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FALL YOUTH SPORTS

Registration Deadline for ALL Youth Sports is **August 23** (\$15 late fee thereafter). Register online at okobojimca.com/youth-sports or pick up a flyer at the front desk.

NFL Flag Football

Participants will receive a reversible NFL Team jersey and their own set of flags. No registrations will be accepted past September 6 due to jersey ordering requirements. Practices start the week of September 7. No Meet the Coaches – info will be emailed. Coaches meeting through Zoom to be announced at a later date.

Ages: K-4th grade

Dates: September 15 – October 20

Fees: Members \$55; Non-members \$110



Youth Volleyball

Knee Pads are required for all players. Practices start the week of September 7. No Meet the Coaches – info will be emailed. Coaches meeting through Zoom to be announced at a later date.

Ages: 3rd-6th grade

Dates: September 17 – October 22

Fees: Members \$38; Non-members \$76



Youth Soccer (U12, U14)

Games to be played against teams from these area communities: Orange City, Spencer, Emmetsburg, Sioux Center, Sheldon and Storm Lake. Practices start the week of August 31. No Meet the Coaches – info will be emailed. Coaches meeting through Zoom to be announced at a later date.

U12: 1/1/09-12/31/10

U14: 1/1/07-12/31/08

Dates: September 5 – October 17 (No games on October 3 due to Galaxy Cup)

Fees: Members \$38; Non-members \$76



Rookie Soccer (U6, U8, U10)

All players must have shin guards, socks, ball and water bottle. Practices start the week of August 31. No Meet the Coaches – info will be emailed. Coaches meeting through Zoom to be announced at a later date.

U6: 1/1/15 - 12/31/16

U8: 1/1/13 - 12/31/14

U10: 1/1/11 - 12/31/12

Dates: September 12 – October 17

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* Maximum of 4 participants per class *

Session 1: September 15 – October 20
Make update: October 27

Session 2: November 3 – December 8
Make update: December 15

Fees:	Preschool	School-Age
Members	\$35	\$35
Non-members	\$70	\$70

Back to School Personal Training Special

Purchase 30 min. Personal Training packages from August 17 – 23 for reduced pricing compared to regular rates.

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\$100 for 5 sessions

\$175 for 10 sessions

\$225 for 15 sessions



Lazy Man Triathlon

Dates: September 7 – October 4

Traditional Challenge: Biking 112 miles, Run/Walk 26.2 miles, Swim 2.4 miles

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Back to School Membership Special

Purchase an On-going Membership from August 17 – 31 and we'll waive the Joiner's Fee! You'll also receive 15% off your first month's membership dues in honor of our 15-year anniversary.

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Financial Assistance: The Bedell Family YMCA strives to provide memberships and program services to all who wish to participate. Our scholarship program, supported through contributions to the YMCA Annual Campaign, provides memberships and program scholarships for those in need within our available resources. Applications for financial assistance can be obtained at the front desk at any of our locations or at www.okobojimca.com.

JOIN US FOR THE OKOBOJI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PREVIEW NIGHT

Thursday, Aug. 20

Please adhere to Social Distancing Guidelines!

SCHEDULE:

- 5:00- 5:30 pm **Cross Country Intrasquad Race**
(Start by the concession stand - finish on track)
- 5:30- 7:00 pm **Okoboji Booster Club Tailgate**
(Outside Concession Stand) Burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookie & drink
- 5:30- 5:45 pm **Introduce cross country, dance team, and swim team members and ironman/ironwoman from those teams**
- 5:45- 6:10 pm **Football Scrimmage**
- 6:10- 6:25 pm **Introduce football team members, cheerleaders and ironman/ironwoman from these teams**
- 6:25- 6:50 pm **Volleyball Scrimmage** *(South Gym)*
- 6:50- 7:05 pm **Introduce volleyball team members and ironman/ironwoman from the VB team**

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to host the FISH FRY FUNDRAISER in March.

Instead we are holding an ONLINE SILENT AUCTION to raise money for Okoboji's Athletic Programs.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

- Arnolds Park Passes •Nike Basketball Apparel •Basketball Workouts
- Golf Packages •Bridges Bay Passes •Pizza for a Year
- Okoboji Pioneer Signs •VIP Parking Passes for OHS Athletic Events
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Winning Items can be picked up at the Okoboji High School on the **SPORTS PREVIEW NIGHT - Thurs., August 20**

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Boji Bill at The Gardens

Boji Bill Carpenter will be appearing on the deck of The Gardens at the Central Emporium in Arnolds Park for the "Funset" on Monday, August 24. He'll be performing his mix of rock and country songs from 5:00 to 9:00pm that evening. Relax on the deck, view the sunset and enjoy the music of Boji Bill. Have a drink, have a meal and have a great time at The Gardens in Arnolds Park while you enjoy the beautiful view overlooking West Lake Okoboji.



Adams Academic All-State in Four Sports

With Tyler Adams being named to the Second Team Academic All-State team in baseball by the Iowa Baseball Coaches Association, the 2020 Okoboji graduate became the only male athlete in the State of Iowa to be named Academic All-State in four sports during the 2019-20 seasons. Adams was selected Academic All-State by the Iowa Football Coaches Association this past fall. To be selected for this honor, a player must be a senior starter, have a GPA of 3.7 or higher, must be involved in other extra-curricular activities and must be recommended by their head coach. Adams was then one of just 26 players selected to the Iowa Basketball Coaches Academic All-State team. This team carried the following averages: an ACT composite score of 27.6; a scoring average of 14.4; and a GPA of 3.8. Even though there was no spring sports season, every spring sport still named an Academic All-State team. Adams was one of just three Class 2A boys named to the Iowa Golf Coaches Association Academic All-State team. The Iowa Baseball Coaches Association Academic All-State team is chosen by a panel of coaches who selected the senior players who demonstrate outstanding academic, moral, and athletic characteristics.



Tyler is the son of John and Michelle Adams of Arnolds Park. Adams plans to attend Wartburg College this fall where he will major in finance and also play basketball for the Knights of the American Rivers Conference.

Milford Community Blood Drive

A Milford Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 10:00am - 3:00pm, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church (Bloodmobile), 1305 Okoboji Avenue, Milford.

Set up your lifesaving appointment today. Appointments are required. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

This blood drive is sponsored by Milford Community. Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license. To ensure our ability to meet social distancing standards and safety protocols, we require all donors to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. If you do not have a mask, we will provide you one. Walk-in donations are not accepted at this time.



Birthday Announcement

Marvin Dagele will be celebrating his 90th birthday on August 24, 2020. His family would like to honor him with a card shower. Cards can be sent to him at P.O. Box 447; Lake Park, IA 51347.



Virgil & Marietta Wahlman

will celebrate their **70th Wedding Anniversary**
Thursday, September 3




Virg and Marietta are proud of this community and thankful for the many, many friends they have made over the years.

Their children (Neal, Eric, Marla, Cheryl and Linda and spouses) invite you to send a congratulatory card or greeting to them at:
1401 14th Street, Milford, IA 51351 (No gifts, please)

JOIN US FOR EAGLES SKILLS NIGHT

Eagles United offers skill nights for youth boys and girls that are currently in Kindergarten - 12th grade as of the 2020-2021 school year. Each skills night is one hour long and consist of speed and agility work, ball handling and shooting instructions. These skills sessions are open to all parts of Iowa and its surrounding states. Anyone can join Eagles Skills.

Skills will run during the months of August, September and October, 2020. Families will pay for each skills session at the door each night. Cost is \$20.00 per session. Players are welcome to attend any skills night session during their age group time.

All Skills will take place at:
Okoboji High School
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COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- No more than 20 athletes in the gym at one time
- Only Athletes and coaches allowed in the gym
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- Bring your own drink/bottle
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6TH - 8TH GRADE

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August 9th - October 25th, 2020

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Abens Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Keith Abens and Jolene Freeburg were married on August 29, 1970 at Our Saviour's Lutheran in Humboldt, Iowa. After graduating from ISU in 1973, they were teachers and coaches for a short time and then worked together in real estate for over 40 years, retiring from Abens Realty in Webster City in 2017, and now reside in Okoboji. The couple has two children, Tyler Abens, his wife Sara and son, Jaycee of Webster City and daughter Tracy Evans, husband Lance, and children Wesley and Hampton of Okoboji. The family celebrated with a New Year's trip together. Well wishes can be sent to Keith and Jo at P.O. Box 612, Arnolds Park, IA 51331.

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 Auction Calendar

Thurs., Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM -
 Farm Equipment Auction in Storden, MN. Auctioneers: Pike Auction Co. 507-847-3468. www.danpikeauction.com.

Day 1) Fri., Aug. 21 - 10:30 AM -
 Lode Estate Auction in Sheldon, IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

Day 2) Sat., Aug. 22 - 10:30 AM -
 Lode Estate Auction in Sheldon, IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

Tues., Aug. 25 - 9:00 AM -
 Machinery Consignment auction in Armstrong, IA. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-362-4844. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com.

Fri., Aug. 28 - 10:00 AM -
 Farm Estate Auction in Woden, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauktion.com.

Tues., Aug. 31-Sept. 2 -
 Historic building at auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Williams & Williams. 800-801-8003. www.williamsauktion.com/SpiritLake.

Thurs., Sept. 3 - 9:30 AM -
 Estate Auction in Estherville, IA. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-362-4844. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com.

Tues., Sept. 15 - 10:00 AM -
 80 Acres at Auction in Jackson County, MN. Auctioneers: Pike Auction Co. 507-847-3468. www.danpikeauction.com.

Thurs., Sept. 17 - 10:00 AM -
 186 Acres at Auction in Clay County, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

IRRMA Announces Outdoor Concert Schedule



The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association announced the "Rock the Patio" and "Live on Lake Street" concert schedule through September 3.

According to Clay Norris, Executive Director of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association,

"Our staff has been working hard to fill all the Thursday and Friday nights with live music through September 3. These events have proven to be safe, fun outdoor concerts for music lovers to enjoy. We also have been streaming to thousands throughout the state and to the rest of the country."

Norris continued, "Due to a scheduling conflict, this Friday's "Live on Lake Street" will move to Preservation Plaza. Denny and the DC Drifters are going to be here, and they are putting together a great rock 'n roll show - it will be great to have the extra space and the beautiful atmosphere."

The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, August 20, Rock the Patio: Tim Horsman
- Friday, August 21, Live on Lake Street: Galaxy
- Thursday, August 27, Rock the Patio: La Raza
- Friday, August 28, Live on Lake Street: Union County Trio
- Thursday, September 3, Rock the Patio: Terry Klein

For Live on Lake Street events, the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association respectfully asks for a \$10 donation per person to help defray production costs, and to support the Association during this challenging year. Donations so far have been generous and much appreciated.

The Association also strongly encourages proper social distancing and/or the use of face masks at all events. Masks are required to enter the Museum during Rock the Patio.

For more information about the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association, and/or to donate, please visit www.iowarocknroll.com.

Contact: Clay Norris, 507-350-8723 - The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association exists to preserve the legacy of rock 'n roll music in Iowa by honoring achievements, educating youth, and inspiring artists. Established in 1997, it is a 501(c)(3) non-profit statewide organization with many areas of service.



Happy 80th Birthday!

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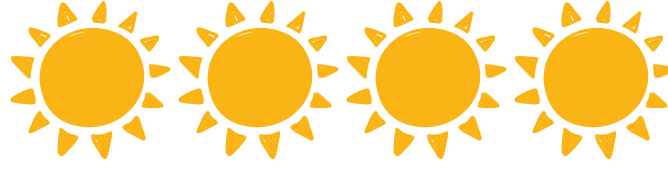
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 Nicole Evans, Retail Manager at Northwest Bank in Arnolds Park commented, "Hosting an annual shred day for our community is just one of several events we organize to support our local American Cancer Society organization. This year we had a record number of participants and donations. We truly appreciate everyone's participation and want to express our gratitude for the generous donations we were able to collect for such a great cause!"
 Northwest Bank has been a corporate sponsor for Dickinson County Relay for Life since it was established 17 years ago. American Cancer Society representative, Dana Kauffman commented, "It's wonderful to have a friendship and partnership with Northwest Bank. The bank and their team members are passionate about raising funds for cancer research and to show support to cancer survivors and their families in our community."
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Aug. 21	Friday Night Texas 4 Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 21	Mammoth Hockey Fundraiser	Brooks GC
Aug. 22	Bethany Huseman "Beth Ball"	Emerald Hills GC
Aug. 23	Couples Night 4pm/featuring Back Alley BBQ	Loon Lake GC
Aug. 25	2-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC
Aug. 28	Friday Night Texas 4 Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 28	4 Person Best Ball/Open Golf	Loon Lake GC
Aug. 29	Savings Bank 3-Person	Silver Lake GC
Aug. 29	9 Hole Par 3 2-Person Best Shot	Brooks GC
Aug. 30	Couples Tournament	Silver Lake GC
Virtual	Abben Cancer Center 4 Person Classic-call for details	Emerald Hills GC
Sept. 1	2-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC
Sept. 4	Friday Night Texas 4 Ball	Indian Hills GC
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Treasure Village is located north of Milford, Iowa on Iowa Highway 86. Check the website www.treasurevillage.org for more information.

Lucky Winners at Smokin' Jakes

On Thursday, August 13, four lucky winners won the Smokin' Jakes 516 raffle. Customers have a chance to win cash through promotions that run weekly and monthly. Shown below is Linda Geske, owner, presenting the cash to the winners. Congratulations to Jacoba Knight (\$125), Dallas Brown (\$125), Daniel and Alex Cuellar (\$125), and Sara Lewis (\$141). Smokin' Jakes is located at 117 West Broadway Street in Arnolds Park and is open Tuesday, 11:00am-10:00pm; Wednesday - Saturday, 11:00am-3:00am; Sunday, 11:00am-9:00pm; closed Monday.



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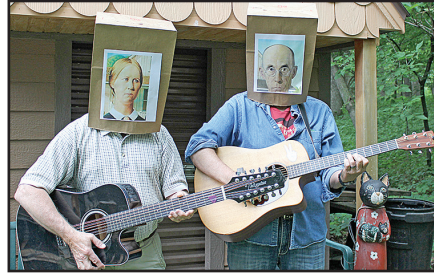
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Unknown Legends at The Gardens

George and Bill, the "Unknown Legends", will be appearing at The Gardens in the Central Emporium in Arnolds Park on Thursday, August 20. They'll be performing on the deck overlooking Beautiful West Lake Okoboji that evening from 5:00 to 9:00pm. Come enjoy a meal or a drink while you listen to the acoustic sounds of the Unknown Legends Thursday, August 20.



Calling All Vendors!

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In a normal year the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association holds an Annual Membership Meeting the second Friday in June. Each year we have an interesting speaker to address issues of interest to Dickinson County taxpayers. We did not hold an Annual Meeting this year due to the difficulty of holding a large public meeting due to Covid-19. This year we are publishing an Annual Report. The report will summarize the various activities in which the Taxpayer Association has been involved this past year.

1. PROPERTY TAX



20 PERCENT BOOST TO OKOBOJI LAKESHORE LAND VALUE In March 2019 (an Iowa reassessment year) the Dickinson County Assessor mailed an assessment notice that increased the value of East and West Okoboji lakeshore land by an average of 20 percent. Impacted were 1,263 lakeshore properties on West Okoboji and 633 lakeshore properties on East Okoboji - south of the Highway 9 Bridge.

COUNTY ASSESSOR LOGIC During April and May 2019 we asked the County Assessor many questions about how the 20 percent increase was determined. The answer from the Assessor for West Okoboji lakeshore land was that 39 properties were sold during 2018. A comparison for those 39 properties showed that they sold for an average of 20 percent above their assessed value. For East Okoboji it was 16 properties that sold for an average of 20 percent above their assessed value. The conclusion drawn by the Assessor was that since 3 percent of the 1,263 West Okoboji properties and 3 percent of the 633 East Okoboji properties sold for 20 percent over their assessed value one can assume that the other 97 percent of the properties could have sold for 20 percent over their assessed value. The result was a 20 percent increase for all lakeshore land on West and East Okoboji - below the Highway 9 Bridge.

NOTE: The Taxpayer Association doesn't believe it is appropriate to raise the assessed value of 100 percent of lakeshore land property values by 20 percent based on only 3 percent of the properties being sold. As a result our Association requested a hearing before the Dickinson County Board of Review and pursued an appeal with the Iowa Property Assessment Appeal Board.

COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW HEARING On June 12, 2019 the Taxpayer Association was granted a hearing before the Dickinson County Board of Review. A copy of our presentation made that day is on our website under the heading of "Property Tax". The Board of Review took no action regarding our Association protest. Their stated reason was that the Taxpayer Association did not list a specific property. To the contrary, we cited all of the 1,896 lakeshore properties that received the 20 percent increase.

IOWA PAAB APPEAL On June 30, 2019 the Taxpayer Association filed an electronic appeal with the Iowa Property Assessment Appeal Board - an independent state agency. The grounds for our PAAB appeal were that fewer than three percent of the East and West Lake Okoboji properties sold in 2017 and 2018 were used to justify the 20 percent increase in Okoboji lakeshore land appraised value. PAAB rejected our appeal on the basis that our association was not an aggrieved taxpayer (we will fix that next time) and did not represent a sufficient number of the 1,986 taxpayers that received the 20 percent increase.

AUGUST 2020 TAX BILLS This month the County Treasurer will mail the 2020-2021 Property Tax Bills. The new tax bills will reflect the March 2019 revaluations. That would include the 20 percent increase on Okoboji lakeshore land. It will also include the cost of the \$25M bond issue to build the new Middle School in Milford for taxpayers in the Okoboji School District. Typically half of the annual property taxes will be paid in September 2020 and the second half in March of 2021.

2. IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE



DICKINSON COUNTY BENEFIT FROM A FIVE COUNTY CC DISTRICT Last year the Taxpayer Association became concerned about the financial benefit Dickinson County receives from a five county Community College District. An Association review of the financial cost to the Dickinson County discovered some interesting information. Our County paid the most of any county, but, by our assessment, received the least amount of benefits. Dickinson County has little college infrastructure and fewer students compared to other counties supporting the college. On November 14, 2019 the Association Board of Directors met with officials of the Iowa Lakes Community College - including their President. A very stimulating discussion has held about the financial inequity problem and how to level the playing field. More meetings are planned.

3. OKOBOJI SCHOOL DISTRICT



SALE OF THE ARNOLDS PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL In April of 2018 the voters of the Okoboji School District approved a \$25M bond issue to build a new Middle School in Milford. The result would make the existing Arnolds Park Middle School an unneeded facility. The District voters were hopeful the sale on the Arnolds Park Middle School at a prime location in the lakes area would help offset the \$25M cost of the new Middle School. In late 2019 and early 2020 the sale of the Milford Middle School was moving at a slow - unorganized pace. On January 20, 2020 the Taxpayer Association sent a letter to the Okoboji School Board asking the sale be better organized to better optimize the sales price. The Middle School sold in late February 2020 for \$1.1M to Neal Slater. Possession is to be provided September 1, 2020.

OKOBOJI SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE FUNDING INEQUITY The Okoboji Community School District has asked the Taxpayer Association to help them correct a school funding in equity that financially hurts the School District taxpayers. The problem is caused by the Okoboji School District having the highest real estate property tax valuations per student in the State of Iowa. For this reason the Okoboji school district does not receive the same level of financial support from the state as other school districts. For the 2020-2021 school year, Okoboji school district taxpayers will pay an additional \$911,976 to supplement the lack of funding coming from the state simply due to high property tax valuations per student in the district. The Okoboji School District and the Taxpayers Association are working together to solve this inequity.

4. ASSOCIATION BUSINESS



ELECTION During the last year Mark Sullivan was elected the new Vice President and Jan Bowles was elected the new Treasurer. For more information about these topics and the Taxpayer Association checkout our website www.dctaxpayers.org

Phil Petersen

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65th Wedding Anniversary

Even in the midst of COVID pandemic, it is with extremely grateful happy hearts that Jim and Mareen Erwin plan to enjoy a family dinner together to celebrate 65 years of marriage. The couple were married August 26, 1955, in Sioux City. If you have been a part of their journey, please call, text or send a card to 1804 23rd Avenue West, Spencer, IA 51301. Memories would be treasured.

New Study to Look at Iowa Great Lakes Watershed
By Steve Weisman



There is little doubt that the bodies of water here in the Iowa Great Lakes have a huge impact on the entire area from recreation to economic impact to sources of drinking water. Without them, we would be, well, we would be just any other rural Midwest area. With them, the Iowa Great Lakes is the centerpiece, the hub.

For that reason, a lot of work has gone into improving water quality and protecting these bodies of water. That's why each lake has its own protective association, why we have the Dickinson County Water Alliance, the Water Quality Commission. One of the driving forces behind water quality decisions comes from the research done. The most recent comprehensive study was the Lake Diagnostic and Feasibility Study done in 2006. The assessment was used to build the current Iowa Great Lakes Management Plan which helped guide current efforts and led to many great clean water projects.

Over 1,300 acres of wetlands have been restored, permanent land protections have occurred to protect the lakes, restorations have taken place on Marble Lake, Center Lake and West Hottes, the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District has continued its improvements, agriculture and urban best management practices have occurred, partnerships have been forged between public and private entities. These are examples of positive clean water outcomes based on the last study.

However, that has been 14 years, and as Mike Hawkins, DNR fisheries biologist notes, it's kind of like people getting a regular check-up. "When we don't feel good or just need some health advice, we go to the doctor's office for tests, a diagnosis and a treatment plan. It's been 14 years since the Iowa Great Lakes has been in to see the doctor. It's time for a check-up."

The new study is entitled "A Vision Toward a More Resilient Iowa Great Lakes: Proposed Monitoring to Support Watershed Planning." Spearheading the 2020 study will be Keith Schilling, Ph.D., Iowa Geological Survey. Co-planners include Nathan Young, Ph.D., IIHR, University of Iowa; Corey Markfort, Ph.D., College of Engineering, University of Iowa; Chris Jones, Ph.D., IIHR, University of Iowa; Larry Weber, IIHR, University of Iowa.

The major endpoint will be to develop a watershed model to quantify and assess lake and watershed management decisions. In other words, the researchers will look at past successes, identified gaps and potential improvements. This comprehensive report will cover ground water monitoring, stream and lake gauging, surface water quality monitoring, in-lake hydrodynamics and water quality.

From this report, the goal is for the community and watershed partners to use all of this new analysis and modeling to update the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed Management Plan. An updated plan would aid conservation partners and the community in project prioritization and land use planning, guiding local decision making for years to come.

The hope is that funding will be secured this fall and work will begin this fall with two calendar years of monitoring (2021-2022). During this time, quarterly meetings and local presentations will be given to share updates.

Hawkins, reflects, "It's a good time for another diagnostic study to look at the history to see how we got here, the progress that has been made and the chance to look at updated problems."



Powerful Tools for Caregivers Online Series Begins September 24

Thirty-nine percent of all adult Americans are caring for a loved one who is sick or has a disability. Caregiving can be a stressful responsibility leading to poor health, mental distress and less life satisfaction for the caregiver.

It can be challenging for caregivers to find the support that they need, says Cheryl Clark, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. That is why ISU Extension and Outreach offers educational resources for family caregivers.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/ptc>) is a program for caregivers of children with special health and behavioral needs or for those who provide care for a spouse, parent or friend with a chronic condition such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The program provides information, support strategies, communication techniques, stress reduction ideas and resources to assist family caregivers with their concerns related to caregiving.

"Caregivers who thrive, rather than just survive, understand that by taking care of themselves they are better able to provide the care their loved ones need," said Clark, who specializes in family life issues.

An online Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Adults with Chronic Conditions series is scheduled for six Thursdays, September 24 through October 29, from 2:00 - 3:30pm. The virtual series will provide you, the caregiver, with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

The program costs \$35 per person or \$40 per couple, and registration can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/ptc16520>.

To learn more, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/ptc-tools> or contact human sciences specialists Cheryl Clark (cclark@iastate.edu, 641-373-2196) or Mackenzie DeLong (mldelong@iastate.edu, 712-541-8737) for more information.

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Doors open at 11:00am with live music from Michael Hope. Jeremy DeWall Band will take the stage at 4:pm. Vendors will be selling their wares from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Craft beer and wine tasting will take place under the Tasting Tent from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

The tasting room will be open all day offering wine, beer, spirits and food as usual.

The Grape Stomp competition begins at 2:00pm. Registration is open online at RoundLakeVineyards.com and on Eventbrite with stomp times open every 20 minutes. Prizes go to the fastest three teams to reach two liters of juice from squashing feet.

A special non-timed, Parent-Kid Stomp at 3 pm will let kids experience the fun of foot-smashing grapes while a parent shares a memory. Spaces are limited.

Teams are encouraged to appear in costume and prizes are awarded based on originality, design, and effort. Teams typically consist of competing businesses, organizations, and friends. Costume and timed team stomp awards will be announced at 6:00pm. Winning teams receive bottles of wine for each overall winner with the fastest team receiving two \$50 gift cards.

Register for *Grape Stomp*: Preregistration is strongly recommended as stomp competitions sell out well before the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grape-stomp-tickets-115494919413>.

Cost for adult team: \$40 and includes two T-shirts. Entry fee at the gate of \$5. Free entry for those under 21 years old.

Visit RoundLakeVineyards.com to see the complete schedule of events and to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grape-stomp-tickets-115494919413>.

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Free Sports Injury Clinics, On-Site Game Coverage Included in Care
Fall sports are an exciting time for the entire community, and local sports specialists want to ensure it's a safe one for the athletes themselves. Local medical professionals collectively comprising Sports Medicine Northwest are providing care for area athletes in various ways. Orthopedic surgeons from Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons, a Certified Athletic Trainer, and Physical Therapists from Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) are offering a free Sports Injury Clinic and game coverage.

The free Sports Injury Clinic will be held every Saturday at 9 am or by appointment August 29 through October 10. Located within Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons' Spirit Lake office, the clinic is offered free of charge to area middle and high school athletes. To attend the clinic, enter Lakes Regional Healthcare through the east entrance. Appointments and physician referrals are not necessary to utilize the clinic. However, a parent or guardian must accompany athletes under age 18. Therapists will review the injury and orthopedic surgeons will be available to provide further evaluation and specify treatment if needed. A free screening x-ray is also provided if warranted. Any follow-up appointments, further radiology tests such as CT scans or MRIs, or supplies such as casts, braces, or splints are charged to health insurance. Those interested in an injury evaluation other than Saturday mornings are encouraged to call LRH's Rehabilitation department at 712-336-8651 to schedule an appointment.

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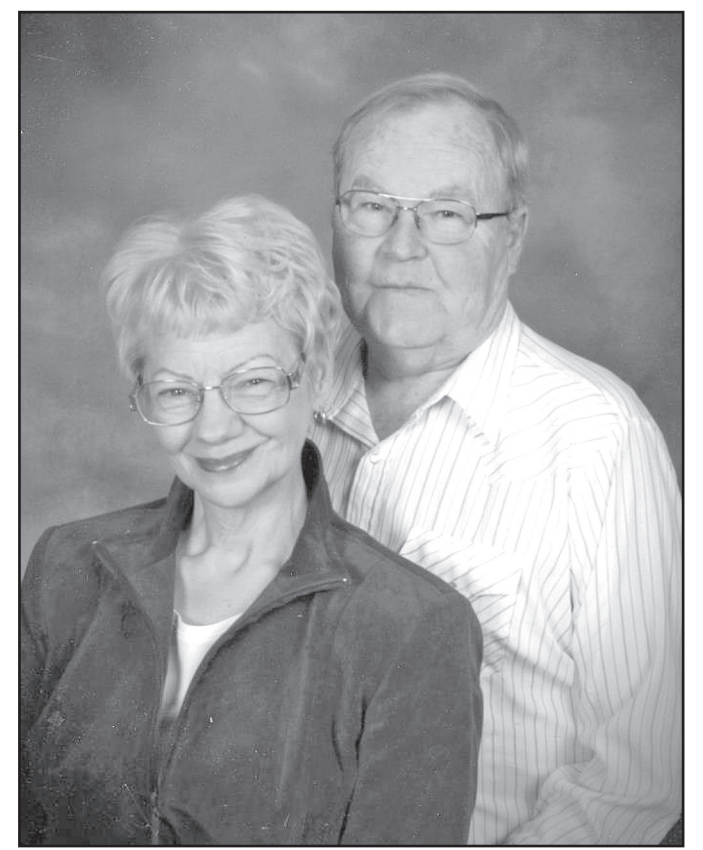
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Learn Home Food Preservations with Free Virtual Course

Preserving your garden's summer bounty is a great way to enjoy home-grown produce year round – as long as you do not serve food borne illness, like botulism, with your home preserved foods, say nutrition and wellness specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Home food preservation is not difficult, but it does require following specific directions exactly," said Renee Sweers, nutrition and wellness specialist. "Ignoring recommended procedures can result in home canned products that will make you, your family and friends very ill."

To help Iowans safely preserve foods, ISU Extension and Outreach is hosting a virtual Food Preservation 101 course. Food Preservation 101 is a general overview that highlights the key information Iowans need to know to get started preserving food at home.

During this free, one-hour online course, nutrition and wellness specialists will:

- Discuss various food preservation techniques – pressure canning, hot water bath canning, dehydration and freezing;
 - Provide science-based, reliable food preservation resources; and
 - Answer general food preservation questions.
- Food Preservation 101 will be hosted:
- Thursday, August 20, 10:00-11:00am
 - Thursday, August 20, 8:00-9:00pm
 - Thursday, September 10, 7:00-8:00pm

The session is free and available to all Iowans. Register online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/human-sciences/preservation-101> or for more information, contact Renee Sweers at 712-276-2157 or rsweers@iastate.edu.

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Obituaries

A graveside service for **Laureen Beck**, age 70, of Spirit Lake, was held Saturday, August 15, 2020, at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Laureen Love Beck, 70, of Spirit Lake, was born on September 28, 1949, in Estherville, Iowa, to Everett and Ivah Anderson. Laureen was raised near Dolliver and graduated from nearby Lincoln Central High School, Gruver, in 1968. She married Kenneth "Kenny" Beck on August 24, 1968. They had two children, Chris and Brad. Although Laureen's middle name was chosen because it was a family name, she lived as if it was a personality trait she had to live up to. Love was inherent in all Laureen did. In 1973, Kenny and Laureen started Beck Excavating where Laureen worked as a bookkeeper. To keep up the spirits of the road crew, she would travel out to the job site and bring hot meals. This was a role she had prepared for growing up on the farm, working side by side with her mother cooking three meals a day for her dad and brothers. All this cooking and baking turned into a hobby that grew over the years. Laureen would read cookbooks in her spare time and was known for legendary dishes like her cheesy potatoes, chicken casserole, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate marshmallow cake and chocolate revel bars just to name a few. She loved to feed family and friends and always was quick to offer up a dish for whatever party or potluck needed one.



From 1975 on, Laureen poured a lot of that love into mothering her young sons. The pride she took in raising them was evident in the way she beamed when she looked at them. The love she had for Kenny, Chris and Brad filled her with joy. When Chris and Brad married their wives, Laureen treated them like they were her own daughters. With the addition of five grandchildren, her family was complete, and her heart was full. Laureen loved to cheer on her kids and grandkids at their activities throughout the years like sporting events, music concerts and dance recitals. She also shared her passion in the kitchen by cooking and baking with her kids and grandkids.

Laureen's servant heart benefited the lives of others in the community as well. She spent years volunteering in the Estherville School system, even being awarded the Iowa Governor's Award by Terry Branstad in 1988.

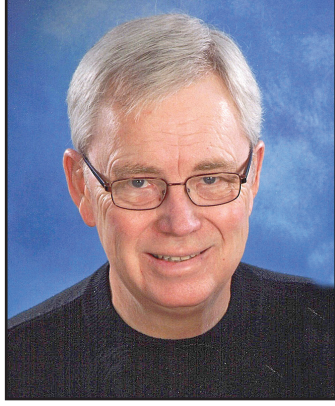
Kenny and Laureen enjoyed summers at the lake for years and eventually moved to Big Spirit full time. Another favorite of hers was wintering in Marco Island, Florida, with close friends.

Laureen passed away peacefully in her home on August 11, 2020. Left to cherish her memory are son Chris and his wife Laura of Spirit Lake; son Brad and his wife Teresa of Spirit Lake; grandchildren Parker and Evan; and Ella, McKenna and Olivia. Survivors also include her brother Dennis (Lois) Anderson, brother Jim (Colleen) Anderson and her sister-in-law Kathy (Dan) Carlson. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenny, her daughter Jacqueline, her father Everett Anderson and her mother Ivah Anderson. Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

A funeral service for **John Nystrom**, age 75, of Spirit Lake, was held Friday, August 14, 2020, at the outside worship area of First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Visitation was on Thursday, August 13 at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

John Bjorn Nystrom, the son of Lillian Beatrice (Johnson) and Carl Gustaf Nystrom, was born January 25, 1945 in Decorah, Iowa. He graduated from South Winneshiek High School in 1963, Luther College in 1967 and Ball State University in 1968 receiving his masters in Speech Pathology.



On July 21, 1973, John was married to Julie Ann Galles in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. John and Julie resided in Worthington, Minnesota for forty-four years where John was employed as a speech and language pathologist for Lakeview School and the Worthington School District. John and Julie moved to Spirit Lake in 2017 and together they enjoyed traveling and took many trips after retirement. John enjoyed fishing and hunting his entire life. He was an avid gardener and loved sharing his produce with friends and neighbors. One of his favorite things was taking his grandchildren in his boat and teaching them to fish. He loved attending all of his daughter's and grandchildren's activities and was always there to support them. John was a devoted husband, a loving father and a wonderful grandfather.

John was a member of the Jaycees, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Okabena Ocheda Watershed Board and attended the First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji.

John passed away August 5, 2020, on the North Shore in Minnesota at seventy-five years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Nystrom of Spirit Lake; daughter, Krista Nystrom Roos (Adam) of Spirit Lake; grandchildren, Benjamin, Kathryn, Max and William Roos; cousin, Oline Stigers of Cedar Rapids; niece, Amy Hamlet of San Antonio, Texas.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Lillian Nystrom; aunts, Ester Bjonerud and Emma Nystrom; sister-in-law, Marcia Waugh and brother-in-law, Thomas Waugh. Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Judd Grant Applications Are Now Available

The Avera Lakes Regional Healthcare Volunteers will be awarding four \$500 grants to students pursuing a career in nursing. Clarence Judd was a long time resident of the lakes region and bequeathed money to the LARH volunteers with the stipulation the money be used to provide grants for prospective nurses. Residents of Dickinson County are eligible to apply for these grants if they are enrolled in an LPN, RN, or BSN program. Preferences will be given to fulltime students.

In previous years, application forms were available at our county libraries but with the libraries being closed, applications will be available by contacting Jona Forbes at 712-330-5508 and she will get the application to you. Applications need to be returned by August 30, 2020. Applications are not available at the Lakes Regional Healthcare hospital.



Al-Anon Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Al-Anon meetings will not take place at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford or at the Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake until further notice.

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

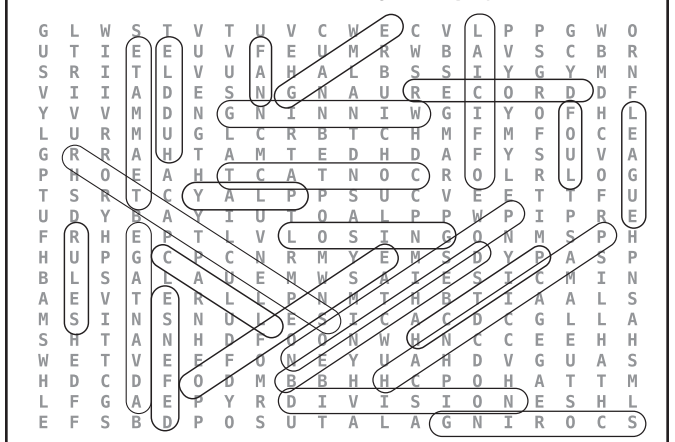
Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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Customer Appreciation Day at Lakes Area Farmers Market was well attended last Saturday. Thank you to all the loyal customers who have continued coming all these years. A special thank you to Brandt Gardens and Greenhouse for donating the succulents that were given to each customer. Many plants left the grounds that day. Also thank you to all the vendors who donated to the two Market Baskets that were given away that day. Two thrilled customers went home with a couple of bags each of market goodies. Look on our facebook page for their names and pictures.

This is a great time of year for vegetables because there is a big variety of them right now. There are still radishes, cucumbers, cabbage, and tomatoes for salads; zucchini, yellow squash, onions, peppers, green beans, potatoes, and meat selections for stir fry. You can still find sweet corn to eat from the ear or to freeze. Uncommon vegetables include eggplant, okra, Swiss chard, and beets. Baked items are varied each week but usually include pies, cookies, rolls, bread, and bars. Face masks are available in sizes to fit the big man to a small child. This is gladiola season so you will find them along with others flowers. If hand sanitizer is hard on your skin, pick up some handmade aloe sanitizer that is gentler on the skin, or lotions or soaps, with embroidered towels for drying. There is always variety at Lakes Area Farmers Market on the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake. We're open 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon Wednesday and Saturday. We hope to see you there.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:
I would like to thank Chris and Ainsley Iverson and their dog, Pilar. They heard my cry for help and came to my rescue.
On June 29, around 5:00am, I was taking my black Cocker Spaniel for her morning chores when she suddenly bounded ahead of me barking aggressively. I tripped over a thorn bush and fell flat on my sternum. I had let go of the leash, and Holly was out of sight. I laid there until Holly returned. I grasped her collar and raised my right arm crying, "help!"
I saw a reflecting light on the sidewalk along 23rd Street. I could see in the dark that there were people and a dog coming toward me. The couple lifted me on my feet and moved me into my home. These new friends and their dog, Pilar, stayed with me for a time to make sure I was okay.
Ainsley asked me if I wanted the thorn bush removed. She came that evening around 5:00 and removed the bush. She had two friendly young girls with her to be a part of an act of caring and kindness.
I have been blessed by people like the Iversons my entire life. Thank you Lord.
Janice Ann Burns, Spirit Lake, Iowa

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Ribbon Cutting And Dedication Of The State Pier At Arnolds Park

Imagine Iowa Great Lakes is excited to announce the completion of the State Pier at Arnolds Park and will celebrate this accomplishment with a ribbon cutting ceremony, as well as a formal dedication and renaming of this property in honor of the late Berkley Bedell, on September 5, at 11:30am.

The State Pier renovation project has created a dynamic plaza space where we see many tourists and locals already congregating to enjoy the area sights and sounds around this spot. This 5,500 square foot pedestrian plaza features a large fountain and reflecting pool below three stainless steel sail sculptures, precast concrete benches/amphitheater seating, landscape beds, and decorative donor paving surrounded by a custom LED hand rail. Dramatic lighting on the sails and fountain create a visible landmark that coordinates with the arches of the Promenade. The plaza itself is a compass, oriented North/South, with a North Arrow and a map of the Iowa Great Lakes as decorative elements in the paving.

Earlier this spring, the Imagine Board of Directors worked with the DNR and the HAPI Board of Directors to rename and dedicate this property as the Berkley Bedell State Pier. On August 13th, 2020, the DNR approved this request. Berkley passed away on December 7, 2019, at the age of 98. Berk was a hardworking, kind, and compassionate man and dedicated his life to actively make a difference. And making a difference is just exactly what he did.

In 1999, Arnolds Park was purchased by a real estate developer and was slated to be demolished and replaced with

multi-family housing. Berkley lead the effort to save the Park and served as Co-Chair of the Save the Park campaign. Through his efforts working with dedicated volunteers, elected officials and community members, \$7.25 Million was raised. This was enough to buy the land back, keep it a public space, and preserve one of Iowa's most beloved attractions along the shores of Okoboji.

After attending the state university (ISU today), Berkley served in the Army Air Corps as a flight instructor. In 1945 Berk returned to Spirit Lake to start Berkley and Company, the focus of the business was cable wire leaders. The business he started in his parent's basement grew over the next four decades becoming a multi-million-dollar global fishing industry business that operates in every state in the U.S., and abroad in 19 countries, with 1,134 employees speaking 28 languages. Berkley made significant and long-lasting contributions to the fishing industry while creating hundreds of jobs in his hometown of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Today, the company Berk started in 1945 is known as Pure Fishing and continues his work on conservation efforts through the Berkley Conservation Institute, which is part of Pure Fishing. Initiatives of the BCI include water quality, climate change, fisheries management, the future of fishing, recycling, and con-



servation implementation partnerships.

Later in life, Berkley had a desire to make the Iowa Great Lakes a better place and leave a legacy. This desire led to the creation of the Okoboji Foundation, a community foundation to support non-profits in the region. In 2000, Berkley garnered pledges from about 20 families and today, the Okoboji Foundation is stronger than ever and has granted \$4.1 million to projects that focus on lake quality, environment, outdoor experiences, recreation, and arts and culture. Throughout the years of building the foundation, Berkley was always present as a leader and mentor, continually challenging board members to do more and work together to accomplish their goals and build the endowment.

"We can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Berkley Bedell, who gave so much to not only our Iowa Great Lakes community, but, also to the people, one by one," said Michele Goodenow, Executive Director of Imagine Iowa Great Lakes.

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Crazy Covid-College Football Week

I didn't write my View From The Bench last week because I knew the landscape of college football was rapidly changing with rumors of no college season at all swirling around on Monday. It looked like everything would be canceled, but then many college athletes, coaches and parents spoke up and appeared to gain some momentum to saving a season. When the dust settled on Tuesday night the Big 12 and Pac 12 had postponed their seasons to the spring while the ACC, the Big 12 and the SEC all pushed ahead with plans to play 10 game seasons starting in mid-September. As of Monday, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields was trying to rally support to playing their season and had over 220,000 signatures on a petition; a group of football parents from Iowa, Ohio State and Penn State have also sent letters to BIG Commissioner Kevin Warren asking for a meeting to air their concerns about the decision making process to postpone the season.

While I certainly don't have the answers for whether there should be a football season or not, I do find it somewhat hypocritical of the conferences who are canceling due to "player safety" for several reasons. The first is that many of these institutions and conferences are welcoming back tens of thousands of students to their campus for on-campus classes and learning. If they don't feel that athletes are safe with the rigorous testing and tracking protocols in place within the athletic departments, how do they think it's safe to turn these athletes loose on campus? It appears that many of the athletic departments have done a great job with testing and keeping their players safe, as you have not heard of as many positive tests recently like you did when the athletes first came back to campus. These athletes were adhering to the policies for the hopes of being able to compete this fall, and now that those hopes are gone at the many colleges, will these athletes be disciplined enough to continue following these protocols when their seasons are not being played?

The second issue I have with these schools who canceled/postponed their seasons citing player safety is that many of them are going to try and play a spring season. Football is by far and away the most physically demanding sport there is; how do these experts who are concerned about "player safety" expect a college athlete to play 6-10 games this spring and then turn around and play a regular season (let's hope) in the fall of 2021 with what will probably be only a month off? How can you say you are worried about your athletes' health and then expect them to play back to back seasons? I do also snicker at the player safety reason when discussing football and all the other safety issues that could be discussed with this very physical sport.

The one thing that we've learned during the COVID-19 pandemic is that we really don't know what the future holds. To be completely honest, the most honest answer you can give when asked about anything in the future right now is "I don't know". I do like the approach that the ACC, Big 12 and SEC are taking in planning to have a season while knowing that there will be issues along the way. I also like how the Big 12, along with the obvious conferring with scientists and doctors, also visited with two player representatives from each team to get their input. The latest protocol that I heard the Big 12 will put in place involves three straight days of testing leading up to every game; to me that sounds like a pretty safe way to get these players on the field in a safe environment, as well as being much safer than what those athletes who are on campus and not playing will be dealing with.

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- 1 cup shredded Colby jack cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 ears sweet corn, cut from the cob (approx. 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F. Unroll pie crust into a pie pan and prick with a fork. Bake for 12 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk until smooth. Stir in cheese, bacon, sweet corn and pepper.

When crust has baked, remove and lower oven to 350°F. Pour egg mixture into the crust and bake for 30-35 minutes more, until center is no longer jiggly. Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

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70th Anniversary Announcement

Longtime Milford residents Virgil and Marietta Wahlman will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Thursday, September 3. The couple was married at Milford's old Union Memorial Church (where the post office now stands) in 1950. Virgil's family moved to Milford in 1935. Marietta was born in rural Terril and her family moved to Milford in time for her senior year at Milford High School. Virg and Marietta are proud of this community and thankful for the many, many friends they have made over the years. Their children (Neal, Eric, Marla, Cheryl and Linda and spouses) invite you to send a congratulatory card or greeting to them at 1401 14th Street, Milford IA 51351. No gifts, please.



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In response to this ongoing impact, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering weekly, online "Question. Persuade. Refer." (QPR) programs, said David Brown, behavioral health specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

QPR is a suicide prevention program that teaches participants three steps to help save a life from suicide.

"Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help," Brown explained.

ISU Extension and Outreach is offering QPR every Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00pm, July 21 through October 27. Each program will last for one hour.

Agribusiness professionals, agriculture lenders and bankers, veterinarians, vet techs, commodity group members, producers, social service professionals and other concerned individuals can register at no cost for any of these programs.

To register, go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/human-sciences/QPR>. Participants will receive a unique URL prior to the program to access the Zoom-hosted program.

For more information, feel free to contact David Brown at dnbrown@iastate.edu.

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The newly formed *Borderline Outlaws* are, (L-R): Scott Dahl, 10th Dakota City, Drums; Scott Sorbo, Graettinger, Bass Guitar; Bryon Kittleson, Welcome, Minnesota, Guitars, Dobro, Banjo, Fiddle, Mandolin, Steel, and Vocals; Jon Johnson - Petersburg, Minnesota; Keyboards and Vocals; Steve Samuelson Sr., Spirit Lake, Electric, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals; Maury Muhm, Spirit Lake, Acoustic and Electric Guitars, Mandolin, Vocals. Jay Hardy, Spirit Lake is the FOH Audio Engineer. Spirit Lake's Terry Klein will be a special guest performer with the band at the Pearson Lakes Art Center on September 10th.

New Outlaws on the loose

With a bit of reorganization, including both old and new band members, *Jessie James and The Outlaws* has reformed to become *The Borderline Outlaws*. (Yes, both the word "reformed" and the new name may each have more than one definition...)

The new group's debut concert will be an outdoor FUNdraiser for the Pearson Lakes Art Center, Thursday night, September 10th, from 7-9:00, on the PLAC grounds. While there will be no admission charge, there will be a free-will offering.

Organizer Steve Samuelson noted that the group will be playing a wide variety of music, including songs *The Outlaws* rarely, if ever, featured. He added that the band members are looking forward to performing for an audience that hasn't had much opportunity for dance music this summer...

While the *Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji* ended its season with a good crowd last week, there's still a lot of live music taking place on campus at least through the Labor Day weekend. Thursday will see Boji Bill Carpenter and George Engebretson, as *The Unknown Legends* at The Gardens in Arnolds Park, from 5-9:00. Following a private "social distancing" party on Saturday, the *Itty-Bitty Boji Band* can be heard at the Barefoot Bar, in Okoboji, from 2-6:00, Sunday afternoon; before *Boji Bill* returns to The Gardens, Monday night, from 5-9:00...

Little Ol' Winemaker Scott Benjamin is still recommending reservations as seating is still limited at the Little Swan Lake Winery. Thursday night's entertainment will have newcomer Tony Sammis performing on the stage in the barn from 6-8:00; where Clint Riedel, who will be driving in from Dows, will perform on Thursday night, also from 6-8:00. The Winery will be hosting the Terry Brooks group, from Sioux City, in the barn on Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00...

Thursday night will also see **Tim Horsman** performing on the IRRMA Museum Patio, at the Arnolds Park Amusement Park, from 7-8:30 BYOChair...

Friday night's live entertainment on Lake Street, in the Amusement Park, will be Glenn Henriksen's *Galaxy Band*, from 7-8:30. And Saturday, *Rock a La Carte* will be the featured entertainment Saturday night in Preservation Plaza, at the Amusement Park...

Research director RD tells us today is **Bad Poetry Day** — and offers a glaring example from a genius: "Celery raw develops the jaw, but celery stewed is more quietly chewed." Good or bad, the lines belong to Ogden Nash, who was born on August 19, 1902, and is known for his light verse and short rhymes. The song that serves up the crispy veggie, *The Celery Stalks at Midnight*, was written by Carl Sigman, George Harris, and Will Bradley and released by Doris Day with *Les Brown and His Orchestra*, in 1941...

Today is also **Serendipity Day**. The term means "a pleasant surprise," for which RD suggests an *Orange Colored Sky*, as offered up by Nat 'King' Cole, in three versions. OCSky was written by Milton Delugg and Willie Stein. And the most famous of Nat's versions was recorded with *The Stan Kenton Orchestra* in August, 1950, for Capitol Records. The lyrics say, "I was walking along, minding my business, when out of an orange-colored sky, flash, bam, alakazam, wonderful you came by..."

A 1960's American folk group, *The Serendipity Singers*, had a sound not unlike that of *The New Christy Minstrels*. Their debut single, *Don't Let the Rain Come Down*, was a Top Ten hit and garnered the group's only Grammy nomination. Another of the group's hits, *Beans In My Ears*, was written by Pete Seeger.

Saturday is Be An Angel Day, calling for the jazz standard *Angel Eyes*, composed in 1946 by Matt Dennis with lyrics by Earl Brent. Seven years later Dennis not only sang *Angel Eyes* in a motion picture, but accompanied himself on piano as well. Through the decades, other popular renditions were released by Ella Fitzgerald, who recorded it at least 4 times; *The Dave Brubeck Quartet*, which used the tune as the title track of their 1966 LP; and jazz vocalist Karrin Allyson, on her 2002 CD, *In Blue*...

Sidebar: Along with his writing partner, lyricist Tom Adair, Dennis was the composer of "Ballads, Blues and Big Bands, Too," which was recorded by Frank Sinatra, Jr. and Pat Longo's Super Big Band on the LP and CD, "Billy May For President." Nancy Wilson used the song as the title of a three CD compilation. And Longo's version was the theme for *Class 105*...

Actor, dancer, singer, and director Gene Kelly was born in Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1912. Kelly starred in the 1951 MGM musical *An American in Paris*, along with Leslie Caron. *AAiP* was nominated for eight academy awards, and won six, including Best Picture. George and Ira Gershwin penned all the music, which included some of their most well-known efforts, *Embraceable You*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, and the Kelly/Caron duet, *Love Is Here To Stay*...

All the news that fits we print.

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

Deadline for RAMBO-ling submissions is the Friday prior to Tuesday publication



Grosvenor Honored with Award

Marilyn Kessler (right) of the Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #371 presented Calvin Grosvenor of Okoboji with the American Legion Auxiliary Youth Hero Award for his Bravery, Courage and Fortitude for saving the life of fellow SCUBA diver Jesse Fletchall.

Back on May 28, Calvin and Jesse were diving on Lake Okoboji when Jesse suffered a brain embolism nearly 30-feet below the surface of the lake. Calvin got to him and purged air into his lungs with his regulator and got him to the surface. Then he swam Jesse 100 yards back to shore. Jesse had no pulse and was not breathing. Calvin performed CPR until emergency personnel arrived. Jesse survived and is doing well today. The incident happened when Calvin was 17 years old - three days before his 18th birthday.

Congratulations Calvin on receiving this honor and the Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #371 wishes him the best in his Senior year of high school.

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Bee and Butterfly Festival

The Dickinson County Nature Center is excited to announce that Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival is set for September.

"Although this year will not be the same as previous years, I am excited to keep the tradition of celebrating our pollinators alive through this modified event," said Bryanna Kuhlman, environmental education coordinator.

Instead of a one-day festival, this year's event will be spread out over four days. Families are asked to sign up for a time slot when they would like to attend the event: 4-5 p.m., 5:15-6:15 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 1-4. Simply go to Sign Up Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D-4DACA922A1FFCE9-beeand> and select your preferred time. Each time slot is limited to six groups.



During Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival, participants will be able to visit several stations — a self-guided storybook walk, a photo opportunity with Sweetie the Bee and the ever-popular monarch tagging area.

Tagged monarchs will be released on their migration to overwinter in Mexico, a part of the University of Kansas Monarch Watch program. Those who tag a monarch will receive a certificate with their monarch's gender and tag number, and they can check next spring to see if their monarch is collected by Monarch Watch citizen scientists.

"We are excited to continue to offer our monarch tagging program that families look forward to all year," said naturalist Ashley Hansen.

Participants will also receive an activity bag to take home filled with supplies for bee and butterfly crafts as well as a honey stick.

Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival will be held outside the Dickinson County Nature Center in Kenue Park, and participants can enjoy the beautiful area while they go through the event stations, as only one group per station at a time is requested. Families may even bring food and drinks to enjoy in the park during their time slot.

"Enjoy your time outside learning about the importance of bees and butterflies," Kuhlman said.

To keep staff, volunteers and festival-goers safe, safety precautions will be implemented. Participants may wear masks if they choose, but all festival hosts will be wearing masks. There will also be hand sanitizer available at each station.

Please make sure to register your entire group and do not invite extra guests to help keep the event limited to a safe number of people.

For more information about the modified Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352 with questions. You can also keep up on the latest Dickinson County Nature Center happenings on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Milford Library News

Youth Corner

Don't forget that kiddos can keep earning prizes for Milford Memorial Library's 2020 Youth Summer Reading Program until Friday, August 21. The following week (August 24th), all names will go into a bucket for the various large prizes which include Arnolds Park and Bridge's Bay passes, coupons to local businesses, and very cool theme related gifts.

Miss Becca has been busy collecting books for families, and she would love to take care of yours, too. All you need to do is get in touch with her through a phone call or email with what you would like (712-338-4643, beccas@milford.lib.ia.us), and she will get them ready to go for an easy pick up at our Drive-Up Window.



Wills and Jones Encourage Students to Apply for Legislative Page Program

Representatives John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) and Megan Jones (R-Sioux Rapids) released information about the Iowa Legislative Page program and are encouraging area students to apply for the 2021 session.

"The legislative page program is a great opportunity for students to see their state government in action and learn. I strongly encourage area students to consider applying because it is a valuable experience for any young person," said Representatives Wills and Jones.

Each year the Iowa General Assembly employs Iowa high school juniors and seniors from across the state to serve as Pages during the legislative session. The duties of Legislative Pages vary slightly, but they generally provide valuable assistance to legislators and legislative staff. Tasks include operating the chamber switchboard, assisting committee chairpersons, delivering messages, distributing legislation, and sorting amendments. Pages are paid and many schools offer class credit for a student's work in the Legislature.

Applications for the 2021 Legislative Page Program are due no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.

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Fall sports are an exciting time for the entire community, and local sports specialists want to ensure it's a safe one for the athletes themselves. Local medical professionals collectively comprising Sports Medicine Northwest are providing care for area athletes in various ways. Orthopedic surgeons from Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons, a Certified Athletic Trainer, and Physical Therapists from Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) are offering a free Sports Injury Clinic and game coverage.

The free Sports Injury Clinic will be held every Saturday at 9 am or by appointment August 29 through October 10. Located within Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons' Spirit Lake office, the clinic is offered free of charge to area middle and high school athletes. To attend the clinic, enter Lakes Regional Healthcare through the east entrance. Appointments and physician referrals are not necessary to utilize the clinic. However, a parent or guardian must accompany athletes under age 18. Therapists will review the injury and orthopedic surgeons will be available to provide further evaluation and specify treatment if needed. A free screening x-ray is also provided if warranted. Any follow-up appointments, further radiology tests such as CT scans or MRIs, or supplies such as casts, braces, or splints are charged to health insurance. Those interested in an injury evaluation other than Saturday mornings are encouraged to call LRH's Rehabilitation department at 712-336-8651 to schedule an appointment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

Where is everyone in this corona virus time? They are on the bike trails. You can keep yourself 6 feet away from other people. There are some new trails. One is along highway 86 on the west side of West Okoboji. There is a new one by our home at the Landings. It follows 155th Street along Cutty's, Tree Tops and two homes. It then turns north on Percival Drive. There are new trails further along the north side of West Okoboji and past Iowa Methodist Campground. They are new and now finished. They go from 151st Street to 155th Street on the Northeast side of West Okoboji.

I have been picking up litter along the .3 mile stretch. I am asking you to stop throwing litter on the trails or driving by and throwing litter. It has helped me to lose a few pounds for my TOPS Club, and I also like riding the trail on my 3-wheel tricycle. I see walkers, bike riders, dog walkers, runners, and even a woman carrying her baby, another woman pushing a stroller, a family wheeling a wheelchair, plus children on their skate boards and scooters; however, after getting 15 pails or bags of litter I want to be done. Do not leave cigarette butts on the trail, beer bottles, fire crackers, pop and water bottles, candy wrappers, and misc. items. We ask you to ride, wave, and smile. A stick on the trails can cause a bike accident. The 155th Street trails is tree lined. The Dickinson County Trails Association will be putting up a stop station on 155th Street with a bench saying In Honor of Stan Lemkuil -- Happy Trails to you. Stan rode the Sheriff Bike Patrol for 17 years. The trail is fast and fun and we hope to see you there, but I hope I am not picking up your litter.

There is a bike ride scheduled for September 26th that has not been called off yet. ...hope to see you on that ride.

Sincerely yours,
Colleen M. Lemkuil,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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-stop-shop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/community-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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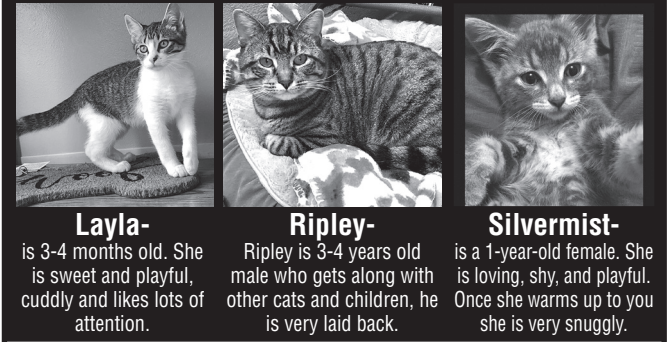
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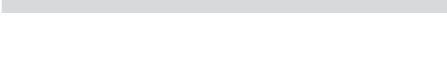
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- Jake De Jong Family **1-45p**

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Jack and Lynne Johnson **1-45p**

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We'd like to thank you for all the beautiful cards, flowers, memorials, and kind expression of sympathy shown to us during Ed's passing. Your kindness and compassion during this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to our family. He will always be with us.
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Set up your lifesaving appointment today. Appointments are required. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

This blood drive is sponsored by Milford Community. Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license. To ensure our ability to meet social distancing standards and safety protocols, we require all donors to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. If you do not have a mask, we will provide you one. Walk-in donations are not accepted at this time.



Shayla Bee Land Cruise

Toby, the Okoboji Classic Car Crew and the Shayla Bee Band would like to invite you to participate in a land cruise around West Lake Okoboji in place of their Black Tie Black Leather Affair on Wednesday, August 23, starting at 12:00pm at Okoboji Classic Cars.

This will be a social distancing event to ensure everyone stays safe, yet still enjoys the cruise. Cars, trucks, and motorcycles can participate for a free will offering. Shine up those old rigs, grab the family, and we will see you there!

With the cancellation of the Black Tie Black Leather Affair many people have asked how they can still contribute to the Shayla Bee Fund this year. Certainly, donations can be mailed to 602 4th Avenue SE, Spencer, IA 51301. Donations will also be accepted along the route.

Thank you all for your continued support.



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Join The Creative Writing Laboratory

Whether you are a novice or experienced writer, or an elementary student, teen or adult, the public is invited to join the Creative Writing Laboratory, a collaboration between author Kartika Budhwar and Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

The Creative Writing Lab kicks off this August with weekly writing prompts and short videos. It is free, online and can be accessed through Iowa Lakeside Laboratory's Facebook and Instagram pages and YouTube channel. In the future it will be available under Budhwar's website, currently under development.

"This is the perfect way to start if you have never written before. If you have published ten books this is a great way for you to continue writing" says Budhwar.

No registration is required. Participants just click on the links and get started. "All you need to do is commit at least seven minutes a day once or several times a week. In just seven minutes you will be surprised with what beautiful pieces you can write. Do it for yourself first!"

Writing prompts will be posted on Tuesday through Friday. "The prompts are a good way to get started and bring yourself to the page. People should have notebook, paper pen or pencil in hand."

In addition to the writing prompts, there will be weekly videos each Monday designed to further bring out the creative spark and will include guest writers, such as Kartika's 12 year old step-daughter. Periodically, the weekly videos will be oriented towards families with activities and prompts that families can do together.

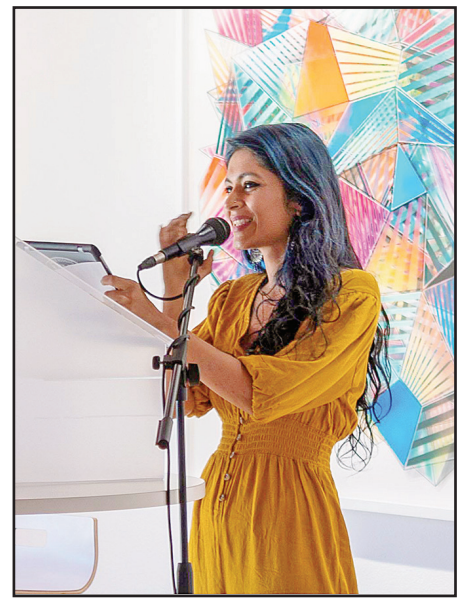
During the prompts and videos, Budhwar will model her writing methods. When it is time to put the pen to the page, she says "I will be writing with you!"

Teachers can also collaborate with the Creative Writing Laboratory. "I will be happy to assist teachers with prompts and working with their students," says Budhwar.

The writing prompts and videos will each be numbered, but do not need to be followed in any order. Participants can join any day or time of the week, even after the Creative Writing Laboratory is well underway.

The Creative Writing Laboratory was inspired both by Budhwar's passion for writing and the times we are living in. "The Pandemic has forced so many of us to isolate from one another. It is so important now to reach inside and find deep connections between ourselves and others - writing helps us do that. As a working writer, I know so much of my self-care and way I cope with the world is through writing, and I really hope to share that with everyone."

Budhwar is a recent graduate of Iowa State University's MFA program in Creative Writing and the Environment. In 2018 she was a Writer in Residence at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, sponsored by the Friends of Lakeside Lab, Lakeside's valued partner and nonprofit community support organization. She holds an additional MFA degree in Creative Writing from North Carolina State University. She has received the Albert L. Walker Excellence in Literature Award (2020), the Graduate Research Excellence Award (2020), the Hogrefe Grant for Creative Writers (2018, 2019) and the Graduate Teaching Excellence Award (2018). She was awarded Second place in the Arts and Letters Fiction Prize (2019), the Blue Mesa Nonfiction Prize (2019), and the Indiana Review Fiction Prize (2018); her writing appears in the same journals. She was also a Finalist for the Frank McCourt Memoir Prize (2019). She is currently a Senior Editor for The South Asian Avant-Garde (SAAG) Anthology. You can reach her at kartikabudhwar@gmail.com.



Iowa Lakes Community College hosted the official Building Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on Thursday, July 30. Janice K. Lund and family are pictured above in front of the memorial plaque in the mezzanine of the new arts center.

With over 100 guests in attendance, the ceremony featured speeches from each of the Iowa Lakes Board of Trustees, MJ Dolan, the Executive Director of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT), Iowa Lakes President, Valerie Newhouse, Scott Stokes the Executive Dean of Estherville Campus, and from honoree, Janice K. Lund, who is the President of the Iowa Lakes Board of Trustees.

"Architects design buildings with a personality and a lot of times it reflects the personality of someone highly involved with this project. That is true today. The Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center has grace and eloquence that reflect beauty both inward and outward... It has a flare! Almost sassy and jazzy in some ways, letting you know I am here. All of these attributes, along with many more, reflect those of Jan Lund," shared Bob Jennings, Trustee for District 7.

After the ceremony, the ribbon-cutting commenced, followed by the unveiling of the dedication plaque for Janice K. Lund located inside the mezzanine of the new Performing Arts Center, with tours of center occurring before and after the ceremony. Throughout the evening, Glenn Henriksen provided piano music.

"This project is truly the capstone of the projects planned by Iowa Lakes for many years. When we took this list of projects to our constituents in 2016 and asked them to support a 16 million dollar Bond Referendum, they overwhelmingly said YES! YES to the future, YES to the ARTS for Iowa Lakes Community College, and, most importantly, YES to our students!" exclaimed Valerie Newhouse, Iowa Lakes President.

In 2016, the constituents of the five counties within the Iowa Lakes Community College District approved a bond referendum to fund the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center along with various projects completed on each of the five campuses of Iowa Lakes Community College.

"Over the past several months, we have been anxiously awaiting the completion of this project and for the opportunity to celebrate. As the coronavirus encompassed the globe, we had to make adjustments in our schedules, and we eliminated large group events held on campus. These adjustments were not made lightly but were made to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. This event is not what we had initially planned. Still, in so many ways, it is better because it allows us to focus on our students, our communities, and the wonderful people who made this possible," explained Newhouse.

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