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Five band students (Carter Trautman, Addison Howatt, Carly Farmer, Kierstin Clark, Drake Hicks) were selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Middle School Honor Band Festival sponsored by Sioux City East Middle School Band. Student recommendations were submitted in October and from those nominations 200 students were chosen for participation in 2 separate bands. The selected students performed a concert at Sioux City East High School, Thursday, February 20, at 6:00pm, following several hours of rehearsal. Selected from Spirit Lake Middle School are sixth graders Kierstin Clark and Addison Howatt-Bb clarinet, Carter Trautman-tenor saxophone, Drake Hicks-trumpet, and Carly Farmer-percussion. Spirit Lake Middle School band director is Sally Jo Ites.

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The Milford Commercial Club recently had the privilege of welcoming Boji Auto Repair as a new member Monday, January 13, at the annual meeting in Milford. The company is owned by Ben and Taryn Kurpgeweit. They want to be Milford's trusted source for auto repairs including diagnostic, suspension, steering, brakes, tires, regular maintenance, wheel alignments and heating/ cooling. As a BG Product authorized dealer, Boji Auto Repair products also offer preventative maintenance to add lifetime warranties to drivelines and cars, SUVS and light trucks. Boji Auto Repair is located at 1607 P Ave. in Milford. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached at 712-338-2144.

The mission of the Milford Commercial Club is to foster partnerships and collaboration of all members in order to promote Milford member businesses. Please remember to shop locally to help support the businesses that support local events.







FFA Places Second at NW Iowa Ag Outlook

On Tuesday, February 18, Spencer Chamber of Commerce's Agriculture Committee presented the Okoboji FFA chapter with a second-place award for outstanding area FFA chapters. The application included questions about the chapter's activities throughout the prior year. The Okoboji FFA would like to extend its gratitude to the Agriculture Committee for its award of \$200.

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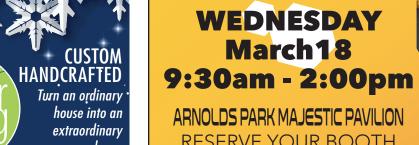
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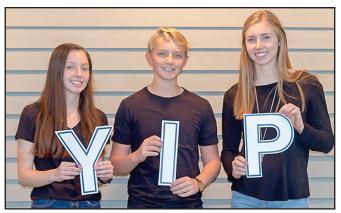


4:30-6:00 PM Spirit Lake Elementary

This is an informational open house for parents of children who are 4 years old (not yet 5) on or before September 15th, 2020, and may wish to attend preschool this fall. Parents and children are invited to come meet our teachers, tour the classrooms, and ask questions about our preschool program.

Please contact the elementary office at 712-336-2822 with questions or for more information.

Day Option **Half Day Option**



Lauren Duffy, Paul Conover and Kacey Krieger

Okoboji Foundation's YIP

The Okoboji Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program has 27 area high school students participating this year to learn about philanthropy and what makes the Iowa Great Lakes area so special. The students have toured local non-profit organizations and learned from representatives of the Okoboji Sailing Center, Lakeside Labs, Bedell Family YMCA and the Lakes Ice Arena (formerly Boji Bay Ice Arena) so far this school year. They set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$53,600 with \$40,848 raised to date. The students will decide which non-profit organizations receive grants based on the grant applications received.

Said Paul Conover, freshman at Okoboji High School, "I am dedicated to giving back because I have participated in many activities in the local area.'

To learn more about past YIP grants or see a list of all 2019-2020 student participants, visit www.okobojifoundation.org and click on Youth tab. Visit www.GiveOkoboji.com to make a secure online gift to YIP or mail your tax-deductible donation to Okoboji Foundation, PO Box 593, Okoboji IA 51355.

The Okoboji Foundation is the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Started in 1988, it serves as the center point of community giving for capital projects. The annual grant application form is available online from January 1st through March 1st at www.okobojifoundation.org under the Grants tab. For additional information call 712-332-7177.

Iowa Lakes Spring Softball Camps Open for Registration Registration is still open for the Youth and Advanced Softball

Camps being offered by the Iowa Lakes Community College Softball team on February 29 and March 1 at the Christensen building. These camps are an excellent opportunity for young ladies to learn the fundamentals of softball from college-level

The Youth Softball camp, on February 29, 2020, will be for grades K-6 and the Advanced Softball Camp on Sunday, March 1, 2020, will be for girls in grades 7-12. Both camps will be at the Christensen building, located on the corner of South 18th St and 7th Ave South, across the street from the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College.

The Youth Camp will focus on the fundamentals of softball, including sessions on throwing, hitting, fielding, and base running. Grades K-3 will run from 1:00 – 3:00pm and grades 4 -6 will run from 3:30-5:30 pm. The cost will be twenty-five dollars.

The Advanced Camp will consist of four sessions. The first session will focus on outfield defensive skills, including a variety of throwing and fielding techniques and drills, and will take place from 12:00 - 1:30pm.

The second session, from 1:30 – 3:00pm, will consist of offensive skills, including hitting techniques and drills. The third session will run from 3:00 – 4:30pm and will focus on Infield defensive technique drills. The fourth session's focus will include the mechanics for pitching and catching and will run from 5:00 - 6:00pm. The cost for the Advanced Camp is \$35 for one session, \$60 for two sessions, \$90 for three sessions, or \$120 for all four sessions.

Each participant in either the Youth or Advanced Softball Camps will receive an Iowa Lakes Softball drawstring bag, along with invaluable softball training.

For more information or to register for this year's camp, contact Assistant Softball Coach Rachel Shumaker at rshumaker@ iowalakes.edu or 712-362-8398.

Property Tax Assistance

The State of Iowa offers property tax assistance to elderly and disabled people and also to mobile home owners if they have a total household income of less than \$23.810. If you think you might qualify, contact the county treasurer's office for a claim form. This is for next September 2020 and March 2021's property tax assistance up to \$1000.00, based on 2019 calendaryear incomes," says Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley.

"Stop in or give us a call and we can help you with the application process." Property tax credits were established by the state legislature

to help low income elderly or disabled property owners pay their property tax bills. To qualify for this assistance a citizen must have turned 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2019, and have a total household income less than \$23,810, or have been totally disabled and 18 years of age or older by December 31, 2019.

The State also provides assistance for mobile/manufactured/ modular home owners with their tax payments if they have a total household income of less than \$23,810 and were 23 years of age or older as of December 31, 2019.

These forms are also available online at the Iowa Department of Revenue's website at https://www.tax.iowa.gov/forms; Frequently Used Forms-change "Year" to 2020-hit search-click on Iowa Property Tax Credit Claim 54-001 or Iowa Mobile/ Manufactured/Modular Home Ovvner Application for Reduced Tax Rate 54-014.

We're glad to help citizens who meet the criteria for these Iowa tax assistance programs," says County Treasurer Kris Rowley. "If you received these credits for the current year's property taxes, we'll automatically mail you the form for this coming September 2020/March 2021 tax year. If you have questions regarding property taxes or tax credit claim forms, contact the Treasurer's Office at 712-336-1205."



Staff and volunteers from the Okoboji Tourism Committee will represent the Iowa Great Lakes area and businesses at the Omaha International Boat, Sports, and Travel Show February 20-23, 2013.

The Okoboji Tourism Committee will distribute 3,000 Vacation Okoboji Visitor Guides while visiting with thousands of show attendees about the Iowa Great Lakes area. "Visitors from the Omaha market are important to our local businesses. The Omaha sports show provides us a great opportunity to interact with those individuals personally and share information about what makes our community a unique and ideal vacation destination," says Tourism Director, Rebecca Peters, left, with sister Jill.

The mission of the Okoboji Tourism Committee is to responsibly promote the Iowa Great Lakes Region to potential and returning visitors. Tourism makes a \$302.52 million-dollar economic impact in Dickinson County, supporting over 2,000 jobs. You can learn more about the Okoboji Tourism Committee by visiting *VacationOkoboji.com*.

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The Okoboji OYBA 5th Grade Maroon team won the championship at the February Frenzy Tournament held at the Sioux City Arena on Sunday, February 23.

Pictured are: Alex Sorenson, Camden Vonk, Miles Wasson, Asa Jacobsen, Simon Walleck,

Trey Vander Pol, Kade Nissen.



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Performers Lined up for Okoboji Blue Water Festival

Tired of the snow, ice and wind? Well, let's take a little peek into the future-like about the first Saturday in August. Yes,



(photo by David Thoreson) Headliner Boz Skaggs is set to take the stage at 9:00pm.

Okoboji Blue Water Festival. So much has already been accomplished in preparation for the premier clean water event in the state of Iowa.

Saturday, August 8, is

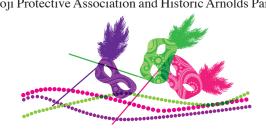
According to Festival founder Greg Drees, everything is going as planned. The early morning Chalkstock is already being

planned, along with special clean water activities and watershed activities for youngsters and families. At the same time, exhibitors are already signing up to share their message about clean water and protecting our natural resources, a fishing seminar is scheduled for midday, while a panel of conservation experts is being organized to share their message under the Big Tent that afternoon.

Most exciting, the Saturday evening's musical talent is already set to go. In a recent interview, Drees shared his excitement about the performers. "We're very excited to have two musical acts back that have played at the festival in the past. Our inaugural event in 2016, we had the great Boz Skaggs as our concert headliner, and he will be back this summer to take the stage on Saturday night, while the opening act is JD McPherson. He opened three years ago for Chris Isaak and just blew everybody away. So, here we go...JD McPherson to open at 7:30pm; Boz Skaggs to headline at 9:00pm"

As it has been every year, the Festival is *all free*, *all day*. Drees adds, "None of this could happen without the donations from so many donors and the effort of our loyal volunteers. A big thanks to all who work so hard to make this Festival so very special. We will share more exciting news as the day draws closer."

The Okoboji Blue Water Festival is a partnership with the Okoboji Protective Association and Historic Arnolds Park, Inc.





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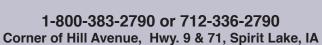








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Saturday, March 7, at the Hap Ketelsen Center in Everly from 7:30 - 11:00pm. The band will be "The Norgaard Duo band" and the theme is "Lucky Stars". Singles and couples are welcome for a fun evening of dancing. There will be "mixers" to meet other dancers, and lots of snacks to enjoy.



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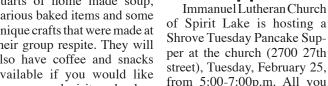
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Soup and Bake Sale at Calvary

Please join the Respite Angels for a soup to go and bake sale along with various crafts for sale on Thursday, February 27, from 9:30 to 11:30am, at Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. They will have quarts of home made soup, various baked items and some unique crafts that were made at their group respite. They will also have coffee and snacks available if you would like to come and visit and relax. Proceeds from this sale will go to support the Respite Angels group respite program at Calvary. If you have questions, please call Respite Angels at 712-229-6064 or the church office at 712-332-2447.



of Spirit Lake is hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church (2700 27th street), Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00p.m. All you can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages for a free will donation. Proceeds will go to Joyful Journeys Childcare Center's Scholarship Fund.

Pancake

Supper







A tradition that started in 1978 will celebrate its 42nd season this year when five lakes region churches highlight the 2020 Lenten season with nondenominational Lenten ecumenical services on Friday mornings in March and April.

A different church in the Milford and Arnolds Park area will be hosting the service each week. Open to all women and men, the services will begin at 9:30am followed by coffee and refreshments. No baby-sitting service will be available. Men are also welcome to attend.

The following churches will be hosting the services:

Friday, March 6: Harbor Of Joy Lutheran Church, in Milford, will host the annual World Day of Prayer. The program will center on the women of Zimbabwe with the theme of "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk."

Friday, March 13: Light of the Lakes, Arnolds Park.

Friday, March 20: Calvary United Methodist, Arnolds Park **Friday, March 27:** Faith Community, in Milford, and Excelsior United Methodist, rural Milford. The service will be held at Faith Community.

Friday, April 3: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford

"We are excited that the long standing tradition of ecumenical services in the lakes area will continue. It's amazing that a community event that started in 1978 is still strong today. Committee members find a special bond working with other churches in the community in the planning of the services. Those that attend often get reacquainted with community members they haven't seen for awhile," said Committee Member Susan Reiser of St. Joseph Catholic Church. The local churches have been sponsoring nondenominational ecumenical services since 1978. In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be aired on local radio stations. Residents are urged to clip and save this schedule for future reference.

Life Sunday Service at Trinity

by Vicki Place, Trinity LWML President

As baptized Christians, we are called to love our neighbor. That calling certainly includes doing whatever we can to help protect and defend his/her physical life. These days our neighbor's life is threatened in many ways, including both abortion and doctor-assisted suicide. On Sunday March 8, Rev. Fredric Hinz of the Minnesota South District staff will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Valley, Minnesota, to give an overview of these and other life issues and to inform us about concrete steps we can take to better love our neighbor and guard her life. We hope you will join us for this informative presentation.

This is our Life Sunday Service and our church service begins at 10:00am. There will be a lunch following.

Need Help With Heating Bill?

The 2019-2020 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income 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.

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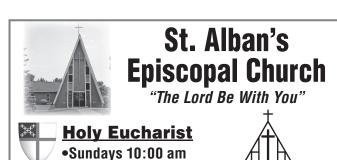
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Community Table

All are welcome for a Community Table meal from 5:30 - 6:45pm.

Meals take place the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month. The 2nd Thursday of the month it will be held at the Bible Conference Community Center 45 S Highway 71, Arnolds Park. The 3rd Thursday of the month it will be held at the YMCA 1900 41st Street, Spirit Lake.

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

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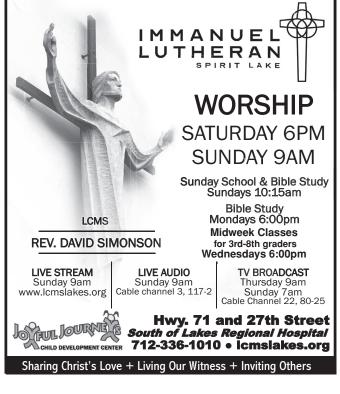
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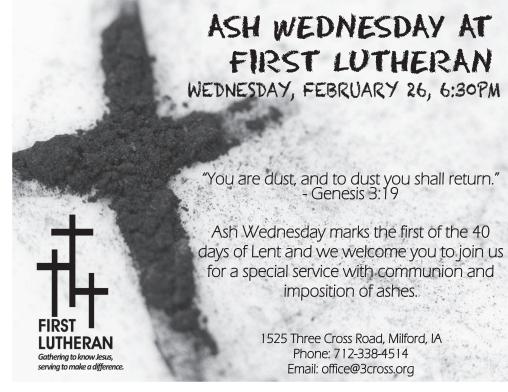
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Last Dollar Scholarship Program Fills \$515,000 In Tuition Gaps For ILCC Students

The Last Dollar Scholarship program fills FAFSA by the July 1st deadline," said Stephen financial gaps for Iowa Lakes Community College students enrolled in high-employment demand programs to the tune of over \$515,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship covers any tuition gaps not covered by other federal and state grants/scholarships for eligible Iowa residents enrolled in targeted, high-demand career and technical programs at Iowa Lakes Community College.

The Last Dollar Scholarship program is available to recent high school graduates and employed or unemployed adults who are seeking to improve their skills and have been a resident of Iowa for at least five years. Additional qualifications include enrolling in an eligible field of study and completing a FAFSA on time.

"The Last Dollar Scholarship has benefited many Iowa residents and helped reduce the cost of college for many students. I recommend that any Iowa resident considering enrolling in one of the eligible programs focus on completing a Pelzer, Financial Aid Director at Iowa Lakes Community College.

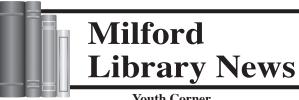
The following programs offered at Iowa Lakes Community College qualify for the Last Dollar Scholarship: Agriculture Production Technology, Aviation & Airport Management, Business Administration & Management, Computer Programming, Construction Technology, Digital, Social, & Broadcast Productions, Electrical Technology, Environmental Studies, Farm Equipment & Diesel Technology, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Hotel & Restaurant Management, Nursing, Surgical Technology, Veterinary Technician, Web Development & Design, Welding, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology.

For full details regarding eligibility for the Last Dollar Scholarship, visit iowalakes. edu/last-dollar-scholarship-program, or you may contact the Financial Aid Office on the Emmetsburg Campus at 712-852-5267 or the Estherville Campus at 712-362-7917.



Pancake Supper

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake is hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church (2700 27th street), Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00p.m. All you can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages for a free will donation. Proceeds will go to Joyful Journeys Childcare Center's Scholarship Fund.



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be Ms. Emily Tinsman who is the current Miss Iowa 2019. She will be doing a musical storytime at 10:30am



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The application deadline for both the Shine & Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2020. Recipients will be notified of their award in April. Students interested in applying for the scholarship or loan program should contact Danelle Stumbo, Human Resource Development Director at Spencer Hospital, 712-264-6623.

Bill of Sale Required for Title Transfers

Starting March 1, 2020, the Dickinson County Treasurer's Office will require a bill of sale from customers when transferring titles for motor vehicles between private parties. "Dealerships have already provided this information to my office," says Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley. "This now expands to people buying and selling motor vehicles in private party transactions.'

- A bill of sale should include the following information: Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Year, Make and Model of the vehicle
- Seller's name and mailing address
- Buyer's name and mailing address Date of sale
- Purchase price
- Signatures of both the buyer and the seller.

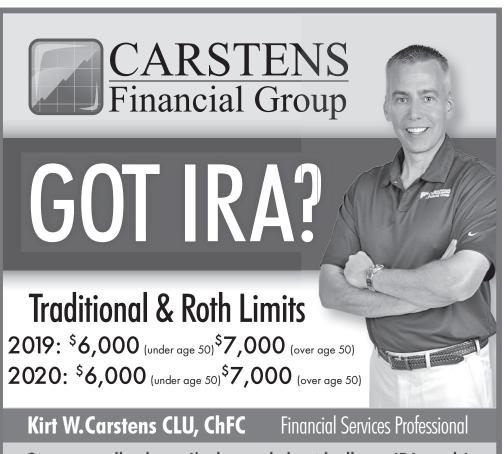
"This lets us know which car was sold, who it came from and who it went to as well as when the sale took place and what the price of the vehicle was. It ensures a smooth transfer of a vehicle and verifies the purchase price which is critical to Iowa's road fund," says Rowley. "Dickinson County will accept handwritten bills of sale, bills of sale from other counties as well as some other forms of proof of purchase price.'

Dickinson County's bill of sale form is available online and at the office. It can be found on the Dickinson County website on the Treasurer's Motor Vehicle page at https://dickinsoncountyiowa.org/motor-vehicle/."

Making a false statement of the purchase price is a fraudulent practice. Anyone doing so can be assessed a penalty of 75% of the amount of the One-Time Registration Fee that was not paid This fee, previously known as Use Tax, is 5% of the sales or lease price of the motor vehicle.

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the brochure, updating the website, and beginning to get the word out about all of our artists.

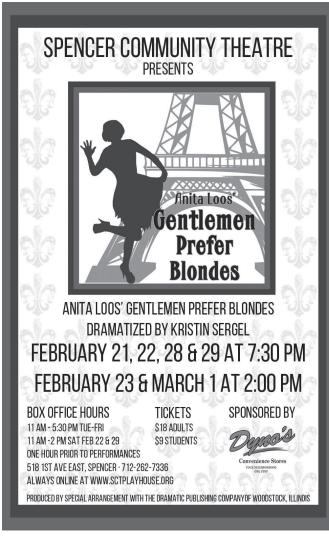
Why should you be a part of A.R.T.? For the artisans involved, the Road Trip is a powerful networking and marketing opportunity. In addition to the October event, participating artists also benefit from year-round advertising with thousands of brochures distributed; a regularly updated blog; 24/7 website; plus group gallery exhibitions (including one this year at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji).

All artists in the region are encouraged to apply for the upcoming 2020 season. A.R.T. is organized and run by artists for artists. Together we work to increase art exposure, introducing new art styles to the community and new customers to local artists. And we want YOU to join us. A.R.T. is always looking for new and returning artists.

For more information, links to the official A.R.T. blog and current artist biographies, as well as a downloadable .PDF of the 2020 Artist Application & Prospectus, go to www. artisansroadtrip.com. If you have any questions, please contact President Haley McAndrews at ArtisansRoadTrip@gmail.com.













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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.

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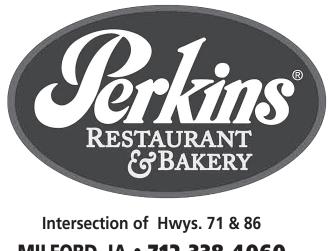
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Quiet Riot to perform at The Roof Garden Ballroom

ROOF GARDEN

Arnolds Park Amusement Park, located at Arnolds Park, Iowa, is pleased to announce that national recording artists, Quiet Riot, will be coming to the Lakes Area as part of their Roof Garden Ballroom concert series. They will be appearing Saturday, April 25, 2020, with doors opening at

6:30 and show time at 7:30. Tickets are general admission and \$25 per person presale and \$30 per person at the door the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.

roofgardenballroom.com. Quiet Riot is best re-

membered as the first heavy metal band to top the pop charts, the Los Angeles quartet became an overnight sensation thanks to their monster 1983 smash album Metal Health. Their follow-up album, Condition Critical went double platinum and the band continued to record and tour.

Quiet Riot continues their journey with Metal Health founding member Frankie Banali who is joined by Quiet Riot veteran bassist Chuck Wright and Quiet Riot guitarist Alex Grossi. Their new vocalist, James Durbin, completes the lineup. Durbin stepped into the public eye when he came in fourth place on American Idol on season ten. He was known as the "metal" guy and did a performance with Judas Priest on the show.

Special guest that evening will be Bad Authority who took first place in 2014 in the first statewide Battle of the Bands competition hosted by the Iowa Rock N'Roll Music Association. This kickstarted their rock n' roll careers. They have opened for a number of nationally acclaimed acts including the Steve Miller Band, Ted Nugent, Head East, Jackyl, and Papa Roach.

Paul Plumb, Marketing Director at Arnolds Park Amusement Park stated "We are very excited to secure a date with the legendary Quiet Riot. Heavy Metal is a genre that we regularly get requests for from our guests. To be able to have this high energy show in the new Roof Garden is going to be a great evening of Rock and Roll."

Area Student Art Exhibit 2020!

Each year Arts on Grand in Spencer is proud to offer a space for area students' artwork to be exhibited for the public to see

and enjoy. Their Middle/ High School show will be February 27 - March 27. See local emerging talent. Teachers from Spencer Middle School and

High School will be submitting work for the show. They know that students create things outside of class as well, and all students grades 7-12 in Clay county are encouraged to enter their own work by bringing it to Arts on Grand, 408 Grand Avenue, by Thursday, February 26, for consideration (maximum three pieces per student). They will be jurying this show and presenting awards, including art supplies and Arts on Grand student membership to their studio for three top artists. Please accept their invitation to participate in this popular event.

The Reception and awards ceremony will be March 12,5:00-7:00pm. Pizza will be served. All are welcome.





Cornfields and family at the PLAC

Two films with Iowa Ag as their focus will highlight the Iowa Films Night presentation at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji on Thursday, March 5, in the Lauridsen Theater.

A documentary feature undertaken by some three dozen students at Buena of Jerry Johnson, assistant Digital Media Professor, will introduce the night's theme.



"Growing Magic, The Mickey Mouse Cornfield Story" not only documented the story of the farm family whose Mickey Mouse profile was seen by thousands flying over the midwest for Mickey's 60th birthday but examines the event that brought together seven small-town Iowa communities during the difficult time of the 1980's farm crisis. Former Arnolds Park Pastor R.D.

The second film, "Knee High" by Ottumwa native, Marissa Vonn, is a short drama which follows Calvin Melbourne as he struggles to keep hold of the reins to the family farm while still making time for his young son, Avery.

Streeter was a key figure in the organization of the small towns.

Iowa actors, producers, directors, subjects or locations are the attraction in the films shown on the first Thursday of each month. Movies begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one and a half hours. A freewill offering is requested. Join us, for a look through a camera lens at this place we call home.





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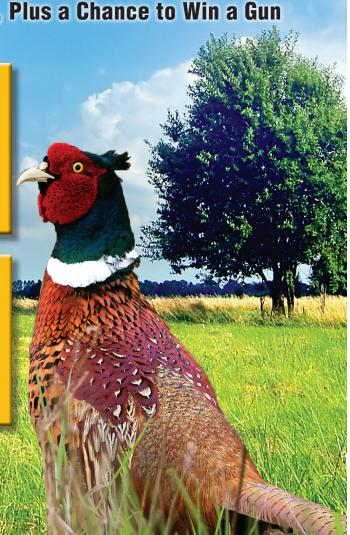
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Musical Storytime with Miss Iowa 2019

Americans for the Arts-Advocate, Educate, Invest. This initiative focuses on the preservation of arts education as a critical need for youth in a well-rounded education. She has spent the

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recognize the importance of access to arts programs and funding.

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Please join the Milford Memorial Library as we welcome Ms. Emily Tinsman, the current Miss Iowa 2019, as she pres-

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ents a musical storytime

for youth, families, and daycares at 10:30am on

Monday, March 9, 2020.

She will have an engaging

program full of singing,

dancing, stories, and a

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Lorelei Lee (Mary Narsi) tries to sweet talk her Daddy (Steve Deutsch) into letting her go to Europe with a friend to complete their education. While he obviously objects, Daddy loses the battle in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, on stage this weekend at the Spencer Community Theatre.



Gentlemen... continues at SCT

Picture if you can, a dazzling young blonde and an allegedly more sensible friend asking the blonde's Daddy for his permission and his checkbook to "complete their education" in Europe through the summer months. Convincing Daddy,

who didn't think a trip would improve their minds, was the order of the night. And a day later the two sweet talkers were making Trans-Atlantic travel plans...

That's just what happens in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, when a cast of 22 and a production team of 13 more bring this 1953 classic to life on the Spencer Community Theatre stage. Lorelei (Mary Narsi), the blonde, and Dorothy (Sheila Kulow), her allegedly sensible brunette friend, connive to complete their educations in

Europe, not only to improve their minds by day, with partying in the evenings... The SCT production is directed by Jane Jans, with 7:30 curtain times Friday and Saturday night, and a 2:00 Sunday matinee...

Elsewhere on campus, The DayBreak Band will be on another stage, at the VFW in Spirit Lake, Wednesday night, from 6-8:00, for dancing and listening...

And, The Little Swan Lake Winery will see Storm Rising on the stage in the barn, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00. The Ridottos, featuring Al Kline, Shane Von Holdt and others, will take the same stage on Sunday, March 1st...

Research director RD is asking both ladies and gentlemen to wear something pink on Wednesday, as it will be Pink Day. The holiday, she suggests, could have been created in honor of Blake Edwards for his comedy spy film *The Pink* Panther, that introduced the famous feline cartoon character! One song from the show, It Had Better Be Tonight (Meglio Stasera in Italian) was written by Henry Mancini, with English lyrics provided by Johnny Mercer. The silky-voiced Fran

Jeffries performed the show-stopping samba in the 1963 film. In addition to covers by others, Michael Bublé used the song on his 2007 CD, Call Me Irresponsible...

Wednesday is also Fairy Tale Day! One of those, Little Red Riding Hood, is a European fairy tale that can be traced back to the 10th century. Li'l Red Riding Hood

RAMBO-ling

is a 1966 novelty pop song recorded by Sam The Sham and the Pharaohs on the MGM label. It was their second top-ten hit. Wooly Bully was their first — and it rose all the way to Number 2 on the charts. The leader of the group, Domingo 'Sam' Samudio, turns 83 on Friday...

BOB RAMBO Not far from Wednesday's celebration comes No Brainer Day, on Thursday. You no doubt remember Ray Bolger singing If I Only Had a Brain, as the Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz. Harold Arlen and 'Yip' Harburg wrote the song with interchangeable requests from the Wizard for the Tin Man ("a heart") and the Coward-

February 29th is always Leap Year Day. And if you're thinking Leapy Lee and his Little Arrows, think again. RD's musical selection is found in the soundtrack of the 2010 movie Leap Year, which was an updated version of the 1934 Academy Award winning film, *It Happened One Night*, starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. The music in the *Leap Year* soundtrack includes a rare Latin-flavored Nat 'King' Cole song, *More and More of Your Amor*, written by George David Weiss and Joe Sherman, and recorded by Nat in 1965; and *Dream a Little Dream of Me*, written in 1931, by Gus Kahn, Wilber Schwandt, and Fabian Andre; and recorded 37 years later by The Mamas and The Papas, featuring Cass Elliot. (Just for the record: of all the years mentioned above, only 1968 was a Leap Year)...

And, with many records, clarinetist, saxophonist, composer, and big band leader James Francis 'Jimmy' Dorsey was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, on February 29, 1904. The Leap Year baby's most famous jazz compositions include It's the Dreamer in Me, which he co-wrote with Jimmy Van Heusen; and I'm Glad There Is You (In This World of Ordinary People), which was co-written by Paul Madeira. Through the decades I'm Glad... has been recorded by a wide variety of artists including Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, and most recently by Seth MacFarlane, on his 2017 CD, In *Full Swing*...

While few realize that Jimmy Dorsey was the first to record Georgia On My Mind — in 1927! — one of his band's top hits came just before his passing, in June of 1957. So Rare was recorded without Dorsey, who was hospitalized in November 11, 1956, when the session was scheduled. When it was released in January 1957, So Rare immediately shot up to the second position on the charts. — and charted for six months — until Dorsey died on June 12th. A little repeated note is that Jimmy Dorsey's band holds the distinction of having the highest charting big band

recording during the first decade of the Rock 'n' Roll Era... March 1st is understandably the first Sunday of the month, calling for Benny Carter's March Wind, written and recorded for his 1959 calendar album, Aspects. Besides being a clarinetist and trumpeter, Carter was a pioneer with the alto sax. Throughout his successful career he released 41 albums, and was nominated for eight Grammy Awards...

March 1st is also the day in 1904 that Alton Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa. The first instruments Glenn played as a youth were the trombone, cornet, and mandolin, before he settled on the trombone at the age of 12, and continued with it for the rest of his sadly too-short career. Listing Miller's hits would take a good-sized book; but you will find quite a few listed by searching his name — and/or you can find the recordings for an afternoon of good listening to songs like American Patrol, In The Mood, and Moonlight Serenade, on YouTube. While you're on the Internet, be sure to check-out the details of the annual Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda — the second weekend of June each year...

All the news that fits we print.

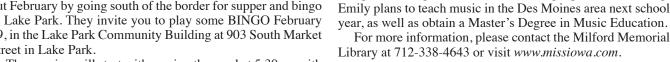
Please send your music-related announcements and comments to RAMBOling@Mindspring.Com or POBox 676, Okoboji, Iowa 51355-0676

Deadline for RAMBOling submissions is the Friday prior to Tuesday publication

South of the Border Bingo Night

The Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary & Legion will close out February by going south of the border for supper and bingo in Lake Park. They invite you to play some BINGO February 29, in the Lake Park Community Building at 903 South Market

The evening will start with serving the meal at 5:30pm with



this week's feature being soft shell tacos or taco salad, nacho cheese and chips, sherbet and a drink for \$5.00. Then twelve thrilling games of BINGO begin at 6:30pm with prizes donated from generous local businesses. There are always concessions of pop, popcorn, candy and chips to keep you fueled for the blackout BINGO game that ends the night. So be sure to join them February 29 for a night south of the border in Lake Park.

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Friday Night is Family Night

Spend Friday evenings as a family at the Dickinson County Nature Center's monthly Family Nature Night.

Environmental educators have plenty of fun planned for the next two Family Nature Nights 7:00pm Friday, February

28 and March 27. The February program's theme is Leap Into Nature --- in honor of Leap Day the following day --- and will feature a night hike through Kenue Park.



ture and enjoy the crisp, winter air and the stars," said Bryanna Kuhlman, environmental education coordinator. "We're going to encourage no flashlights to encourage people to use their

Dickinson County environmental educators always say, "There's no bad weather, just bad clothing," so they request everyone to bundle up and be prepared for an evening outdoors.

"I've been wanting to do a night hike, but in summer, it's not dark at 7:00pm," Kuhlman said. "So in order to do a night hike, we need to do it this time of year. It's also fun to do two things you don't usually do --- go outside in winter and go out at night."

Kuhlman and naturalist Ashley Hansen are excited to get people to head outside, even in winter's chill. "Nature is alive and thriving at all times and in all weather,"

Hansen said. In case of below -0 temperatures, a back-up program will be

held inside the nature center, but registrants should still come ready to head outside.

Kuhlman and Hansen have both been excited for the Rock Kitchen theme for Family Nature Night March 27. Kuhlman will portray a geologist and Hansen a chef as they talk about different rock types, show examples and then make an edible recipe that exemplifies each type of rock.

Families will get to try some edible samples, participate in hands-on demonstrations and will take home recipes to make other "rocks" on their own.

"We thought it would be a lot of fun for Family Nature Night, because it's a clever way to show different types of rocks and help people remember the different types of rocks and how they're formed," Hansen said.

"It's going to rock," Kuhlman said.

Family Nature Night is a free monthly program held 7:00pm the fourth Friday of each month. Each program lasts approximately one hour.

The programs are limited to the first 60 registrants, so please call 712-336-6352 to pre-register your family for the February and March programs.

You can find out more about Family Nature Night themes for the year and about other Dickinson County Nature Center programs at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.





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People can complete their forms on-line or drop it at The Lakes News Shopper by 9:00 AM Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Contact Jantina, Jenna or John to reserve your spot today since only **24 SPOTS** are available!





Your local chambers of commerce are teaming up to spread kindness this February 29th, 2020. Join the movement and work together with your friends, family, co-workers, or service groups to make a difference this month.

#LeapOfKindnessDay is a great way to build employee morale with a focus on kindness and community. Organize a food drive, a clothing drive, or team up to volunteer and help a local charitable organization. There are endless opportunities to give back this year!

One of the simplest and perhaps most meaningful ways to take part in #LeapOfKindnessDay is to send a thank you note or card to someone that means a lot to you. Visit www.okobojichamber. com to download your own #LeapOfKindnessDay card, add a message for someone special in your life, and deliver to them!

Contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce for more information at 712-332-2107 or e-mail kiley@ okobojichamber.com. More information can be found at www. okobojichamber.com.





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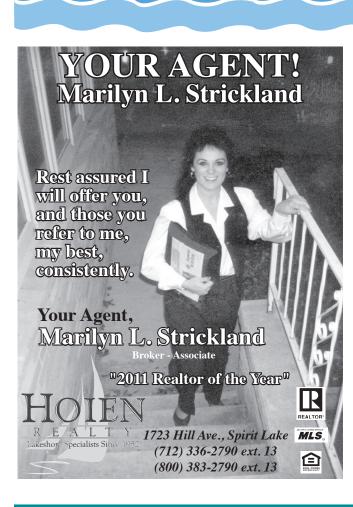
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Sat., April 18 – 8:30 AM – Consignment Auction in Ceylon, IA. Auctioneers: Howells, Helmers & Rooney. 712-260-9690. www. howellrealestateandauction.com



On Saturday, February 15 and 16, the Spirit Lake 8th grade team played at the Sanford Pentagon "Heat up the Hardwood" tournament and took first place.

Bottom row (l-r) Will Graves, Evan Beck, Ryder Sundall, Nick Erickson. Top row (l-r) Chris Beck, Tyler Tungland, Owen Meerbeek, Simon Leinbaugh, Owen Lalumendre, Jonathon Meerbeek.







1 lb. chicken breasts, cubed 3 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 medium red pepper, chopped 3 celery ribs, chopped 1 teaspoon dried marjoram

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1 lb. raw shrimp, peeled & deveined 2 cups frozen sliced okra

keep warm. In the drippings, saute the red pepper, onion

and celery until tender. Stir in the seasonings; cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the broth. rice and sausage mixture; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 to

25 minutes, or until rice is tender. Stir in the tomatoes, shrimp and okra; cook for 10 minutes, or until shrimp turn pink, stirring occasionally.

Recipe Courtesy of: "Casseroles, Slow Cooker & Soups" (Taste of Home Books). Mardi Gras, is French for "Fat Tuesday," which is celebrated the Tuesday before Lent, in New Orleans.



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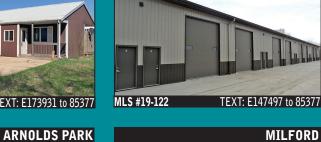
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The Spirit Lake Public Library will feature "Remembering the Apron" on Friday, February 28, at 9:30am.

Presenter, Sheila Craig is a grandmother with a collection of aprons. Her program, "Remembering the Apron," takes a nostalgic look at the apron in an interactive, hands-on program. (Yes, you can touch and feel.) The program will look at the fabrics and trims, the styles and uses of aprons. Don't leave out the men – she has examples for them too.

You will have the opportunity to see about 100 of her 400-collection of aprons. What member of your family wore an apron? Was it for a special job, or around the kitchen? Come and reminisce about your families' connection to an apron.

Sheila is a retired University of Minnesota Extension Educator from Preston, Minnesota, originally from Decorah, Iowa. She has been doing 'apron programs' for almost 15 years for libraries, church groups, and care facilities as well as the Iowa State 'Women Around Ag Conference' in Clear Lake, Iowa. She is married; has two grown sons and their wives, and two grandsons.

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ILCC Receives "Top 10 Gold" Military Friendly® Designation During parent/teacher conferences, Spirit Lake Middle School

Iowa Lakes Community College receives "Top 10 Gold" Military Friendly® designation on the 2020-21 Military Friendly® Schools list out of more than

1,000 participating schools. The "Top 10 Gold" designation is the highest honor possible through the prestigious Military Friendly® program created by VIQTORY, a servicedisabled, veteran-owned small business founded in 2001.

To earn the award, Iowa Lakes Community College was rated by survey scores and an institutional assessment including student retention, gradu-

ation rates, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically for student veterans.

The 2020-2021 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine. The list can also be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Iowa Lakes Community College strives to meet the unique needs of military veterans and is continually looking for ways to improve the experiences of our military and veteran students and faculty. Currently, Iowa Lakes boasts two Veteran Centers on the main campuses, a Peer/Staff mentorship program, and multiple Military and American Legion scholarship opportunities.

Iowa Lakes Community College has garnered many awards and established several programs recognizing our military and veteran-friendly program including two high-level ESGR awards, the state-level Above & Beyond, the SecDef's Freedom Award nomination, "Top Veteran Friendly" Award, and the Governor's "Certified Higher Education Military Partner" Status.

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Strong Foundations Honor Band

Okoboji Middle School sixth grade band was honored to have 7 students selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City. This year's festival was to be held on January 23, but was postponed to February 20 because of winter weather. The day featured two bands of equal ability, with guest directors Barb Wells and Tom Cronin. Selected students were: (back to front) Nick Stein-Trumpet, Julian Potter-Tenor Sax, Asher Knudtson-Alto Sax, Kailyn Harry-Clarinet, Nathan Ramirez-Woodley-Bass Clarinet, Alyvia Plathe-Clarinet, and William Anderson-Flute. The Middle School Instrumental Director is Jody Ingwersen. The Middle School Instrumental Director is Jody Ingwersen.

Milford Library News

An open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library is at 5:30pm, on Wednesday, February 5, 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.

It is the final week for Blind Date with a Book. You still have time to find the one by having a blind date with a book. Books from an assortment of genres, departments, fiction and non-fiction will be wrapped in brown paper. Sure, it might turn out to be a dud, or it could be the diamond in the rough you wouldn't have given a chance otherwise. Submit the bookmark included with your book for a chance to win a prize. Last day is Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 1:30pm.



OHS Jazz Band to State: For the 26th consecutive year, Okoboji Jazz Band has claimed a berth at the Iowa Jazz Championships in April. They secured their spot after winning 1st place at three competitions, including the 1st place finish in LeMars on Monday, February 17.

OMS Jazz Band places 2nd: OMS Jazz Band also had a great competition on Monday, February 17, as they placed 2nd

OMS Honor Band: Okoboji Middle School sixth grade band was honored to have 7 students selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City.

OES Music Guest Musician: We had an AWESOME week ast week with musician Gár Lambert. 3rd graders worked to compose their own song they will be singing in the Spring Concert in April, and grades TK-4 worked rhythms and made their own rock bands. We are so blessed to have the Arts Opportunity Grant provide this experience for our students. ~Mrs. Gehrke

Spring Play: Spring Play Tryouts are Monday, February 24, 3:30pm, in the OHS Auditorium. There are jobs for everyone not just on stage. It takes a lot of people working behind the scenes to put on a production. Come be a part of this hilarious play. Performances on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April

Individual Speech: Individual Speech will be attending District Contest in Sibley on Saturday, February 29. Performance Schedule will be on our website. ~Ms. Doyle

OFA Website: We are launching our re-branded website. The new site has information on all the fine arts in every building, with links to Google Drives so parents can access images. It also has links to department social media pages, and to coaches and teachers. Check it out at www.okobojifinearts.wixsite.com/arts.

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Volunteer Appreciation Day at Dickinson County Nature Center

The Dickinson County Nature Center, together with Dickinson County RSVP, will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day for current nature center volunteers and prospective new volunteers at 10:00am, Monday, March 2.

The Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held at the Dickinson County Nature Center located at 22785 Nature Center Road, in Okoboji. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

The nature center currently has more than 50 active volunteers who donated more than 1,600 hours in 2019, including RSVP volunteers 55 and older. Volunteers greet visitors to the nature center year-round, answer phones, give tours, and assist with other activities as needed. During June through August, volunteers also welcome visitors, offer tours, and answer questions about the Westport Schoolhouse.

With the recent Pollinator Paradise addition, the Dickinson County Nature Center is looking to add more volunteers at the front desk and as docents. Volunteer Appreciation Day is a great time for those potentially interested in volunteering to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available at the Nature Center while meeting staff and talking with current volunteers. Volunteer training sessions will take place at 9:00am March 26, 27, 30, and 31 at the nature center.

DeNeitt VanDenBroeke, RSVP Coordinator in Dickinson County, will be available at the Volunteer Appreciation Day to thank RSVP Nature Center volunteers and to share additional volunteer opportunities throughout the county for anyone 55+. Volunteer placements with area food pantries, Meals on Wheels, in elementary schools, providing medical transportation and a host of community activities and events are available through RSVP.

For more information about Volunteer Appreciation Day or volunteering at the nature center, please contact Dickinson County Conservation Community Relations Coordinator Kiley Roth at 712-336-6352 or Dickinson County RSVP Coordinator DeNeitt VanDenBroeke at 712-336-6577.



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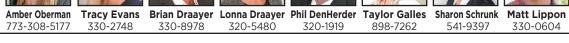




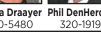




















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84th Annual Ceylon Community Day April 18th Auction

Starting at 8:00 am
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Annual Armstrong Spring Consignment June 9th Starting at 9:00 am
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Farm Retirement Auction Starting at 9:30am Auction Site: South Martin County MN

June 27th Marvin & Lola Talledge

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July 25th **2nd Annual Ceylon Summer**

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New Exhibits on Display at the **Nature Center**

The Dickinson County Nature Center has two new exhibits on display. "We always say we're

growing and changing at the Dickinson County Nature Center, and it's true," said community relations coordinator Kiley Roth. "We never want people to say, 'Been there, done that.' We always want people

to come back and experience something new." The new What's Your Wingspan? exhibit on the main level of

the nature center features life-size paintings of birds that visitors can see in Kenue Park in different seasons --- a trumpeter swan, osprey, great horned owl, mallard, robin and hummingbird --with wingspans ranging from 79 inches to 3 inches.

"Stand in front of the display and see how long your wingspan is compared to these Iowa birds," Roth said. "Plus, you



can also see how large your hand is compared to some of their tracks as well. It's fun to be able to experience the size of these birds, because sometimes when you're looking at them from a distance it's hard to comprehend.' Visitors can also see arti-

facts and information from the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin & Museum as the Dickinson County Nature Center partners with the State Historical Society of Iowa to celebrate Iowa's history. See arrowheads, beaded moccasins, pioneer artifacts and

photos of Abbie Gardner, plus read all about the Spirit Lake

Massacre of 1857, what led up to the tragedy and Abbie's story of capture and her time with Inkpaduta's band of Native Americans. "The Abbie Gardner Cabin & Museum in Arnolds Park is closed during the winter, but we were happy to have the opportunity to display some of the artifacts from there so the public

can learn about this important piece of Iowa history even in the

off-season," Roth said. The Dickinson County Conservation Board partners with the State Historical Society of Iowa each year to staff the Abbie Gardner Cabin & Museum, which is open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

The Spirit Lake Massacre artifacts and information will be on display at the Dickinson County Nature Center through April, at which point the temporary exhibit area will be available for local nature collectors to display in. If you have a naturerelated collection that you would like to put on display for the public, please contact Roth at 712-336-6352 or e-mail kroth@ co.dickinson.ia.us to set up a six-month display period.

The Dickinson County Nature Center is open to the public 10:00am-4:00pm Tuesday-Saturday, year-round. For more information on the interactive exhibits and public programs, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can also keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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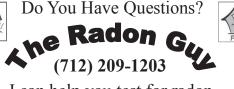
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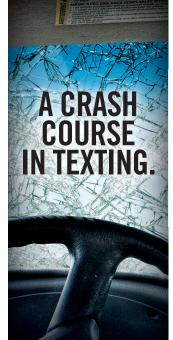


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Soup and Bake Sale at Calvary

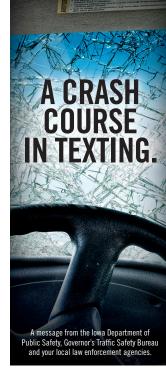
Please join the Respite Angels for a soup to go and bake sale along with various crafts for sale on Thursday, February 27, from 9:30 to 11:30am, at Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. They will have quarts of home made soup, various baked items and some unique crafts that were made at their group respite. They will also have coffee and snacks available if you would like to come and visit and relax. Proceeds from this sale will go to support the Respite Angels group respite program at Calvary. If you have questions, please call Respite Angels at 712-229-6064 or the church office at 712-332-2447.



Pancake

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake is hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church (2700 27th street), Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00p.m. All you can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages for a free will donation. Proceeds will go to Joyful Journeys Childcare Center's Scholarship Fund.





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This 9 week class begins Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30, and are held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake – everyone welcome. Jeff and Nancy Vierkant have facilitated this class 6 times. They share their personal journey on how this program has changed their family tree. Please contact them with questions. Pre-registration required, class space is limited. nancyvierkant@ yahoo.com 712-330-4266 fpu.com/1113284 to register online for \$99 plus tax.

Darci Lynne & Friends: Fresh Out of the Box to perform at the 2020 Clay County Fair

The Clay County Fair announces Darci able online at www.midwestix.com, by phone Lynne & Friends: Fresh Out of the Box Tour at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events

with special guest Renata as part of the SRG Concert Series in the Sleep Number Grandstand at the 2020 Clay County Fair on Friday, September 18, at 7:30pm.

Singer/ventriloquist Darci Lynne is the youngest contestant to ever win NBC's "America's Got Talent," while capturing the hearts of America with her sweetheart disposition and undeniable talent. She has kicked off her 2020 "Fresh Out of The Box" national tour where she

is sharing her polished, impeccable skill as a ventriloquist and singing voice, leaving her audiences breathless.

Renata is an American country/rock trio composed of siblings, Collin, Adrienne, and Benny. These talented siblings and three pieces of fan favorite Matt's Family Jam are no strangers to the music business, already showing the poise and maturity of seasoned professionals. Their musical tastes vary so their live show includes everything from Johnny Cash to John Mayer, not to mention fantastic original music.

Tickets will go on sale this Friday, February 14, at 10:00am. Prices are \$33 (general admission stage front seating), \$28 (reserved Grandstand seating), and \$23 (general admission bleacher seating). Tickets will be avail-

Center Box Office. Handling & processing fees, which are applied to all purchase methods, are included in the advertised price. New in 2020 - "Happy Hour" Start your concert ex-

perience early each night by joining the exclusive "Happy Hour!" This \$25 upgrade, which can be purchased on top of any Grandstand ticket, includes early admittance to the concert prior to the general public; a commemorative Fair gift; and two free

beverage tickets (good for beer, water, or soda). Limited number available each night.

Bag checks are conducted at all Grandstand events. The following items will be prohibited: weapons/firearms, alcoholic beverages not provided by the Fair & Events Center, air horns/whistles or other noisemakers, helium-filled balloons, glitter/confetti, glass bottles, fireworks and illegal substances.

Rooted in Tradition, the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that annually hosts more than 300 events, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Clay County Fair attracts more than 300,000 guests each September for nine-days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. Additional information can be found at claycountyfair.com.



Eight girls and boys ages 9 to 14 emerged as champions of the 2020 Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Championship and earned the right to compete at the regional level. The district battle took place February 9 at Bedell Family YMCA in Spirit Lake and was sponsored and run by the Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043.

In the competition, the winner of the 9-year-old boys' division was Bric Joynt from Emmetsburg. Medaling for the males at age 10 was Kyle Domini A. Europa from Emmetsburg. Karsen Merritt, Spirit Lake, was the 11-year-old boys' champion and Ella Beck, Spirit Lake, championed the girls' division. Okoboji's James Allen was the winner of the 12-year-old boys' division, while Nora Nelson, Emmetsburg, took home the medal for the girls. In the 13-year-olds' bracket, Mason Dahms, Milford, was the boys' champion, and winning for the 14-year-old boys was Nicholas Barba of Arnolds Park.

Jed Skogerboe, Grand Knight of Council 5043, said the competition was intense. "Any time you have the kids competing for a chance to go on to the regional level," Skogerboe said, "the competition gets amped up a bit. Plus, they were shooting 25 free throws, versus only 15 at the local council level."

Paul Katzfey, Youth Director of the council, thanked the Bedell Family YMCA for its support of events like the Free Throw Championship. "Andrew Fisher and his staff at the Bedell Family YMCA live out the Y's commitment to the youth in our community," Katzfey said. "The Knights of Columbus is proud to help grow strong kids right alongside the Bedell Family YMCA.'

District winners are eligible to compete in the regional competition in Remsen, with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels. Each

in the district championship. Regional winners are awarded a trophy and the highest-scoring state winner receives the In-

ternational Championship Crystal Trophy. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past year contributing more than \$18,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, as well as to local family, community and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special

Ella Beck

Olympics and local organizations.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated more than 76.7 million volunteer hours and \$185 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church. councils, communities, families and youth.

