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Financial Assistance is available to qualified applicants. 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 can be obtained at any of our locations or on our website at www.okobojiymca.com.



YMCA 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Although 2020 was a year unlike any other, the YMCA of the Okobojs took steps to continue to provide services to our members and the community. We were blessed with a fundraising match challenge in July from the Mueske Family Foundation which helped keep the Y viable during a very difficult time.

We can't say "Thank You" enough to all those who helped support the YMCA organization throughout the year.

Since April, we've raised a total of \$386,333 toward COVID-19 relief through donations, grants, the Mueske Match, & other stipends!

These gifts have been so important to the organization, as the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a nearly 45% loss of revenue compared to most years.

Through the pandemic, the YMCA continued to take actions to help our community in the following ways:

- CHILDCARE:** The Y provided summer, before, & after school childcare throughout the pandemic to local families & our essential workers with over 17,000 visits.
- CAMP:** 29 families spent quality time together this summer at Camp Foster as we transitioned from Resident Camp to Family Camp. 600 Day Campers spent a week or more playing & learning in the great outdoors.
- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The Y distributed Community Table To-Go meals since April, hosted blood drives, immunization clinics, & the Testlowa Site. We also did wellness checks on many active older adults/seniors while the Y was required to be closed.
- FITNESS:** 40+ fitness class opportunities were offered per week to the community & members under the new health guidelines. In addition, the Y also created virtual fitness opportunities to give people fitness options while at home.
- AQUATICS:** 83 youth learned the value of healthy competition on the Y swim team. 158 children gained confidence & learned to swim through swim lessons. The Y additionally operated Boji Bay pools to provide outdoor swimming opportunities.
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Carney Signs to Morningside

Max Carney, Senior at Spirit Lake High School, recently signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Morningside College, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Carney is a 3 year starter for the football program, receiving post season honors on both offense and defense. Max plans to Major in Business Marketing and is looking forward to being part of a very successful football program at Morningside

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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

Seed catalogs have been arriving and are providing some needed winter entertainment for those who love gardening. If you are planning a garden for this summer, it is a good idea to buy your seeds early. Warm, well-lit stores are not the best places to store seeds so, by purchasing the seeds early, you can keep them in a cool dark place until it is time to plant. By purchasing early, you also get a better selection before popular varieties have sold out. Many Lakes Area Farmers Market gardeners start their own plants from seed and it is soon time to do that with flower seeds. Vegetable plants grow much faster and will not need to be started until Spring to grow plants to set out, Over the Winter Farmers Market vendors plan their gardens or create new crafts for you to purchase over the summer. We hope that 2021 will be a better year and we can bring you an even better Farmers Market this summer. In the meantime, wear a mask and stay well because we hope to see you there.

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Sat., Jan. 23 - 9:00 AM - Coin Auction in Windom, MN. Auctioneers: Gravley Auction. 507-822-0403. www.auctionsgo.com

Wed., Jan. 27 - 10:00 AM - 196.7 Acres at Auction in Dickinson, Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

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Representing Troop #10157 Audrey Hawn and Kimberly Olander of the Great Lakes Mall.

GrapeTree Medical Staffing LLC sponsored the paper goods tree and won for most donations. They choose Kaden's Klostet for their charity.

Girls Scout Troop # 10157 sponsored the birthday theme tree and won for most creative tree. They choose Girls Scout Troop #10157 for their charity.

Each of these organizations received \$200 to give to their designated charity.

With the outstanding turn out this year, each business/organization who sponsored a tree received \$100 for their choice of charity.

- Spirit Lake Subway - Black Foster Foundation CCS
- Little Hands Daycare - TBA
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- Milford Subway - Cherish Center
- Rembrandt Food - Upper Des Moines
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- Lakes Area Senior Citizen Center - Lakes Area Senior Citizen Center

You can check all the outstanding trees from this year on the Great Lakes Mall facebook page: fb.com/iowagreatlakesmall

A huge thank you to our local businesses who sponsored trees this year; and to everyone that came in and donated food and other supplies to help restock the Upper Des Moines food pantry. Many families in the community will benefit from these awesome donations! What an awesome turnout, and we look forward to bringing this event again in 2021!

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2021 Eggs & Issues - Clay County Legislative Forums

The Legislative Committee of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the dates of the 2021 Legislative Forums. In 2021 the Forums will be hosted on Saturday, January 23; Saturday, February 27 and Tuesday, March 20. These forums are a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and North-west Iowa.

Eggs and Issues are held in the Spencer City Hall Council Chambers, 501 West 5th Street, Spencer, Iowa 51301.

New This Year - First session on Saturday, January 23, 2021 there will be no audience - everyone is being asked to PLEASE email your questions to programs@spenceriowachamber.com; mail them to Spencer Chamber of Commerce; 1805 Highway Blvd, Spencer, Iowa 51301 or drop them by the Chamber Office on or before Friday, January 22, 2021. Each question will be asked to the legislators and they will reply as normal.

The session will be live on SMU and taped by MediaCom Cable TV with both stations replaying the session; the session will start live at 9:00 a.m. and proceed to 10:30 a.m.

The second and third sessions will be re-evaluated as to where the COVID numbers are for our area as to if a partial or full audience may be allowed. This year will be a learning curve as we work our way through the COVID-19 guidelines.

For each session we have invited Representative Megan Jones, Representative John H. Wills, Senator Zach Whiting - our area legislators. Also invited to attend are the Iowa Representatives and Iowa Senators whose districts border representative district 2 and senate district 1; Governor Reynolds; Lt. Governor Adam Gregg; Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand; US Senators Charles Grassley and Joni Ernst; US Congressman Randy Feenstra; Iowa Ag Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig and US Ag Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue.

"Eggs & Issues" will be issues only this year due to the COVID guidelines - there will be no free breakfast.

"Eggs & Issues" are a question/answer format session. Marketing is sponsored by Modern Woodman/Candice Getting office a "Local Leader Sponsorship".

If you have any questions, please call the Spencer Chamber at 712-262-5680 or email programs@spenceriowachamber.org.

Ian Evison to Speak at UUF

Reverend Dr. Ian Evison will be the featured speaker at the January 10 Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship Zoom meeting. Rev. Evison will help us begin our discussion of the 7th Principle. He will set the scene for our understanding of how we came to have this and talk about the evolving personal and spiritual meaning it has for him. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am with the program beginning at 11:00am.



Rev. Evison is a retired UU minister who has served in a variety of ministries, including parish ministry, theological education, a research project at the University of Chicago in Family and Religion, and service at the Alban Institute as Director of Research. Current passions include future trends in American religious life, new frontiers of organizational development. He also has a geeky interest in change strategies and denominational structures. Current Covid-time activities include teaching English to immigrants, learning Danish, gardening, and cooking. Ian and his wife, Leah, live in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Gal Gadot Chris Pine
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SAT: 12:40, 3:20, 6:30, 7:15
SUN: 12:40, 3:20, 6:30
- ADULT: \$4 | CHILD/SENIOR: \$3 -

NEWS OF THE WORLD PG-13
Tom Hanks Elizabeth Marvel
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Obituaries

Frederick Reed Dowden, 89, of Spirit Lake, died at home on December 22, 2020. Born to Frederick Rufus and Bessie Elva (Reed) Dowden on October 4, 1931, at the family home on 16th Street, Fred spent nearly all his life in Spirit Lake, a place he loved dearly. Fred (aka Freddie, Snug, Unc) graduated from Spirit Lake High School with the Class of 1950. For three years he attended the University of South Dakota before being drafted into the Army. After his discharge in 1955, he went on to earn a degree in business and commerce from the University of Iowa.



Fred had earlier – in the summer of 1952 – fallen in love with Diane Corl. A blonde beauty from Atlantic, Iowa, Diane worked as a carhop at Red's, a drive-in at Arnolds Park. The two married in 1953, and three years later their daughter Robin was born. When Fred completed his degree at the University of Iowa, his father (Fred Sr.), who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness, asked his namesake to return to Spirit Lake. Fred obliged, eventually purchasing the real estate and insurance agency that his father had founded in 1918.

A successful entrepreneur, Fred was associated with a long list of business dealings in the Lakes Region. He helped found Lakes Development in the 1960s, which developed property on US-71 (extending from today's Indian Motorcycles to Cenla Campground) as well as properties in Milford. He was a leader of Spirit Lake Industries, the one-time owner of Brooks Golf Course and the old Holiday Inn, Arnolds Park Amusement Park (which Fred operated from 1969-1987), Style Craft Furniture, Great Lakes Mall, Center Lake Village, hotels in Des Moines and Illinois, and more. Locally, he built the apartment house north of the Spirit Lake Post Office, and the former Dowden-Hinn Realtors office building on Highway 71 (if the building is brick and has white, colonial-style trim, Fred likely had a hand in it). He was hard-working, civic-minded and enjoyed seeing others capitalize on opportunities. He loathed government debt, and his aim was to have the Dickinson County Taxpayer's Association flourish. In a 1989 Okoboji Magazine profile, he spoke of ridding local communities of dividedness: "I'd like to see people of all the communities work together. The goal is the same for all of us. We want to have the best retailers, the best service, etc. When my neighbor prospers, I prosper."

An avid hunter and fisherman, Fred cultivated a passion for the outdoors from early on, encouraged in particular by his sister Nell's husband, Lawrence. Fred spent summers working at the couple's fishing resort at Lake Cochrane, South Dakota. As a junior in high school he wrote to Nell, "I don't know what I'm going to do. I have such a hard time waiting for everything. Every time I look at my fly rod, I want to go fishing so bad it's just pathetic."

Fred considered an Iowa cornfield the prettiest site ever, but it was the wheat fields and prairies of Saskatchewan that called to him each autumn. As a 16-year-old, he had gone with his father to Canada to help with the harvest on land Fred Sr. had acquired in the 1930s from a traveling salesman in need of a new car. Lake Lenore in Saskatchewan would become Fred's second home. He and his friends, including his childhood hunting buddy Dave Dean, would travel there every October from 1956 to 2019, stalking birds in the fields and marshes.

An only son born to older parents, Fred had three sisters, and the youngest of those was 17 years older than Fred. Fred relished the role of youthful family patriarch to a clan of mostly women. He was a loving brother, caring uncle, devoted husband and father.

The last day of Fred's life was a good one. He took his customary drive around Big Spirit Lake – his daily commute with god and nature – and stopped at Lakeview Cemetery to say good morning to Diane, who had passed away years earlier. Back home he welcomed the arrivals of Donna Johnson, his partner of the last decade, and later that day, his daughter Robin. The three visited, discussed their Christmas plans, steered clear of politics, and enjoyed dinner together. Fred's heart failed an hour later as he was getting into bed. A master card player, he could not have played a better hand. It was a remarkable ending to an exceptionally well-lived life.

Fred is survived by his daughter Robin Dowden of Corning, NY; his partner Donna Johnson of Lakeville, MN; Donnie Johnson of Spirit Lake, who was like a son to Fred; and four nieces and a nephew. His wife and three sisters predeceased him.

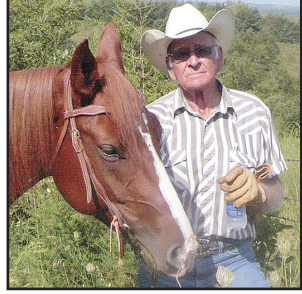
There will be a service in celebration of Fred's life this summer, or when safety permits. Memorial contributions can be made to Ducks Unlimited or the University of Okoboji Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.



Obituaries

Burton Tungland, 89, of Spirit Lake, passed away on December 22, 2020, at Accura Healthcare Center of Spirit Lake, with complications from Covid.

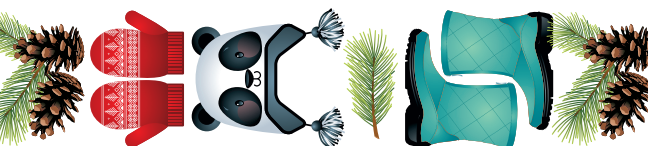


A private family graveside service for Burton will be held in the Superior Cemetery, Superior, Iowa. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.
Burton was born on March 29, 1931, the son of Amos and Edith (Hansen) Tungland in Jackson, Minnesota. He attended school in Jackson, but never graduated. Burt was raised by Jimmy and Hazel Miller of Spirit Lake and southern Iowa. He got his love for horses from Jimmy and continued this love throughout his life. Burt enlisted in the US Air Force in 1951, serving his country as a Paratrooper. He was united in marriage to Deloris Shepard on August 26, 1952 in Spirit Lake. He returned to the service where he continued to serve until 1954 when he was honorably discharged.

Burton was always self-employed, owning, and operating Tungland Tree Service, driving over the road some for Holiday Express and Sather Cookie Company until his early retirement in 1989. In retirement he gave his heart, soul and passion to tending to and raising horses. Burt spent his years in the Black Hills and Apache Junction, Arizona, with his horses.

He is survived by his son Terry (Mary) Tungland of Spirit Lake; two grandsons Jesse (Cheri) Tungland of Spirit Lake; Cody (Sarah) Tungland of Milford; great-grandchildren Tyler, Taylor, Cole and Kade; brother Denny Tungland of Spirit Lake; sister Roberta Miles of Santa Rosa, CA and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepparents, wife Deloris, and his daughter Tammy.



Obituaries

Leland "Lee" Currier passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.



Leland Gail Currier was born to Gilbert Arnold and Lois Auline (Ducharme) Currier in Bellingham, Washington, on August 25, 1934. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1952 and enlisted in the US Navy. He served his country for 4 years during the Korean War aboard the USS Oriskany. After an honorable discharge, he returned home and attended barber school in Sioux City. Lee owned and operated Lee's Barber Shop in downtown Spirit Lake for 61 years, where he not only cut hair but was able to share tidbits of Lakes area history, local folklore and happenings about the town. In 1961, Lee met the love of his life, Beatrice "Bea" Ann Wills. They wed in Minneapolis on July 28, 1962. To this union Ty and twins Troy and Tara were born.

Lee was a member of Ducks Unlimited and the National Ski Patrolman Association. When time allowed, he enjoyed the great outdoors, sailing and boating on Big Spirit, hunting, fishing, and snow skiing. He also found great enjoyment in his golden retrievers, creating wood carved decoys, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Minnesota Vikings. In his younger days, he was a man of great adventure, flying his Piper Cub over his most loved places, photographing and filming the landscape with his Bell and Howell 8mm movie camera. A highlight of his life was making the trip to Washington, D.C., escorted by his grandson, on the Midwest Honor Flight in May of 2019.

He is survived by his wife Bea Currier of Spirit Lake, IA; children Ty (Karen) Currier of Spirit Lake, IA; Dr. Troy (Linda) Currier of Denison, IA; and Tara (Gene) Hofer of Bridgewater, SD; grandchildren Nickolas, Carson, Tanner Hofer, and Jenna Currier; brother Robert (Sylvia) Currier of FL; and sister Mardi Currier of Spencer, IA; brother-in-law Harold (Marlene) Wills; Sister-in-law Barb Wills.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Larry Wills.

Per Lee's wishes, there will be no services held. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com. Memorials can be directed to support a veteran on a Midwest Honor Flight.

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1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 fresh lime wedge
8 small tortillas, flour or corn
15 oz. canned corn, drained or 3 cups frozen corn
Desired taco toppings

In a large bowl, combine first listed olive oil, minced garlic, ground cumin, chili powder, onion powder and kosher salt. Add shrimp and stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, begin heating corn. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add shrimp and marinade and cook for about 2 minutes per side, just until shrimp is cooked through. Squeeze a lime wedge over top to finish. Meanwhile, warm tortillas in the microwave under a damp paper towel. Fill tortillas with shrimp, then top with desired toppings and serve with corn on the side.

Recipe Courtesy of: Iowa Dietitian Tonya Huenink at www.mealsqueeze.com
This weekly meal plan service provides easy, optional meal prep lists which can be done in advance. It would save you precious week night time so you can have meals on the table in 30 minutes or less.

Milford Library News

On Wednesday, January 6, at 5:30pm, an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center and via Zoom. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.



Participants in MML's Adult Craft Series can keep the winter cheer going with a DIY Live Winter Centerpiece! Kits include greenery, some decoration, foam, and a small container. Contact the Milford Memorial Library for more information and to pre-register. The cost of the craft is \$5. Participants can pick up their kits at the library Monday, January 18, through Wednesday, January 20. You can pre-register by calling 712-338-4643 or by going to this link: <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>.

Explore the world of puzzles at the Milford Memorial Library. Challenge yourself with puzzles ranging from 300-1,000 pieces. These brainteasers may be obtained through check out. Reserve a puzzle by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. When you place your hold, please tell us how many pieces and what picture you would like.

MML's Young Adult (4th through 12th graders) Subscription Box: A Comfy Cozy January is now available. This little box of coziness is full of projects including a marbled mug, wooden bead trivets, and a DIY art candle. Nested inside are recipes for hot chocolate and popcorn, a to-watch list, a reading list, a playlist, and a list of virtual game night ideas. This is a free program, but registration required. Register by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

It is the beginning of a new year, which means you may have to update information. MML will fax or scan these documents for you. Scanning to email is free of charge, but you must have the respondent's email. Faxes are \$3.00 for the first two pages and \$0.50 per additional page. Printing is available also. You can email the library at milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com or bring your papers to the drive-up window. You may pick up your printing during our drive-up hours. Normal printing prices apply (\$0.25 for black and white per page and \$0.50 for color per page).

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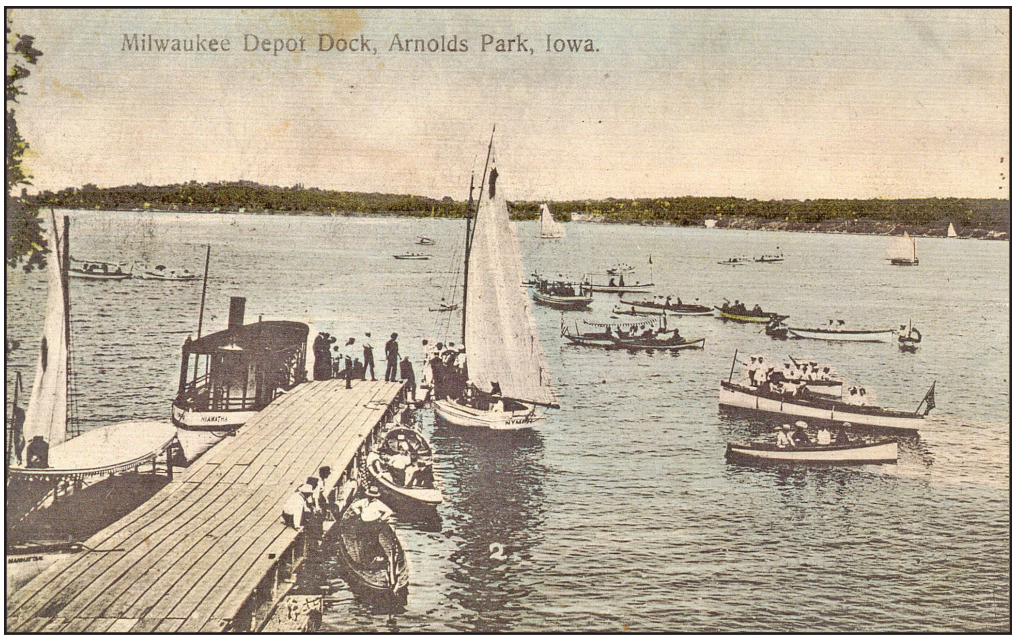
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The Milwaukee Depot Dock was located near the railroad depot that was built in 1901, and the Okoboji Hotel that burned in 1911, and the Central Ballroom (now the Central Emporium). My sons, Jerry and Mike, and I continue to walk several times each week by the Roof Garden, Pier and the beautiful corridor with the new trees, beautiful flowers and great seating benches. We then walk by the Emporium to the end of the street north. I worked on the Milwaukee line here in the 1950s so can tell the boys about many changes that have taken place.

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The Dickinson County Farm Bureau was recognized at this year's virtual IFBF annual meeting held on December 18.



THE 4TH GRADE GIRLS OYBA TEAM finished 2nd place at the Remsen St. Mary's Tournament on January 2, 2021. They defeated LeMars and Sioux Center in pool play, but lost to Newell Fonda in the finals to finish the day 2-1 overall. (L to R) Braelyn Thompson, Ava Wasson, Rylee Mitchell, Jada Vander Wolde, Faith Hoffman, Hayden Stahly, and Claire Sandbulte. Not pictured: Pacey Vonk.



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Osgerby Wins Week #13

Week #13 was definitely a crazy week for our U-Pick-Em Challenge as we had five of our games canceled (all picks for those games are counted as winners) and we had six people pick 14 games correctly. Terry Osgerby of Spirit Lake was the closest on the tiebreaker games and is the winner of \$100 in Sportsman's Gift Cards compliments of Sportsman's Pub and The Lakes News Shopper. Thank you very much to our amazing sponsors for making this promotion possible!

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County Treasury Updates
 by Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley
 Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley says, "With the new year, many of Governor Reynolds' Proclamations of Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 are coming to an end regarding motor vehicle and driver's license deadlines."

- Driver's Licenses that expired beginning January 16, 2020, and during the proclamation will be subject to the printed expiration date on the license on January 9, 2021. The 60-day grace period for driving on an expired license will resume as normal, applied to the original expiration date of the license. Contact the Dickinson County Driver's License station to schedule an appointment or to request an extension if your license is expired. If your driver's license has been expired more than one year, you will have to retest.
- The Dickinson County Driver's License Station is open by appointment only - call for an appointment at 712-336-6277 or renew online if eligible at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/service-selector>. Some driver's licenses can be extended for 6 months for driving purposes online with the Department of Transportation.
- Through February 28, 2021, commercial driver's licenses (CDL's) and commercial learner's permits (CLP's) that expired on or after March 1, 2020, are considered valid until February 28, 2021, for driving anywhere in the U.S., in accordance with relief provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Beginning March 1, 2021, all CDL's/CLP's will be subject to their printed expiration date when driving out-of-state and while driving in Iowa, the 60-day grace period will resume as normal, applied to the original expiration date of the license.
- Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals must be completed within the 30 day grace period. If a renewal is due in December, it must be completed by the end of January.
- Motor vehicles purchased from a dealer between September 1, 2020 and January 8, 2021, and using dealer-issued temporary tags until the vehicle can be titled and plated at the county treasurer's office can be operated on the highways of this state without registration plates for up to 90 days after the date of delivery of the vehicle to the purchaser from a dealer. Normally this must be completed by 45 days. The requirement to submit title application work to the county treasurer within 30 days remains in effect. If late, a late title penalty of \$10.00 is charged at the county treasurer's office.
- REAL ID driver's license enforcement was extended by federal law until October 1, 2021.

Rowley says, "We are open to the public, but because of social distancing health needs the number of people in the Tax/Motor Vehicle office and in the Driver's License Station are limited. Facemasks are required for entry. We are asking people to pay taxes and motor vehicle renewals through our online website, mail, dropbox or by phone, so we can save the in-office visits for our transactions that require face-to-face visits."

The website for Dickinson County is <https://dickinsoncountyiowa.gov>. There are links to the Iowa Tax and Tags website, www.IowaTaxAndTags.org, for making property tax and motor vehicle renewal payments. There are also links on the county website in the treasurer tab for motor vehicle forms and to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The IDOT offers many driver's license services online if eligible at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/service-selector>.

If you have questions, call the treasurer's office at 712-336-1205 or email the treasurer at krowley@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov. Driver's license appointments can be made by calling 712-336-6277. The tax, motor vehicle and driver's license office are open from 8:00am and 4:30pm but are closed through January 31, 2021, between 1:00 and 2:00pm.

Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops

Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about manure issues should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in January or February 2021. These workshops are offered in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, registration is required. No walk-ins allowed. There is no fee to attend the workshops, but applicators will need to pay certification fees to complete certification requirements.

"Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass an exam once every three years," said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State University and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program.

A total of 64 counties will participate in the confinement site manure applicator workshops. Local workshops include:
 - February 8 at 1:30pm, ISU Extension and Outreach Clay County, Spencer; Pre-register to 712-262-2264.

The workshops serve as initial certification for those applicators who are not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses and continuing education for those applicators in their second or third year of their license.

Due to uniform certification deadlines, applicators are encouraged to attend workshops prior to March 1 to avoid being assessed a late fee of \$12.50 for those who are re-certifying. Those unable to attend one of the workshops need to schedule time with their ISU Extension and Outreach county office to watch the training video. Due to scheduling conflicts, extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these videos but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training. If you can't attend training during one of the scheduled reshow dates at your county extension office, you will be charged a \$10 fee to view the training at your convenience.

If attending the workshops or watching the two-hour training video is not convenient, confinement site manure applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam to meet certification requirements. Applicators also have another option, online certification, through which an applicator can take their training online at DNR MAC eLearning site at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/>. The applicator will need to sign-in and get an A&A account.

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

A Win and Season for the Ages

#10 Iowa State capped off what is probably their best football season ever by winning their first New Year's Six Bowl game ever on Saturday, 34-17 over #25 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl to finish 2020 with a 9-3 record. The Cyclones never trailed in the game, and took complete control late in the second half by scoring 14 points in a 17 second span thanks to a recovery of a pooch kickoff after ISU had scored to take a 21-14 lead. Oregon did score a field goal right before halftime to trim the Cyclone lead to 28-17 but the Ducks would be held scoreless in the second half as Iowa State put the nail in the Ducks' coffin with two Connor Assalley second half field goals for the final margin.

This was a game that Iowa State needed to win to prove they belonged on the big stage with the big programs. While this wasn't the Oregon team of old that competed for national championships, the Ducks were playing their best football of the season coming into the game after winning the Pac 12 Championship by upsetting what was then #13 USC 31-24. The Cyclones left no doubt in this game as to who was the better team, dominating pretty much every statistical category; 25-17 in first downs; 384-312 in total yards, including an astounding 228-86 margin on the ground; 4-0 in the turnover battle; 42:48 to 17:12 in time of possession (no that's not a misprint). What is even more impressive than those numbers is that ISU held Oregon to ZERO third down conversions while converting an impressive 11/19 on their own. Brock Purdy was in complete control the entire game, rushing and throwing for touchdowns on his way to earning Offensive Player of the Game honors; Breece Hall was outstanding again, rushing for 136 yards and two touchdowns; the defense was dominant after the first quarter, and the special teams actually were an advantage for ISU for probably the first time all season.

While Purdy and Hall deservedly get a lot of the credit for Iowa State's dream season, one cannot overlook the complete dominance that Jon Heacock's defense had during the last part of the season, especially in the second half of those games. During ISU's last five wins their defense allowed only 16 points during 10 quarters of action. What is even more impressive is that those games were against quality teams who finished the season with a combined 30-17 record and three bowl victories. Mike Rose and O'Rien Vance were everywhere on Saturday, as Vance ended up with two fumble recoveries on his way to Defensive Player of the Game honors, and Rose picked up his fifth interception of the season, and the defensive line was their usual stellar selves with stuffing the run all game while providing pass pressure while normally rushing only three players. ISU's secondary was also very good all season, especially at the end of the year, and one can't help but wonder if the Cyclones don't win the Big 12 Championship Game if Isheem Young isn't kicked out on the second play of the game for targeting. Another group that deserves a ton of credit is head trainer Marc Coberly and his staff for putting in protocols that led to ISU successfully navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cyclones not only got in all 12 of their games, but they are also the only Power 5 team to not have a game postponed or canceled, and they are one of a very small handful of teams to not have players or coaches miss games due to positive tests. This also speaks very highly of the culture that Coach Matt Campbell has in place as well as the leadership of the players that 85 college kids did what they were supposed to do all season long off the field so they could complete the best season ever for ISU on the field.

Iowa State appears to be set for another dream season in 2021 as I'm guessing they will for sure be a preseason Top 10 pick, and hopefully fans can get out in full force and watch this team perform. After the game Purdy, Rose and Chase Allen all announced they would be back for another season, and that they had plans for bigger things than even the 2020 season produced. Hall will also be back as a junior running back who could be a Heisman front runner, and star receiver Xavier Hutchinson will also return for his senior season. The defense will again be loaded with at least eight starters back with a possibility of more if some choose to take advantage of the free season offered by the NCAA due to the COVID-19 pandemic season. Coach Campbell has shown that he is one of the best coaches in all of college football, and if this team continues to buy into his WE before ME culture, 2021 could be another record-breaking season for ISU!

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WEEK FIFTEEN WINNER



Ritzer Wins Week #15

Congratulations to Karen Ritzer of Arnolds Park on winning Week #15 of The LNS U-Pick-Em Challenge. Karen picked 14 of the 15 games correctly and edged Brandon Schuette on the tiebreaker. Karen wins \$100 in Fareway Gift Cards compliments of Fareway and The Lakes News Shopper. A special thank you to our sponsors for making this promotion possible as well as to all of our loyal readers who have participated this year!

Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes. They come to enjoy the natural resources, attractions, museums, restaurants, and shopping. They take pictures to remember the fun moments spent in our backyard. They go home and share stories of a great vacation. They look forward to returning to enjoy the amenities that we get to enjoy all year long. But do we actually enjoy the amenities that attract so many visitors? Join me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore the spots that make the Iowa Great Lakes special.



There's a first time for everything. Today it's ice skating. We've got over 15,000 acres of ice each winter to glide across when not covered with snow, and until today I've never laced up a pair of skates, give it a try. Thankfully, The Fish Shack at Okoboji Boat Works makes it "easy" to try. Each winter they clear a skating rink outside the Fish Shack, and rent skates of all sizes.

Because of the holiday, they had extended hours. I arrived a little after noon on New Year's Eve, rented my skates, and hit the ice. I moved (slowly) across the ice, but it was a fun and successful skating afternoon. I highly encourage everyone to give it a shot, and spend an afternoon ice skating on Lake Okoboji. It's really fun to glide across the ice on a sunny day, and appreciate how lucky we are to live here.

Our community is also home to the Lakes Ice Arena in Spirit Lake. They host "Open Skate" every weekend in addition to numerous tournaments. After today's fun on the ice, I can't wait to visit the Lakes Ice Arena soon.

Hope you use these quiet months of winter to become a tourist in our great community. I bet you'll have fun. Try ice skating on the lake or find other ideas at www.VacationOkoboji.com.

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Calan Peters-tuba, Asher Knudson-Bari Sax, Trigg Heimdal-Trombone, Cole Becker-Alto Sax, Jocelyn Heller-Alto Sax, Zoe Drost-Clarinet. Missing from the photo is Hailey Schneider-Clarinet.

Okoboji Band Students Selected for Honor Bands

Okoboji band students have been selected to participate in the 53rd annual Northwest Iowa Junior High/Middle School Honor Bands Festival. This year due to COVID-19, seventh and eighth grade band students from 41 Northwest Iowa schools auditioned for a position in two honor bands via video audition in December. Approximately 190 students were chosen. These selected students will hopefully perform a concert later this spring. Selected from Okoboji are: Zoe Drost and Hailey Schneider on Clarinet, Jocelyn Heller and Cole Becker on Alto Saxophone, Asher Knudson on Bari Saxophone, Trigg Heimdal on Trombone and Calan Peters on Tuba. A special "congratulations" to Trigg Heimdal, as he was also selected for the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band to be held in Des Moines in May. The Okoboji Middle School band director is Jody Ingwersen.

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