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Winter Games **Bridge Tournament**

Calling all bridge players! There is still time to register for the Annual Winter Games Bridge Tournament to be held Friday, January 24, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford.

Doors will open at 11:00am. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served promptly at 11:30am with party bridge to begin by 12 noon or so. Afternoon refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost will be \$13 per person.

Reservations by Wednesday, January 22, are encouraged so an accurate count for food and bridge can be obtained. Make reservations by calling Susan at 712-338-2274 or e-mailing her at sreiser@ milfordcable.net. Singles or couples are encouraged to participate.



CONNIE & DAN TRYON BENEFIT



When: Saturday, Feb. 1

Where: The Venue (formerly the Funny Barn)

Doors Open: 3pm

- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Delicious Meal
- Entertainment

Connie and Dan Tryon and family want us to pass on their sincere thanks to all who have sent prayers, meals or helped with fund-raising.

Connie and the doctors are very confident they can take care of this rare instance of having two separate cancers at the same time (breast & ovarian). The ovarian cancer is too large to operate on immediately, so the plan is to do chemo to shrink the cancer first and then do major surgery in February to remove the ovarian cancer, a complete hysterectomy and also perform a double mastectomy at the same time. This surgery will put her out for a minimum of six weeks and then she will need to go through more chemo.

Like many small business owners, they have a very high deductible insurance plan and will have many out of pocket expenses to cover during this process. To complicate matters, they recently had their daughter in the hospital for a week for an expensive undetermined virus. Connie is one of those kind and caring individuals who has taken the lead to help with others

fund-raising for medical reasons and we are pleased to help return the favor. We love her positive There will be a meal of brat, baked beans and chips or Oak Tree BBQ sandwich

served that evening for \$8.00 per plate.

The money raised will be used to help cover present and future medical bills.

If you are unable to attend, you may drop off or mail your donation to:



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Reusable Bag Program Supports Local Non-Profits

for the month of January 2020 in the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program that supports

local non-profits. The Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program, which launched in November 2019, is a program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where customers live and work.

The YMCA was selected as the January beneficiary of the program

by store leadership at the Hy-Vee located at 1500 18th Street in Spirit Lake. The YMCA will receive a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 red My Heart Reusable Bag is purchased at this location during January 2020, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

"We're excited to be chosen as the recipient for funds from the Reusable Bag Program by our local Hy-Vee store for the month of January," said YMCA of the Okobojis Development Director Cindy Rosa. "We'll use the money raised towards financial assistance to subsidize memberships, camperships and program costs for local kids and families.'

Learn more about the YMCA of the Okobojis by visiting www.okobojiymca.com. For more information on the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program, visit hy-vee.bags4mycause.com.

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Finger-Lickin' Shrimp

3/4 cup best-available olive oil 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice 2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons minced fresh Italian parsley

2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano or thyme or 1 teaspoon dried 12 colossal shrimp, shells on

1/2 cup kosher salt or coarse sea salt

Preheat grill or pan to medium-high heat. In a small bowl, make dipping sauce by whisking 1/2 cup of the olive oil, the lemon juice, garlic, parsley, and oregano.

Using a paring knife, make a 1/4" cut down the backs of the shrimp. Devein them, but do not remove the shells.

Set aside.

In a medium bowl, add remaining 1/4 cup olive oil and the shrimp. Toss the shrimp in the oil, then sprinkle with salt, and toss until coated.

Grill shrimp directly over the heat or pan cook for approximately 3 minutes per side, or until shrimp are opaque throughout. Serve with dipping sauce.

Recipe Courtesy of:

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Bingo is Back for its 4th Season in Lake Park

The Lake Park American Auxiliary & Legion invite you back to Lake Park for its 4th season of Bingo. It all starts January 4, then again January 18, February 1, February 15, March 14 and concludes on March 28.

They will serve a delicious meal at 5:30pm and have an evening of fun Bingo in the Lake Park Community Building at 903 South Market Street in Lake Park. This week's featured meal is shredded beef, spring salad, dessert and a drink for \$5.00. Then at 6:30pm, begins 11 thrilling games of Bingo with prizes donated from generous area businesses. There are always concessions of pop and popcorn to keep you fueled for the blackout Bingo game that ends the night.



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Great Lakes Mall & Upper Des Moines Festival of Trees Thanks the Community

The Great Lakes Mall, along with Upper Des Moines, would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Festival of Giving Trees!

Because of the outstanding turn out this year, we have awarded the THREE top trees with a \$200 prize for their designated charity.

The winners were: Canned Fruit Tree, sponsored by Grape Tree, Charity: Kaden's Kloset; Toilet Paper Tree, sponsored by Girls Scout Troop # 10157, Charity: Girls Scout Troop #10157; and Hand Soap Tree, sponsored by Total Design

Interiors, Charity: Team Jamie Nebelsick.
Each of these organizations received \$200 to give to their designated charity. Additionally, the Girls Scout Troop #10157 also received an additional \$200 for having the most creative tree this year!

You can see these three, and all the outstanding trees this year on the Great Lakes Mall facebook page: fb.com/iowagreatlakesmall

A huge thank you to our local businesses and organizations that have sponsored trees this year; and to everyone that came in and donated food and other supplies to help fill the food pantry! What an awesome turnout, and we look forward to bringing this event again in 2020!

Sincerely,

The Great Lakes Mall and Upper Des Moines



Pictured is Danelle Einck, and Brock Holman of Grape Tree and Sara Anderson of the Great Lakes Mall.



Pictured are Girls Scout Troop #10157 scouts and Bridget Knudson of the Great Lakes Mall.

Pictured is Sara Anderson of the Great Lakes Mall.

Jamie Nebelsick, her son Braedin, and Carla Johnson Radcliffe owner of Total Design Interiors.



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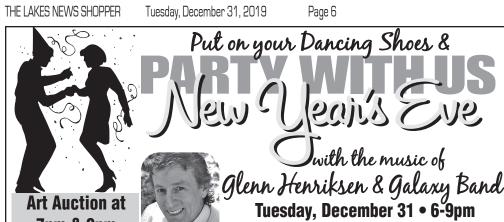




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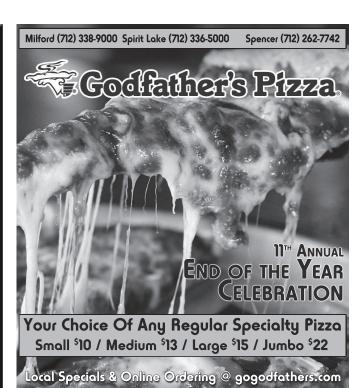
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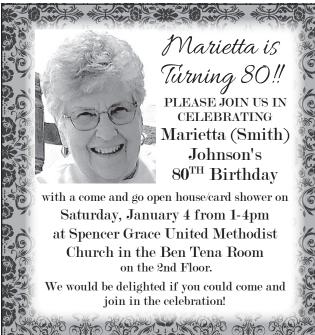


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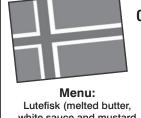
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Birthday Announcement

Please help the family of Bob Ingwersen celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, January 5, 2020, from 12:30-2:30pm, at the Lake Park Community Building. Lunch will be served. Let your presence be your gift. Hope to see you there.



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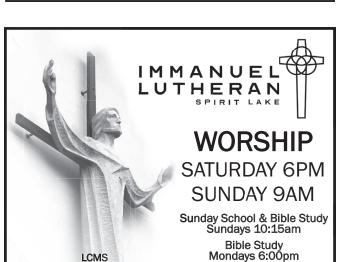
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Put Your Dancing Shoes On

You are invited to a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 2019, from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the old Shaw's of Okoboji, north of Cinema 7. Ring in the New Year and bid Farewell to Shaw's of Okoboji and welcome to Heartland Paint, Glass and Locksmithing. Glenn Henriksen and Galaxy Band will be playing all of your favorites.

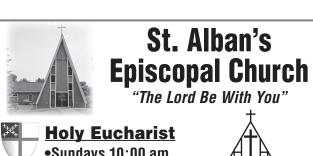
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Tops Meetings Tops Chapter #369, Spirit

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.

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.



50th Anniversary Announcement N.W.I.A.S.

Bill and Linda (Weik) Moore were married on December 27, 1969, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Family and friends would like to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Warm wishes can be sent to Bill and Linda at 26041 105th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

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There is no longer a meal on the 4th Thursday of each

This event is sponsored by the Dickinson County Ministerial Association in partnership with the Bedell Family YMCA and Upper Des Moines Oppor-

Northwest West Iowa Area Singles (N.W.I.A.S.) will have

a dance on Saturday, January 4, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center from 7:30 - 11:00pm. The band will be "Riata" and the theme is "Soups On - Snowman Frolic". Singles and couples are all welcome for a fun evening of dancing. There will be "mixers" to meet other dancers, and lots of snacks to enjoy.

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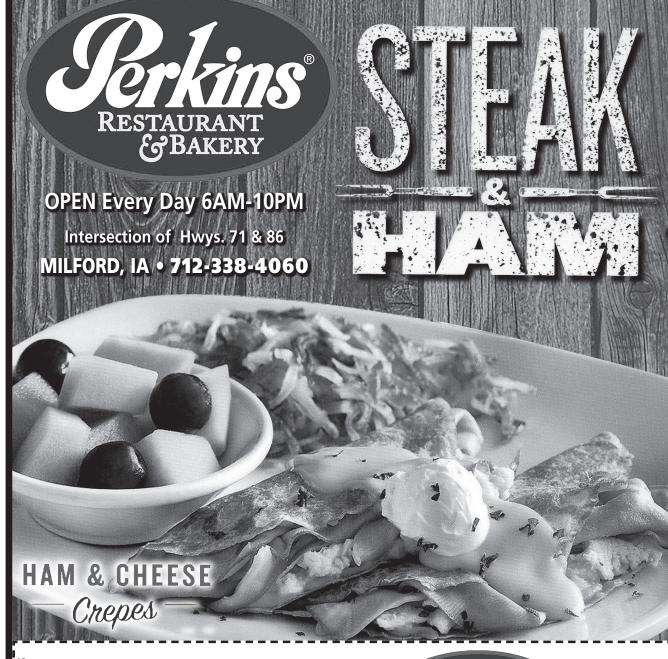
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Obituaries

A funeral service for Kathryn Hansen, age 95, mother of Nancy, Gary and Kenneth, was held Monday, December 30, 2019, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford.

Burial was at Milford Cemetery. Kathryn Marie Hansen was born September 7, 1924, in Spencer, Iowa,

the daughter of Kenneth and Avis Marie (Richards) Martin. Her mother passed away a short time later, in 1925. Kenneth was then united in marriage to Hazelle Georgia Waldron, whom Kathryn considered her mother. Kate was raised south of Spencer until moving to a farm southwest of

Okoboji Consolidated School for a year.

Milford when she was five. In her youth, she was active in 4-H, exhibiting projects and demonstrations at the Dickinson County Fair. Upon graduating from Okoboji Consolidated School in rural Milford. Kate attended Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa), where she earned a teachers certificate. She taught at Westport Township School for a year and then taught at

Kathryn was united in marriage to Verne LeRoy Hansen on December 26, 1945. The couple made their home in rural Milford, where they farmed and raised their children. Kate served as a 4-H Leader for several years and served a short time on the Extension Council. She encouraged her children to be actively involved as well She loved gardening, canning, crafts, and especially sewing projects. Later, when Verne and Kate moved to Wahpeton, she enjoyed Bible Studies at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Kathryn especially enjoyed special times with the grandchildren where they would make crafts, go for walks and play games. Her great grandchildren were a special part of her life, and she loved to watch them grow. Kathryn and Verne spent many winters at Tropic Star Park in Pharr. Texas.

where they enjoyed square dancing and bowling. Kathryn passed away Thursday, December 26, 2019, on her 74th wedding anniversary, at Spencer Hospital, at ninety-five years of age. Shewaspreceded indeath by her parents, Avis, Kenneth and Hazelle, an

infant grandson, Corey Hansen, and daughter-in-law, Shirley Hansen. She is survived by her husband of seventy-four years. Verne: children, Nancy Zink (Charles) of Brookings, South Dakota; Gary Hansen of Spirit Lake, and Kenneth Hansen (Julie) of Milford; grandchildren Tamara Even (Todd), Pamela Crain (Jeff), Melanie Lunn (Cory), Jennifer Ryker (Jacob), Jamie Nalos (Sheldon), Brian Hansen (Rebecca) and Kristin Dennis (Jonathan); twenty-two great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and friends.

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Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closing at Noon on Tuesday, December 31, and will be closed all day on Wednesday,

December, January 1, for the New Year's holiday. We will

resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 2. Have a

On Monday, January 6, at 5:30pm, an open meeting of the

Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take

place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be

posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24

hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend

and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

Game Event for 4th through 12th graders. Come compete in

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Dickinson County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) launched Literacy Partners on Wednesday, December 18, when DeNeitt Van Den Broeke, the Dickinson County RSVP Coordinator, and Patsy Donovan, an RSVP volunteer, delivered books to

During the event, VanDenBroeke and Donovan allowed 74 first graders to choose a new book and write their names in it

home and share them with their families," shared VanDenBroeke. "I loved hearing the children saying things like 'This is my favorite book, and I can read it myself!' and 'I've always wanted this book.' The launch of Literacy Partners was a huge success."

who read are the best spellers, writers and thinkers. Research

Endowment Fund (DCEF) to obtain funding to establish Literacy Partners in Dickinson County and the Okoboji Elementary School. RSVP has partnered with Iowa Lakes Community Col-

program after the program in Clay County run by Clay County RSVP, where approximately 1300 students in grades K-6 in this school year, Dickinson RSVP hopes to continue adding more classes over time as funding becomes more established.

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shows that the mere presence of books in the home profoundly impacts a child's academic achievement. The RSVP program collaborated with the Dickinson County

ege since 1977 to help meet community needs. Dickinson County RSVP is modeling the Literacy Partners Spencer schools get free books. Starting with the first grade

Northwest Iowa RSVP supports K12 education through the Pen Pal program, Reading Buddies and placing volunteers as tutors in schools, as well as helping get books into the hand of children in partnership with schools and local organizations.

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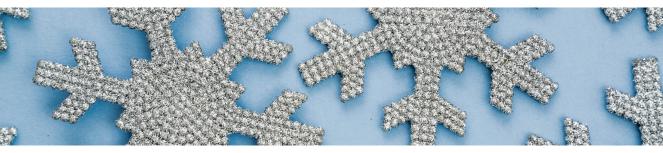
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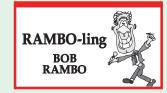
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RD has 2020 retrospective

This being New Year's Eve 2019, research director RD is looking back — with 20/ 20 vision! Ervin Drake had the right attitude back in 1965, when he wrote It Was A Very Good Year. Frank Sinatra released a most melancholy recording that earned two Grammy Awards. One was for the Best Male Vocal Performance. The second was for the Best Instrumental Accompanying a Vocalist. (Gordon Jenkins led the orchestra.) Other versions include those by Della Reese; and Herb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass, both in 1966. Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band had a much more upbeat arrangement when they released the tune in 2006...

When it comes to new year's resolutions, today is Make Up Your Mind Day. John Sebastian's song Did You Ever Have To Make Up Your Mind, was a Top 10 hit in 1965, when it was recorded by his band, The Lovin' Spoonful, on its debut album, Do You Believe In Magic. Thirty years later the Denny's Restaurants chain used the song in ads for their breakfasts, where it was difficult to choose between numerous entrees...



Editor's note: Just for the record, the top songs of the years 1965 and 1966 share a very unusual characteristic. "Wooly Bully," by Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs, never reached Number 1 on the weekly charts. Nor did The Mamas and The Papas' "California"

Dreamin'", which was the Top Hit in 1966... Songwriter and composer Jule Styne (1905 - 1994) was born Julius Kerwin Stein, in London, New Year's Eve, 1905. Stein is best known for his music for Broadway productions such as *Make Someone Happy*, from *Do Re Mi*; *Everything's* Coming Up Roses, from Gypsy; and Every Street's a Boulevard in Old New York, which was first heard in Hazel Flagg...

RD's musical concept for the new year includes June in January, from Benny Carter's Aspects album. The song was written by Leo Robin and Ralph Rainger in 1934, and first recorded by Bing Crosby. Other popular renditions on the song known for its positive outlook on winter include those by Nelson Riddle and, also,

Dean Martin, on his 1959 Capitol LP, A Winter Romance...

Victor Borge was born Borge Rosenbaum, in Copenhagen, Denmark, on January 3, 1905. The famous comedian, conductor and pianist's birthdate almost lines up with Saturday, Trivia Day. Borge is known as "The Clown Prince of Denmark." He began taking piano lessons when he was just 2 years old. He gave his first recital when he was just 8; and at 9 he received a full scholarship at the Royal Danish Academy of Music. After just a few years as a classical concert pianist, he started his stand-up comedy act. The rest is history...

Saturday is also Pop Music Chart Day, for which RD recognizes the "Princess"

of Pop," Lesley Gore, who recorded her first Number 1 Hit, *It's My Party*, when she was only 16. Three more Top Ten Pop songs quickly charted, with many more singles to follow, including Marvin Hamlish's *Sunshine*, *Lollipops*, and *Rainbows*...

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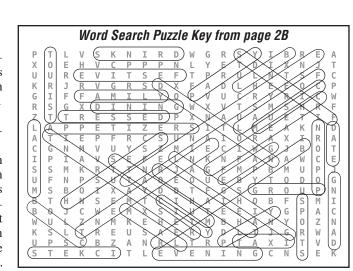
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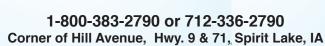
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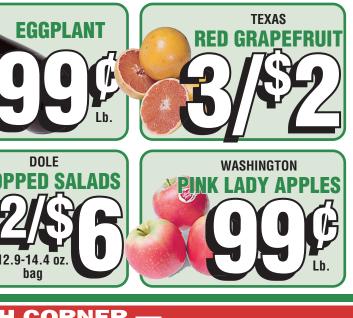












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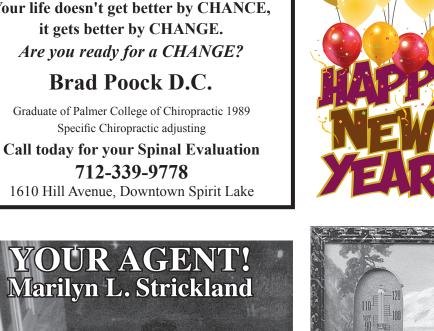
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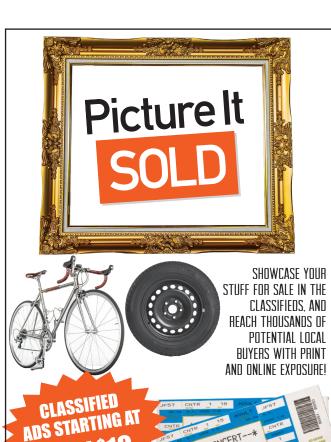
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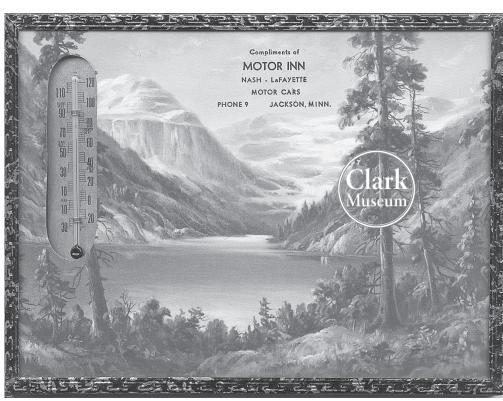


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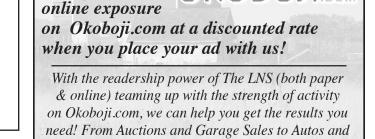
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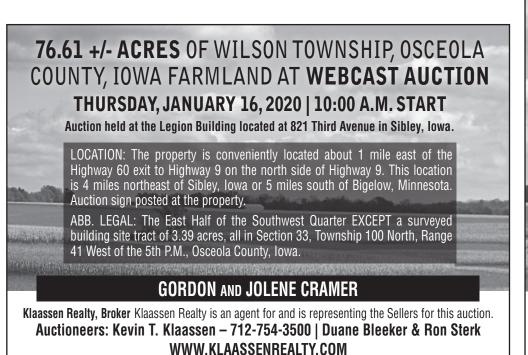
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"Knockout the Banker" Winners

Farmers Savings Bank sponsored their eighth annual "Knockout the Banker" competition during halftime of the Okoboji vs. George-Little Rock varsity basketball games on December 20, 2019. Each person in the competition represented a different organization or group from Okoboji School. The winner of the competition won \$50 for their respective organization.

During halftime of the girls' game, Brayden Robards won the competition sending \$50 to the Okoboji Football team. During halftime of the boys' game, Ella Stoll won the competition, which sent \$50 to the Okoboji Girl's Basketball team. Another \$100 was also donated to the Okoboji Booster Club.

"We are a proud supporter of the Okoboji School District and greatly enjoy being involved in school activities," said Brad Simington, President of Farmers Savings Bank. Brad went on to say, "The students at Okoboji School District represent this area very well, from our sporting activities to our Fine Art programs. FSB looks forward to supporting these programs and students for years to come."

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Iowa Lakes announces Express Registration dates to help individuals gain admission and register for classes quickly and easily. Express registration will occur on January 6, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and on January 7, from 8:00am to 4:30pm. in Emmetsburg, Estherville and Spencer.

Express Registration will allow participating individuals to fast track through admissions, registrations, and placement testing to start school in one of over 100 areas of study on the first day of the Spring term on January 10, 2020.

During Express Registration, potential students will be able to complete the entire admissions and registration process. including class registration, placement testing, housing information and financial aid assistance. One-on-one assistance to help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASA), information on scholarships, work-study and student loans will

Students should bring their diploma, ABE/HiSET/GED certificate, ACT scores and college transcripts to the admissions office when they arrive on campus, if they have them available.

For more information or to make a specific appointment on one of the Express Registration days, contact Iowa Lakes Community College at Emmetsburg Admission Office at 800-346-6018 or email akalous@iowalakes.edu; Estherville Admission Office at 800-521-5054 or email jmckinney@iowalakes.edu; or, Spencer Campus at 877-807-9585 or email mfaber@iowalakes.edu.

General registration for the Spring term is already open during the college's normal hours, which resumes on January 2 2020, between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday. Regular hours on Friday are 7:30am to 4:00pm. Anyone interested in registering ahead in Algona and Spirit Lake may wish to call in advance for a faster response.

INHF Conservation Projects On North Shore of Big Spirit Lake

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wildlife habitat and may even offer rec-

the land will still be farmed, but with great

All of this will happen even as half of

reational opportunities.

Big Spirit Lake, the largest natural lake in Iowa, is a true fishing and recreation destination. Much work has been done over the years to address the issue of runoff into the lake. A series of conservation projects over the past year have come together to protect key lands along the north shore of

Spearheaded by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), the INHF has purchased four parcels of land since 2018. First came the Wallace and Bowers Nature Area in 2018 and most recently three parcels of land adjacent to the Iowa DNR's McClelland Beach Wildlife Management Area. All of these are critical in protecting the lake from runoff issues with all lying within a quarter-mile of Big Spirit Lake. They are truly the last line of defense before runoff hits the lake. Anita O'Gara, Vice

President for the INHF, says, "This creates one of the largest continuous stretches of protected land along any of the Iowa Great Lakes, with lasting benefits for water, soil, wildlife, outdoor recreation and the

community. Wallace and Bowers Nature Area

The 160-acre parcel known as the Wallace and Bowers Nature Area that was purchased in 2018 to be restored and managed primarily for water quality benefits. The generosity of two families made this possible: Jeff and Elizabeth Wallace and the children of Clifford and Sheila Bowers (Barbara Mendenhall, Abby Adams and Bert Bowers). However, it is not going to be simply tall grass prairie. This property has been cropland for generations. Instead, it will be a working farm with the tenant and INF choosing the best agricultural conservation practices for soil health and water quality.

During a late summer (August) field tour, I had the opportunity to see first-hand how this project would work. As I listened to O'Gara, she shared the foundation's mission of restoring Iowa's land, water and wildlife, the very reasons the INHF was so interested in this property. First off, everything drains to the lake. As a result, during big rain events, surface runoff into the lake can create an incredible amount of soil erosion and nutrients dumping right into the lake. Hence, this property is an extremely important piece of the puzzle in protecting Big Spirit Lake. This project will protect source water (drinking water),

Spirit Lake **Dickinson County Projects** where the property runs along the lake

a prairie buffer strip 100-150 feet wide has been planted with nearly 100 different types of plants, ranging from prairie grasses to an array of forbs. These first years are a slow one for native plants, as their energy focuses on root growth. As a result, weeds are a challenge, but several clippings will control that, along with controlling thistles. Even so, the prairie is now beginning to show itself and within three years, the restoration will be exciting to see. (If you want to see an established prairie buffer, check out the east side of Big Spirit Lake north of Reeds Run, where the native prairie and forbs are doing an incredible job of limiting runoff into the lake).

To the north of the prairie, alfalfa has been planted and will be kept as alfalfa for at least five years. It will provide hay for cattle, will help eliminate synthetic fertilizers and put nitrogen back into the ground naturally, increasing the health of

Toward the road (north) are the traditional soybeans and corn...except they are not what they seem to be. The August tour showed maturing crops based on a sound conservation strategy. The beans were planted into a no-till practice with no use of chemicals, and they looked great. During the tour, farm tenant Jake Johnson explained to us that the corn already had a cover crop (rye, turnips and radishes) planted that was just kind of sitting there

dry out, and the sun gets to the cover crop. At that time, the cover crop then begins growing but will still be below the level to harvest the corn. The cover crop is grown primarily to hold the soil in place, increase water infiltration and help eliminate water

until the corn plants mature and begin to

runoff, help build and improve soil quality and suppress weeds.

Throughout this process, the Iowa Lakeside Lab is leading water monitoring and analysis so data can be collected to learn how these changes on the land impact the water, soil and wildlife over

One more conservation practice will be completed on the northwest corner of the property near the highway, where a wetland will be reborn on a site where crops often drown

The crop rental income will help INHF pay the property taxes and complete the purchase of the

The North Shore Project

In addition to the Wallace and Bowers Nature Area, this past summer, the INHF purchased three properties (fields) lying between the Wallace and Bowers Nature Area and Mini-Wakan State Park. O'Gara thanked the families involved in the transaction. "We're grateful that family members involved in the Bartels Bartels & Fox LP chose to sell this land for conservation." All 48 acres adjoin the highway along the Minnesota/Iowa border. As a result, land from Mini-Wakan State Park all the way to Trickle Slough Wildlife Management Area will now have conservation practices implemented that protect Big Spirit Lake.

O'Gara notes, "This project allows us all to re-imagine a 'conservation zone' for nearly the entire stretch of the North shore of Big Spirit Lake—from its ring of shoreline homes to the highway that marks the Minnesota border! Mini-Wakan State Park, Trickle Slough and all the lands in between them will be managed with conservation as the #1 priority.

O'Gara continues, "These projects are a huge step in the right direction — and yet just a small step toward safeguarding a healthy Lakes region and a stronger legacy of natural resources for our children and

CCCVB Grant Applications

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The Clay County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CCCVB) Committee is currently accepting applications for their Spring 2020 Tourism Grant. With the support of the City of Spencer and Clay County, the CCCVB Tourism Grant will provide funding for those planning an event to be held in Clay County. These funds are accessible to any business, organization, and governmental entity or individual.

Eligible events include festivals, performances, sporting events/tournaments or exhibits that occur within Clay County and are designed to attract participants from both within and outside of Clay County. Ideally, the event will reinforce Clay County as a tourist destination and will serve a large segment of the population or contribute to the quality of life for those who attend. In 2019, 17 organizations were funded for tourism projects such as the Northwest Iowa Livestock Showdown, the NW Iowa Emerging Leaders Summit, and Spencer Community Theatre's 60th Anniversary advertising.

As an incentive to further support Clay County tourism, the CCCVB will also be accepting applications for "special projects" that do not fit within the normal requirements for grant funding but are tourism promoting. An example of this would include a tourism-focused brick and mortar project. If you have questions about a "special project" application, please contact the CCCVB at 712-580-8687.

CCCVB grant applications and "special project" applications are due on February 1, 2020. To access the application and grant guidelines, visit exploreclaycounty.org and click on the "Grants" tab.

Milford **Library News**

Youth Corner

We have new interactive items for Milford Memorial Library's Public Playdate. Join your friends at 10:30am on Saturday, January 4. Everything will be provided by

the kiddos and their imaginations. January's first Building Bookworms: Snow Excited will be at 10:30am on Monday, January 6. Miss Becca will have books, music and

movement, and a simple craft (snow

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slime) ready to share with the kiddos. Afterschool Activity will be at 3:30pm on Thursday, January 9, at MML. The craft will be salt painted

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by Angela Kofoot, Executive Director

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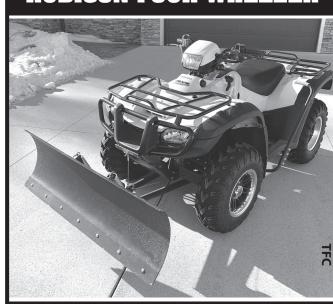
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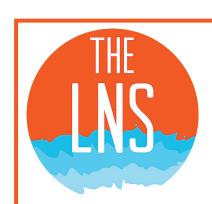
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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:

The only thing I resent more than Little Miss (Greta) wise-en-hi-mer running around the world playing the part of Chicken Little, and not paying proper attention to which came first - Global Cooling or Global Warming - is TIME Magazine making her Person of the Year, just for the growling, sneering, snarling, jaw-clinching, teeth-grinding, face-contorting chiding she exhibited in her address to the U.N. Climate Action Summit, with due respect to, and not counting her Tourette syndrome.

Does anybody in their right mind even begin to think we would have ever heard the name of Greta Thunberg if she would have used those same facial expressions and tactics, decrying the slaughter of unborn babies? Nope! We wouldn't even know her name, let alone her being "person of the year." How insulting is that particular Time Magazine cover for the thousands of others that have not been recognized for doing great work around the world, for decades longer than she has been born? Can anybody spell – WOW? She is just another pawn in the anti-Trump, and climate change movements, and for that they should be ashamed, but they don't have the capacity.

If there is a God who cares anything about abortions – global warming may be the least of our problems. Can anybody spell terrorist, school, mall and nightclub shootings, as well as all the other totally unexplainable and crazy things going on around the world today, and only getting worse? Can anybody spell - curse?

For all those scientists with PhDs, the answer to the question of which came first; is in the order of the question. And, that should give us a hint as to what we see happening (the melting), now that global cooling is no longer present.

This is a prime example of why we can't let little kids run the world. A lot of little kids love dinosaurs and if it was up to them, we would still have dinosaurs running all around our neighborhoods, and they would be gobbling up little kids faster than their parents could produce them.

There are also lots of little kids (as well as big ones) that want to go to Mars. Mars is more hostile than any of the world's deserts, and you have to breathe canned air to boot. Be sure to write, fax, twitter, tweet, facebook or otherwise communicate and let us earthlings know how it's going.

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Library News

Author Nathan Jorgenson to Visit Local Libraries Several Lakes area libraries have invited local favorite Nathan Jorgenson to introduce us to his newest book, Contrapasso. He

will visit the Estherville Public Library on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. He will visit the Spirit Lake Public Library on Friday, January 10, at 2:00. The Spirit Lake Library visit will be sponsored by Friends of the Arnolds Park, Milford Memorial, and Spirit Lake libraries. Books will be available to purchase at this event.



Nathan Jorgenson grew up in rural Minnesota where he cultivated a passion for athletics and the outdoors. He earned a DDS degree from the University of Minnesota and has practiced dentistry since 1978. While running a business and raising a young family he found time to write, having articles published in several outdoors magazines.

Jorgenson's first novel, Waiting for White Horses (2004). started as a story that he told his ailing father and was eventually completed after his death. After winning the 2004 Benjamin Franklin Award for the Best New Voice in Fiction, Jorgenson continued writing novels, producing two more books, The Mulligan (2007) and A Crooked Number (2011), while working full-time as a dentist.

Now semi-retired, Jorgenson lives in the north woods of Minnesota with his wife and they enjoy visits from their children

About the book: Jorgenson's newest novel is titled Contrapasso. Kon-tra-pass-oh, n., the concept that the punishment of an individual's soul corresponds to the sin that person commit-

Secret memories that linger in the heart of a lover, the joy of childhood and young love, loss of innocence, and the losses that come with aging. In Contrapasso, Nathan Jorgenson's unique sense of humor - and heartbreak - shine through as he weaves all of these into a rich story of life.

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"I think this program has been so well attended because it offers activities families can do together," said Bryanna Kuhlman, environmental education coordinator. "It also gives families things to learn about



Nature Tots is a free program for ages 2-5 held 10:30am and 1:30pm the second Wednesday of each month, with an additional 9:00am program June-August. Each month has a different theme, and the year will kick off January 8 with the theme If Pluto was a Pea.

"If Pluto was a Pea will discuss the size of the planets in

comparison to the size of a pea," Kuhlman said. "Each planet will have a relatable item that our learners can see.'

The February theme will be Butterflies and Bees, and March will feature Songs of Nature.

Each Nature Tots program lasts approximately one hour and has a variety of activities that go with that month's theme. Youth may get to touch a live animal or pelt; they may head outside to explore signs of wildlife in Kenue Park; they may create a fun craft to take home. There is always something new and fun in store.

"Naturalist Ashley Hansen and I work well together and take the time to look at previous schedules to come up with new themes," Kuhlman said. "We enjoy learning about new

Nature Tots is a free program, but spots are limited, so please call 712-336-6352 to pre-register. Registration for each program

opens two months in advance. For the full year's schedule of Nature Tots themes, visit www. dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can also keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.