Opportunities: For the first time, the 150 Prize-eligible institutions are also invited to nominate exceptional students enrolled in their best middle-skill STEM programs for scholarships. Up to 50 Siemens Technical Scholars will be selected from programs that provide outstanding preparation for high-demand jobs in manufacturing, energy, health care, and information technology. A partnership between the Siemens Foundation and the Aspen Institute, the Siemens Technical Scholars Program intends to help our nation's community colleges and their business partners bridge the gap between projected shortages of skilled workers and the millions of high-demand jobs in these STEM industries. Scholarship winners and the programs that deliver rigorous training enabling their success will be announced in fall 2016. For more information and to view video profiles of 2015 Siemens Technical Scholars, go to: <http://as.pn/stscholars>.

Minnesota West Community & Technical College and 149 other community colleges announced today were selected from a national pool of over 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes in three areas:

- Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 full-time equivalent students)
- Improvement (awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time)
- Equity (evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students)

Minnesota West Community & Technical College has been invited to submit an application to the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence containing detailed data on degree and certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employment and earnings), and student learning outcomes.

Ten finalists will be named in fall 2016. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data. A distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2017.

LRH Foundation's "Grape Escape"

Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation is hosting their fourth annual Grape Escape fundraiser on Saturday, February 20 at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. The event will consist of a wine and bourbon tasting upon arrival. Chef Brendan Waltz will prepare a five course dinner which each course is paired with a select wine. Some of the entrees include seared sea scallops and root beer braised pork belly.

Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation Executive Director Sonja Hamm said, "We appreciate the generosity of our sponsors. The event couldn't take place without the support of them." The sponsors include Bank Midwest; Merv and Mary Kay Bates; BonFire Marketing & Web Co.; Dr. Andrew and Mary Brevik; Erpelding Voigt Company; Fitzloff Photography; GrapeTree Medical Staffing; Hamm Chiropractic Clinic; Jason and Mickey Harrington; Judy Haviland; K Brand Marketing; MHR Insurance; Mueske Electric; Duane and Willia Mueske; Northwest Bank; Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons; Okoboji Realty; Sandy Law Firm; and Liz Sandy REMAX.

Tickets are \$100 each, \$25 of which is tax deductible, and can be purchased by calling 712-336-8791. Proceeds from the event will benefit Lakes Regional Healthcare's Balance Manager.

Farm Market News

By Mike Miller
Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds
15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Seed Catalogues Are Here

With the arrival of Burpee's Seeds and Stark Brother's Trees a new season begins. One advantage of living in a region where the ground freezes is that winter offers a respite from the fields and groves, a forced retreat, if you will. It's a time to plan and gain strength for the upcoming season that comes up too quickly. Many of the vendors take courses offered by Iowa State or attend seminars where valuable information is freely exchanged. Preparation in an unhurried manor provides genuine and measurable increases. I am going to beat this drum until everyone gets tired of it, but CSA (community sustainable agriculture) is the future; making farmer's markets the epicenter of this sensible movement. Will this eliminate the large grocery stores. Of course not. The reason why is economies of scale. Supermarkets are one of the great inventions of civilization. Today, in the dead of winter, anyone can go grocery shopping and eat better than any of the Caesars. Think about that. Can a billionaire eat a better pork chop than you can purchase here in Okoboji in winter? I think not. The trick is to nurture the CSA while also supporting grocery stores. The solution is both easy and hard. Easy because it is evident that monies have to be split between the two, hard because as a consumer one has to make a choice to shop local. Both can thrive and complement each other. We just have to want to do it.

Winter Games Recap

A good time was had by all. But the best time was at the State Pier and the Polar Plunge. Those hardy souls showed no fear jumping into water with a temperature of 32°F and they did it with panache. I arrived just a little late as the Chocolate show ended at 3:00pm when the plunge began. But from what I saw, mind over matter was the order of the day. Plus, it helped the Arnolds Park Fire and Rescue. The Chamber of Commerce and especially Jen Johnson-Ross did some fine work and, until now, remained pretty modest about it. Keep up the good work Jen! Thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

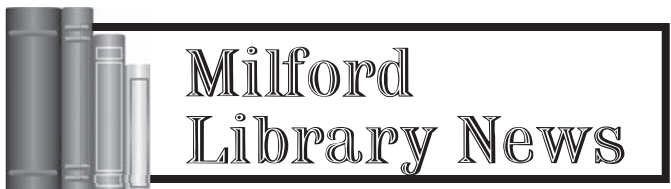
To The Editor:

On behalf of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce and Okoboji Tourism, I would like to thank so many for making our 36th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games another success for our business community.

First of all, thank you to our sponsors for making so much of this possible. Our naming sponsor Parks Marina, Barefoot Bar and Okoboji Boat Works; our Gold level sponsors REMAX Lakes Realty, Danbom Lakeside Engineering and Stauss Realty; our Silver sponsors which include Milford Electric, Spirit Lake Silver & Gold and the Iowa Great Lakes Association. Thank you to our individual event sponsors, Okoboji Harley-Davidson for the Polar Plunge, KICD & More FM for the Bean Bag Toss, The Ritz for the Snowball Softball, The Garden's for Kickball, Mary Lynn Ingvall of Dowden Hinn Realtors for the Chocolate Classic, REMAX Lakes Realty for the Chili Cookoff, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the 5K/10K race, and Shaw's of Okoboji for the Broomball Tournament.

We appreciate the leadership of this year's Chair, Nick Stauss & Co-Chair, Greta (Goerss) Gruys and of course our 8 wonderful Winter Games Cheerleaders. Thank you to our hundreds of volunteers, Arnolds Park Amusement Park's hard working staff, KUOO, the Dickinson County News, The Lakes News Shopper, the Money Saver Magazine, Dickco Cable News and MC 22 Lakes Television for non-stop coverage. A big shout out to Alan Morphev for a rousing rendition of our National Anthem for our Extravaganza and R&D Industries for the P.A. system. Thank you to County and City governments for working with us, the courageous Law enforcement of the Lakes Region, the Iowa DNR, Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue for keeping us safe and Chamber businesses that housed events, provided stellar customer service and fun for our thousands of visitors. It takes a very special Community of Communities to unite and support an event that brings joy to our locals and visitors alike and an economic boost for our Chamber Members. Thanks to all of you.

Jeff Thee - CEO/President
Jen Johnson-Ross - Program Director
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Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce



Hey, I just met you, and this is crazy. I have no cover, so read me maybe? There will be no awkward questions, no forced conversation, no judgmental looks, no need to call. Just have a blind date with a book! All of February you can have a blind date with a book. Books from an assortment of genres, departments, fiction and non-fiction will be wrapped in brown paper. Sure, it might turn out to be a dud, or it could be the diamond in the rough you wouldn't have given a chance otherwise.

Wednesday, February 10, at 3:30pm all 5th - 12th grade students are invited to come to the Milford Memorial Library to decorate sugar cookies. All supplies are provided by the library at no cost to the students.

Join us for great stories and much more every Friday morning at 10:00! Betty, our children's librarian, looks forward to sharing stories with you! No pre-registration is necessary. The theme this week is "Penguins and Polar Bears."

An open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will be held this Wednesday, February 3, at 5:30pm. A free computer class will be led by Jeff Cookinham after the meeting.

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SOUTHPARK 7 SPENCER - 262-1234	SOUTHPARK MALL Shows Before 5:30, 2D Shows \$6.00 3D Shows \$8.00
THE CHOICE [PG-13] Teresa Palmer Benjamin Walker FRI-SUN: 1:20, 3:40, 6:40, 9:00 MON-THURS: 3:40, 6:40, 9:00	KUNG FU PANDA 3 [PG] Voices Of: Jack Black Angelina Jolie 2D Times... FRI-SUN: 1:00, 4:00, 6:30 MON-THURS: 4:00, 6:30 3D Times... FRI-THURS: 8:50
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND ZOMBIES [PG-13] Lily James Lena Headey FRI-SUN: 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20 MON-THURS: 4:20, 7:00, 9:20	13 HOURS: THE SECRET SOLDIERS OF BENGHAZI [R] John Krasinski Pablo Schreiber FRI-SUN: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 MON-THURS: 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 * Time Not Shown Thurs, Feb 11
THE REVENANT [R] Leonardo DiCaprio Tom Hardy FRI-SUN: 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:40 MON-THURS: 3:45, 6:40, 9:40 * Time Not Shown Thursday, Feb 11	STARTS THURSDAY, FEB 11 DEADPOOL [R] Ryan Reynolds Morena Baccarin At 7:00 & 9:20 pm Thurs, Feb 11 Regular Engagement Begins Friday.
THE FINEST HOURS [PG-13] Chris Pine Casey Affleck 2D Times... FRI-SUN: 1:30, 6:50 MON-THURS: 6:50 3D Times... FRI-THURS: 4:20, 9:10	STARTS THURSDAY, FEB 11 ZOOLANDER 2 [PG-13] Ben Stiller Owen Wilson At 7:10 & 9:30 pm Thurs, Feb 11 Regular Engagement Begins Friday.
DIRTY GRANDPA [R] Zac Efron Robert DeNiro FRI-SUN: 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20 MON-THURS: 4:10, 7:10, 9:20 * Time Not Shown Thurs, Feb 11	STARTS THURSDAY, FEB 11 HOW TO BE SINGLE [R] Dakota Johnson Rebel Wilson At 7:20 & 9:40 pm Thurs, Feb 11 Regular Engagement Begins Friday.
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THE 5TH WAVE [PG-13] Chloe Grace Moretz Nick Robinson FRI-THURS: 6:30, 8:50* Plus SAT-SUN: 1:40, 4:00 * Time Not Shown Thurs, Feb 11	DIRTY GRANDPA [R] Zac Efron Robert DeNiro FRI-THURS: 6:40, 9:00* Plus SAT-SUN: 1:50, 4:10 * Time Not Shown Thurs, Feb 11
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Nebraska vs. Rutgers 1pm
Sunday - Iowa vs. Illinois 12pm

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5:30 kickoff this
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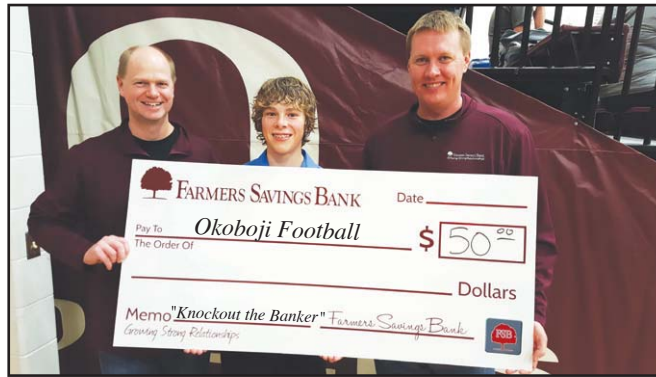
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- John Bauer – 2nd Speech
- Mark Vander Veen – 1st Economics
- Jake Heitritter – 1st Math, 1st Economics
- Nicolas Lopez – 3rd Math
- Brittany Lende – 3rd Science



Brad Simington and Corey Langner, of Farmers Savings Bank, are pictured presenting Jacob Allen, of the Okobojo Football team, with a check for \$50 for winning "Knockout the Banker".

Knockout the Banker Results

Farmers Savings Bank sponsored the "Knockout the Banker" competition during halftime of the Okobojo basketball games on Friday, January 22. The games of "Knockout" were played by high school students along with loan officers from Farmers Savings Bank. Each competitor represented a specific team or school club and could win \$50 for their organization by winning the competition. The bankers represented the Okobojo Booster Club. Jacob Allen, a freshman representing the Okobojo football team, won the competition during the first half. Megan Peschong, a senior playing on behalf of the girls basketball team won the second. In turn, \$50 was donated to each of the teams represented. Another \$100 was also donated to the Okobojo Booster Club for their support of the Okobojo Community Schools. Sponsoring the "Knockout the Banker" competition is just one of the ways Farmers Savings Bank is saying thank you to its community throughout 2016, its 100th year of service. "We were founded in 1916 and are extremely pleased to be celebrating a century of service," said Brad Simington, Executive Vice President. "We are proud of the Okobojo School District and greatly enjoy supporting their activities. We look forward to supporting them for years to come." More information regarding upcoming 100 year anniversary events, like the March Madness Open House, can be found at FSBfostoria.com or their Facebook page.



Brad Simington and Tony Peschong are pictured presenting Megan Peschong, of the Okobojo Girls Basketball team, with a check for \$50 winning "Knockout the Banker".



Art Society Students Decorate Bean Bag Boards

The Okobojo High School Art Society Students used their creative spirit to decorate the bean bag boards that were used for the 2016 University of Okobojo Winter Games Bean Bag Tournament held January 30th and sponsored by KICD. Sixty-four 2-person teams from all over the country competed for the chance to win one of the coveted trophies. The proceeds of the event will go to the Okobojo High School Music Parents in support of the extraordinary music programs at the Okobojo High School. Participating students were: Alex Fellers, Rachel Harmon, Liz Olson, Jennifer Huisenga, Paige Hilde, Jaydn Barnett, Brooklyn Barnett, Mallory Gibson, Tatum Jostand, Mackenzie Eickholt, Jordan Koenck, Corbin Doll, Grace Eckard, Ariel Cookinham,

Zoey, Jackson Top Baby Names In 2015

Every year websites and the Social Security Administration present lists of the trendiest baby names in the nation. But what about locally? This year, Spencer Hospital tabulated the most popular names of the more than 274 babies delivered at the hospital during 2015. Spencer Hospital saw a mix of traditional and modern names for babies born during 2015. Zoey was the top girl's name nudging out other popular names such as Claire, Avery, Eva and Harper. Meanwhile, the boys saw various versions of Jackson as the top moniker. Other popular boys' names included Hudson, Owen, Cale, Liam, Cooper and Oliver. Although the above names were used multiple times, in Spencer Hospital's nursery it was more unusual for babies to share a name as many babies born at the hospital received a one-of-a-kind name. Among the more original names for girls were Nayelli and Keestlyn, and for boys, Corduroy, Khalil and Anchor. "Each baby has his or her own special personality and it's always fun to learn the name the parents have picked for their child," expressed Jeannette Hasley, Obstetrics and Women's Health Director. She added with a smile, "We're excited to see if our new Birth Center at Spencer Hospital, scheduled to open late this summer, inspires any new names. Perhaps we'll see an Aspen, or a Rose or Park as the OB suites will overlook our beautiful green space." To determine the most popular names, different spelling variations of the same sounding name were combined. For example, the ranking for Jackson also includes variations such as Jaxon, Jaxson and Jaxton. Many of the other names on the list include multiple spellings.



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Birthday Announcement

Please join us on February 13, 2016, between 2:00 – 4:00pm at the Milford Community Center to celebrate the 90th birthday of our mother, Lorraine Little. No gifts please. Your presence is gift enough. – Dan, Mary and Jill Little



Lake Park Oratorical Winner Moves On

Congratulations to James Harmon for winning the Area III American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest that was held on January 27, 2016, at the Charter Oak-Ute Community School.

Pictured above are 9th District Oratorical Chairman James Kessler and James Harmon.

Mr. Harmon will be competing next against the winners from Area I and II on February 14, 2016, in Des Moines for the right to move on to the National Competition in Indianapolis Indiana.

Mr. Harmon is representing and sponsored by the American Legion Post #371 in Lake Park.

Spaghetti Dinner In Milford

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, in Milford, Iowa, will host their 15th annual spaghetti dinner Sunday, February 7 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Spaghetti with homemade "secret recipe" sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage will be served. A free will offering will be taken with a suggested contribution of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12.

In-town Milford delivery will be available that day. To place a delivery order, persons should call 712-338-2274 that day. Proceeds will support the works of St. Joseph.

Bird Haven Reflections
By Carole Lochmiller

Observing Nature From Inside
We're making ice here in northwest Iowa! I know many ice fishermen, and they have been anxiously awaiting good ice. We were teased a bit, but during that time we were able to watch bald eagles fishing on Center Lake and that was thrilling to me.

Then the real winter arrived, and the lakes froze up which is supposed to happen in northwest Iowa. From my kitchen window I can see the snowmobilers at Memorial Park, something I also enjoy. I love winter and this is my 15th in this corner of Iowa. This person does not like being cold, however, so I'll let the others do the cold activities and I'll observe. Without this kind of winter, we would be subjected to more bugs and plant diseases come next spring. I am reminded of the year I planted over 100 daffodil bulbs atop my retaining wall only to have the weather be mild all winter, and all those bulbs rotted. So give me winter because without it we would not have as beautiful a spring or appreciate it as much.



Photo by Wendell Hansen: A Mourning Dove enjoying the platform feeder at Bird Haven.

Great Backyard Bird Count

February brings the 18th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). This is a worldwide event sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada. This year the 4-day event is February 13 - 16.

There are an increasing number of participants each year and since the count is now global, there is more interest than ever with 135 countries participating last year. Participants count for any length of time they wish and report the sightings online at www.birdcount.org or just type in GBBC and follow the directions.

It is easy; I did it. Bird watching is an ever-growing hobby, so if you feed birds plan to participate. Without our information, declines in populations or increase in populations are overlooked. This study also tracks migratory patterns, which are very important. Less than my 15 years ago, the first eagle nest in the area was a very hush, hush affair. Now we can observe them many places.

Without the GBBC they would not know the species and number of northern birds that call our area their southern home for the winter. So our counts are very important to those studies.

Pine Siskins, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Crossbills and Redpolls are among the birds that over winter here. Plus the Snowy Owl, whose sightings always cause A FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT. And yes there are reports this year.

We will be able to help anyone report their counts February 13-16. You can do your count right at home on your computer or call Wendell and myself at Bird Haven (712-336-2473) or come into the store with your count numbers.

Remember to enjoy winter even if it is from your cozy home. Spring will be more welcoming and enjoyable after a long, cold northwest Iowa winter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Iowa Lakes Community College has been an asset to northwest Iowa for 50 years. They provide a quality education, whether it is for a credit or non-credit programs. On February 2nd constituents will be able to help Iowa Lakes enhance the educational opportunities for all students by voting yes to a \$16 million bond referendum. This is the first time that Iowa Lakes has put a proposal like this to our voters. There are 15 community college districts in Iowa and most have had voter approval to use a similar tax levy to provide funds to build or maintain physical facilities.

The bond funds would be used for projects at each of our 5 campuses to upgrade or build additions to current facilities, as well as provide a more secure setting. Your investment in the college would be \$11.70 per year for 15 years, if you owned a house with an assessed value of \$100,000.

I have been associated with Iowa Lakes Community College for over 10 years and have had the opportunity to review their operations. I have found that they are very responsive to the needs of their students, as well as providing economic development activities for local businesses. I support this project because I see it as an investment in the lives of current and future students.

I will vote yes and hope that you do so also.
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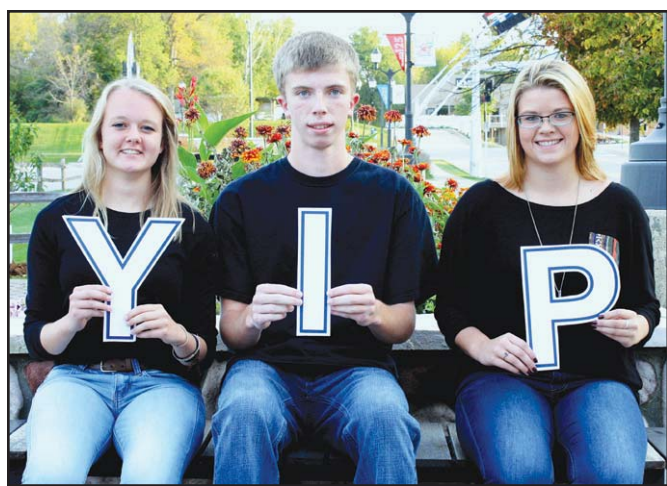
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YIP set their goal at \$30,000 for 2016 YIP grants and will continue fundraising through March. There is nothing to buy; every dollar given to YIP goes directly back to the community through YIP Awards.

Twenty-five students from area high schools participate from October through May in the Okoboji Foundation's annual Youth in Philanthropy initiative to learn about the importance of community giving.

Each student was asked to comment on "Why is Youth in Philanthropy important to our Lakes Community and to you?"

• **Lucy O'Hagan:** "YIP is important in our community because it helps make this area a better place for everyone to live and visit. It is important to me because giving back to our community and serving others is my way to make a difference."

• **Jacob Vos:** "Youth in Philanthropy is important because it gives high school students a chance to give back to their community. It is important to give back to the people that always support us."

• **Kailie Hromatko:** "The lakes community is able to grow and become better with every donation and grant that we are able to give. It feels amazing to be part of that."

Visit www.GiveOkoboji.com to make a secure online gift to YIP or mail your tax-deductible donation to Okoboji Foundation, PO Box 593, Okoboji, IA 51355.

The Okoboji Foundation is the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Started in 1988, it serves as the Center Point of Community Giving for Vital Capital Projects. The Okoboji Foundation also accepts Leadership Grant Requests for amounts of \$25,000 or more. These will be reviewed by the adult grant committee and funded from endowment proceeds. For additional information visit www.okobojifoundation.org or call the Okoboji Foundation at 712-332-7177.

Anniversary Announcement

Nick and Jennie Vos will celebrated 67 years on January 31, 2016. Their children and grandchildren would like to honor them with a card shower. Warm wishes can be sent to them at 707 Sunshine Run, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331.

Cranston Named to Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has announced that Adrianna Cranston, of Lakefield, Minnesota, has made the fall semester Dean's List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average.



Wills Hosts Spirit Lake Constituent

This week Representative John Willis (R-Spirit Lake), right, hosted Kelly Norland of Spirit Lake, left, to the floor of the Iowa House of Representatives. Norland was visiting Des Moines to discuss issues with legislators and take a tour of the historic Capitol building.

Northwest Iowa Singles Dance

A Northwest Iowa Singles Dance will be held Saturday, February 6, 8:00pm-midnight, at Hap Community Center, Everly, Iowa. There will be dance classes at 7:15pm. The Band *Cold Brew* will be performing and the theme will be Cupids Night.

Married couples welcome. You may bring finger-food or appetizers if you wish.

Minnesota State Mankato Announces Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marilyn Wells.

The following local students qualified for the *High Honor List* by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, or a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the *Honor List*:

- **Armstrong** Mara Irmiter, Honor List
- **Esterville** Heather Natterstad, High Honor List
- **Heron Lake, Minnesota** Luanna Henkels, High Honor List
- **Jackson, Minnesota** Jacob Boyer, Honor List; Brooke Klontz, High Honor List; Lacey Schneekloth, Honor List; Lexi Schneekloth, Honor List; Brandi Sether, Honor List; Caitlyn Stevens, Honor List
- **Lakefield, Minnesota** Lydia Brandt, Honor List; Karlee Wegner, High Honor List
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The Iowa Lakes Men's Quartet - Eli Niebuhr, Taylor Smith, Tristan Waterman, Colten Christensen

Singing Valentines!

Say "I love you" with a Singing Valentine, and leave your sweetheart speechless. On Friday, February 12, the Iowa Lakes Men's Quartet will deliver Singing Valentines for area residents and business people looking for a fun and exciting way to send a Valentine message to their sweethearts, family members, friends, employees, or customers.

The singers can serenade them at home, at work, in a restaurant, or anywhere else you choose. Wherever they appear, they'll draw a crowd - and sometimes a few tears.

A Singing Valentine costs \$25 and includes two songs sung by the quartet (dressed in their best - tuxedos), a personalized Valentine's card, a rose, and a commemorative photograph, so you can always remember the occasion. Men and women alike are on the receiving end - with moving results.

To order a Singing Valentine, contact Brett Fuelberth, Iowa Lakes Vocal Music Professor, at 712-362-7963 or email bfuelberth@iowalakes.edu.

Spirit Lake Library News

Nighty Night Storytime At The Library

Kids and parents - join us at the Spirit Lake Public Library for Nighty-Night Storytime on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30pm. It will be a valentine theme. Call the library at 712-336-2667 to sign up but walk-ins are always welcome too. Be sure to wear your 'jammies' and bring a blanket or favorite stuffed friend to share this time with.

** Show date - Thursday, February 4 at 6:30pm.

Tales Of Tails

This week's "tail" has two names. When this stray was brought to the Northwest Iowa Humane Society by the Milford police, this friendly and affectionate, sweet name for a sweet cat was named Jenna. As the days passed, she acquired a nickname "Cami" in recognition of her unusually colored coat of fur.

"Cami" is different from most calico cats that are white, black, and orange. She is white, grey, and tan just as if she were designed like a Desert Storm camouflage cat... thus the nickname "Cami" for her camouflage coat. She is also different from most strays, for she loves and seeks attention. When anyone passes her cage, she rushes to the front and asks to be petted. She's never met a stranger, and truly wants to be someone's special friend in a forever home.

"Cami" or Jenna, is probably just over year old, and whether she is called by Jenna, "Cami," or by any other name, she will be as sweet.

Remember... "In a perfect world every animal would have a home, and every home would have a pet."

Call the Northwest Iowa Humane Society at 712-338-2738 or come see the animals at 607 28th Street, just north of Milford. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon to 6:00pm.



Sacred Heart School's Fish Fry

All are welcome to Sacred Heart School's Annual Fish Fry on Friday, February 19, 5:30-7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall (1111 4th Avenue West, Spencer). They will be serving all you can eat batter-fried fish and macaroni and cheese. Free will offering. All proceeds go to Sacred Heart School. Take out orders available. Sponsored by Sacred Heart school board.

Unmatched Carpenters Tribute Takes The Stage At The PLAC

Lisa Rock and her 6-piece band are bringing the music of The Carpenters back to the stage with their spot-on renditions of Carpenters classics with *Close to You: The Music of The Carpenters*. See them live at the Pearson Lakes Art Center on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:30pm in the Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members, and \$15 for students, and are available for purchase by calling the PLAC box office at 712-332-7013 or online at www.lakesart.org.



Karen Crpenter was considered one of the best vocalists of all time, who captured the attention of a generation with her unabashedly catchy pop music. The Carpenters' beautiful, memorable love songs topped the Billboard charts with more than a dozen number one hits. Lisa Rock is bringing that beloved music back to life. She's been performing to sold-out crowds for years and has written more than 15 original concerts and cabarets that have been seen across the country. Now, Rock has arranged a 6-piece band, complete with back-up singers, and together they are dedicated to creating a Carpenters experience like no other. Rock's amazing four octave range allows her to sing the hits like "We've Only Just Begun" and "Rainy Days and Mondays" in their original key, keeping the songs genuine and more recognizable for the audience. Don't miss this unforgettable performance.

Borkowski and Tigges Make Dean's List

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester. The following local students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college: Daniel Borkowski, of Everly, and Cory Tigges, of Ringsted.

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***Youth In Philanthropy Initiative:** The Okoboji Foundation involves approximately 25 students from Okoboji and Spirit Lake high schools annually in Youth in Philanthropy. This initiative empowers and challenges youth to identify community needs while building a sense of social responsibility. Students raise funds to make their own grants steered by student decision.

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Daytime Morning schedule table with columns for time slots (6am-11:30am) and station/channel information.

Daytime Afternoon schedule table with columns for time slots (12pm-5:30pm) and station/channel information.

Wednesday Evening schedule table for February 3, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm-11:30pm) and station/channel information.

Thursday Evening schedule table for February 4, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm-11:30pm) and station/channel information.

Friday Evening schedule table for February 5, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm-11:30pm) and station/channel information.

Saturday Morning schedule table for February 6, 2016, with columns for time slots (6am-11:30am) and station/channel information.

Table with columns: Saturday Afternoon, Time slots (12 pm to 5:30), and various TV shows like WFTC, KTVI, KPTH, KMEG, IPBN, KCAU, KELO, KEYS, WGN-A, WOI, ESPN, KSNF, LIFE, FREE, USA, A&E, DISC, TLC, DISN, TVL, COM, SPIKE, HALL, CNN, FNC, FXM.

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Table with columns: Monday Evening, Time slots (6pm to 11:30), and various TV shows like WFTC, KTVI, KPTH, KMEG, IPBN, KCAU, KELO, KEYS, WGN-A, WOI, ESPN, KSNF, LIFE, FREE, USA, SYFY, TBS, TNT, AMC, A&E, DISC, TLC, DISN, TVL, COM, SPIKE, HALL, CNN, FNC, FXM.

Table with columns: Tuesday Evening, Time slots (6pm to 11:30), and various TV shows like WFTC, KTVI, KPTH, KMEG, IPBN, KCAU, KELO, KEYS, WGN-A, WOI, ESPN, KSNF, LIFE, FREE, USA, SYFY, TBS, TNT, AMC, A&E, DISC, TLC, DISN, TVL, COM, SPIKE, HALL, CNN, FNC, FXM.

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GREATNESS FROM IOWANS

IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 NORTHWEST IOWA REGION GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Eleven STEM Scale-Up Programs Available

Iowa Lakes continues to serve as the Northwest Region's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Hub, offering Scale-Up programs that help engage students' interest in STEM. Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on STEM. The top priority of the STEM initiative is to increase student interest and achievement in those areas of education.

"STEM Scale-Up Programs are a great opportunity for educators in formal and non-formal education to engage in STEM curriculum that they may have not experienced yet," states Molly Faber, NW Iowa Regional STEM Manager. "Scale-Ups are also a great way to integrate STEM in all learning, and the program has shown great impact on students of Iowa," Faber added.

The STEM Council's Executive Committee voted to add five new programs to the 2016-2017 STEM Scale-Up menu and renew six established programs from the 2015-2016 menu. Programs offered this year range from building robots and coding programs to conducting agricultural field experiences and learning about STEM careers. The new additions for educators include programs in middle school mathematics, secondary life science, environmental and conservation studies and biomedical science.

In the last four years, several thousand educators have implemented STEM Scale-Up programs, including PreK-12 teachers, homeschoolers, after-school club leaders, Extension and 4-H professionals, daycare providers and church groups, among others. Almost all of Iowa's 335 school districts take part, reaching more than 100,000 youth every year. There have been outstanding results from this program and it has changed the lives of many students across the state. Each year the program is monitored and evaluated, and has been since the start. A document of over 500 pages is released yearly displaying the data and results from the previous year. All data can be found by going to the IowaSTEM.gov website.

"The most inspiring finding that I'd like to highlight is that all grade levels of students who participated in Scale-Up Programs achieved an average of 6 percentage points higher in National Percentile Rank on the Iowa Assessments in both math and science compared to students statewide," states Faber.

The STEM Council's mission is to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. For more information, visit www.IowaSTEM.gov.



Laker Softball Signs Julia Sullwold

Iowa Lakes Community College Head Coach Katie Larson announced the signing of Julia Sullwold to the 2016-2017 recruiting class. Julia is the daughter of Mike and Tippy Sullwold and played for the Totino-Grace Eagles in Fridley, Minnesota.

"Julia will not only be a great addition to our softball program, but also a perfect addition to our entire campus. She is a hard working, talented, and driven young woman," commented Larson.

Starting for the Totino-Grace Eagles since 9th grade, Julia brings experience and multi-sport athleticism to the Iowa Lakes Softball program. As she enters into her final season as an Eagle, Sullwold is batting .380, racking up 68 hits with 12 doubles and 2 triples. Her strong defensive skills have been shining with a 95% fielding percentage. Because of her efforts, Julia was named to the All-Conference team her sophomore year and earned Honorable Mention her junior year. She was also voted Defensive MVP both sophomore and junior year.

Julia is also the captain of her high school basketball team this year. She has earned four letter awards and was voted defensive player of the year in 2014. Sullwold also gets it done in the classroom earning herself the spotlight scholarship.

"We are extremely excited to have such a versatile athlete in Julia coming to be a Laker next year," Larson said of Sullwold. "Her speed will allow her the ability to make an immediate impact both offensively and defensively for us. Julia's work ethic, attitude, and presence will push to make our team better the minute she steps onto campus. We cannot wait to see what Julia can do in a Laker uniform!"



Brady Yaneff Accepts Assistant Director Position

Sacred Heart Parish and the Office of Faith Formation is pleased to announce that Brady Yaneff has accepted the position of Assistant Director in the Office of Faith Formation and will start on July 1, 2016.

Brady is a 2012 graduate of Bishop Heelan Catholic High School in Sioux City and will be graduating from Briar Cliff University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Brady will bring to the position a wonderful past experience working with youth; serving as a Totus Tuus teacher within the Sioux City Diocese including Sacred Heart; as well as leadership and mentoring skills. Additionally, he worked extensively with retreats while at Briar Cliff University, which will be beneficial to all Sacred Heart members.

As Assistant Director in the Office of Faith Formation at Sacred Heart Parish, Brady will be responsible for facilitating and assessing the needs of the parish children and youth in grades K-6th. Brady will work closely with the Director of the Office of Faith Formation, Gwen Kardell and with Fr. Bill Schreiber, Pastor of Sacred Heart.

For additional information please contact Sheriffa Jones, Director of Stewardship and Development at sjones@spencerschools.org or 712-262-3047 or Fr. William Schreiber, Pastor, at weschreiber@spencerschools.org or 712-262-3047.

Minnesota West Community & Technical College IPEDS Results

Minnesota West Community and Technical College received IPEDS Data Feedback Report 2015.

IPEDS is the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a system of interrelated surveys conducted annually by the U.S. Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The system of survey components collects data from about 7,500 institutions that provide postsecondary education across the United States.

IPEDS collects institution-level data on student enrollment, graduation rates, students charges, program completion, faculty, staff and finances. IPEDS then compares Minnesota West Community & Technical College to 29 similar institutions – medium, public, 2 year colleges, in the Midwestern states.

- Minnesota West is proud to share for the analyzed 2015 IPEDS collection of data:
- Minnesota West graduation rates are 17% higher than the comparison group.
- Minnesota West retention rates are 12% higher for full-time students and 24% higher for part-time students for comparison groups.
- Minnesota West graduation rate of full-time, first-time students is also significantly 15-18% higher than the comparison group

For more information on IPEDS visit <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/>.

Red Cross Has Emergency Need For Blood And Platelet Donations

Donors needed now after severe winter weather forces blood drive cancellations

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors. Severe winter weather since January 1 has forced the cancellation of more than 300 blood drives across 20 states, resulting in more than 9,500 donations uncollected, further depleting an already low winter supply. Blood donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

"Blood products are being delivered to hospitals as quickly as donations are coming in," said Sue Thesenga, Communications Manager of the North Central Blood Services. "Eligible donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now and help ensure blood products are available for patients locally, and across the country, including areas severely impacted by winter weather."

Because of generous donors, the Red Cross is able to provide blood products to patients like 2-year-old Charlie Stephens. Charlie has received both blood and platelets during treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her mother, Michelle Stephens, donates blood regularly. "I want to help supply blood for someone else, because others have provided for my family," she said.

The Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 blood and platelet donations every day for the patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide. Blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

How to donate blood: A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a home or work computer prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

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