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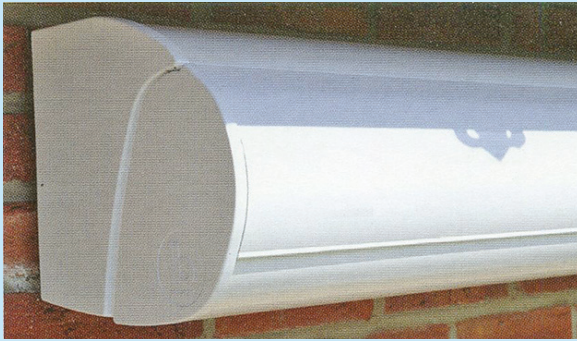
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Obituaries

Rodney Henry Harms, son of Henry and Lillian (Saupe) Harms, was born on the farm near Archer, Iowa, on April 19, 1939. He was the youngest of three children, with older sisters: Bonnie and Shirley. He received his early education at Archer School and then went on to college at ISU in Ames, Iowa, and Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, majoring in business. Rodney married Margo Brinkert in 1962 and soon after, enlisted in the United States Navy as the Vietnam War was just beginning. He received an early discharge from the service to attend graduate school in Fort Collins, Colorado. From there he was called back to Hartley, Iowa, when Edward Brinkert, Margo's father, became ill and needed help managing the feed store.



Rod and Margo were blessed with two sons: Kyle Edward and Chad Henry. In 1981, they moved to Fairbanks, Arkansas, so Rodney could work for his cousin at Chevron Oil. They lived there for one year before returning to Spirit Lake, Iowa, where Rodney was employed as the Ag Loan Vice-President for First Bank and Trust. He worked there 13 years before returning to the farm at Hartley. Rodney thoroughly enjoyed farming with his son, Chad. It also allowed him the opportunity to volunteer in Margo's kindergarten class in Estherville, Iowa, which he really enjoyed.

In 2005, while visiting his son, Kyle, and family in Louisiana, Rodney suffered a cardiac arrest. He was in a coma for four days before finally opening his eyes, however he never completely regained his functioning capacity. He was full-time care with Margo at his side for the next 15 years, but he never lost his beautiful smile, with eyes full of life and a soul full of scripture and prayers. Rodney was a very faithful man. He was a hard worker from sunup until sundown and was a positive thinker, always encouraging others. Quite often, if he saw a polite young family in a restaurant, he never hesitated to go over and tell them what a nice family they were. He loved people, was very social and was an honest, humble soul. He was always the last in line and never wanted anyone to feel less than he. Rodney participated and volunteered throughout his lifetime as Boy Scout troop leader, Chamber of Commerce ambassador, Faith leader, Kiwanis, Up-With-People, volunteer fireman, Kinship, Sunday School teacher and lifetime choir member, just to name a few.

He was a very loving and devoted family man. His life centered around his faith and his family; his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and siblings.

Rodney was married to the love of his life, Margo, for 57 years. Grateful for having shared his life are his sons: Kyle (Jessica) Harms and Chad (Jill) Harms; four grandchildren: Dylan and Beckett Harms, Alli and Austin Harms; two sisters: Bonnie Linder and Shirley Thornton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lillian and Henry Harms; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Florence and Edward Brinkert; and brothers-in-law: Paul Linder and LeRoy Thornton.

Obituaries

Lois Elaine Wonder Krayenhagen was born on September 12, 1937, to Paul and Mildred (Petit) Wonder in Battle Creek, Iowa. She was baptized in the First Presbyterian church and graduated from Battle Creek High in 1955. Some of her fondest memories were of growing up in Battle Creek surrounded by her many cousins which were her dearest friends. After high school she attended a secretarial college in Omaha, Nebraska. She married Marlin (Mike) Krayenhagen in 1957. They raised their three children David, Kathy, and Peggy on a farm west of Schleswig.



In 1988 Lois moved to Okoboji. She worked at the Inn, followed by a job at Cutty's. In the early '90s she and her sister started a gift shop called "Lo-Sandi" at the Stables in Okoboji. Lois then moved the gift shop to Queen's Court in Arnolds Park and named it Park Place Gifts. From there she spent several years at the front desk at Super 8 followed by many years at Walmart. Customers enjoyed Lois's happy spirit and would choose her checkout line. She retired due to poor eyesight. She loved all of her jobs and was a dedicated employee.

Lois loved to shower her grandkids with little gifts (often from her gift shop or Walmart!).

Lois took pride in her Spirit Lake home and loved living close to her daughters and grandchildren.

In 2018 she moved to Keelson Harbour Memory Care in Spirit Lake where she was loved by her caregivers and was a model resident. On March 25, 2020, she suffered a stroke.

Lois passed away on May 9, 2020, at Accura Health Care in Spirit Lake.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Mildred Wonder; her son David, her sister Sandra Bertelsen DeGroot; and her brother and sister-in-law Ron and Rose Wonder.

She is survived by her daughters Kathy Gehring (Webb Summers) and Peggy (Bruce) Gustafson; her four grandchildren Scott Gehring of Spirit Lake, IA; Angela (Sean) Powell of Kansas City, MO; Abigail (Anthony) Stickel of Indianola, IA; and Tyler (Molly) Gustafson of Des Moines, IA, and three great grandchildren Paityne Gehring and Logan and Benjamin Powell.

Memorials may be given in Lois's name to Respite Angels or St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Schuchert- Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries

Patricia Ann "Pat" Johnson, the daughter of Eugene and Marietta (Greene) Reynolds, Sr., was born October 31, 1941 in Milford, Iowa. She was born and raised in Milford, graduating from Milford High School.



Pat married Bruce Johnson on June 7, 1959, at the Union Memorial Church in Milford, Iowa. After her marriage, they lived in Albert City, Iowa, for a short time until moving to Marshalltown for 10 years. They later moved back to Milford after her father-in-law passed away. She raised her family and worked part time in the library at the Milford Schools for 20 years. She was a member of the Faith Community Church. Pat especially enjoyed her time with her grandchildren, traveling, reading books and caring for animals at the People for Pets.

She passed away at the Spencer Hospital on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at the age of 78. Pat was preceded in death by her parents and her baby brother, Jay and 14 year old brother, Bill.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Bruce of Spencer; her children: Beth Johnson Murphy and husband, Mic of Robbinsdale, MN, Jay Johnson of Frisco, TX and Bill Johnson and wife, Susan of Ankeny, IA; 4 grandchildren; one brother, Eugene Reynolds, Jr. of Spirit Lake, IA; other relatives and many friends.

Obituaries

Clare R. Swanson

April 1, 1943 - May 3, 2020

Due to the regulations set by the Governor's Public Health Disaster Declaration, no public visitation or service will be held at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Clare Ray Swanson, son of Ray E. Swanson and Helen Claire (Calhoun) Swanson, was born on April 1, 1943, in Estherville, Iowa. Clare was raised on the family farm near Superior, Iowa. He received his education in the Estherville Public Schools. Following high school graduation in 1961, he enrolled in Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Clare graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Speech.

Clare entered the United States Air Force through the Iowa National Guard in Sioux City and served four years. While serving with the 185th squad in 1968, he was placed on active duty at Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma to support the mission to secure the release of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo who were captured by the North Korean government. Clare earned the rank of Sargent when he separated from the Air Force in 1970.

Clare married Marcia Zielstra of rural Terril, Iowa, on August 20, 1966, in the Ruthven United Methodist Church. Two children were born to this union, Merri Kae and Brian Ray.

Early in his career, Clare worked in farm cooperative management. He worked as an assistant and general manager of the Farmer's Cooperative Elevator in Spencer for ten years. In 1980, Clare sold insurance as well as real estate property in the Iowa Great Lakes. In 1988, Clare took a job as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Spirit Lake. In 1990, he was an associate at Walmart in Spirit Lake in addition to working as a mail carrier. Clare retired from the workforce in 2007.

Clare and Marcia shared many of the same interests such as traveling to historical land marks, listening to country music, attending numerous country music concerts, and enjoying the beauty of the Iowa Great Lakes and the wetlands of Palo Alto County. During their retirement, they visited Alaska three times, enjoyed the National Parks of the West, attractions in Nashville, and the historical landmarks on the East Coast.

Clare is survived by his wife, Marcia of Ruthven and his children Dr. Merri Kae Vanderploeg (Alan) of Tucson, Arizona and Brian Ray Swanson (Sara) of rural Terril, and his special care provider, Maria Aguilar of Ruthven. Additionally, he will be missed by his grandchildren Dylan Ray Vanderploeg and Wendy Marie Vanderploeg of Tucson, Arizona. Bailey Jo Swanson of Spencer and the family farm on Trumbull Lake, Hunter Ray Swanson, and Kenzi Maria Swanson who reside on the family farm on Trumbull Lake. Sister-in-law Pam Brown of Sun City, Arizona, nephew Ira Miller (Catherine) of Helena, Montana and many other relatives and friends.

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Arnolds Park Library News

After careful consideration and safety suggestions from the State Library, the Arnolds Park Library Board and staff has made the decision not to open to the public on Monday, May 18th. This decision was not made lightly and was made for the health and safety of our staff and patrons. Our safety equipment and cleaners have not yet arrived and we do not feel it's in the communities' best interest to open without them.

Due to the fact will be not opening to the public the library will be extending their curb side pick-up to four days a week! Patrons can now pick up their books Monday- Thursday from 10am-4pm. We hope the additional days and time will allow patrons more flexibility when picking up their materials. As always, if you have a special circumstance and need to schedule a different pick up time, please don't hesitate to call the library. Will be as accommodating as we can!

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Mobile Food Bank in Estherville

A mobile food pantry will be at Crossroads Community Church (parking lot only) in Estherville on Tuesday, May 12, from 4:00—6:00pm, and will have food available free of charge.

Because of COVID-19, food will be brought out to people in their vehicles when they drive up. Do not arrive before 3:00pm. Remain in your vehicle. Do not line up at the door. Registration will take place at your vehicle. Building will remain closed. Bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to carry your food. For questions, contact Food Bank of Iowa at 515-564-0330.

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ILCC Offers Summer 2020 Virtual Courses

Iowa Lakes Community College offers online Virtual Courses for the Summer 2020 term. With the Summer 2020 Virtual Courses being entirely on-line, students have increased convenience and flexibility without the location or time limitations of a traditional classroom setting.

Iowa Lakes instructors will be using Zoom for the live virtual sessions on scheduled days and times. Recordings of live sessions will be available so students can view the class sessions at a later time if they are not able to attend the live meeting.

"Iowa Lakes Community College is excited for the opportunity to provide students with Summer 2020 Virtual Courses. These classes are entirely online but provide students the opportunity to either attend live virtual class sessions or watch recordings of them," explained Scott Stokes, Executive Dean on the Iowa Lakes Estherville Campus. "The decision to offer courses in this format was based on student feedback, indicating strong benefits from having a live class session available. The ultimate goal is to provide students a high-quality education in a format that allows success."

The full 8-week summer session and the first 4-week summer session start on May 18. The second 4-week summer session begins on June 23.

Classes available virtually for Summer 2020 include science, business, math, music, language, speech, and psychology courses. Specific courses offered online for the Summer 2020 term are listed at www.iowalakes.edu/summer2020.

Some courses, like Aviation, still plan to meet with face to face lectures and lab courses carefully following safety measures. A backup plan is in place if, for any reason, in-person classes cannot occur safely.

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- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup yellow onion, finely minced
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, cubed
- Glaze: 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground mustard
- Candied Carrots
- 1 lb. carrots, peeled & sliced in coins
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a sheet pan with foil and spray with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs, paprika, garlic powder, salt, egg and onion. Add ground beef and mix well with your hands. Add cheese cubes and gently mix to combine. Shape into 2-inch meatballs and place on sheet pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, place butter, brown sugar, salt and cinnamon in a large saucepan. Add the carrots and sauté for 3-4 minutes. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 7-10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until carrots are tender. In a small bowl, combine glaze ingredients. Spoon glaze over the meatballs and bake for 2-3 minutes more, until glaze is hot. Serve with candied carrots.

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SLHS Receives Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Honors and Participates in Year-End Celebration

Spirit Lake High School music and theater department has received the following honors through the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards, presented by EMC Insurance Companies, for its November production of *Beauty and the Beast*:

- Distinguished Scene – “Be Our Guest”
- Special Recognition for Performance in a Principal Role – Jessie Longest as “Cogsworth”
- Special Recognition for Performance in a Principal Role – Elizabeth Anne Stucker as “Mrs. Potts”

Due to COVID-19, Des Moines Performing Arts earlier announced that the 2020 Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase scheduled for June 1, 2020 at the Des Moines Civic Center has been cancelled.

In this unprecedented time of social distancing, theaters ranging from Broadway to high school auditoriums are dark across the country. In addition to impacting the year-end IHSMTA Showcase, a significant

number of participating school productions were unable to be performed as scheduled

features videos, photo galleries and other special content from schools and students from across the state, with new content added regularly.

“We hope the Digital IHSMTA Showcase can serve as a virtual stage for Iowa’s talented and hardworking theater students,” said Florian. Students and the public can explore the Digital IHSMTA Showcase by visiting dmpa.org/digital-ihsmta-showcase

In addition, the IHSMTA program is hosting a series of virtual webinars and master classes for participating students throughout April and May. The learning opportunities will cover a variety of performance and technical topics, such as stage management, dance, college auditions, and weekly Broadway trivia.

“We are thrilled to find creative ways to make sure that Iowa’s theater students are seen and that they know that the IHSMTA family is here for them during this time,” said Florian.

Spirit Lake’s production of *Beauty and the Beast* was led by music and drama directors Luke Miller and Cheri O’Hagan, pit orchestra director Tyler Pedersen, and technical director Gary Heady Jr.

due to school closures.

Despite these challenges, the IHSMTA program remains committed to supporting students and drama programs across the state during this time. “It is important to uplift all 86 schools in the program, regardless of whether they had the opportunity to perform their shows for their school communities,” said Education Program Coordinator Sarah Florian.

To that end, a special Digital IHSMTA Showcase has been launched online. It



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Spencer Hospital Resumes Limited Elective Surgeries

Spencer Hospital Surgery Center will resume same day surgical procedures on a limited basis Monday, May 11.

“The hospital and its medical staff have developed a plan which takes measured steps to reopen elective procedures,” explained hospital president Bill Bumgarner. “We’re anxious to meet the health needs of our patients, yet with a first priority to focus on patient and healthcare provider safety during the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

Safety protocols will include, but are not limited to, the following:

· All patients considered for elective surgery will be carefully prescreened. In addition to a traditional physical and health history assessment, each patient will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.

· Upon entering Spencer Hospital or any of the clinics for a scheduled procedure, patients will be asked to wear cloth masks and will be screened again for COVID-19 symptoms.

· All care team members will wear surgical masks and protective eye wear or face shields, as well as other necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed when caring for a patient.

· Current temporary visitor restrictions remain in place. For surgery procedures, one parent or guardian may accompany a patient under the age of 18. Patients 18 and older will be asked to have someone transport them to the hospital and be prepared to transport the patient home afterwards, yet not accompany them into the facility. All surgical patients are encouraged to have a contact person whom the care team can keep informed regarding the patient’s procedure and contact when the patient is ready to be released and transported home.

In addition to the patient safety measures, Spencer Hospital remains prepared to cease elective procedures if a surge of COVID-19 cases develops in the area, supply chain limitations impact critical supply inventory or hospital employees must be reassigned to higher priority care assignments.

“The Spencer medical community looks forward to increased service access in a responsible way,” Bumgarner said. “Since the outset of the pandemic, the hospital has continued to provide essential healthcare services. As some elective procedures are resumed, an emphasis will continue to keep precautions in place to protect patients. This includes continuing to limit the number of people who enter our healthcare facilities and using additional protective measures as recommended by disease control experts.”

He added: “Until an effective vaccine is developed, the community can support all healthcare workers by being mindful of social distancing and other preventative measures. By joining together to limit the spread of the coronavirus, Spencer Hospital will be able to most effectively ensure optimal care to patients who may require care due to the virus.”

Spirit Lake Library News

Spirit Lake Native Self-Publishes a Book

Paije (Wee) Wilson, a Spirit Lake native, recently self-published her book, *The Return of Svel*. Wilson began working on the book when she was 12 years old, and, after 14 years of writing, editing, and revision, published her work under the name of P. J. Wee. The book is a fantasy story with two mourning doves as the main characters, and was inspired by a pair of mourning doves that nested outside Wilson's window. The book is primarily suited for young adult and adult audiences. Wilson attributes her success to her family, friends, and the steadfast support of the wonderful Iowa Great Lakes community.

Summary: "Sorrow and violence shadow the forests of Maflyn. Lord Mestlin, a great horned owl, has seized power and seeks to eradicate all songbirds. Nests are destroyed, and innocent birds are ruthlessly murdered or enslaved by Mestlin's owls. With each passing day the songbirds' numbers drop, methodically stifling any possibility of resistance. Into this unforgiving realm two mourning doves are hatched, Hethlin and Nelia. In spite of the darkness that fringes their lives, they are brought up on stories of hope, including tales of the legendary King Svel, whom their father believes to be in hiding, awaiting the time to reclaim the forests from Mestlin and his brutal followers. When their nest is attacked, Hethlin embarks on a journey to find and restore Maflyn's lost king, while Nelia, against all odds, leads a flock to resist Lord Mestlin's reign. And yet, even as they fight for peace, they learn that not everything is as it seems, and that the difference between good and evil is not as clear as they once believed . . ."

The Return of Svel is available for purchase in both Kindle and paperback formats on Amazon. To purchase or access a preview of the book, you can search "Return of Svel" on *Amazon.com*, or use the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/lyca86bst>. The book will also be available to borrow at the Spirit Lake Public Library.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter To The Editor:

Hope Haven has recently received \$8,193.12 from the Good Neighbor Fund of Spirit Lake and Okoboji. We are so thankful for their generous support of the renovation of our office building located in downtown Spirit Lake. The building was in great need of repair and restructure, and the renovation also honored the building's history as a local firehouse, with some restoration to original architectural details. The staff who operate out of this office coordinate and carry out services within our community living, employment services, and day habilitation departments, among others. The completed project ultimately empowers Hope Haven in delivering integral services to individuals with disabilities in Iowa Great Lakes communities. We commend the Good Neighbor Fund of Spirit Lake and Okoboji for their contributions to local charitable agencies.

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Letter to The Editor:

Bowles Says Cast a Positive Vote for the Future

The Primary Election is June 2nd. I am asking for your vote to represent Republicans of District #5 for Supervisor of Dickinson County.

Let me tell you why I can best represent you. After speaking with hundreds in the District, listening to concerns and hearing your opinions I, too, am concerned about the future. There will be challenges and difficult decisions to be made. I bring the Supervisors Board a strong work ethic, experience and a history of service.

My interest in civics began as a student attending Hawkeye Girls State. After moving to the Lakes in the '70s I became more politically active. I attended my first Caucus and was elected as a member of the Dickinson County Republican Central Committee where I continue to serve. When Dickinson County changed Supervisors from three to five, I campaigned for Marty Allen, Paul Johnson and Pam Jordan who were elected.

This is the 18th and last year of Pam Jordan's service as a Dickinson County Supervisor. Pam has been a steady force on the Board and made tremendous contributions to the county. Thank you for your dedication, Pam. It is my desire to retain that one seat held by a woman on the board.

I look forward to working with the others on the board. I have no agenda, nor have I formed any alliances with others. My purpose is to contribute my experience and represent the people of the 5th District.

My broad range of experience includes being one of the first women managers at Pure Fishing. I was a marketing, sales and public relations manager. I worked with small and corporate businesses across the United States as well as federal land agencies. I sold advertising for Iowa Information and Lakes Television. At Alliant Energy I represented commercial and industrial customers in northwest Iowa and implemented energy saving solutions. These last four years I was a sales executive for GrapeTree Medical Staffing which gave me insight into the challenges facing health care facilities.

Public service is a big part of my story, which is another reason I am running for 5th District Supervisor. I have served in a leadership capacity on many boards: IGL Chamber and Commodores, Character Counts of Dickinson County, Iowa Wind Energy Assoc., Cherish Center, Kiwanis and National Fishing Week Steering Committee. I am President of Habitat for Humanity, KJIA Radio Ambassador, First Presbyterian Church Elder and Deacon and member of Dickinson County Republican Central Committee.

A vote for Jan Bowles is a positive vote for the future of Dickinson County. I am passionate about serving and providing services for residents and visitors of Dickinson County.

Thank you,
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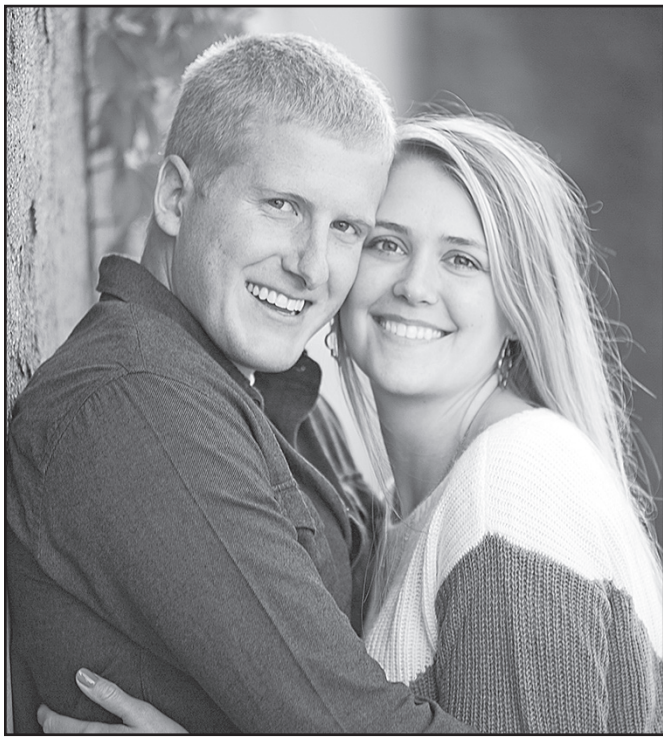
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Dalton graduated from Okoboji High School in 2013 and Iowa State University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is currently a Civil/Environmental Engineer for the city of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Shannon graduated from Galva-Holstein High School in 2011, Simpson College in 2015, and Allen College in 2017 from the nursing program. She is currently employed at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Austin, Minnesota, working in the Family Birth Center as an RN, BSN.

The couple is planning a September 26th wedding at The Grainery Lodge in Cherokee, Iowa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Thank you to the Good Neighbor Fund for their generous donation to the Priority One of Dickinson County's coalition.

Ron Vincelli,
Board Member

2020 Dickinson County Fair Seeking Queen Candidates

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Pam Foxhoven
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Drive By Bridal Shower In Honor of Amanda Von Ehwegen

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Enjoy curbside treats and a card/gift drop. Don't forget to bring your favorite recipe to share. Amanda is registered at Amazon and Target.



Birthday Announcement

Lordy, lordy look who's turning 40? Times two! Please send a greeting to Ron "Doc" Smith by phone/text: 712-320-0076 or email lcdocs9@msn.com. You can also send cards to 904 8th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Please help celebrate Doc turning 80 on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letter To The Editor:

Greenfield for U.S. Senate

I'm writing this letter to all Democrats, and those Independents and Republicans who will be requesting a Democrat ballot for the June 2 primary election here in Iowa. I hope you all have requested an absentee ballot from your county auditor's office and will vote early.

To say this year's November general election is the most important in decades is an understatement, and because of that - the Democratic U.S. Senate primary is also very important.

The Democratic party has four good candidates seeking the right to take on the present GOP Senator. Each has their positive attributes, but to me one stands out as the strongest to do battle this fall, and to help flip the Senate to blue.

I've had the privilege to visit at length twice with Theresa Greenfield. The first at our Democratic "Summer Sizzler" last August, the second at a town hall meeting in November at Milford. For the following reasons, she is my choice:

- Theresa Greenfield is an overcomer and a fighter. She grew up on a family farm where she and her four siblings learned the value of hard work and self reliance.

- When the 1980's farm crisis hit rural families like Theresa's, she did not give up on her dream to attend college. With the help of financial aid and multiple part-time jobs, she put herself through school. Theresa married, and as she and her husband were expecting their second child, he was killed in an accident at his job as a union electrical worker. Theresa set out on a path to provide for her two boys as a single mom.

- Theresa Greenfield is an achiever and a small business leader. Theresa worked as a community planner and most recently serves as president of Colby Interests, one of Des Moines' oldest family-held real estate and development companies.

- Theresa Greenfield is an independent thinker. She has refused to take corporate PAC donations - She has built an enthusiastic fund raising organization, out-raising the present incumbent in donations during a recent three month filing period.

- Theresa Greenfield cares about your healthcare. She will fight to preserve the Affordable Care Act that protects pre-existing conditions and other related benefits.

For those voting the Democratic Ballot June 2, I hope you will strongly consider voting for Theresa Greenfield, an outstanding candidate and an even better person.

John Adams Sr.,
Arnolds Park, Iowa

2nd Annual Little Miss Dickinson County Fair Queen

Participants that are in Kindergarten through 4th grade can now apply to be the "Little Miss Dickinson County Fair Queen" and be crowned on July 19, 2020 at the Expo building during the Dickinson County Fair. For an application you can email dickinsoncofair@gmail.com or visit <https://www.dickinsoncountyfairgrounds.com>. You may also stop in at the Iowa State Extension office located at 1600 15th Street in Spirit Lake.

Milford Library News

Youth Corner

Milford Memorial Library's 2020 Youth Summer Reading Program: Imagine Your Story is fast approaching and will look different this go around. We still want to promote literacy skills, academic success, and the use of our library, but it will need to be done in a safe, understanding way. With that said, Miss Becca will be adjusting the youth programming in the next couple of weeks, so please stay tuned through MML's website and Facebook.

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Summer plans still 'in flux'

With the Arnolds Park Amusement Park tentatively moving its 2020 opening from May 16th to Saturday, the 23rd (the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend), it is not the only venue unable to make firm summer plans, Historic Arnolds Park CEO Jeff Vierkant said over the weekend, adding, "The opening date is still pending that time as being safe and prudent for us to do so, by the proclamation of the governor, and many other factors as well."

The *Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji* is also unable to set its absolute start date at Arnolds Park. As a band member who spoke only on the condition of anonymity explained, "The date is somewhat out of the control of the band, and may change any day or every day. The original starting date, June 9th, is probably doubtful. At this point, I don't see it happening."

Plans for *The Dick Bauman Big Band*, which has played every Memorial Day since 1997 — in recent years, at the Pearson Lakes Art Center — are likewise up in the air, and dependent on the decisions of the governor, and the PLAC, where executive director Bob Kirschbaum says he is also "in a wait and see mode."

"If it is possible, we would look forward to having the Bauman band on the evening of Memorial Day. If I were a betting person, I would be leaning more towards the first night for the band being later in June. We're trying to be optimistic — but realistic at the same time."

"If we opened up, I don't know if a lot of people would come now anyway, but feel safer a few weeks later."

For some of the scheduled summer shows, he said, "We may have to do more than one performance to accommodate anticipated audiences and social distancing. We've already talked to a couple of bands scheduled this summer, and they've agreed that if we do open, they'll do an extra performance or two. We're in the same boat as the performers, where if they're not performing, they're not making any money. They love to entertain. And we want our patrons to be entertained safely. The Art Center is here for the community, and we want to serve that role if at all possible — while offering a safe environment."

"The reality of the situation is that there is no right answer or wrong answer today. Only time will tell. And only hindsight is 20-20. The governors, the president, and everybody else is doing the best they can. We just need to be supportive. Together, we'll get through this."

"There's a reason we live here. That reason is the people. We could all be living some place else if we wanted to; but we've chosen to be here. This just reinforces why we're here. I know a lot of people who live in the cities who came back to the lakes early — and not just because they wanted a vacation. They came back because they thought, 'If I have to be locked down, I'd rather be at the lakes, in a safer environment.' That's essentially true for all of us."

While it isn't even summer yet — and there aren't even any apples on our apple trees, — research director RD says Wednesday will be Apple Pie Day, which she will celebrate with two great songs.

(*Ah, the Apple Trees*) When *The World Was Young*, is a popular song composed by Philippe-Gérard, with lyrics by Angèle Vannier. The original French title was *Le Chevalier de Paris*. The English lyrics were written by Johnny Mercer, and recorded by Bing Crosby in 1951, and later by Frank Sinatra on his final album for Capitol Records, in 1961. The newer song, *As Long As There's An Apple Tree*, was released seven years later by Dionne Warwick, on her *Valley of the Dolls* LP — her ninth Scepter album. For the record, *...Apple Tree* was written by Hal David and Burt Bacharach, who celebrates his 92nd birthday today, (May 12th)...

World-renowned singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and actor, Bobby Darin, was born in the East Harlem neighborhood of New York, on May 14, 1936. His biggest-selling album came in 1960 with *This Is Darin*, which featured jazz standards such as *Clementine*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *I Can't Give You Anything But Love*, and charted for 50 weeks...

The motion picture, *Gigi*, was released on May 15, 1954, with a soundtrack composed by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. Their theme for the movie won an Academy Award for Best Original Song. In addition to Louis Jourdan's version in the film, there are many other renditions including an instrumental by trumpet-playing brothers Pete and Conte Condoli, on their 1962 LP *There Is Nothing Like a Dame...*

Jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi won a Grammy Award for the Best Original Jazz Composition, with *Cast Your Fate to the Wind*, at the 5th annual Grammy Awards ceremony, on May 15th, 1963. Other well-received versions included efforts by singer, songwriter Shelby Flint and the British studio group, *Sounds Orchestral...*

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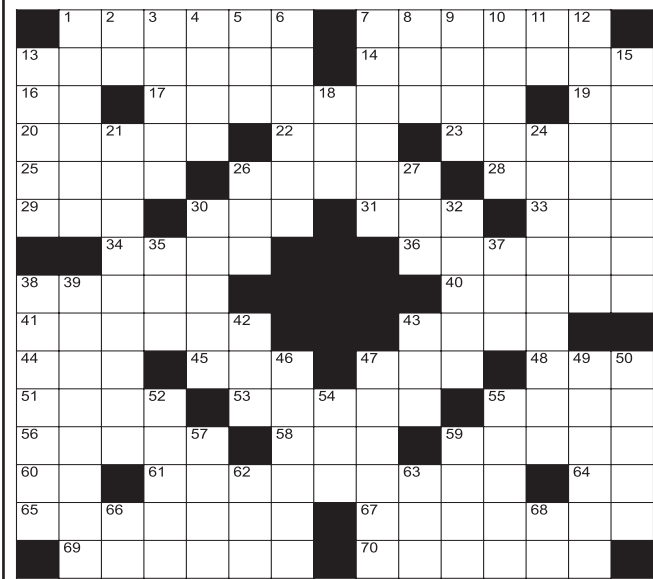
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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Compassion is Key



As we all navigate these uncharted COVID-19 waters, and things start to slowly open up, one key thing to remember is that this situation is new to everyone, and we all will react in a different way. I have tried in my articles to remain positive and not tell people how they should act, as I wrote earlier, we are all in the same storm but we are not all in the same boat, and this storm is hitting some harder than others. The one thing that I do ask is that we all show compassion for everyone during these difficult times. Sadly, how the country reopens has turned extremely political and divisive, and that is not good for any of us. No matter what your thoughts are on when things should reopen and how they should reopen, please be considerate and show empathy for someone who may have a different opinion. Please empathize for the small business owner who is excited to reopen their doors and bring their employees back to work while working hard to maintain the proper CDC guidelines for their business to keep their employees and customers safe; please show compassion for the person who may be immune compromised or have someone close to them in that situation and choose to stay at home during this time, keeping their circle tight limiting their contact; please show compassion for those businesses who are not yet able to open and support them when their doors do reopen; please show compassion to those who are trying to navigate a new normal with young kids still at home and their jobs coming back; please show compassion for the high school or college senior who had their years end abruptly and are missing out on many milestones that go with graduation.

One of the key components of the culture of our girls' basketball team that I am proud to coach is the motto, WE BEFORE ME. This is not always an easy motto to live by, but I feel like if we had more of this in our world that we would have more compassion for those who may have different views than us, and we would be able to take a step back and try to look at things from their point of view. What makes our country such a great place is that we are made up of many different people with many different views; these views can sometimes divide us instead of bring us closer together, but if we could show compassion for someone who may think differently than us, we could take one big step closer to getting through this pandemic TOGETHER!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The Humane Society of Northwest Iowa would like to send a warm and gracious thank you to everyone who donated towards the Culvert Project last spring. Last year we asked for donations to complete the project; it wouldn't have been possible without all those who donated. We raised \$5,000 and Judy Haviland matched our donations. Thank you, Judy. We would also like to send a special thank you to Hancock Concrete Products in Lake View, Iowa for donating the cement culvert. What a wonderful and thoughtful business. Wedeking Construction Inc. installed the culvert. They ensured everything went smoothly and were very supportive to work with. We provided some pictures so everyone can see the impact of snow melting in the spring that affected the shelter. With the installment of the culvert, the building will be safe and we shouldn't have any more flooding issues. Thank you to everyone involved. If you are interested in sponsoring, donating, or putting on a fundraiser for one of our projects please e-mail Arin at directorhsmwia@gmail.com or call 712-338-2738.

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Five local residents from the Spirit Lake American Legion have made over 1,300 face covering masks for area first responders, law enforcement and fire fighters. This group recently received an order for 2,000-3,000 additional masks for the Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, and have made over 1,000 of those masks so far. This week they received another order for 1,500-2,000 masks for the Veterans Home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. To help fill these orders they are in need of donations of money and/or materials. If you are able to donate, please contact Colleen Daly at 712-330-7770.

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Paint the Parker

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce they are recipients of two grant award programs to assist in their "Paint the Parker" initiative. First, the Clay County Community Foundation awarded \$10,000 to the Heritage Center in March to paint the exterior of Parker Museum. Additionally, Paint Iowa Beautiful awarded the Heritage Center six gallons of paint to assist in this project. These grants will be used, along with private "Paint the Parker" donations, to paint the exterior of the Parker Museum as well as the north side of the Duroe Building, all located at 300 East 3rd Street in Spencer. This project is expected to be completed in mid-May.

The Clay County Heritage Center is currently closed to the general public, in accordance with Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamations, but we hope to feature the Parker Museum in future programming. For updates on the status of the Clay County Heritage Center, please check their website, www.clay-countyheritage.org, or Facebook page at [claycountyheritage](https://www.facebook.com/claycountyheritage).



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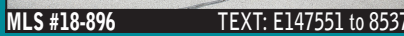
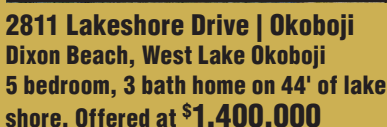
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Youth Corner

Milford Memorial Library's 2020 Youth Summer Reading Program: Imagine Your Story is fast approaching and will look different this go around. We still want to promote literacy skills, academic success, and the use of our library, but it will need to be done in a safe, understanding way. With that said, Miss Becca will be adjusting the youth programming in the next couple of weeks, so please stay tuned through MML's website and Facebook.

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Florence Park Shelter House Renovation Project

A three-year dream of some Milford community members will come true this summer when the shelter house in the town's favorite city park is renovated.

According to history records, the Florence Park property was conveyed to the City of Milford by John C. and Phebe Guthrie on Jan. 22, 1895 with the expressed condition that the land be used as a park. Later, Guthrie requested the park be named in memory of his daughter, Florence Fuller Guthrie, who died in 1913. The earliest newspaper mention of use of the park was in 1927 when a family had a gathering there.

An open pole structure was built in 1968 and became a shelter house. It was here that thousands of persons ate their picnic lunch through the years. In 2009 the building was enclosed. While the structure has served the community well, community members believe it is time to update the facility.

"It's been used for years for family reunions, a bike or tractor ride, a town celebration or a birthday party. Convenience and food safety are now on our minds as we embark on this project," said Florence Park Committee Member Susan Reiser.

After the quasicentennial in 2017, the Milford Commercial Club discussed possible uses for the proceeds. The idea for an expanded and updated Florence Park Shelter House was born. The club tucked away the proceeds totalling just over \$46,000 to be used, someday, for the shelter house renovation.

The idea sat dormant for two years before community members revisited the idea of expanding the Florence Park Shelter House to a year-round facility late last summer.

Five people were named to the Florence Park Shelter House Committee including Milford Mayor Steve Anderson, City Clerk LeAnn Reinsbach, Jason Simpson of the Park Board, Chris Hinshaw of the Milford City Council and Susan Reiser representing the Milford Commercial Club. After several meetings, the group came to terms of the project.

The project calls for a 30 by 35 foot addition onto the south end of the existing Florence Park Shelter House. This will include a kitchenette with a safety three-divided sink, heating and cooling and restrooms, for convenience, so persons using the facility will not have to walk to the north end of the property to use the restrooms. Cost of the project is estimated at \$110,000.

Fundraising was done in January and February. Grant applications were sent. Personal calls on local businesses were completed. To date, \$116,913 of the \$110,000 estimated cost has been raised for this project.

Funding will be derived from the Milford Commercial Club totalling \$46,463.85, the City of Milford has earmarked \$25,000, the Milford Parks Board is adding \$15,000, \$10,000 from a Youth in Philanthropy grant, \$5,000 from each of Milford's banks including the Farmer's Savings Bank, Northwest Bank and United Community Bank, \$2,000 from Waste Management, \$1,500 from a Black Hills Energy grant, \$750 from Sam Wedeking in memory of Roy Wintz, \$500 from the Campus Women's Club and \$500 from the Milford American Legion.

Patterson Construction, of Milford, was hired to complete the renovation. Wedeking Construction, of Spirit Lake, will handle the grading and sewer work. Electrical work will be by Pederson Electric, of Milford. Matt Loerts, a Milford Park Department employee, will act as supervisor for the project.

"The Milford Commercial Club started fundraising for the shelter house in 2017. Finally after three years and all the generous donations/grants, the future dreams of the Florence Park Shelter addition have come to fruition. As part of the addition, both heating and cooling will be installed which will be great for those renting the shelter house in the near future," said Milford City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach.

"The improved shelter will continue to make Florence Park a focal point for the City of Milford. The expansion of the shelter at Florence Park will allow the community to expand uses of the property donated many years ago. The improvements will also provide a better facility for private rentals all in one facility. This is another project to show our community can do anything it sets out to get accomplished," said Mayor Steve Anderson.

Committee member Jason Simpson believes the addition will be an asset to the city.

"Florence Park has become Milford's family friendly park. The Park Board has put a lot of focus in updating the playground equipment, adding a nice restroom facility and barbecue grills. It also has a memorial for veterans and is a great space for reunions, graduations and Milford's summer celebration. With the addition of the kitchenette and indoor bathrooms, it becomes a year-round facility which will be a huge asset to the City of Milford," Simpson explained.

In any construction project there are always unforeseen costs. Funds will be needed for additional picnic tables, kitchen items, etc. Residents who would like to contribute to the project may do so by sending their checks to the City of Milford with Florence Park Renovation in the memo.

Terms of the contract call for completion by Sat., July 18. Dedication of the new addition was scheduled for Pioneer Days Weekend. However, with that event now cancelled, some other type of dedication event will be held. Watch for details.



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Meals On Wheels Experiences an Increase In Meal Requests as a Growing Number of Area Seniors Face the Impact of Covid-19

Stay-at-home orders designed to keep high-risk residents safe amid the pandemic have created a rapid increase in the number of seniors who rely on home-delivered meals as their primary source of food. This, coupled with supply chain and work force disruptions, makes delivering large quantities of meals to a growing number of seniors more expensive and challenging for Meals on Wheels programs than ever before.

Meals on Wheels America is the leadership organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network serves virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits, and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research, and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time.

A new survey conducted by Meals on Wheels America finds that nearly all local Meals on Wheels programs are experiencing increased demand since concerns over COVID-19 and social distancing measures began taking hold. The survey was conducted between April 22-28, 2020 amongst Meals on Wheels America's Membership, which is representative of the national senior nutrition provider network of 5,000+ individual community-based programs. The survey has a +/- 4% margin of error.

Nationally, programs reported substantive shifts in their operations in April, compared to the week prior to March 1:

- 89 percent of programs have seen an increase in meal requests; of those, 79 percent report the number of new requests for meals has at least doubled
- 17 percent of West Coast programs are seeing 900 percent more new requests for meals per week
- Programs are serving 56 percent more meals and 22 percent more seniors per week
- 29 percent of rural programs have increased the number of seniors served by 50 percent or more
- Waiting lists for meals, which existed before the COVID-19 crisis, have grown by 26 percent
- Aside from funding, 63 percent of programs report that acquiring safety supplies (gloves, masks, etc.) is the biggest challenge

"There is no debate that older Americans have borne the brunt of this pandemic, and if we only examine infection, hospitalization and death rates, we vastly underestimate the true impact," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. "This survey data offers critical insights into the level of support necessary now and beyond the pandemic, to ensure we meet the needs of our most vulnerable populations."

As the spread of the virus continues and discussions over how and when to end stay-at-home orders ensue, Meals on Wheels America expects demand to grow even more.

"Sheltering at home is keeping seniors safe, but we must also strengthen and protect the support systems that enable them to do that, such as nutrition services and programs that reduce isolation," said Hollander. "We can't do one without the other."

Angela Kofoot, Executive Director of the local Meals on Wheels program, thanks the large team of people making wellness calls to our local homebound seniors and the large number of new drivers that they have recruited (their usual drivers typically fall into the vulnerable category) and their willingness to react to changes to our processes as new requirements were continuously given to us. She also went on to predict that their usual deliveries of 6,000 meals per year will be significantly increased in 2020. January through April meals served were already up 50% over 2019. Visit www.lakesvolunteers and www.iglcoronarelief.org to learn how to support the local Meals on Wheels efforts to meet the growing demand for home-delivered meals during this unprecedented time.



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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-stop-shop 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.

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“Farming and ranching is a capital-intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers maintain their agricultural operations during this time of crisis,” said Amanda De Jong, FSA State Executive Director in Iowa. “FSA loans are designed to assist beginning and historically underserved farmers and ranchers, as well as those who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters or economic downturns. Producers may find that an FSA loan is the best option for them if they cannot qualify for a loan with their traditional financial institutions or other financial institutions because of COVID-19.”

USDA offers a variety of loans to meet different production needs. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender’s normal underwriting criteria.

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For more information on FSA’s farm loan programs, please contact your local FSA office or visit farmers.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor:

The Primary season is upon us, and absentee voting has begun. We will continue to have supertime television newscasts treat us to guys in delivery vans trying to convince us they’d be the best person to unseat Congressman Steve King, in Iowa’s 4th District. Well, as “Church Lady” used to say: “Isn’t that special!”

Congressman King has been “delivering” for a generation, despite petty Party politics and the even pettier adherence to political correctness. In my humble opinion, his opposition couldn’t carry the Congressman’s briefcase.

The Republican Party needs to get its collective crania out of its collective derrieres, and restore Steve’s position with committees he’s so faithfully served. Stick with Steve!

Bill Kersting,
Spencer, Iowa

Governor Reynolds, Secretary Naig, Iowa Pork Producers
Association Launch “Pass the Pork” Program to Help Feed Iowans

Partnership with Iowa Food Banks, Meat Processors Delivers Pork to Iowans in Need

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today announced a new “Pass the Pork” program to connect Iowa pig farmers with food insecure Iowans. The program is an initiative of Gov. Reynolds’ Feeding Iowans Task Force led by Lt. Gov. Gregg.

Through “Pass the Pork,” Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship are helping Iowa pig farmers donate pigs to Iowa food bank feeding programs. Local meat processors are extending their hours of operation to process and package the pork donations to help meet the growing demand for food bank and food pantry resources. Iowa food banks are getting the pork into the hands of those in need.

“From family farms to the family’s dinner table, our entire food supply chain has been impacted by COVID-19,” said Gov. Reynolds. “‘Pass the Pork’ is an innovative partnership to put Iowa pork on the tables of families in need of food security while creating a new destination for pork which might otherwise go to waste. I’m grateful to Iowa’s pork producers, processors and others for stepping up to make this possible.”

“At a time when Iowa pig farmers face market challenges and supply chain disruptions, they continue to look for opportunities to help those in need,” said Secretary Naig. “We are proud to partner with Iowa pig farmers, food banks, and meat processors to ensure all Iowans have access to a locally produced, high-quality protein source.”

“Pass the Pork” will officially begin when the first donated pigs are delivered on May 1. Processing will continue in May and for as long as processing capacity and funds remain.

“The supply chain issues are challenging Iowa’s pig farmers, but we also see our friends and neighbors struggling with jobs and wondering how they will put food on the table, too. This program will help bring pork to our local communities when they need it most,” said Mike Paustian, the Walcott farmer who is IPPA president.

“Food banks across our state are working every day to help Iowans facing food insecurity,” said Lt. Gov. Gregg. “With

the dramatic increases food pantries are seeing in demand during this pandemic, this initiative is going to play an important role in making sure Iowa families have the food they need in these challenging times.”

How to Get Involved

The pigs for “Pass the Pork” are being donated by Iowa pig farmers. However, there are costs associated with the processing, storage, and delivery of the pork to food banks and pantries. Iowans can contribute to the Iowa Food Bank Association to help cover these costs and future purchases of Iowa-produced pork for food bank programs.

To donate funds to help support this program, visit the Iowa Food Bank Association website at donorbox.org/passthepork.

Iowa pig farmers and meat processors who are interested in participating in the program should contact the Iowa Pork Producers Association at (515) 225-7675.

A summary of food resources available to those in need is available at coronavirus.iowa.gov.



Scouting for Food Campaign

In America, there continues to be families that struggle to make ends meet and provide food for their families. That problem happens right here in Dickinson County too. Families that struggle can receive supplies to help them out, at the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. The only problem is that once the food pantry hands out a large amount of supplies, they need to get the shelves filled back up to continue to provide to those in need. This is where the Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts like to help with this ongoing problem. The Boy Scouts of America does a once a year “Scouting for Food” Campaign. On Saturday, May 16, The Milford Boy Scout Troop 170 will be coming around the town of Milford picking up bagged donations.

The Food Pantry came up with a list of items that they are really low on, but will take donations of any non-perishable food items or paper products. Some items they are requesting are: canned pineapple, applesauce, baked beans, canned potatoes, tuna and chicken helper box meals, boxed au gratin potatoes, plain oatmeal, banned chicken or tuna, Spaghetti O’s, peas or mixed veggies, rice, spaghetti sauce, apple sauce, saltine crackers, assorted snack crackers, cereal, canned fruits, canned beef stew, vegetable beef soup, cream of any kind of soups, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap, pancake syrup, salad dressing. So you can join the efforts of the Boy Scouts and help families that are in need. In Boy Scouts, one of the points of the scout law is. “A Scout is Helpful”. Thank you for your support.

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Letter to the Editor:

It is impossible to plan ahead for next week or next month when you are in the eye of the storm. We need to be aware of some drastic changes in our way of life in the next coming months. Our routine is challenged, economic and emotional goals and desires are shattered. No new car, washing machine or annual vacation this year for many. Emotional toll and families where one wage earner is currently not working and our recent high school and college grade trying to enter the job market. We are fortunate in Dickinson County in that we have a manufacturing and summer resort area that can keep us on a sound footing. The Iowa Great Lakes region will need to re-gear to cater to the 21 to 29 year old generation.

Thankfully our governor has heeded some common sense in opening some businesses that other state governors have not. We need only think of the many shattered dreams and goals many of us are going through. When we look back in 2 or 3 years of this crisis the main cause of this will be the stay at home and forced business closures that will have led to a severe recession/ depression.

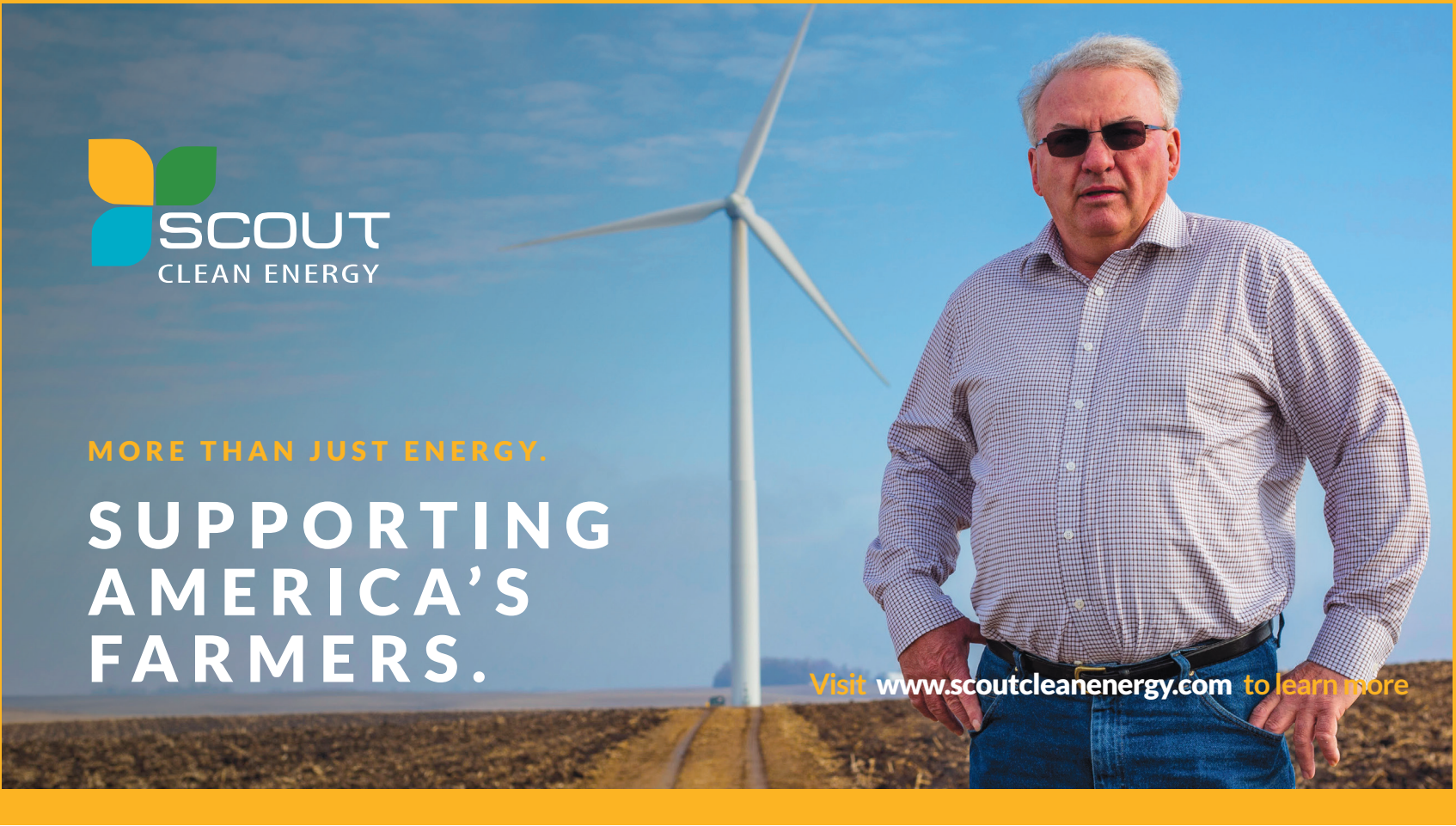
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A special shout out to Accura Healthcare-Milford for your continued amazing efforts on behalf of the residents there.

**DeEtte Graettinger, Marlys Graettinger
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Tran, an Algona High School graduate, demonstrated strong leadership abilities through Model U.N., Academic Decathlon, quiz bowl, speech, theater, band, jazz band, and track in high school.

As a freshman at Iowa Lakes, Tran is an outstanding student academically with a 4.0 G.P.A., participates in jazz band, and plans to be the best pilot he can be. Tran first became interested in aviation when he watched the series Dogfights on the history channel.

"I was absorbed in the flights on Dogfights. The World War II pilots were so cool. My grandma got me a flight simulator when I was 5 or 6 years. I would play the simulator for hours upon hours," explains Tran. "Money is always a hard commodity to come by, especially in college.

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Local Companies Adapt Business Model to Respond to Healthcare Needs

What do a distillery, fire apparel company and a print shop all have in common? In addition to being northwest Iowa businesses, when the COVID-19 pandemic impacted their operations, they were able to be flexible and change their production models to help fulfill needs at Spencer Hospital.

Veridian Fire Protective Gear
Based in Spencer, Veridian Fire Protective Gear manufactures protective clothing for fire fighters and emergency first responders internationally. By having the right equipment available combined with skilled staff, the Veridian team was able to adjust their production model to make a different highly needed item for Spencer Hospital and other healthcare organizations – medical isolation gowns.

"The current need nationally and locally for medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is substantial," commented Veridian president Bill Van Lent. "As with many products used in the U.S., most production is done overseas. Due to the Veridian's specialized fire PPE expertise, we have cut-n-sew equipment and skilled operators capable of meeting this urgent need. We have temporarily suspended our primary production in support of this effort."

Spencer Hospital placed Veridian's first order for cloth gowns. Since then, the State of Iowa has also placed a large order.

"Veridian is pleased to be able to assist the local community and the State of Iowa," Van Lent said. "Veridian's ability to quickly transition to a completely different type of manufacturing process is a testament to the exceptional skill and determination of our Spencer area team members. This kind of dedication and effort is why Veridian chooses to maintain and grow our business in Iowa."

Lakes Marketing and Print – In Collaboration with Others

Lakes Marketing and Print located in Spirit Lake produces multi-channel marketing for clients, including Spencer Hospital, which has worked with the company on a number of projects and has ordered materials such as posters and direct mail postcards. Yet, upon identifying the need for hospitals and other healthcare entities to have greater access to personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis, they devised

a plan to help.

"Upon seeing the need for PPE, we created a consortium in northwest Iowa to produce face shields," shared Rick Ayres, owner of Lakes Marketing and Print. Rick was joined by Chris and Brad Shanahan of the Mail House in Sioux City; Shawn Stone, Professor of Physics and Computer Science at Buena Vista University; Adam Perry, band director in Sioux Rapids; Chad Tischer at Iowa Lakes Community College, and a couple others who wish to remain anonymous.

Ayres explained: "Together we are running 26 3D printers making the plastic head band for the face shields. Lakes Marketing and Print is supplying the clear vinyl shields which have been router cut on a CNC machine, the elastic straps and rubber band closures, and doing all the fulfillment. We have a route driver from the Mail House who drives from Sioux City through all the communities and picks up the head bands on Monday and Thursday and drops them at Lakes Marketing and Print for fulfillment. Everyone has stepped up in a big way, running 3D printers 24/7, buying additional 3D printers, supplies for shields, elastic, and keeping it running as smooth as possible. To date we've shipped around 3,000 to facilities in northwest Iowa."

Being in the creative field, Ayres is no stranger to trying new product lines; however, this production shift was even a bit of a surprise to him. "Five weeks ago, this wasn't even on my radar," he commented. "Now, together with all these other great people, we're making a difference for people needing face shields for PPE."

Ayres said in addition to the mask shields for healthcare, it's also been rewarding to work with area restaurants,

developing an easy online order system which helped numerous restaurants quickly get their menus online for curbside ordering.

Century Farms Distillery

Spencer-based Century Farms Distillery usually makes whiskey and vodka under their labels, Prairie States Whiskey and Open Gate Vodka. They also operate a tasting room, mixing up fun concoctions using their products, and during the COVID-19 restrictions, have even

offered drinks to go. With the COVID-19 crisis, another product they've added to their alcohol line-up for sale and also to give away is hand sanitizer.

"Because of our distiller's license, we are able to process the alcohol needed to make hand sanitizer," explained Amanda Bare, who co-owns and operates Century Farms Distillery with her husband Ryan.

"We are following the World Health Organization's recommended formulation, which is 80% ethyl alcohol, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide and water," she said. "We have been able to modify our bottling equipment to fill bottles of hand sanitizer rather than whiskey and vodka."

The Bares have teamed up with local brewery, West O, to distribute four ounce bottles of the distillery's hand sanitizer free of charge. They also have larger quantities available for sale, including the 80 gallon drum that Spencer Hospital purchased.

"We are very glad that we can help out with a definite need," Bare said. "We still continue to receive calls daily from people looking for hand sanitizer, and we'll continue to make it as long as there is a need."

She added: "Thank you to everyone at Spencer Hospital! We are incredibly proud to be part of this wonderful community and truly appreciate the fantastic support we have received."

Five Spencer Hospital Nurses Honored Among Iowa's 100 Great Nurses

Spencer Hospital nurses Carol Hartig, Dee Hoger, Beth Hopkins, John Lyon and Margaret Molitor have been selected as five of Iowa's 100 Great Nurses for 2020. They were to be honored at a special celebration in Des Moines on May 3; however, the event was canceled due to the current COVID-19 outbreak.

"We're so proud of these five outstanding nurses," commented Brenda Tiefenthaler, VP of Patient Care and Informatics at Spencer Hospital. "It's disappointing they won't have the opportunity to enjoy the special celebration held in their honor and for the other 95 honorees this year, so we encourage our coworkers and community members to let them know how much they're appreciated."

The 100 Great Iowa Nurses program identifies 100 outstanding nurses every year whose courage, competence, and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others. These nurses go above and beyond to contribute significantly to the profession of nursing. Collectively, these five Spencer Hospital nurses have 148 years of experience, yet rather than counting the years, they remember the moments.

"It may sound corny, yet for me, touching people's lives and having them touch mine is what I love most about nursing," shared Margaret Molitor.

Carol Hartig responded similarly: "I think what I've always enjoyed about nursing is the interactions with patients and their families and to make their hospital experience as positive and comfortable as possible."

Nurses combine many skills into their daily work which go far beyond their healthcare training, and the role of educator is one they typically feel comfortable filling. "I love to teach people about their health and how to maintain a healthy status," explained Beth Hopkins.

Dee Hoger agreed: "I love providing education and helping patients, families and coworkers improve their quality of life." Over Hoger's 44 years as a nurse, she's worked in a variety of roles, currently serving as a certified clinical nurse leader and working as a clinical informaticist. "With every role, I've looked for ways to improve the quality of patient care and safety. I am very proud to be a nurse and know that I have made a difference in a person's life."

In the last couple decades, nurses have also become technologically savvy. Like Hoger, John Lyon has also fulfilled numerous nursing roles in multiple departments, yet currently also works as a clinical informaticist.

Carol Hartig

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