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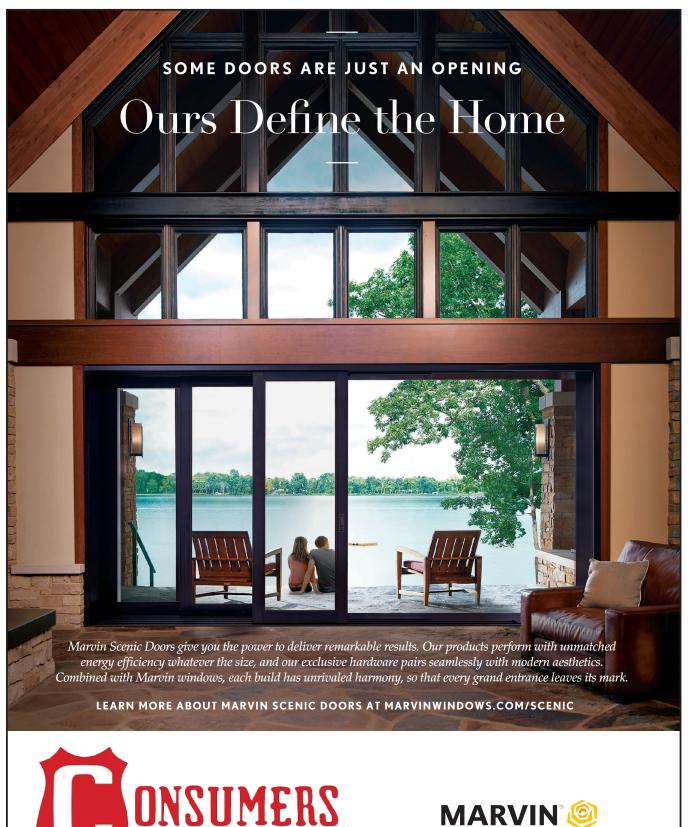
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Kollum (juggler), July 9: Absolute Science (bubbles), and July 16: End Celebration Party! We can't wait to see you all soon!

Birthday Announcement urday, April 25, 2020. Family and friends would like to honor

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June 4: Kick Off Party, June June 18: Rockin' Red (music and movement), June 25: Jason

Bonnie Ingvall will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sat-

her with a card shower. Greeting can reach her at 1935 440th

Street, Sioux Rapids, Iowa, 50585.

Birthday Announcement

DeEtte Graettinger celebrated her 97th birthday Saturday,

April 18,2020. DeEtte is currently a resident at Accura Healthcare

Center in Milford. If you would like to help make this achievement

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View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

School Sadness

The announcement from Governor Reynolds on Friday that all schools in Iowa would be closed for the rest of the school year was something that we all probably knew was coming, but it was still a bit of a gut punch when it was actually announced. I feel horrible for all of the students, especially the seniors, as this was definitely not the way they envisioned their final year of high school ending with no spring sports seasons, no proms, no State Jazz Band appearances, no spring plays and no spring fine arts performances. Our seniors won't get the opportunity to do these things ever again, as they are also missing out on spending the last days at school with a group of friends with whom many of them have been together for 12 years. I also feel bad for our great teachers, administrators and coaches who are missing out on spending time with our students every day and helping impact their futures. I know we are doing online learning, and Zoom meetings are great, but they don't compare at all to the daily face to face interactions that all of our students and school personnel are missing out on. I'm not going to lie; I don't know how I would have reacted had our basketball season been cancelled and we had not gotten the opportunity to spend all of that time together as a team. The games are great, and the winning of these games are fun, but what I truly love about basketball season is the three hours I get to spend with our team every day at practice; the memories created on bus rides and before and after games; and the time where you truly get to know your players so much more than just on the court.

The one thing I've tried to do during all of this is not act like I know what our students are going through and how they feel; as that would be a lie, and I don't have any idea as none of us have ever gone through this. I try not to tell other people how they should be reacting to this COVID-19 pandemic and how they should react because we all deal with things differently, and there's no right or wrong. We are all in this same storm, but we are all not in the same boat, and this storm is hitting some harder than others. What I do know is this; I know our students will get through this and be stronger than ever because of their perseverance and courage. I know our awesome teachers, coaches, faculty, staff and administration will continue to find creative ways to interact with our students and keep parents informed. I know our administration will do everything they can while keeping our students safe to try and make graduation ceremonies still happen. I know that we are truly blessed to live in this great area that has so many awesome school districts who help prepare our students for an uncertain future. I know that through faith in God and faith in humanity that we will get through this and come out on the other side of this storm stronger than ever.

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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

It is nice to have the snow almost gone and the temperature warming up, even if we can't go anywhere much. Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake still plans to have a Farmers Market, at least in some form, this summer. Managers are waiting for guidelines from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Iowa Farmers Market Association before making any decisions. However, the vendor meeting on April 22 will not be held. We hope to hold a meeting later in May if people are allowed to be out and about by then. Keep watching this space for news about a meeting or about the Farmers Market this summer. If you are interested in being a vendor, call 712-336-4430 and leave a message. More information will be provided.

Gardens are starting to shape up. Early spring crops such as onions, radishes, spinach, peas, and potatoes can be planted as soon as the ground can be worked. Perennials such as some herbs and flowers are starting to grow. This looks like a good year to put in a tomato plant or some lettuce later in May.

It has been a long winter and an even more difficult spring. We are all looking forward to sunshine, warm days, and the chance to socialize a bit again. Keep reading for information about Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake. We hope to see you there.







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Permit Testing Available at Home

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) is now offering driver's instruction permit testing for students in the comfort of their own home.

Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley says, "We just got notification of this opportunity for our area students who are preparing to drive. It'll be a big help during this time when COVID-19 disruption has closed many of our driver's license

According to the IDOT, a parent or guardian will be required to administer the test, and the student will need an electronic device connected to the internet. A phone or tablet will not work

To apply to take the test at home, the child must be at least 14 years old. The parent must apply to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) by completing and submitting the "Application to Proctor Knowledge Exam" form. This is available on the IDOT's website at https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/ skip-the-trip. Upon approval, the parent and student will receive an email with instructions for taking and administering the test. After the test is completed, the student will receive an email with the test results and instructions.

If the student successfully passes, the instructions state:

You will receive a test receipt email. You are not valid to drive. Bring a copy of the email to the driver's license service center, along with the other required identity documentation found online at http://www.iowadot.gov under Licensed Drivers - New driver's license/ID.

Currently the Dickinson County Driver's License station is closed to the public due to COVID-19.

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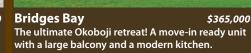
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Nick Yates Joins RE/MAX Lakes Realty as Relator

pleased to announce that Nick Yates, REALTOR®, has joined our team of real estate

professionals Nick originally hails from Sioux City, Iowa. His passion for Real Estate began at an early age, when he was fortunate enough to spend many of his summers at Lake Okoboji. He was introduced to the lake lifestyle when his family bought their first cabin on East Lake and he hasn't looked back. Nick has the unique ability to make his buyers and sellers feel 100% comfortable during



the sales process and has built a reputation of trust and honesty, which his clients continue to appreciate.

When Nick isn't helping his clients, he enjoys boating, biking, scuba diving and golfing. When not on the go, Nick appreciates spending quality time with his girlfriend Danielle and her three daughters. Of course, there is also Ringo, their lovable German Wirehair who demands lots of attention.

When it's time to buy or sell, you can reach Nick at nick@ sellboji.com or call him directly at 712-490-3912. RE/MAX Lakes Realty is a leading Real Estate services provider in the Iowa Great Lakes and is a member of the Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors.

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Birthday Announcement

Florence Kramer turns 85 on April 24, 2020. Please join us by sending her cards (no gifts please) to PO Box 82, Fostoria, IA 51340.



LRH Reminds People Together We Are Stronger

although they are spending more time away from friends and family because of social distancing, state, county and local leaders recognize and appreciate the vital role they serve in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

"This unprecedented time is not easy," said Lakes Regional Healthcare COVID-19 Task Force physician Zach Borus, MD, MPH. "We want everyone to know that the actions they are taking - staying home except for essential trips to the store or physician and keeping a 6-foot distance from other individuals - are important and make a difference." These actions, known as social distancing, help stop the spread of COVID-19.

While physical health is a primary focus now, mental health should also be a priority. "Spending most of your time at home often means more television and social media, and that often means an overload of information about COVID-19. People may feel lonely, isolated, and anxious. This is common, but there are steps we can take to help these emotional results of COVID-19," said Dr. Borus.

- Use the phone, computer or other devices to connect electronically with friends and family.
- Take time to unplug. It's important to stay informed, but you can do that by checking in with trusted sources a few times a day.
- Eat healthy meals and find ways to be active. Eat regular, healthy meals and make time to move.
- Find ways to support others. Go to https://iglcoronarelief. org to see how you can help others.
- If you need to talk to someone, visit YourLifeIowa. org, where you can online chat. Or call Iowa Concern at 800-447-1985. You can also text YourLifeIowa at 855-895-8398 or call 855-581-8111. All services are confidential and free.

Lakes Regional Healthcare thanks all the local businesses, schools, essential service workers, health care providers, coalitions, churches and individuals for doing their part during this COVID-19 pandemic. As a reminder, all residents should: Stay home as much as possible, leaving only for essential

- errands like groceries or medication. Stay home completely when even mildly ill (the kind
- of illness that normally wouldn't prevent you from your everyday activities) Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow/
- upper arm, then wash your hands. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least
- 20 seconds each time.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever (100.4 or greater) and shortness of breath. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, you should call Lakes Regional Healthcare's COVID-19 Hotline at 712-336-6696. A nurse will assess you over the phone and provide next steps, which may mean coming into the clinic to be seen by a provider and possibly having a test.

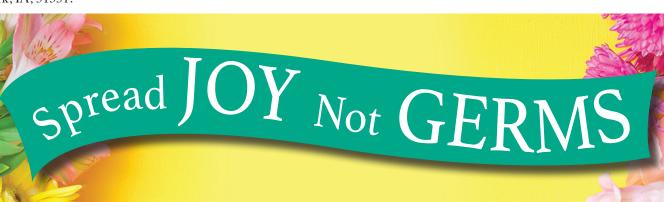
For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit *https://idph*. iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus and follow Lakes Regional Healthcare on Facebook at @LakesRegionalHealthcare.

Birthday Announcement

Happy 90th birthday to Shirley Miner on April 22, 2020. Greetings may be sent to Shirley at 2609 1st Street, Arnolds Park, IA, 51331.









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His family would like to honor him with a card shower. Greetings can be sent to him at: 502 E Railroad St., Lake Park IA 51347

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COVID-19 - reliable, research-based information related to COVID-19. https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/covid-19

Disaster Recovery - information to help with concerns about mental health and wellbeing, personal finance, healthy eating, relationships, food safety, and nutrition and wellness. https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/disaster-recovery

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4-H & Youth Programs Updates

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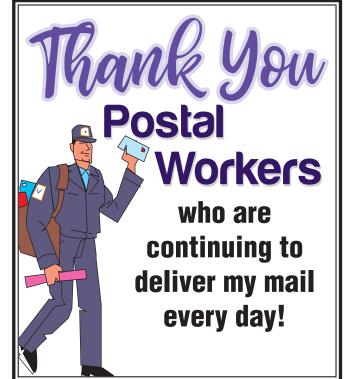
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Birthday Announcement

Leanna Hass will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Warm wishes can reach her at PO Box 82, Lake



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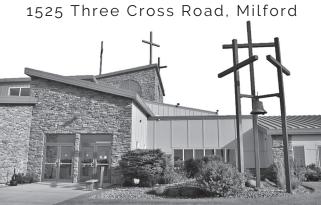


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- 1/ teaspoon onion powder Asparagus
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus, ends trimmed 3 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat broiler to high. Grease top of broiler pan and line bottom with foil. Place asparagus in a microwave-safe dish. Pour

water over & microwave on high for 5-6 minutes, until crisp-tender. Drain off remaining water. Meanwhile, mix butter, mayonnaise, lemon juice, Parmesan, basil, pepper and onion powder.

Set aside. Place tilapia on greased broiler pan. Broil for 2-3

minutes, flip and broil 2-3 minutes more. Remove from oven and spread butter/Parmesan mixture over fillets. In another bowl, mix melted butter and lemon juice. Pour over drained asparagus, then toss to coat. Spread around tilapia on broiler pan and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan. Broil 3 minutes more, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Recipe Courtesy of: Iowa Dietitian Tonya Huenink at www.mealsqueeze.com This weekly meal plan service provides easy, optional meal prep lists



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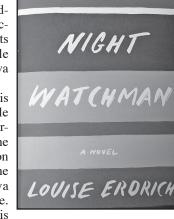


Writers and Writing

This month features "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich and Harper Collins. The Night Watchman is a

captivating novel by Louise Erdrich, based on her grandfather Patrick Gourneau's successful fight to ward off efforts to "emancipate" the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa of North Dakota.

At the heart of the story is Thomas Wazhashk, humble night watchman in a jewel bearing plant. Thomas unearths the real intent of federal legislation that would disenfranchise the Turtle Mountain Chippewa from their land and way of life. Another major character is



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Patrice 'Pixie' Paranteau, a young woman just coming of age who works in the same plant as her uncle Thomas and who is the object of the affections of local high school math teacher and coach 'Hay Stack' Barnes.

It is not Hay Stack who draws Patrice's affections, though, but Wood Mountain, Hay Stack's prize protégé and boxer. Barnes persuades Wood Mountain to take part in a grueling fight, with the gate receipts going toward paying for a Turtle Mountain delegation's travel to Washington, D.C., to fight a termination bill written by Senator Arthur W. Watkins.

Patrice is also driven to learn what happened to her sister Vera who disappeared in Minneapolis, leaving her baby with friends. Through the course of learning what happened to her sister, Patrice experiences life as a 'waterjack' in a seedy nightclub. By her own fierce vigilance she fights off the same forces that sent her sister into the arms of human traffickers.

Millie Cloud, a graduate sociology student, a secondary character, also plays an important role in the novel. Millie's research of the Turtle Mountain people is key in the delegation's presentation to Washington lawmakers. All but completely absorbed into white culture, Millie rediscovers her Chippewa roots and, like her fellow warriors, fights for the rights of her people.

Patrice joins the delegation to Washington, only to return to discover that Wood Mountain has found someone else to take her place – someone else very important to her.

Erdrich accomplishes many things in this novel. She weaves seemingly disparate strands into a tightly woven rope at the end. She also shows how common people can accomplish great things when they work together. And, perhaps even greater, she shows the resilience of the Chippewa people and their refusal to be daunted.

This is a wonderfully inspiring novel by a master storyteller who will draw you in and not let you go until the very end. Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.





Birthday Announcement

The family of Georgia Soule would like to host a card shower honoring her 90th Birthday on Friday, April 24, 2020.

Birthday wishes can be sent to her at: 604 Dam Road, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331.



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Page 8 Spencer Hospital Acquires Limited Supplies for Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Spencer Hospital is one of 13 sites in Iowa which the State Hygienic Laboratory issued an Abbott ID Now analyzer which allows for a rapid COVID-19 test to be performed locally.

"This new testing method is a positive development and a step in the right direction; however, testing supplies for this platform are significantly limited and provided on allocation by federal and state governments," explained Jordan Reed, Spencer Hospital laboratory director.

He added: "When Spencer Hospital receives a request for a COVID-19 test, that request is immediately reviewed by a team of hospital staff and physicians to determine the most appropriate testing method we have available, whether it's use of one of the limited-supply rapid tests or if it's more appropriate to send the test sample to the state lab or Avera reference lab. This process helps to appropriately use medical testing supplies, protect healthcare staff, and conserve other important resources like personal protective equipment."

The Abbott analyzer uses a rapid molecular test which can provide positive results within five minutes and negative results within 13 minutes. This method of testing was provided to Spencer Hospital and other hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the state by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the State Hygienic Lab. To determine where to place these analyzers, the state looked at the location's proximity to testing, population of the elderly, number of long term care facilities in the area, hospital capacity, and healthcare service area.

"While local and state testing capabilities are improved, it is important for everyone to understand that testing supplies continue to be limited," Reed said. "As a result, the volume of tests needed that would allow children to return to school, business to open, and friends to meet again, simply are not available. The ability to quickly and effectively test a larger portion of the population will be a vital component in lifting current restrictions in place to slow the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and prevent a COVID-19 outbreak. Until that time, it continues to be vitally important to continue to follow public health guidance, such as social distancing, in order to protect our families, friends, neighbors, and community."

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 63 YEARS:

OST Summer Season is Canceled

When the Okoboji Summer Theatre announced the schedule for its 63rd season on

Winter Games weekend, it appeared there was a terrific season ahead, including

four great musicals. That was before most anyone around here had heard about

the COVID-19 pandemic that has since shuttered many "nonessential" businesses,

while Iowans are being asked to shelter in place, at home — many with their kids

Stephens officials are now tasked with replacing the experience its students would have acquired during their summer in Okoboji as a part of their college

curriculum — and possibly without the benefit of any audiences in Columbia,

faculty members. Since that time, the OST has been recognized as one of the

longest running summer stock theatre programs in the country, entertaining

ces with high-quality performances, which al

optimistic that things will still turn around before summer." The art center has

already postponed a couple shows, including a magic show that has been moved from May to September. And, the *Carpenters* show, which was slated for June, has

At the Arnolds Park Amusement Park — the largest entertainment venue in the region — CEO Jeff Vierkant explained, "While

the park is still proceeding with a normal schedule for the summer season, we all know that with the COVID-19 situation, public health and safety are of the utmost priorities. We are monitoring the situation and we are taking our guidance from

the state and federal governments, while also monitoring the overall situation to make adjustments as necessary." Vierkant added that, as of this time, the May 16th opening date hasn't changed; but Saturday night's *Quiet Riot* concert has been postponed indefinitely. And the May 2nd *Eli Young Band* show has been canceled.

told us that even if the schools were to reopen, there wouldn't be adequate time

for the OHS Jazz Band to prepare for its concert at Parks Marina, but that he hoped to be able to schedule another show — soon.

crowd, RD is promoting a Sam Coslow song, Just One More Chance, that was

arranged by Arthur Johnston back in 1931. Bing Crosby recorded it that same

year. More recently it appeared on singer/guitarist John Pizzarelli's 2000 CD, Let

There be Love. Johnston is perhaps most famous for writing the melody for Johnny

Coslow also takes credit for at least one song made popular by Ella Fitz-

Lady of Song,' is the person who told us, "If you can't sing it, you'll have to swing

it (Mister Paganini). Those were Coslow's words! The song was included on Ella's

Sunday is Pinhole Photography Day!, which RD says needs Harry Connick's

until 1993 by Marc Shaiman and Ramsey McLean for the Oscar-nominated motion

And almost a candidate for the *Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum,* Bobby Rydell turns 78 on Sunday. The '60's teen idol was born in Philadelphia. With five Top

We'll fly, too, right after we let you know how disappointed RD was that there were no correct answers to her Pop Quiz about Henry Mancini's only chart-top-

Did we mention this was an "open book" test? In the 21st century, that would

also mean online sources are legitimate, too. Maybe next time RD will bake some

Did you know: 1969 is also the year The Beatles recorded Come Together for

their Abbey Road LP? It was the last album they recorded as a group — though not

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the last released. You can "come together," today — if you stay six feet apart...

Ten hits to his credit, Rydell is best known for Wild One, and his cover of Volare —

ping single. RD is going to try again in the weeks ahead. For the record, that single was Mancini's arrangement of A Time for Us, the theme song from the very

successful 1969 motion picture, Love Theme from Romeo and Juliet...

picture, Sleepless in Seattle. Sleepless... producers made a great choice using Harry

gerald, who was born on April 25, 1917. The 'Queen of Jazz' and/or 'The First

1955, Sweet and Hot, 78 rpm, Decca album, which was a compilation of single

issues recorded between 1952 and 1955, that were reissued as an LP and CD.

A Wink and a Smile. While it sounds like an old jazz standard, it wasn't written

Research director RD tells us that Thursday is Take A Chance Day. While we

hope she's not suggesting that we all get closer than six feet from one another in a

Vierkant said the park is still advertising for a full summer staff... **Further south, in Milford,** Okoboji High School band director Ryan Middleton

Just north of the OST, Pearson Lakes Art Center executive director Bob Kirschbaum said the PLAC has also been looking at all options. "We're still

professional directors, actors and actresses as a part of the experience...

Kirschbaum explained that the art center is work-

ing with several agents on alternative plans. "There is

outside. These are certainly unprecedented times, and the safety of our guests is of the utmost importance.

also the possibility that we might move the concerts

We might have to make more changes ahead...

Connick, Jr's. vocal talents for the soundtrack..

which in Italian, means "to fly."

cookies as an incentive...

Stephens took over operation of the OST in 1958, with just nine students and 11

"In an early call on Thursday morning, the OST's executive director, Ruth Ann

Burke, told us, "In recent weeks, the administration at

Stephens College, — which has operated the OST since 1958 — debated several options, ranging from a full season, to a

partial season, or the least desirable option, postponing its

the isolation required to control the outbreak of the virus.

But it was the only responsible avenue to take at this time — and right thing to do in light of the COVID-19 pandem-

ic." (Burke added a sad-eyed emogi to a subsequent email).

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63rd season until 2021. That became the only option as time progressed and there appeared to be no quick solution to

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whose schools are also closed.

Missouri, where the college is located.

been postponed until next year.

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Community Table will be canceled at all locations from now through the month of April.

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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/coun*ty-resource-guide*. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

Local Food Pantry Response To Covid-19 Outbreak

Dickinson County Food Pantries are continuing to serve clients during the COVID-19 outbreak, but have slightly changed the way in which they are doing so. In order to abide by the guidelines set by the CDC and authorities, the pantries are still serving while adhering to social distancing. Pantries are also considered essential and will continue to operate. The following list is accessible at https://www.dickinsoncountyhunger.com/covid19-update. If you need assistance getting food from a pantry, please enter your request at https://iglcoronarelief.org.

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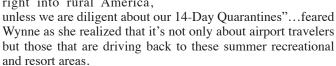
Snow Birds are Welcome Back to Rural Resort Towns but COVID is Not!

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After traveling to her summer home in Arnolds Park, Iowa, from St. Thomas, USVI, Clare Wynne realized that there could be

a serious problem for which public awareness was fully lacking. COVID-19 could be carried back to summer lake homes, resorts and warmer weather residences unless the incoming travelers stay at home for a 14-day quarantine period.

"The pandemic may be moving out of some of the hotspot cities, but could move right into rural America,



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National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020, celebrates libraries' resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic

Macey Morales, Deputy Director, Communications and Marketing Office American Library Association

The novel Coronavirus crisis has dramatically and quickly changed American life. Most libraries have closed their physical buildings on the recommendation of public health officials and the American Library Association (ALA), but remain open for business online and continue to support their communities with resources, services and programs.

As the impact of the current public health crisis continues to evolve and change the work of libraries and library workers, libraries are proving resourceful and resilient, serving as a rich pipeline for content, delivering access to ebooks, movies, music, video games, virtual storytimes and activities, and so much more.

Just as libraries are pivoting in response to the current situation, the ALA is changing the focus of its annual National Library Week celebration, which will be held April 19-25, 2020.

The theme for National Library Week (NLW) 2020, "Find your place at the library," was chosen before the emergence of the global pandemic. To acknowledge our altered landscape, ALA flipped the script a bit on the theme. "Find the library at your place" highlights how libraries are offering virtual services and digital content their communities need now more than ever.

A survey conducted by the Public Library Association, a division of ALA, confirmed that public libraries, while closed to the public, have continued to expand access to digital resources, launch virtual programs, and coordinate services with local government agencies.

The survey found that libraries are rapidly adapting services. A substantial majority of respondents report they have extended online renewal policies (76%), expanded online services like ebooks and streaming media (74%) and added virtual programming (61%). Some specific examples include:

The El Dorado County Library (California), using its 3D print lab and working with a local community foundation, has delivered 700 face shields for use in local regional hospitals and

county facilities and plans to print 15,000. The Rochester Public Library (Minnesota) has worked with city partners to open a day shelter for those experiencing homelessness at the city-owned Mayo Civic Center. County call lines

are being routed to library staff for initial intake and referral. The McArthur Library in Biddeford, Maine, has adapted

in-person programs for online delivery, such as virtual story times and an online knitting group. The Central Rappahannock Regional Library (Virginia),

even while closed, has issued 418 virtual library cards, emailing barcode numbers so patrons can access an ever-expanding collection of ebooks and audiobooks.

Academic libraries such as the one at the University of Utah have been 3D-printing face shields and even have transitioned

into N95 mask production. School libraries like the one at Live Oak Middle School in Louisiana are making sure students remain educationally

enriched. Librarian Amanda Jones is taking children on virtual field trips to places like Amsterdam. National Library Week will include the following activities: On Monday, April 20, the ALA will release its "State of

America's Libraries Report." The annual report provides trend information for all types of libraries and will include the highly anticipated "Top Ten List of the Most Challenged Books of 2019."

Tuesday, April 21, is National Library Workers Day. Libraries and communities will recognize librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day. Library users are invited to "Submit a Star" by providing a testimonial about a favorite library employee at ala-apa.org/nlwd/#galaxy. Each testimonial will be posted in the "Galaxy of Stars" on the NLWD website to honor deserving library workers.

Wednesday, April 22, is National Bookmobile Day, which recognizes the role of bookmobiles and direct-delivery outreach services. For more than a century, library bookmobiles have provided access to information and technology by taking resources directly to communities.

Thursday, April 23, is Take Action for Libraries Day, a national library advocacy effort to highlight the library community's work in safeguarding funding for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which serves as a critical funding resource for every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories to support libraries and museums.

April is School Library Month, which is sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the

Maia and Alex Shibutani, a.k.a. the ShibSibs, two-time Olympic bronze medalists, three-time world medalists, Four Continents Figure Skating Champions, and two-time U.S. National Champions, are the Honorary Chairs of National Library Week.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is observed each April by ALA and libraries across the country. For more information on National Library Week, please visit ILoveLibraries.org/NLW or follow #NationalLibraryWeek. National Library Week artwork is available for download at http://www. ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/nlw



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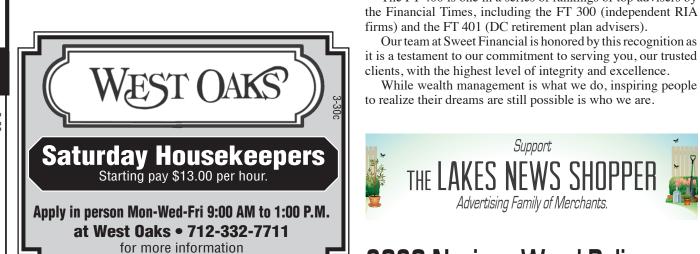
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2020 Noxious Weed Policy Dickinson County weed commissioner Douglas Todey has

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of any lands in Dickinson County shall cut, burn, or otherwise control all noxious weeds thereon as defined in this chapter," the policy reads, "at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth.'

Each landowner must control all noxious weeds prior to the

June 21: Leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, buckthorn, multiflora rose, quackgrass, musk thistle

July 19: Canada thistle, field bindweed, bull thistle, purple loosestrife, palmer amaranth, plumeless thistle

However, these are only guidelines. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature ahead of normal and may require control measures prior to the listed dates.

Each homeowner is responsible for checking his or her land for noxious weeds and for taking effective measures to combat them. Anyone needing to report a weed infestation may contact

Todey at 712-336-6269 or dtodey@co.dickinson.ia.us. "If I get calls about reported infestations, I will go out and

address those issues with the landowner and work with them to ensure the management of those weeds," Todey said. "Noncompliance requires that fines be assessed, but I would like to avoid that if at all possible. If I come to a landowner with a complaint, I just want to work toward a solution that gets rid of the weeds and doesn't drag it into something bigger.

For more information on the noxious weed policy, contact Todey or visit dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/ weed-commissioner to read the entire 2020 resolution.

USDA Announces Loan Maturity for Marketing Assistance Loans Now Extended to 12 Months

Provides Producers with Marketing Flexibilities Amid COVID-19 Uncertainties

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2020 – Agricultural producers now have more time to repay Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and this flexibility is available for most commodities.

"Spring is the season when most producers have the biggest need for capital, and many may have or are considering putting commodities under loan. Extending the commodity loan maturity affords farmers more time to market their commodity and repay their loan at a later time," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "We are extremely pleased that USDA can offer these marketing flexibilities at this critical time for the agriculture industry and the nation."

Effective immediately, producers of eligible commodities now have up to 12 months to repay their commodity loans. The maturity extension applies to nonrecourse loans for crop years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Eligible open loans must in good standing with a maturity date of March 31, 2020, or later or new crop year (2019 or 2020) loans requested by September 30, 2020. All new loans requested by September 30, 2020, will have a maturity date 12 months following the date of approval.

The maturity extension for current, active loans will be automatically ex-

tended an additional 3 months. Loans that matured March 31 have already been automatically extended by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Producers who prefer a nine-month loan will need to contact their local FSA county office. Loans requested after September 30,

2020, will have a term of nine months.

Eligible commodities include barley, chickpeas (small and large), corn, cotton (upland and extra-long staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats, peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

About MALs: Placing commodities under loan provides producers interim financing to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low and allows producers to store production for more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

These loans are considered nonrecourse because the commodity is pledged as loan collateral, and producers have the option of delivering the pledged collateral to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for repayment of the outstanding loan at maturity.

MAL Repayment: Under the new maturity provisions, producers can still

repay the loan as they would have before the extension:

• repay the MAL on or before the maturity date;

• upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment; or

• after maturity and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

Marketing Loan Gains: A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

contact the nearest FSA county office. USDA Service Centers, including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Milford Library News

Join the Milford Memorial Library in celebrating National Library Week, April 20-24, by participating in a virtual spirit week. On Monday, April 20, wear your pajamas. Tuesday is "Read My Shirt" day, wear a shirt with a fun saying on it and extra props for having a literary related shirt. For Wednesday, wear vour favorite color. Thursday, dress up like your favorite book character. Finally, on Friday, show us your favorite reading spot and what format you enjoy reading (hard cover book, ebook, audiobook, magazine, etc.). Send photos of you celebrating to milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com or tag the library on Facebook. We will post your photos to our social media pages and draw a prize winner from the submissions at the end of the week. Be watching our social media pages to celebrate along with the staff. We miss all of our patrons!



Youth Corner

I know it is tough to believe that summer is right around the corner, but Milford Memorial Library is gearing up for lots of

fun. Miss Becca will be having her 2020 Youth Summer Reading Program in June and July. There will be Public Playdates, Building Bookworms, an interactive reading log, and plenty of cool incentives. Here are some dates to get you excited: June 4: Kick Off Party, June 11: Darrin Crow (storyteller), June 18: Rockin' Red (music and movement), June 25: Jason



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38th Annual Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend: COVID-19 Update

Over the course of the last month, the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff have been meeting regularly to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our region and across the country to assess its impact on the 38thAnnual Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend tournament. After much discussion with local government and the Department of Natural Resources about the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we feel it is in the best interest of our visitors, volunteers, and locals to make following changes to the tournament scheduled for May 2-3, 2020.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors feel it is the best interest of our community to cancel the main portion of the 2020 Walleye Weekend fishing tournament. If you've already registered for the 2020 Walleye Weekend tournament, registrations will be refunded. While the weekend's events have been cancelled, the Extended Contest will remain open and occur as usual. All registrations for the Extended Contest must be completed online only at www.okobojichamber.com. The registration cut off is 11:55pm on Sunday, May 3rd. All rules and information on the extended contest can be found online.

The extended contest will run from Monday, May 4th until Monday, August 31st. Ten tagged walleye will be released into the chain of the Iowa Great Lakes. The first three tagged walleye caught during this contest will receive a percentage of the entry fees. The fisherman who catches the first tagged walleye will receive 20%, the second will receive 15% and the third will receive 10%. One tagged walleye was caught in 2019 and three were caught in 2018.

Walleye season will still open in the Iowa Great Lakes on May 2-3, 2020. For more information on fishing regulations and details, please reach out to the Iowa DNR. All participants are urged to continue practicing social distancing during this tournament. Please limit the number of fishermen on docks and boats as much as possible. We have the utmost concern for the health and safety of our community and visitors and feel that these changes are the best decision to keep our area safe. For more information or questions on this decision, please contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 712-332-2107 or email kiley@okobojichamber.com.



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In the meantime, please call District 2 at 712-580-4406 for more information.

AA Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AA meetings will not take place at the Jackson Java in Jackson, Minnesota until further notice.

For more information, contact Jodi at 712-209-2049, or Karie at 507-841-4012.

FOUNDATION

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Okoboji Foundation Disaster Recovery FUND Issues Grants to Local Nonprofits

As the impacts of COVID-19 continue to evolve across our community, local nonprofits are responding to meet the needs of people who are most affected. The Okoboji Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund is answering the call

organizations. Thank you to those who have supported the Okoboji Foundation's

with urgent financial support for these

Disaster Recovery Fund. Because of

your generosity, the Okoboji Foundation is proud to announce a grant distribution of \$14,822 to three nonprofit organizations in the Iowa Great Lakes Community. These organizations are actively helping our community during this pandemic.

"We have tried to focus these grants to help people in our community who are the most vulnerable and the most at risk due to the crisis," said Holly Skopec, interim president of the Okobon Foundation. "This includes the elderly, the unemployed and the healthcare providers

Recipients for the first round of grants include: Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation | \$8,822.30

To purchase six Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR). PAPR devices are a helmet with a purifying respirator that allows health professionals to be in the room and treat patients with suspected or known COVID-19 safely.

Brandon Rohrig Lakes Regional Healthcare COVID-19 Task Force Member said "The devices not only protect staff, protect patients, and preserve PPE, but also provide for better communication, greater provider vision fields, reduce fatigue on providers, and allows for patients to see staff's caring faces better."

Voluntary Action Center | \$4,000

To subsidize costs of meals for the Meals on Wheels program, preparing alternative meal options to meet emergency needs, as well as connecting volunteers with the home-bound through phone communications.

Bedell Family YMCA | \$2,000

To reopen the Community Table and serve two grab and go meals a week from the Character Center entrance for the next four weeks.

"We are excited to be able to support our community during this unsettling time," said Andrew Fisher, CEO YMCA of the Okobojis. "Thanks to this grant from the Okoboji Foundation's Disaster Recovery Fund, we are able to provide meals to those in need and use our facility while being closed to the public. The support in this community is amazing."

Due to the novel nature of the coronavirus — and the unprecedented measures being taken by state and local governments regarding health and safety - nonprofits are experiencing a dramatic increase in volumes of need. Every grant distributed went to nonprofits seeking funding for both new and current needs that have arisen as a direct response to COVID-19. Our grant review committee has vetted the requests to ensure vulnerable populations are receiving services.

The Okoboji Foundation established the Disaster Recovery Fund to provide leadership and collaborative funding to support those who face the greatest need.

The coronavirus has stunned the world and is taking its toll on every individual and organization, including our community's nonprofits. To help respond to this unprecedented challenge, this effort will provide funding to local nonprofit organizations that work with people disproportionately affected by the consequences of COVID-19. Initially, these recipients include human service organizations that address food insecurity, especially for youth and older adults.

As a basis for this initiative, the Foundation contributed \$10,000 dollars. The Okoboji Foundation is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from private foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors.

The Okoboji Foundation will administer grants from the Disaster Recovery Fund with the assistance of community volunteers who will sit on the grant selection committee. Grants will be distributed to nonprofit organizations throughout the Iowa Great Lakes Region through the course of the crisis as long as funding is available. The goal is to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs.

How You Can Help

Online: Go to www.okobojifoundation.org and click on the Okoboji Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund

Checks: May be made payable to Okoboji Foundation with "Disaster Recovery Fund" in the memo line and mailed to the Okoboji Foundation, PO Box 593., Arnolds Park, IA 51355. If you have a Donor Advised fund with the Okoboji Foundation, you are welcome to contribute to this effort through your fund.

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Permit Testing Available at Home

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) is now offering driver's instruction permit testing for students in the comfort of their own home.

Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley says, "We just got notification of this opportunity for our area students who are preparing to drive. It'll be a big help during this time when COVID-19 disruption has closed many of our driver's license services.'

According to the IDOT, a parent or guardian will be required to administer the test, and the student will need an electronic device connected to the internet. A phone or tablet will not work with testing.

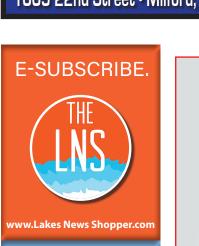
To apply to take the test at home, the child must be at least 14 years old. The parent must apply to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) by completing and submitting the "Application to Proctor Knowledge Exam" form. This is available on the IDOT's website at https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/ skip-the-trip. Upon approval, the parent and student will receive an email with instructions for taking and administering the test. After the test is completed, the student will receive an email with the test results and instructions.

If the student successfully passes, the instructions state: You will receive a test receipt email. You are not valid to drive. Bring a copy of the email to the driver's license service center, along with the other required identity documentation

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Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Darrell William Herrig, 80, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2020, with his wife, Mary Jo

by his side. Darrell was born in Wall Lake, Iowa, on July 12, 1939, to Albert P. and Florence M. Herrig. He was the second of four boys raised on the family farm in Odebolt, Iowa.

After graduating from Odebolt High School, he was a Private in the U.S. Army where he earned an Expert Badge in Riflery. Following his service, he worked on the family farm and ran several small businesses in the auto industry in Odebolt and Sac City, Iowa.

In 1980 he married Mary Jo who had three daughters, Jodi, Dana and Annie (Andrea) and moved to Lake View, Iowa, becoming the patriarch of the family. They also enjoyed spending weekends and eventually full time living in Okoboji, Iowa.

He retired from Mid States Equipment Company in 2006 and moved to Oshkosh, WI to be closer to grandkids and family. In 2012 they retired to warmer climates in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. He had many interests in life including hunting, fishing, boat-

ing, and snowmobiling. But he was probably best known for his passion and interest in the history of firearms in America.

Darrell was known for his faith, honesty, and trustworthiness. His legacy was his work ethic. He was meticulous in the jobs he did making sure to do them right the first time.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Douglas, and Doyle. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, his brother Dennis, sister-in-law, Deb Herrig; daughters Jodi Mancuso, Dana Gilman(Trent) and Andrea Easter(John Boetel); grandchildren Colton Wollesen, Jacob Gilman, Anthony Mancuso, Abigail Gilman and Mallory Mancuso; special nephews Dan Herrig (Carrie) and Jud Herrig, in addition to many other nieces and nephews. A celebration of life service is planned for July 2020 at Faith

Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Memorials can be made in Darrell's honor at Arkansas Hospice

or Arkansas Alzheimers.

LRH Closes Construction Site For 14 Days Due To COVID-19 Concerns

Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) closed the construction site on its campus today due to concerns about potential COVID-19 cases. It was brought to LRH's attention that last week two contractors from outside Dickinson County who had limited time at the construction site tested positive for COVID-19. This past weekend one other contractor who is from Dickinson County also tested positive. This brings the number of confirmed cases in Dickinson County to two.

"It is LRH's first responsibility to protect the health and safety of those working on our campus and the community. Shutting down the worksite for 14 days is the right thing to do," said LRH President and CEO Jason Harrington. "During that time, we will be testing everyone who worked in the area as well as disinfecting all areas of the site. The 14 days should provide sufficient time to address any concerns at the site or with the workforce. Health and safety are paramount."

Although the site is sealed off from the rest of the hospital a handful of LRH staff routinely visit the site. Harrington said those individuals have been identified and will be tested and placed off work until the test results are confirmed. LRH recently required all employees and contractors wear masks at all times to lessen potential exposures.

Harrington said, "We are taking all precautions and those with known contact to the site will be tested and quarantined until those results are confirmed. This is obviously a difficult situation and we are an organization which the community trusts and looks to do the right thing. Although I am not at liberty to share who is involved, please be assured that every precaution is being taken to address the situation immediately and to protect our workforce and the community."

Those interested in more information are encouraged to follow Lakes Regional Healthcare on Facebook @ lakesregionalhealthcare.

ONLINE!

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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

It is nice to have the snow almost gone and the temperature warming up, even if we can't go anywhere much. Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake still plans to have a Farmers Market, at least in some form, this summer. Managers are waiting for guidelines from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Iowa Farmers Market Association before making any decisions. However, the vendor meeting on April 22 will not be held. We hope to hold a meeting later in May if people are allowed to be out and about by then. Keep watching this space for news about a meeting or about the Farmers Market this summer. If you are interested in being a vendor, call 712-336-4430 and leave a message. More information will be provided.

Gardens are starting to shape up. Early spring crops such as onions, radishes, spinach, peas, and potatoes can be planted as soon as the ground can be worked. Perennials such as some herbs and flowers are starting to grow. This looks like a good year to put in a tomato plant or some lettuce later in May.

It has been a long winter and an even more difficult spring. We are all looking forward to sunshine, warm days, and the chance to socialize a bit again. Keep reading for information about Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake. We hope to see you there.



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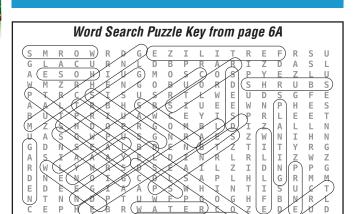
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Please contact the boxoffice@ okobojisummertheatre.org for more info or if you have already

kinds of questions.

purchased tickets. They are busy planning the next season and look forward to a memorable summer season in 2021. They would like to thank you for your loyal support.

What If I Think I Have Covid-19?

COVID-19 is a new virus and many Dickinson County

residents aren't sure how to know if they have been infected,

and if they have, what they should do about it. With so much

information available on the internet, and not all of it accurate, Lakes Regional Healthcare reminds residents the statewide

COVID-19 information line is available at 2-1-1 to answer these

Lakes Family Practice physician Andrew Mueting, DO. "We want to provide the most accurate information we have to help

slow the spread of the virus in our county and protect our most

vulnerable residents." Here are some of the most frequent

"We are learning more about COVID-19 each day," said

to see you again Summer Season 2020 suspended See you in 2021!

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questions received: What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever over 100°, cough and shortness of breath. These symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to another infected individual. What should I do if I have these symptoms?

It's important to know that 80% of people who get COVID-19 will have mild to moderate illness - similar to a bad cold. If this is how you feel, take these steps:

Stay home. People who are mildly ill are able to recover at home.

Treat your symptoms as you would any respiratory virus. Drink fluids, rest and treat your cough with over-the-counter medication.

Call Lakes Regional Healthcare's COVID-19 Hotline at 712-336-6696. A nurse will assess you over the phone and may have you come in to be seen in person and possibly have a test. Please understand that due to limited testing capacity in the country, the criteria for testing is very narrow.

Separate yourself from others in your home. You can spread the illness, even when you're mildly ill, so to protect others in your household, try to stay away from others as much as possible. Who is at most risk for serious complications of COVID-19?

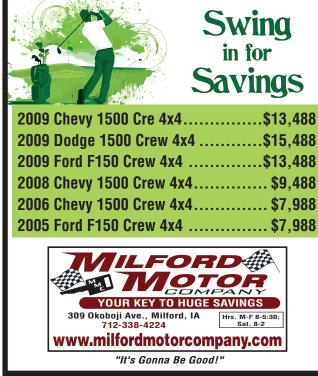
People who may be at higher risk for getting very sick include older adults and people who have underlying medical conditions like: heart disease, diabetes and lung disease.

If you have additional questions, call Lakes Regional Healthcare's COVID-19 Hotline at 712-336-6696 or the national 2-1-1 COVID-19 information line. For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/ Novel-Coronavirus and follow Lakes Regional Healthcare on Facebook at @LakesRegionalHealthcare.

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Join the Milford Memorial Library in celebrating National Library Week, April 20-24, by participating in a virtual spirit week. On Monday, April 20, wear your pajamas. Tuesday is "Read My Shirt" day, wear a shirt with a fun saying on it and extra props for having a literary related shirt. For Wednesday, wear your favorite color. Thursday, dress up like your favorite book character. Finally, on Friday, show us your favorite reading spot and what format you enjoy reading (hard cover book, ebook, audiobook, magazine, etc.). Send photos of you celebrating to milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com or tag the library on Facebook. We will post your photos to our social media pages and draw a prize winner from the submissions at the end of the week. Be watching our social media pages to celebrate along with the staff. We miss all of our patrons!





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