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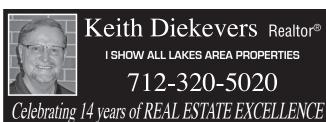
him with a card shower. Ted will be turning 97 years old on

December 16, 2019. Please send your cards and well wishes to

1305 Jeppeson Road, Room 205, Milford, IA 51351.

Christmas Dance at the Senior Center

Bill and Jackie will be performing on Sunday, December 15 at the Spirit Lake Senior Center for a special Christmas Dance from 2:00 to 5:00pm that afternoon. The dance is open to all The children of Ted Carpenter invite you to help celebrate the 97th birthday of their father, Ted Carpenter, by honoring ages. Enjoy the music and dance to some holiday classics, as well as contemporary dance tunes. There will be snacks available. Join your friends and make new friends at the Christmas dance at the Spirit Lake Senior Center from 2:00 to 5:00pm on Sunday, December 15.



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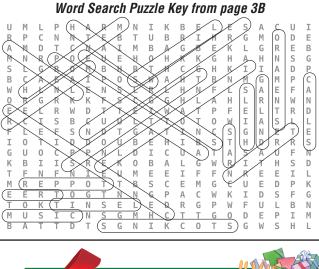
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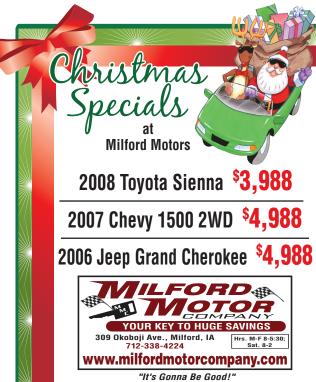
One entry per person per week. The Lakes News Shopper U-Pick-Em Pigskin Challenge runs weekly through the December 10, 2019 issue. The winner will be whoever picks the most correct games. For rules go to: LakesNewsShopper.com

THIS WEEK'S WINNER! MIKE HAGEN Hagen Wins Week #14 Mike Hagen, of Okoboji, was the winner of Week #14

of The Lakes News Shopper U-Pick-Em Pigskin Challenge. Hagen correctly picked 12 games. Week #14 was sponsored by The Lakes News Shopper and Hagen wins \$100 compliments of LNS. Be sure to play this week's U-Pick-Em online at www.lakesnewsshopper.com or by filling out the ad on page 2A of this week's LNS, and dropping it off at The LNS for your chance to win \$100 in Gift Cards; all forms must be completed by 4:00pm on Friday.







Simplify Your Giving This Holiday Season

As year-end approaches, requests from organizations doing great things pour in. And there's good reason for that. A significant amount of charitable giving happens in the fourth quarter.

No matter if it's \$25 or \$25,000 you have available to share, having a personal plan for giving is always a good idea.

As you think about your own contributions at the end of this year, here are three ideas to help maximize your giving:

If you plan to give, talk to your financial advisor

Discuss what assets to contribute and the different options that are available to simplify your giving and maximize your tax benefit. We often think of giving with our checkbooks or cash, but you may have other assets that could offer a more beneficial way to give.

Think about what matters most to you

Ask yourself this question: If you could spend two weeks volunteering for any cause or nonprofit, what would it be? This may be a good indication to consider it for a financial contribution.

Get the family involved

Giving together is a great way for families to share interests and values. When children or grandchildren are involved in giving (and volunteering) they learn the joy and importance of being involved in their communities.

The Okoboji Foundation is here to partner with you as you consider your charitable giving goals this holiday season. We are here to help simplify your giving through charitable giving funds that you can establish with a tax-deductible contribution. From there you can focus on the joy of giving by supporting the causes you care about over time or as needs arise. To explore the possibilities for your personalized giving strategy, contact me.

Rob Waterhouse

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9:30 - 4:30 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WITH CHRISTMAS GOODIES - Evans Clothing 10:00 - 1:00 CHRISTMAS OBSTACLE COURSE - The District

10:00 - 2:00 PICTURES WITH SANTA - Allure & Co.

10:00 - 2:00 HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES & TREATS TO ENJOY ON YOUR RIDE-Pick up your tickets at Wymer Insurance/Realty One Group before going to the carriage

10:00 - 2:00 CANDY GUESSING GAME, LIVE MUSIC & HOLIDAY CHEER -Twetten's

10:00 - 2:00 KIDS MAKE 'N TAKE PAINTING SNOWMAN CRAFT PAINTING (\$10) - Creative Spirits

10:00 - 2:00 COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR -American Legion

10:00 - 2:30 SECRET SHOPPER & PHOTO BOOTH WITH GRINCH-Indian Motorcycle at The Venue (next to Sportsman's Pub)

10:00 - 2:30 2 FOR 1 DRINK COUPONS Secret Shopper Parents receive coupon - Sportsman's Pub

10:00 - 2:00 FACE PAINTING & PHOTO WITH PRANCER & FROSTY, HOT CHOCOLATE BAR Interior Sewing by Lisa & Carney Concrete at Interior Sewing by Lisa

10:00 - 3:00 CHRISTMAS WITH RUDOLPH, PLAYTIME WITH KITTENS & DOGS, COOKIES,

CRAFTS AND GAMES -Humane Society of NW Iowa & H&R Block at H&R Block **10:00 - 3:00 REINDEER BUCKETS** (free with purchase or \$5 without purchase) & PICTURE WITH

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10:00 - 5:00 COME & GO FAMILY CERAMIC CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PAINTING (\$10) -Kurio Kastle

10:00 - 6:00 SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS GAME Sweets + Treats - Megan & Co

STORY TIME WITH KRISTA THE ELF -Spirit Lake Public Library

11:00 – 2:00 MUSICAL PETTING ZOO - Lutheran Lakeside Camp at Spirit Lake Public Library 11:00 - 2:00 COOKIE DECORATING - National Escrow Services, Exit Realty of Spirit Lake & Creative Cakes by Mindy at Bjornstad Law Office

11:30 - 1:30 PHOTO BUTTONS WITH MRS. CLAUS - Central Bank at Spirit Lake Public Library

12:00 - 3:00 HOLIDAY TATTOOS -Best in Show

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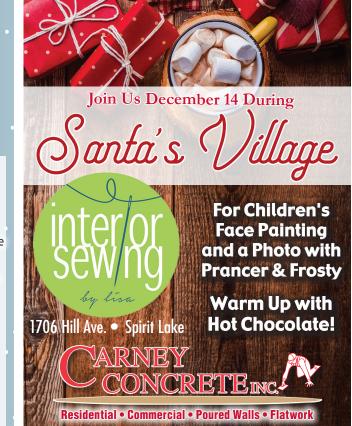
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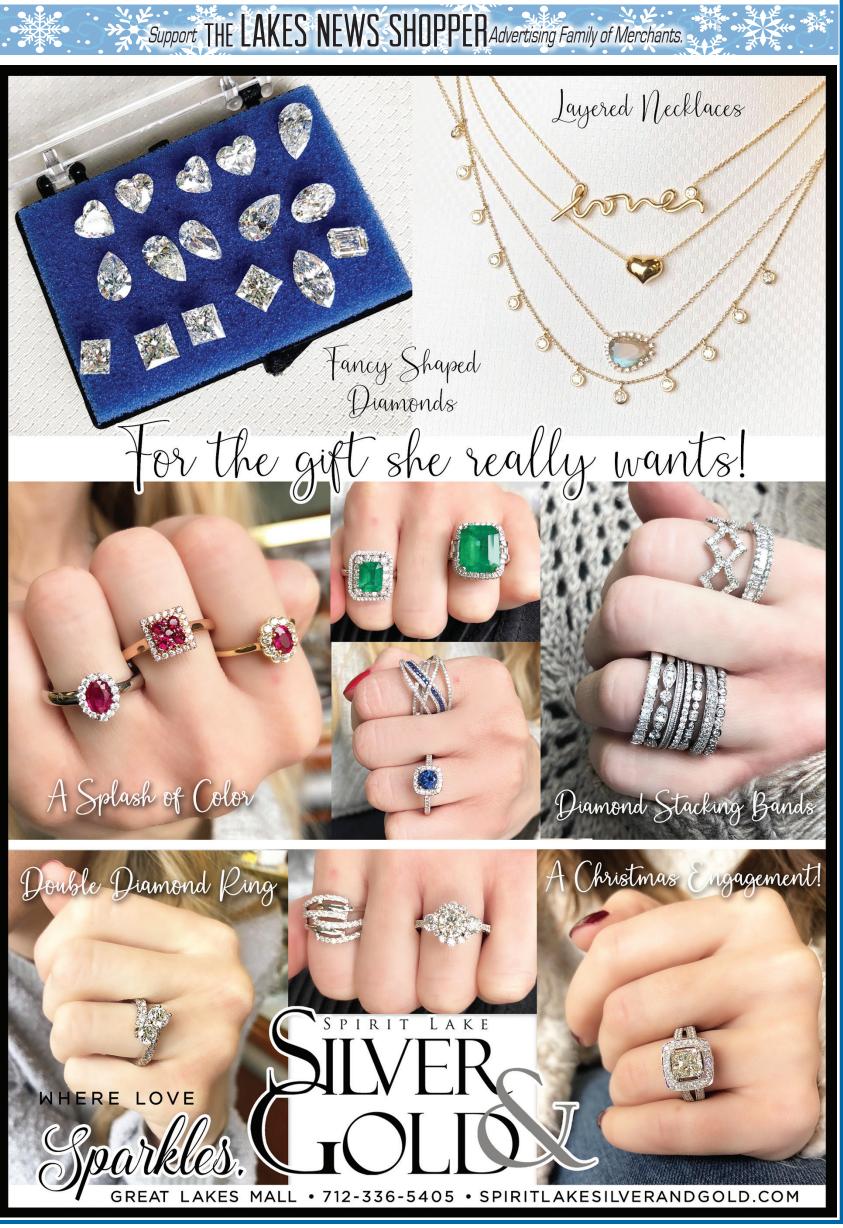
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Happy Birthday

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WORSHIP SERVICES SATURDAY 6:00PM SUNDAY 9:00AM

Wed, Dec 11 • 7:00pm Advent Service Wed, Dec 18 • 7:00pm Advent Service Fri, Dec 20 • 10:00am Joyful Journeys Program

> **Tues, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve** 4:00pm and 7:00pm Candlelight Services

Wed, Dec 25 - Christmas Day 9:00am Worship Service

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9:30am Harbor of Joy in Milford 3:30pm Faith Lutheran in Sibley

Christmas Concert • Saturday, Dec. 21

5:00pm Hope Lutheran in Everly

JoyKids & JoyUs Christmas Concert Wednesday, Dec. 11

Supper at 5:15 - Program to follow

Worship Every Sunday at 9:30am

Fellowship after service

Pastor Tim Voth • Bob Floss, music minister

Spirit Lake **United Methodist** Church

Find Joy This Christmas

Spirit Lake United Methodist Church is full of joy this holiday season! Worship is at 8:30 and 10:30am each Sunday with Advent Bingo during the month of December!

Fun with meaning. Joy with community. A place for all people, including you!

Children's Liturgical Dance Dec. 15 at Both Services Holiday Potluck - Wednesday -**Dec. 18 – 5:30 PM - Wesley Place** Blue Christmas Service -7:00 PM - Dec. 18 **Ugly Sweater Sunday Dec. 22**

December 24: Christmas Eve

Candle Light Services 3:00 PM – Singing led by Mellow Dees of Okoboji 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – Traditional Service

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Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

for dates and program schedule.

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Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use south door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.



Happy Anniversary!

Harold & Joyce Prior are celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary**

with a card shower on December 20. If friends and family would like to send cards, the address is: Harold and Joyce Prior 1103 Joy Loy Lane Milford, IA 51351





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Tea Room and the Pulled Pork Lunch. Proceeds will benefit: Room at the Table,

ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response Fund,

and Bethany Scholarship Fund **Bethany Lutheran Church** 15 W 14th St., Spencer, IA

Everyone Welcome!

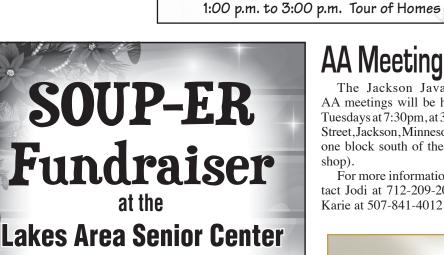




Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/countyresource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.





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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ 11:00AM 4:00PM 6:00PM 10:00PM

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IBBB at Spirit Lake VFW

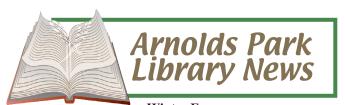
The musical elves are back. The Itty Bitty Boji Band will be rocking around the Christmas tree for a special dance at the

Spirit Lake VFW on Wednesday, December 11. The dance is open to the public and all are invited to enjoy the Holiday fun. Come early, if you'd like, and enjoy a meal prepared by the VFW, then stay for the dance. The dancing



starts at 6:00 and goes until 8:00pm. It's always a great time whenever the Itty Bitty Boji Band performs. Enjoy the music, dance to your favorite rock and country tunes, and kick off your holidays at the Spirit Lake VFW on Wednesday, December 11, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. You don't have to be an elf to enjoy the fun. Both elves and non elves are welcome to attend.





Winter Fun Past Times At The Arnolds Park Library

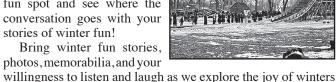
Come and be a part of the circle sharing and listening to stories of past times in the Lakes area Friday, December 13

at 10:00. We'll begin with a short ninety-year old film clip of brave youngsters enjoying a favorite Lakes area winter fun spot and see where the conversation goes with your



photos, memorabilia, and your past at the Lakes.

For more information, please email mary@arnoldspark.lib. ia.us or call Mary Dreier at 515-509-1159.

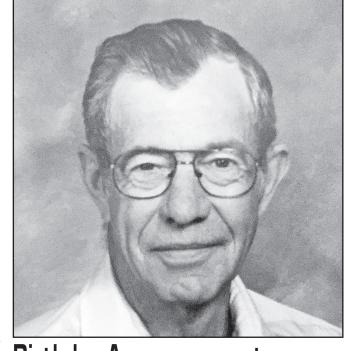


SWCD Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District will be held Friday, December 13, 2019, beginning at 9:00am, in the District Office. A tentative agenda will include: approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting.

The SWCD Foundation monthly meeting will also be held on the 13th.

If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by December 12 by calling 712-336-3782,



Birthday Announcement

The family of Dick Schmidt would like to honor him with a card shower for his 90th birthday on December 15, 2019. Cards may be sent to 1518 Fairview Avenue, Spencer, IA 51301.

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Book Fair at Okoboji Middle School

The OMS Book Fair is an elementary and middle school fair combined. The book fair will be open in the library 7:30am-

4:30pm on Mon day through Friday, December 9-13. Thursday the fair is open until 6:00pm. The community is invited to stop in during the school day anytime. Teen reads, chapter books, Christmas books, and stocking stuffers will be available. Credit cards, cash, and checks are accepted. A new eWallet gives parents the



option to set an online account for students. Check the website at https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/okobojimiddleschool.





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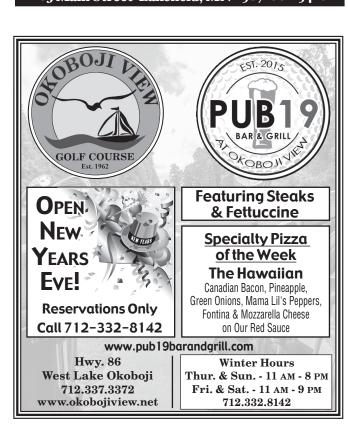
WEDNESDAY - Pan Fried Walleye THURSDAY - All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp FRIDAY - Prime Rib Dinner

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Music After Hours with Scott Larsen

Tickets for Music After Hours with Scott Larsen are on sale now. Scott will perform in the Pomerantz Hall at the Pear-

son Lakes Art Center on Thursday, December 12, at 7:30pm. Scott will present a fun-filled acoustic rock show guaranteed to please. Tickets are \$10 and can

be purchased at the Pear-

RESTAURANT



son Lakes Art Center box office, located at 2201 Highway 71, Okoboji, or by calling 712-332-7029. Tickets also available the night of the show. For more information regarding the show or membership, please call the Pearson Lakes Art Center at 712-332-7029 or visit www.lakesart.org.

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Holiday Gala

ter in Spirit Lake (2101 Zenith Avenue, south of Dairy Queen under the water tower) will host their Holiday Gala on Sunday, December 15, from 2:00 to 5:00pm, with Bill and Jackie set to perform. The admission fee is \$5. There will be a Soup Funraiser at the center from 11:00 to 1:00, but there will still be coffee, pop and popcorn available on site during the dance as well as a pot luck lunch. Door prizes will be available as well as remembrance gifts for those

Whether you come to dance or listen to the band, all ages are welcome.

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585 Acres Land Auction in Gilbert. IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management 712-253-5779.www.

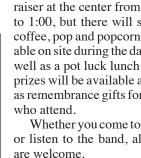
Thurs., Dec. 12 – 360 Acres Land Auction in Hancock Co., IA. Farmers National Co. 712-330-0277.www.FarmersNational.com

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IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management 712-253-5779.www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

Land Auction in Osceola Co., IA. Auctioneer: Klaassen. 712-754 3500. www.klaassenrealty.com.

Thurs., Jan. 16 – 76.61 Acres Land Auction in Osceola Co., IA.





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Christmas In Lake Park

All are welcome to Christmas In Lake Park Sponsored by Historical Society, on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at the Lake Park Community Center. There will be a noon meal from 11:00am-1:00pm, served by Lake Park Fire Department. Freewill donation.

The Decorated Tree Contest will be from 11:00am-2:00pm. This event is open to families, businesses, civic groups, and organizations. Community votes determine winning tree. Cash prizes include: \$50.00 for first place, \$30.00 for second place and \$20.00 for third place. Decorated trees need to be brought to the Community Center on December 14, between 1:00 and 5:00pm.





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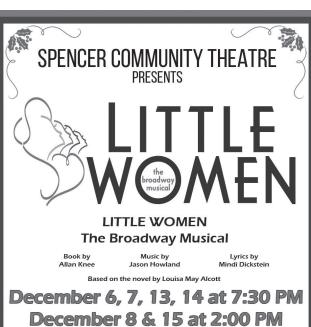
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Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$15 for a couple.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the holiday season December 19 at the Majestic Pavilion in Arnolds Park. A reminder, The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum is open in the Winter Months, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. For more information visit www.iowarocknroll.com.



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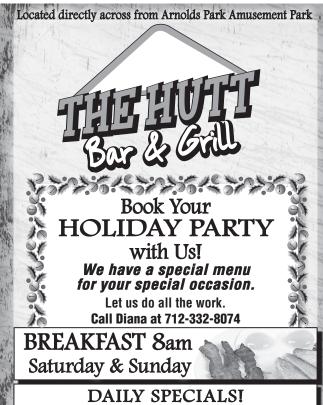
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Al-Anon Meetings:

New Hope Al-Anon Meetings will be held on Mondays at 8:00pm at the St. Joseph Catholic Church School, 1301 Okoboji Avenue, Milford.

For more information, contact Linda T. 712-363-2248.

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YIP Community Service & Project Christmas 2019

In addition to YIP Grants, Youth in Philanthropy gives back with an annual community service project. To make Christmas even brighter for area children, the students brought Christmas stockings filled with gifts to their December 4 meeting. Then, Youth in Philanthropy helped with several projects at the Bedell Family YMCA.

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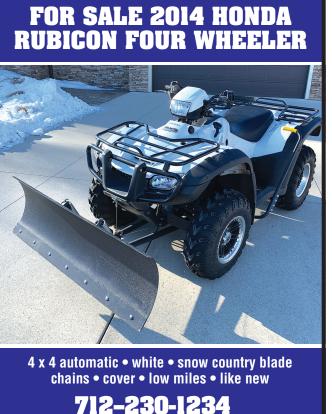
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Celebrate the giving season by supporting Youth in Philanthropy and these future community leaders with a gift. Sponsorships can be mailed to Okoboji Foundation, PO Box 593, Okoboji IA 51355

The Okoboji Foundation is the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Youth in Philanthropy began in 2010, and give grants steered by student decision. To learn more about YIP visit www.okobojifoundation.org under the YOUTH tab. For additional information call 712-332-7177.









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The Iowa Great Lakes Chapter of Rotary visited local schools in early December to provide dictionaries to all 3rd grade students. Rotarian Brad Jungers, above, is pictured with the Graettinger Terril 3rd grade. The dictionaries go to all students in Dickinson County including Lake Park, Milford, Okoboji, Spirit Lake and Terril. The project started in 2003 with the nonprofit Dictionary Project (https://www. dictionaryproject.org/about/) with the aim of inspiring students to be better writers, creative Rotarians Erin Reed (left) and Michelle Schwartzthinkers and avid readers.



Webb (right) deliver dictionaries to Spirit Lake.





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Howard Retires After 40 Years

All are welcome at Fareway in Spirit Lake for an open house coffee reception to celebrate the retirement of John Howard. John is retiring after more than 40 years in the grocery business, and has been in this location since the store opened in 1985. The cake and coffee open house will be this Friday, December 13, 2019, from 9:00am - noon, with a short presentation at 10:00am. Congratulations, John!

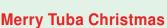


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Tuba Christmas emcee Al Berdahl (I), of Sioux Falls, and Spirit Lake High School band director Tyler Pedersen frame SLHS students Jordyn Sorenson (I), Zach Steffens, and Megan Sandison Thursday night, for Tuba Christmas at the Methodist Church in Estherville. The church and the library were crowded with spectators of all ages.



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Concerts: learning opportunties!

While we missed Spencer's *Tuba Christmas* earlier last week, we did get back on campus in time to see that Spirit Lake High School band director Tyler Pedersen had hauled nine of his time to see that Spirit Lake High School band director Tyler Pedersen had hauled nine of his band students and their low brass instruments to Estherville, Thursday night, so they could all participate in *Tuba Christmas* at the Methodist Church and at the Public Library. Both saw good audiences of all ages. And they got to hear about the origins of *Tuba Christmas* from Sioux Falls' very own Al Berdahl, who has probably given rise to more *Tuba Christmas* groups — including the Spencer and Estherville aggregations — than any other individual. Tyler told us that he encourages students to consider learning to play the euphonium or tuba, "just for the *Tuba Christmas* experience. Any chance for them to play is a good learning opportunity." And it's fun for the students and audiences, too. Both vocal and instrumental students from SLHS will be alternating performances from the roof of the former Antler's

students from SLHS will be alternating performances from the roof of the former Antler's Hotel in downtown Spirit Lake, all day Saturday, as a part of Santa's Village...

The Harris - Lake Park Middle School / High School Winter Concert will see two

performances again this year; with an afternoon show, at 1:15 (Note a change), Wednesday

afternoon, December 11th, in the auditorium; and an evening performance, Monday night, December 16th. The middle school concert will begin at 6:30, and the high school at 7:30.

The H-LP Elementary School Christmas Concert will be held in the elementary school gymnasium at 7:00 Thursday night. A full rehearsal will begin at 8:45, Thursday morning, and is also open to the public...

The Itty-Bitty Boji Band will be playing music for dancing and toe-tapping under the tables at the Spirit Lake VFW, Wednesday night, from 6-8:00. The fun at the VFW is open to the public each Wednesday night.

Boji Bill and Boji Jackie will also be performing at the Spirit Lake Senior Center, Sunday

afternoon, from 2-5:00. This, too, is open to the public...

Adam, Jacob, and Gary will be seen on the stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake

Winery Thursday night, from 6 - 8:00. The trio is now *The Vinyl Nights...*While you may not be able to find this on the Pearson Lakes Art Center's website, The

PLAC will be presenting acoustic rock artist Scott Larsen, in what is being described as "a fun-filled evening," *Music After Hours*, Thursday night in Pomerantz Hall at 7:30...



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THE PORK TORNADOES -- NEW YEAR'S EVE Tuesday, December 31st, 8:30 Roof Garden Ballroom at Arnolds Park

Research director RD tells us this week that Walter Knott was born on December 11, 1889, in San Bernadino, California, This name should be familiar to most readers as the farmer who in San Bernadino, California, This name should be familiar to most readers as the farmer who created Knott's Berry Farm amusement park in 1940, and the person who also introduced the boysenberry to America. For at least 30 years the park featured a Dentzel carousel for kids of all ages to enjoy. Dentzels were one of the first merry-go-rounds built and are known especially for their intricate artwork. While *The Music Goes Round and Round* (Think Ella Fitzgerald) would be a good song selection, RD is a bit more up to date in her selection of *On a Carousel*, written and recorded by the British Invasion group, *The Hollies*, in 1967...

Thursday will see the full moon of winter, calling for Hoagy Carmichael's *Winter Moon*, recorded in 1956 with an 11-piece all-star jazz group. The well-received composition features Carmichael singing about lonely lunar beauty in the twelfth month of the year even though autumn will still linger for a few more days...

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Frank Sinatra, who was born on December 12, 1915, was the first to record Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow, which was written by two of the Chairman of the Board's favorite music men, Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne, in July of 1945. So you should think of it as Sinatra's plea for cooler conditions from Santa. The song has always been designated as a Christmas favorite, even though the holiday is not mentioned in the lyrics. But since winter occurs in June, July, and August in the Southern Hemisphere, music lovers "down under" might not even associate the song with Christmas at all...

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Sixties pop singer Connie Francis turns 82 on Thursday. The singer and actress, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, released her Christmas in My Heart, LP in 1959, including I'll Be Home For Christmas, which was penned by Kim Gannon, Walter Kent, and Buck Ram. Gannon is also credited for the lyrics for Glenn Miller's 1942 hit, Moonlight Cocktail...

While it may seem strange to have Friday the 13th in the midst of a holiday season, RD has come up with some good luck symbols, including wishbones, horseshoes, four leaf clovers, and chimney sweeps — which brought to mind the Academy Award winning Chim Chim Cheree, which was performed by Dick Van Dyke in the role of Bert the Chimney Sweep in the 1964 Disney motion picture, Mary Poppins. Robert and Richard Sherman's lyrics promise, "A sweep is as lucky as lucky can be;" and "Good luck will rub off when I shake hands with you." It must be good luck that Van Dyke turns 94 on Friday the 13th...

Nat Cole taught us about "Roasting chestnuts on an open fire." Perhaps that is why Friday was dubbed Roast Chestnuts Day! The song from which the "Roasting..." line was taken is from The Christmas Song, which was written by Robert Wells and Mel Torme — and most famously recorded by the Nat 'King' Cole Trio in the spring of 1946. Through the decades many more vocal versions followed as well as worthy instrumentals, including those by The Canadian Brass, pianists Henry Mancini and Dave Brubeck; and guitarist John Pizzarelli, Jr.,

Canadian Brass, pianists Henry Mancini and Dave Brubeck; and guitarist John Pizzarelli, Jr.,

on his 1996 CD, Let's Share Christmas...

Lindley Armstrong 'Spike' Jones was born on December 13, 1911, in Long Beach,
California. As a youngster Lindley got his nickname because he was so thin he was compared
to a railroad spike! The musician and bandleader's later specialty was satirical arrangements
of popular songs, as demonstrated on his 1956 album Spike Jones Presents A Xmas Spectacular.
The LP features at least two wacky favorites, All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth,
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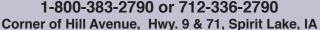


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The Okoboji Pioneer Booster Club is promoting a White Out Night for the Okoboji vs. Sibley- Ocheyedan basketball games with 9th grade girls and boys starting at 4:45, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 on December 17. Anyone wearing white will receive a free popcorn!



Dance in **Brewster**

Brewster Fun Time will have a dance on December 14 in Brewster, Minnesota, from 7:30-11:30. Music will be provided by Don of The Senders. Dance lessons available at 7:15. The dance is open to everyone, and admission is only \$10 per person. There will be "mixers' to meet other dancers, and lots of snacks to enjoy. Make plans to attend, and bring your friends

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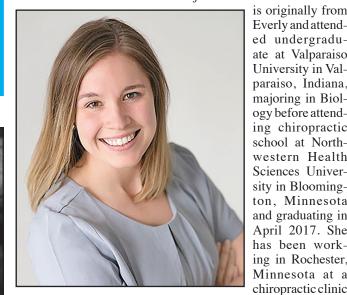
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Dr. Schmidt Joins Local Clinic

Ingwersen Family Chiropractic, LLC in Milford is pleased to announce Dr. Jordan Schmidt has joined the clinic. Dr. Schmidt



ed undergraduate at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, majoring in Biology before attending chiropractic school at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota and graduating in April 2017. She has been working in Rochester, Minnesota at a chiropractic clinic

before moving back to the Iowa Great Lakes this summer. Dr. Schmidt is married and her husband, Matt, is employed with the Iowa National Guard in Spencer, Iowa and they have two children, Brooklyn, age two, and Jack, age three months. She has a passion for pregnancy and pediatric chiropractic and Dr. Laura Ingwersen is very excited to have her join the clinic! Please stop in to say hello and meet Dr. Jordan or to schedule an appointment with her, you can call the clinic at 712-338-2225.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. Letter to the Editor:

Just The Facts

 $President \, Trump, upon \, election \, to \, the \, presidency, told \, America$ he would hire the "best and brightest" for his advisors.

Put aside the facts that most all his original cabinet have left, some in the face of possible scandals – and most have been replaced by "acting" secretaries. Lets look at some interesting best and brightest, and what's happened to them:

- Paul Manaforte 2016 Trump campaign manager
- Michael Cohen Trump's 2016 personal lawyer • Roger Stone - Trump's longtime personal advisor and
- WikiLeaks guru • Michael Flynn - former foreign policy advisor
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- All of the above are either in jail, awaiting sentencing, served

time, under criminal investigation, or criminally charged. Makes you yearn for the "I" word... Integrity.

Over 230 years ago one of our founding fathers wrote "Facts are stubborn things".

Sadly to say, in this day when the Republican party has sworn allegiance to one man over allegiance to country and constitution – the facts above and facts presented to Congress three weeks ago by 12 witnesses, many of whom are from the Trump administration, many of whom have more integrity in their little finger than some GOPers questioning them had in their whole bodies - These facts become "fake news" to those who believe an elected official can be above the law; those who believe Vladimir Putin's talking points over 17 American

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Berkley Warren Bedell, age 98, passed away on December 7, 2019, three days after suffering a massive stroke in Naples, Florida. A third generation of Spirit Lake, Iowa, he was born on March 5, 1921. Growing

up with two loving parents, Walter and Virginia Bedell and a younger brother, Jack, his life was filled with fishing, hunting, and hanging out with the South Side Gang – a harmless group of neighborhood friends who loved fishing, hunting and the magical life in a small town surrounded by lakes and wildlife.

In 1937, while still in high school, he began tying fishing flies and selling them in a local tackle shop. With the encouragement of his family, his natural entrepreneurial instincts encouraged him to develop fishing leaders and the beginning of what became Berkley & Co. He attended Iowa State University where he met the love of his life, Elinor Healy. He continued his fishing tackle business until World War II called. Joining the Army Air Corps, he became a flight instructor. Elinor and Berkley were married August 29, 1943

After the war, Berk and Elinor returned to Spirit Lake and restarted Berkley & Co which grew rapidly. From Steelon leaders to Trilene fishing line, Berkley's inventiveness introduced new and better products into the fishing tackle market, enabling him to employ hundreds of local people and home workers. The company expanded

into multiple locations – finally consolidating into a new factory building on highway 71 where it remains today. In 1964 he was honored by President Lyndon Johnson as the country's first Small Businessman of the Year. Berk was inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, and

Berkley was active in community affairs. He was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, a founding member of the Spirit Lake Kiwanis Club and a Mason. He served on the Spirit Lake School Board. Many people will recall his mentorship as a Boy Scout leader, the record number of Eagle Scouts and the annual canoe trips to the Boundary Waters.

Berk served as the president of the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Association, and the Iowa Manufacturing Association. He was active in the Young Presidents Organization. He served on the Board of Trustees of Morningside College, American University, and Claremont School of Theology.

In 1974 he was elected to represent lowa's 6th District in the US Congress. He served for twelve years until his retirement in 1987 because he contracted Lyme disease. In Congress he served on the Agriculture Committee and chaired the Small Business Committee. He also represented the United States at the UN Convention on Law of the Seas

When his health returned, he lobbied Congress to establish an Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM) in the National Institutes of Health. He served on the advisory board. Becoming frustrated that OAM did not aggressively consider alternate medical practices, he founded the Foundation for Alternative and Integrative Medicine in 1998 which continues today.

Berkley contributed in countless ways to the quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes from co-leading the Save The Park funding drive for Arnolds Park, to being a founding member of the Okoboji Foundation. He and Elinor contributed land to create Elinor Bedell State Park in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

While being remembered for his achievements, most people think of Berk for his leadership, his kindness, his compassion and his activeness to make a difference - not just in big causes, but in individual people's lives. He was alive with empathy and always ready to take on injustice.

Berkley was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Elinor Healy Bedell, his brother, Jack Bedell, and his parents, Virginia and Walter Bedell.

He is survived by three children, Ken Bedell (Kathie) of Westminster, Colorado; Tom Bedell (Molly) of Bend, Oregon; and Joanne Quinn (Mike) of Loveland, Colorado; eight grandchildren and twelve great

A visitation will be held at Peace Harbor, 16216 Hwy 86, Spirit Lake, IA 51360 on Friday, July 24th beginning at 5:00pm. Parking is available across the street.

A memorial celebration is planned for July 25, 2020, at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church at 11:00am. A luncheon will follow in Wesley Place. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Foundation for Alternative and Integrative Medicine, P.O. Box 2860, Loveland, CO 80538.



Art Society Sale: Art Society will have bowls, candles, and Christmas ornaments for sale before the Holiday Concert on December 16. They will be starting the sale at 5:30 pm and hope to be offering soup if you buy a bowl. What great Christmas gift ideas.

Kwik Star/Trip Car Wash Cards: Want a great deal on a car wash? Members of OFA's Debate and Jazz Band as well as Dance Team are selling KwikStar car wash cards now through December 19th. Each card is good for 5 Ultimate Washes valid at ANY Kwik Trip/Kwik Star in the US. Cards are \$36, payable to OHS. What a bargain with saving \$14. Contact the office or OFA if you don't know a student selling and we'll get you connected.

Scrunchies and OFA Decals: Our new Pioneers Scrunchies (\$8) and OFA Decals (\$2 or \$4) are available for sale at OMS with Mrs. Clark.

They will also be sold at the December holiday concerts. SCRIP Sales: Raise funds for Okoboji students. Buy shopping

cards for gas, groceries, clothes, restaurant through SCRIP. Check out SCRIP on Facebook. And check out the new MyScripWallet. Shop at OES: 7:45-8:45 am on Friday mornings.

Shop in person: Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:30pm at Hicks Healthcare in Milford.

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Upcoming Events: Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30-9:00pm: 5th-8th Grade Holiday Concert. Monday, December 16, at 7:30pm: HS Holiday Concert with Art Society Sale starting at

For our official weekly newsletter, more info and photos, check us out on Facebook or Instagram at OkobojiFineArts.





'Tis the Season to Give Back

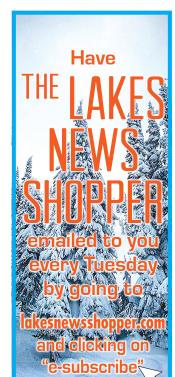
Blink Marketing in Milford, hosted a Pet Food Drive throughout the month of November to support the local Humane So-

ciety of Northwest Iowa. Needed items that were collected ranged from different kinds of pet food to general supplies like paper towels and cleaning wipes, plus some generous money donations. On behalf of Blink Marketing, they would like to thank everyone that participated and helped support the local Humane Society this holiday season.

In December, Blink will be hosting their annual Meals On Wheels "Angel Tree." program was designed to bring in donations that will directly allocate to the local "Meals On Wheels" program in Dickinson County. Their Angel Tree is set up at their office located at 1701 Okoboji Avenue on Highway 71 in Milford. The public can stop in to purchase an ornament for \$5.00 each, which covers the cost of a meal for an individual in the area.

"We are very pleased with the response of our friends and community who have given so generously the last few years, and we hope to continue to grow our efforts every holiday season," said Jill Harms, President of Blink Marketing. The Angel Tree will be up until December 23rd at Blink Marketing in Milford, directly across Highway 71 from Sunshine Foods.

Blink Marketing is committed to making a difference in Northwest Iowa, which is why we are committed to supporting a variety of local causes and organizations. If you are a local business and would like to partner with them on this community effort, please reach out to JillHarms@Blink26.com









View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Big Game BB Preview

It's Big Game Week as Iowa and Iowa State renew their annual Cy-Hawk rivalry on the basketball courts with the women playing on Wednesday and the men on Thursday with both games being played in Ames. All four teams are off to solid starts, with the ISU women at 6-1, the Iowa women at 6-2, the Iowa State men at 6-3 and the Iowa men at 6-3 (they will play Minnesota on Monday night after we go to press). I predict the ISU women will take advantage of some Hilton Magic on Wednesday and down Iowa 78-71, and will now dive deeper into the men's game.

ISU picked up a huge 76-66 non-conference win on Sunday night, knocking off #16 Seton Hall in a rematch from their 5th place game in the Battle for Atlantis, which Seton Hall won 84-76. Iowa State needed this quality non-conference win as they had battled #4 Michigan and Seton Hall close in Atlantis but were unable to get victories. Iowa has two quality nonconference wins in beating #12 at the time Texas Tech 72-61 in Las Vegas and winning at Syracuse 68-54, which is always a very tough place to play. Iowa State has been paced by star point guard Tyrese Haliburton, who is averaging 16.2 points and 8.2 assists per game; while Iowa is led by big man Luca Garza and his impressive 22.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. Garza is coming off one of the best performances in college basketball of the season, scoring 44 points and grabbing 8 boards in Iowa's 103-92 loss at #4 Michigan. Both of these teams like to get up and down the floor and both have shown glimpses of being improved on the defensive end of the court. A key to the game will be how healthy Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon is, as he is coming off hip surgery this summer and is contemplating a medical red shirt season. Bohannon can play in up to 10 games, so a decision will be made after the ISU game this week as Bohannon did not play in Iowa's victory over Cal-Poly earlier this season, making the ISU game his 10th game. Keys to this game will be how Iowa can slow down Haliburton and also force ISU to beat them from the 3-point line, as the Cyclones have been abysmal from that distance at home this season. ISU will have to find a way to slow down Garza, while also not allowing Bohannon or CJ Fredrick to get loose behind the 3-point line. I look for this to be a very competitive game, with ISU taking advantage of a very loud Hilton Coliseum crowd to pull out an 84-79 victory.

It was a great weekend of football for UNI, Iowa and Iowa State, even though UNI was the only team that played. The Panthers avenged a big 31-point loss at South Dakota State by taking out the Jacks in Brookings on Saturday 13-10 behind Matthew Cook's 18-yard field goal with 2:10 remaining in the game. UNI will now travel to James Madison to take on the #2 seed Dukes in the FCS quarterfinals on Friday night. Iowa received a bid to the Holiday Bowl where the #16 Hawkeyes will square off with national brand #22 USC (8-4) on December 27th in San Diego. Iowa State got a boost from a passionate fan base that travels, and leapfrogged Kansas State and Oklahoma State to get a bid in the Camping World Bowl in Orlando on December 28th. The Cyclones will also play a national brand, when they take on #15 Notre Dame (10-2). Look for more about these games as later in the month.



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4-H Club Gives Back This Holiday

by Claire Tillotson - Club Reporter

The Groom-N-Bloom 4-H Club adopted a family for this holiday season. Their club members took the opportunity to come together and shop for an area family in need as a way of passing it forward. The Groom-N-Bloom 4-H Club is able to donate due to their generous patrons from the tractor ride and sweet corn feed.



Christmas at Bethany Lutheran

The Scandinavian heritage of Bethany is the focus of Christmas at Bethany to be held on Saturday, December 14, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at Bethany Lutheran Church (15 W 14th Street, Spencer). The Scandinavian Tea, held in the main floor parlor will have tables decorated with the Swedish Dala horses, straw goats, and many other items shared by members of Scandinavian heritage. Our talented musicians will share their musical talents. We will be serving, Sot Suppe (Fruit Soup) Rommegrot (Cream pudding), Krumkake, Kringla, Almond Cake, Kransekake (Norwegian wedding cake) lefse and much more.

Downstairs we will be offering a hearty pulled pork lunch with salad and chips, serving from 11:00 - 1:30. There will be a bake sale with lefse and many other items for sale. Santa's workshop will be open for children to purchase inexpensive gifts for family, gift wrapping will be available also.

In the Sanctuary will be a place of quiet meditation amidst a display of nativity scenes. The entryway will have a craft sale are for you to purchase seasonal crafts and sign up for silent auction items.

A \$5.00 donation is suggested for the Scandinavian Tea and the pulled pork lunch.

Everyone is invited to attend; this is a fun day for the whole family on Saturday, December 14, from 11:00am - 3:00pm. We look forward to sharing our Scandinavian Heritage and the hospitality of Bethany Lutheran.

Funds raised will go to Room at the Table, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Relief Fund and Bethany Scholarship Fund.

Toys & Food For Kids

Okoboji Plumbing and Heating of Arnolds Park, Plumb Supply of Spirit Lake, and Marilyn Vos of Hoien Realty in Spirit Lake have combined for the "Real Spirit of Christmas" this year. For every new toy (\$5 value and up, toy needs to be unwrapped) or nonperishable food item brought to Okoboji Plumbing and Heating (formerly Vos Plumbing and Heating), 81 Hwy. 71 South, Arnolds Park; the giver will receive a new 1-inch furnace filter for their Take care of your home

and share with others this holiday season. All gifts will be distributed through lo-

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This chance for giving runs December 1 -19.



After 20 years of owning and operating Oh Shuck's Bait, Tackle and Convenience Store on Highway 86 outside of Milford, Steve Pflueger is retiring and closing the doors. Steve moved to the Iowa Great Lakes Area in 1967 from Wayne, Nebraska and has called it home ever since. Steve started his working career in the area cooking at the Red Rooster Café in Arnolds Park until 1969 when he purchased the Tap Inn located in Estherville. Pflueger has also owned the following Lakes Area businesses throughout the last 50 years; The Back Porch in Wahpeton, The Gingham Inn of Spirit Lake, Mother Natures, The Hut, The Regal Beagle, The Peacock, The Clinic and The Pretzel Hut in Arnolds Park, Sarg's Lounge and Chico's in Spencer, and Happenings and City Limits in Estherville. Steve enjoys living in the Lakes Area and plans to stay here after he retires from Oh Shuck's. Steve has thoroughly enjoyed his time owning Oh Shuck's and will miss all of his customers. He says that he has seen a lot of fishermen and hunters through the years and "they all are honest, especially in their story telling!". Oh Shuck's will be open for just a short time longer, so be sure to stop by and check out their great deals as well as tell Steve thank you for the many years of customer service he has provided. Also, check with Steve for Pflueger's Fishing Report...lt's not Fake News!





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Youth Corner

Do you like cookies, frosting, and more? Join Miss Becca at 3:30pm on Thursday, December 12, for Afterschool Activity

at Milford Memorial Library This program is open to Preschool-4th Grade youth, and there is no charge. Thank you to the talented Ms. Sandy Alexander for donating the yummy cookies. Have you visited the Youth

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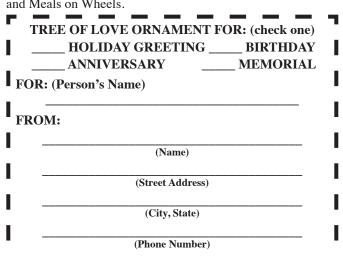


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Pictured: Mr Doug Stueven (teacher and K-Kids school advisor), Nick Christensen & Luke Donnenwerth (Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis members), and SLES K-Kids.

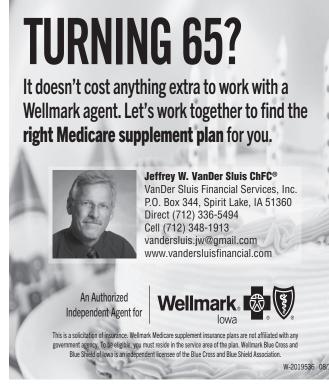


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The library is hosting the food drive this year for Holiday Fantasy. This ongoing food

drive for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines will end on Friday, December 13. Nonperishable food items can be brought to the Milford Memorial Library.

Join the Milford Library's Open Book Discussion Group on Tuesday, December 17, at 1:00pm. This group is open to all. It's not necessary to attend all meetings. Come and go as you please! We will be discussing Furious Hours by Casey Cep.

Light-up the night with your own DIY Flashlight! All 4th through 8th graders are invited on Tuesday, December 17, at 3:30pm, to join Miss Paige in creating your own flashlight. There is no pre-registration or cost for this program. All materials are provided by the library.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 18, for Dickinson County Staff Development Day. We will resume normal hours on Thursday, December 19.







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Preheat oven to 325°F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment.

In a mixing bowl, cream the sugar and butter. Stir in the egg and orange

and refrigerate 10-15 minutes. Melt the chocolate in double boiler, stirring until smooth. Remove and cool the chocolate to room temperature. Dip one end of each cookie in the melted chocolate. Set it on a waxed paper-lined tray. Return to the

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Following the soup lunch will be the Holiday Gala Dance from 2:00 - 5:00pm. Dance to the music of Bill and Jackie.

On December 19, from 12:00-1:00pm, Jan Monahan, from the Iowa State Extension office, will be here for a seminar on Staying Independent, Planning Ahead. Join us for lunch and be here for the seminar. Call 712-336-5247 to reserve a meal. Brandon will be here January 7, at 12:30pm, with Fresh

Zumba continues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30pm. Low-impact exercises are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45am. The pool room is open daily. We have greeting cards available for your convenience for a small fee. as well as books and puzzles to borrow or trade.

Dinner date meals are available Monday through Friday at 12:00pm. Call 712-336-5247 one day in advance to reserve a meal. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Check us out on Facebook.

The Lakes Area Senior Center would like to wish everyone a very blessed and Merry Christmas.



Need Help With Heating Bill?

The 2019-2020 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying lowincome Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. Applications will be taken October 1, 2019, to April 30, 2020, for elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled households. All other households can apply November 1, 2019, to April 30, 2020.

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others. If you have already applied and have been approved this winter season, you cannot re-apply.

For guidelines and an appointment in Dickinson County, call Upper Des Moines Outreach office at 712-336-1112, located at 1575 18th Street, Spirit Lake.

Lakes Area Military Community

The Spirit Lake VFW is sponsoring four local Christmas Wish Trees this year. These trees, which are placed in area businesses, allow the public to fill a Christmas wish, and honor someone from our local military community. When you see one of these trees, we ask that you choose a tag, and purchase the gift requested. Return the gift, unwrapped, with the gift attached, to the tree where you got it. That's all you have to do to make somebody's holiday a bit brighter this year. The gifts will then be given as a "Thank you" and "Merry Christmas" to those who served us all. Any member of the military is encouraged to sign up! To register, please provide proof of service and call Ann Miller at 712-336-0883. Registration will run through Friday, December 13. The Wish Trees will be located in Spirit Lake at Fareway, Hy-Vee, Walmart, and the VFW Canteen. Gifts will be available for pick-up on December 21 and December 22 at the VFW Canteen, 914 Lake Street, in Spirit Lake from Noon | for a reception afterwards. For more information or questions, to 3:00pm. Thank you all for supporting our local military community. Merry Christmas!

Respite Angels

Join the Respite Angels on Thursday, December 12, at 10:00am, at Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park for Christmas music and hymns with Pam Sundall, Terri Nagel and Sister Sandy. Pam will be on the keyboard and loves it when everyone sings along. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, you can call the church office at 712-332-2447 or Kelly at Respite Angels at 712-229-6064. Refreshments will be served.

Climate Meeting

The Iowa Great Lakes chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby will hold their December meeting at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory at 10:30am, Saturday, December 14. Newcomers are welcome.

The meeting will focus on climate solutions, from helping individual citizens make wise decisions in their daily lives, to influencing elected officials to build political will that promotes the common good.

The bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, HR 763, introduced into Congress earlier this year, will be discussed along with tools individuals can use to stay informed on climate science and policy.

Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to a bipartisan approach empowering citizens to connect and influence their members of Congress for climate solutions such as a national, revenue-neutral, carbon fee-and dividend system.

For more information about CCL, visit https://citizensclimatelobby.org/

For information about HR 763 visit https://energyinnovationact.org.

Lakes Area Senior Center News | Christmas at Bethany Lutheran

The Scandinavian heritage of Bethany is the focus of Christmas at Bethany to be held on Saturday, December 14, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at Bethany Lutheran Church (15 W 14th Street, Spencer). The Scandinavian Tea, held in the main floor parlor will have tables decorated with the Swedish Dala horses, straw goats, and many other items shared by members of Scandinavian heritage. Our talented musicians will share their musical talents. We will be serving, Sot Suppe (Fruit Soup) Rommegrot (Cream pudding), Krumkake, Kringla, Almond Cake, Kransekake (Norwegian wedding cake) lefse and much more.

with salad and chips, serving from 11:00 – 1:30. There will be a bake sale with lefse and many other items for sale. Santa's workshop will be open for children to purchase inexpensive gifts for family, gift wrapping will be available also. In the Sanctuary will be a place of quiet meditation amidst a

Downstairs we will be offering a hearty pulled pork lunch

display of nativity scenes. The entryway will have a craft sale are for you to purchase seasonal crafts and sign up for silent auction items.

A \$5.00 donation is suggested for the Scandinavian Tea and the pulled pork lunch.

Everyone is invited to attend; this is a fun day for the whole family on Saturday, December 14, from 11:00am – 3:00pm. We look forward to sharing our Scandinavian Heritage and the hospitality of Bethany Lutheran.

Funds raised will go to Room at the Table, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Relief Fund and Bethany Scholarship Fund.

ILCC Winter Recital

On Wednesday, December 11, Iowa Lakes soloists will be performing in the Iowa Lakes Community College Winter Recital. The recital will include selections from students who are currently receiving lessons in piano, voice, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.

The Iowa Lakes Winter Recital will take place at 2:00pm in Room 60 on the Estherville campus.

All students attending Iowa Lakes have the opportunity to receive music lessons from our private music instructors: Carol Ayres, Brett Fuelberth, George Merril, Randy Yackle, Kevin Linder, Rich Nicklay and Duane Ites.

The recital is free and everyone is invited.

For more information on the Winter Recital, please contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department, 712-362-8345.

Electronic Technology Discussion

The Morning Users Group (MUG) meets Fridays at 9:30am in the Black Box Theater of the Sami Center at the Spirit Lake High School (28th street entrance). This small group of enthusiasts discusses the latest hot topics in computers and smartphones, but often ranges to streaming videos, social media, organizing digital photos, escaping ransomware, flying drones, and genealogy.

Check-out these stimulating discussions to understand the new technology that you would like to know more about - but didn't know who to ask. There are no dumb questions. Your experiences can add to our knowledge. Discussion lasts about one hour. The group does not meet if Spirit Lake Schools are delayed or cancelled that day due to weather.

Advent Lessons and Carols Service at St. Alban's

All are welcome for a wonderful evening at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. They will be hosting their first annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00pm. This will be a free event. The service will include bible readings to prepare us all for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Between each reading there will be musical selections prepared by some of the finest musicians gathered from St. Alban's, St Joseph and First Lutheran Churches. All are welcome for a wonderful evening to help prepare for the wonder of the season and stay please contact Elizabeth Knudtson at knudtsonsmusic@gmail com or St. Alban's at 712-336-1117. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is located just east of Lakes Regional Hospital at 2011 23rd Street, Spirit Lake.

Clay County Fair & Events Center Receives International Recognition

"The World's Greatest County Fair" lived up to its billing by winning multiple awards and recognitions at the 2019 International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Convention held December 1-4 in San

The Fair claimed 14 awards this year - the most in its history, including four first-place awards. (The previous record was 12 awards in 2015 and 2018).

Taking top honors in the Agriculture Awards for "Newly established or evolving program which promotes agriculture to the fair-going public" was the 2019 Fair Ambassador program. The program, which involved Clay County 4-H and FFA students, was designed to reach



and educate general fairgoers about agriculture and "Fair life" through social media posts. Ambassadors included Emma Ahrendsen, junior, Sioux Central; Dalayna Brugman, junior, Sioux Central; Erin Frederick, junior, Okoboji; Avarie Knaak, junior, Spencer; Alex Olson, senior, Sioux Central; Skyler Tessum, senior, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn; Nathan Pullen, senior, Spencer; and Noah Reiman, senior, Spencer.

The Fair also received first place in Agriculture Awards for "Agriculture Communications" highlighting the use of a Facebook group for communication with horse exhibitors instead of traditional communication channels.

In Agriculture Individual Photos, the Fair took top honors in two categories, Horticulture/ Crops and Equine. The Horticulture/Crops photo was taken by Judy Hemphill. The winning photo for Equine was taken by Jim Steffens of Steffens Game Day Photography.

The IAFE awards program allows member fairs to enter competitions based on competitive exhibits, agricultural education and communications. The entries are evaluated and judged by teams of industry leaders. For the awards program, the approximately 1,100 member fairs of the IAFE are split into five categories based on attendance. The Clay County Fair competes in Division 3, which is limited to fairs across the globe with an attendance of 250,000-500,000.

In addition to the fourteen placings in IAFE award categories, Fair officials were active during the convention through the following recognitions and activities:

·Dave Simington, current member of the Board of Directors and President from 2005-2017, was awarded the prestigious IAFE Heritage Award on December 2. The Heritage Award recognizes the achievements of outstanding volunteer fair management personnel Jeremy Parsons, CFE, CEO/Manager, was named second vice chair of the IAFE during the

business session on December 4. In his role as second vice chair, Parsons will assist with executive responsibilities associated with the organization in preparation for his role as IAFE chair in 2022. ·Andrea Wiesenmeyer, marketing and partnerships director, gave two presentations – one focused on the Fair's new ag ambassador program and one focused on the Fair's ag communications. She also is a member of the IAFE Advertising, Promotions & Public Relations and

Sponsorship Committees. ·Janet Schutter, commercial exhibits director, is a member of the IAFE Commercial Exhibits and Concessions Committee.

·Parsons also participated on an international "critical conversation" panel with Washington State Fair CEO Kent Hojem and Royal Adelaide Show (Australia) CEO John Rothwell discussing Fair success metrics.



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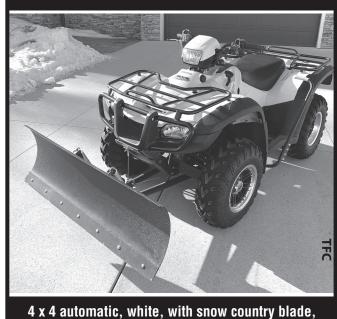
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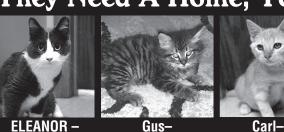
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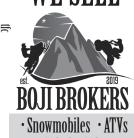
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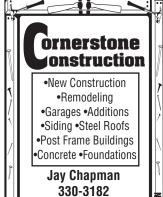
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Each nominee should exhibit:

- a ready smile, generous heart and good nature - an enthusiasm for all that our University of Okoboji campus

- a sincere desire to give their time and talent to enhance the

quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes Area

Eight selected cheerleaders will cheer, cheer, cheer for O-K-O-B-O-J-I during the 40th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by GrapeTree Medical Staffing on January 23-26, 2020. Voting for the cheerleaders will be from 9:00am – 6:00pm, on Thursday, January 2, in the office of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 565 South Highway 71 – Suite 4 in Arnolds Park. No phone, email or online votes will be accepted.

Nomination forms are available at www.uofowintergames. com under the "Cheerleader" tab or at the Chamber office in Arnolds Park. The deadline for nomination forms is at 5:00pm on December 31, 2019. For more information contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 712-332-2107.



Parks Marina's "Boatloads Of Toys" To Benefit Area Youth

Parks Marina in Okoboji, Iowa and Upper Des Moines Opportunity have teamed up for the 11th consecutive year to launch Boat Loads of Toys; an effort to provide Christmas toys and clothing to youth in need throughout Dickinson County. Parks Marina's Boat Loads of Toys has donated well over \$31,000 in toys and clothing that have been distributed by Upper Des Moines Opportunity, to youth in Dickinson County and surrounding areas.

Now through Saturday, December 21, bring an unwrapped new toy or new articles of clothing to Parks Marina, on East Lake Okoboji, West Boutique at Okoboji Boat Works in Okoboji and Palm at the Park in the Central Emporium in Arnolds Park. As always, Upper Des Moines Opportunity gladly accepts donations for all ages, but this year they are needing snow pants all sizes, winter boots all sizes, and winter coats in sizes youth 10 and bigger up to teen and adult sizes. Winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, and boots for any age are greatly appreciated. "The holidays are a wonderful time of year to get involved with

charities and local organizations," says Debbie Parks, Marketing Manager at Parks Marina. "While it's important to be involved in nationwide programs, there is still a lot of opportunity and assistance needed right here at home. Parks Marina's Boatloads of Toys is a great way to get involved, and I encourage everyone to participate at any level."

To encourage donations, Parks Marina and Okoboji Boat Works will offer a 20% off shopping spree at all locations to those who donate. The coupon will be good on all Barefoot gear, apparel and select water accessories, as well as clothing from West Boutique, located at Okoboji Boat Works. Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) is one of 18

Community Action Agencies in the State of Iowa and has been serving our communities since 1965. It is a nonprofit organization that was established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty at the local level. Parks Marina continues to not only be dedicated to the service

and care of its customers and employees, but also to the Iowa

Great Lakes Region and its surrounding communities. For more information, log on to parksmarina.com.

Christmas Tree Sale

Timber Bay is a non-profit, mentoring outreach to youth and families in the Lakes Area. They are selling freshly cut Christmas trees as a

fundraiser and would love your support and encouragement to their ministry and outreach. Go to their indoor tree lot at the Okoboji Conference Grounds across from the Okoboji Middle School November

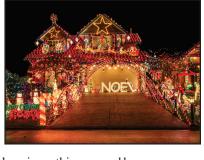


30- December 21 and purchase a tree to meet your Christmas tree needs and all proceeds stay local to help support the community. Buy a tree and support area youth!

Christmas Lights Display

Lueders family Christmas lights display is back again this year. They are a family light display with over 150,000 lights,

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added lights and new display pieces this year and hope everyone can make it out to enjoy the lights. There is a donation box and all donations will go toward veterans and homeless veterans needs. The address is 1078 110th Street, Lake Park, Iowa.

"Merry Christmas from our family to yours", The Lueders

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. To The Editor:

Industrial Wind Farms are an Economic and Environmental Fraud

The only protection from industrial wind pollution is a wellinformed County Board of Supervisors willing to do their due

Sun New's documentary, "Down Wind," by Rebecca Thompson. A great tutorial — will give you a historical recap of the economic lies of the industrial wind lobbyists and the terrible health consequences inflicted upon the working people in rural

1. Ontario Canada's top energy market economist, Professor Ross McKitrick explains the economic fraud of industrial

2. A 17-minute documentary on how industrialist lied to the rural communities and created a living hell for many nonparticipating victims of turbine sitings too close to their homes.

3. Harmed economic growth by replacing power that costs 3 to 5 cents/KWH with power that costs 13.5 cents/KWH. Tripling working families electric bills in less than 10 years. 4. Outlines how liberal insiders, industrialists, Bay Street

Law Firms made millions off the backs of their fellow citizens. Another great tutorial, "The New Energy Economy: An Exercise In Magical Thinking," by Mark Mills Sr.Fellow of the Manhattan Institute:

1. Building one wind turbine requires 900 tons of steel, 2500 tons of environmentally dirty concrete and 45 tons of plastic. 2. Building enough wind turbines to supply half of the world's

electricity would require nearly 2 billion tons of dirty coal to produce the dirty concrete and steel, along with 2 billion barrels of oil to make the composite blades. 3. Will wear out creating millions of tons of industrial waste.

Alliant Energy continues its unintentional environmental and economic war against working families in Iowa. Valueline dated 12.14.18 — Iowa Utility Board had approved a

rate increase of \$130 million and \$19.8 million for electricity and gas Valueline dated 12.14.18 — Alliant rewarded shareholders with a 6% dividend increase as they have for the past five years

Valueline dated 12.13.19 — Alliant rewarded shareholders with a dividend increase of 7%, an increase bigger than expected Valueline dated 12.13.19 — Iowa Utility Board allowed another annual retail electric increase of \$127 million

A real concern in Iowa, how can farmers and working families afford these year after year increases in their utility bills? Professor Ross McKitrick, "Ultimately, it'll be the economically flawed economics of wind power that will bring the greatest rort of all times to an end. But wealthy insiders and industrialists will make millions at the expense of wildlife and working families trying to keep up with constantly increasing rates."

Bill Murphy,

Okoboji, Iowa

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Youth Corner

Do you like cookies, frosting, and more? Join Miss Becca at 3:30pm on Thursday, December 12, for Afterschool Activity

at Milford Memorial Library. This program is open to Preschool-4th Grade youth, and there is no charge. Thank you to the talented Ms. Sandy Alexander for donating the yummy cookies.

Have you visited the Youth Page on the MML's website

(www.milford.lib.ia.us)? Do you follow MML's Facebook page (@milfordlibrary)? Well slip, slide, and shuffle your way to those awesome resources so you can be a part of all of the library fun.



ciation of Fairs and Expositions CHAMPIONS (IAFE) 129th Annual Convention, David Simington of the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa, was one of five volunteers presented with the

Heritage Award, sponsored by Haas & Wilkerson Insurance. The Convention took place December 1-4 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Carol Porter of Haas & Wilkerson Insurance announced and presented the awards to the recipients, who were nominated by their fairs' staffs and/or board members. The awards recognize the achievements of outstanding fair volunteers. Each winner received a plaque and \$1,000, and each fair nominating the winners received \$500. The nominees were required to have at least 10 years of fair management experience, could receive no more than \$2,500 remuneration annually for serving in the position, and were required to be current members of IAFE.

The 2019 Heritage Award winners are Simington; Brian Carlson of the Itasca County Fair in Grand Rapids, Minn.; Susan Sullivan of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in Gaithersburg, Md.; C.W. Thomas of the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines; and Charlotte Thompson of the Washburn County Fair in Spooner, Wis.

Simington has served as a volunteer member of the Clay County Fair Association Board of Directors for more than 30 years, including service on the Executive Committee since 1991. He served as board president from 2005 to 2017, making him the longest serving president in the fair's 102-year history. A farmer by trade, Simington has served as open class and 4-H/ FFA sheep superintendent and as liaison between superintendents and board. Simington has represented the fair at each Iowa Association of Fairs conference since 1991 and each IAFE Annual Convention since 1994.

"Under Simington's quiet leadership, the fair has focused on honesty, integrity, and respect, which are core values of the fair," stated Clay County Fair CEO/Manager Jeremy Parsons.

In addition to his service at the fair, Simington supports other organizations in the Spencer community. He served the Spencer School Board of Education for 17 years, including eight years as president. He has served the "Brothers in Blue" Prison Ministries for 14 years and as congregation president of the Faith Lutheran Church for four years.



After 20 years of owning and operating Oh Shuck's Bait, Tackle and

Convenience Store on Highway 86 outside of Milford, Steve Pflueger is retiring and closing the doors. Steve moved to the Iowa Great Lakes Area in 1967 from Wayne, Nebraska and has called it home ever since. Steve started his working career in the area cooking at the Red Rooster Café in Arnolds Park until 1969 when he purchased the Tap Inn located in Estherville. Pflueger has also owned the following Lakes Area businesses throughout the last 50 years; The Back Porch in Wahpeton, The Gingham Inn of Spirit Lake, Mother Natures, The Hut, The Regal Beagle, The Peacock, The Clinic and The Pretzel Hut in Arnolds Park, Sarg's Lounge and Chico's in Spencer, and Happenings and City Limits in Estherville. Steve enjoys living in the Lakes Area and plans to stay here after he retires from Oh Shuck's. Steve has thoroughly enjoyed his time owning Oh Shuck's and will miss all of his customers. He says that he has seen a lot of fishermen and hunters through the years and "they all are honest, especially in their story telling!". Oh Shuck's will be open for just a short time longer, so be sure to stop by and check out their great deals as well as tell Steve thank you for the many years of customer service he has provided. Also, check with Steve for Pflueger's Fishing Report...lt's not Fake News!

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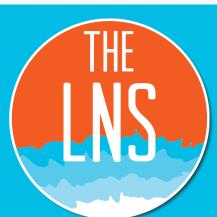
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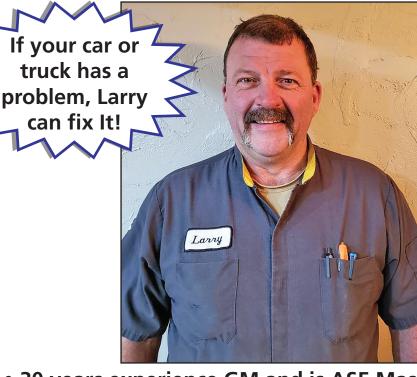
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