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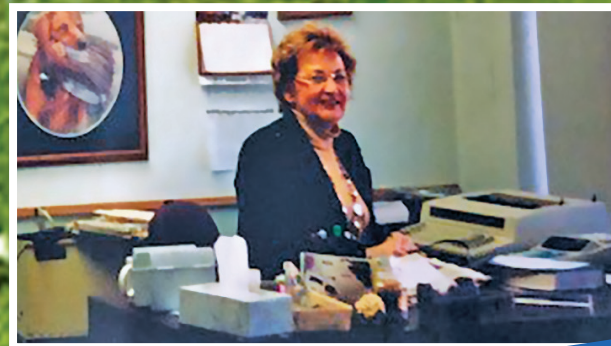
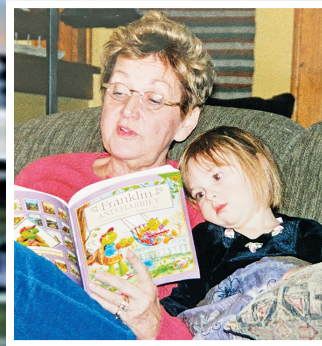
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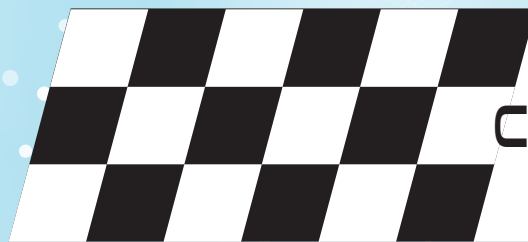


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APAP Announces Winter Games Schedule of Activities

Arnolds Park Amusement Park announced its Winter Games schedule of activities with Human Foosball, Food Trucks, 3 concerts, and the Okoboji Kite Festival headlining the event. The Winter Games weekend at the park facilities starts on Thursday night with the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association hosting The Mr. V Trio & The Iowa Rock 'N Roll All-Stars with music of the Buddy Holly/Ritchie Valens/Big Bopper era.



On Friday, the Okoboji Kite Festival returns for another year, sponsored by Eagle Construction and Kozy Heat. Friday has kite flyers from all around the world getting in a practice day on West Lake Okoboji flying giant kites. The pilots will be flying Friday, Saturday and into Sunday. "The site over Okoboji with all of these kites in the air is unbelievable" said kite festival coordinator Steve Boote. "It is worth the trip to the area just to view this magnificent display alone" continued Boote. Friday evening at the park concludes in the Roof Garden Ballroom with Thunderstruck - an AC/DC tribute band. Seating for all of the concerts will be socially distanced and limited to 300 attendees to keep everyone safe. Face coverings will be required when not seated and any state or federal COVID mandates in place at the time will be followed.

Saturday has a full slate of activities to enjoy. Snowga, Yoga in the snow sponsored by Yoga Okoboji, starts at 8:00am. A 5K fun run sponsored by EXIT Realty Midwest starts at 9:00. Human Foosball will take place on Preservation Plaza for the second year in a row at 9:00am. The Arnolds Park Museum will host a vintage pinball tournament starting at 10:00am.

The Majestic Pavilion will host Boon & Lambert from 11:00-1:00 and 3:00-6:00. From 1:00-3:00 The HAPI Feud Game Show tourney will take place with teams competing in a Family Feud like game show on stage. Food trucks will be out in front of the Pavilion and tables will be set up in the Pavilion from 11:00-6:00 where guests can enjoy their food and get warmed up.

A new event this year on Preservation Plaza sponsored by F45 Training is the Snowball Fights starting at 1:00pm. Other things happening on the Plaza include games, a courtyard area with firepits, and burning of the greens, sponsored by Bank Midwest at 6:30. The popular Polar Plunge sponsored by Great Lakes GM Toyota takes place in front of the park property at 3:00pm.

After the burning of the greens The Pork Tornadoes take the stage in the Roof Garden Ballroom, sponsored by C & B Operations. "We are excited to be a part of the University of Okoboji Winter Games activities" said park CEO Jeff Vierkant. "We have added a number of exciting activities over the past few years and are grateful to the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the Okoboji Kite Festival and all of our partners for this year's events" Vierkant continued.

Concert tickets may be purchased at www.arnoldspark.com/tickets To see all events around the Okoboji area or to sign up teams for any of the events mentioned go to <https://www.uofowintergames.com/event-registration-information/>.

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Halverson serves as Page in IA House

Local State House Representative Megan Jones (R-Sioux Rapids) welcomes Jagaar Halverson of Spencer to the House. Halverson will be serving as page for Majority Leader Matt Windschitl (R-Missouri Valley) for the 89th General Assembly.

Students Named to Dean's List

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are: Caleb Christian-Mayer of Sibley, and Blake Tillotson of Spirit Lake.

Representative Wills Sworn in for 89th General Assembly

Representative Wills (R-Spirit Lake) was sworn in to the Iowa House of Representatives on the first day of the 89th General Assembly. Representative Wills will serve his second session as Speaker Pro Tempore. The swearing in ceremony was shortly followed by opening remarks by Speaker of the House Pat Grassley, outlining some of the priorities of the Legislature for the 2021 session.



During session, Representative Wills can be reached by email at john.wills@legis.iowa.gov.

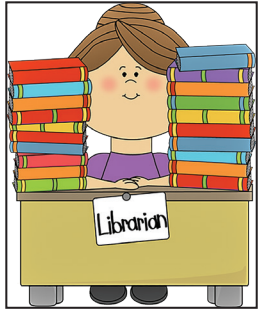
Bargfrede Named to President's List

Dominic Bargfrede, a resident of Alpha, Minnesota, was among 297 students from Rochester Community and Technical College who made the President's List for Fall Semester ending this past December.

To qualify for the President's List, students must have completed 12 credits or more for the same semester with a 4.0 GPA. The Rochester Community and Technical College President's List can be viewed by going to: <https://www.rctc.edu/about/deans-list/>.

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Newbrough Receives Veteran's Quilt

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Mr. Newbrough enlisted in the Navy in 1951, during the Korean War. He did his basic training in Waukegan, Illinois, and then went for further training in radio and Morse code in San Diego, California. He was aboard the USS George Clymer AP-27 attack transport around Japan and Korea for the first year. He then was sent to northern California where he received further training in teletype repair and other communications equipment. He then spent the rest of his service in the Philippine Islands.

Presenting the quilt to Red was Department Commander James Kessler of The American Legion Department of Iowa and board member of the Dickinson County Veterans Service Office. There to help present the quilt were Andy and Connie (Red's daughter) Clark.

Sara Crosby To Speak At UUF

Sara Crosby, MSW, CSW-PIP, will be the featured speaker at the January 24 Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship Zoom meeting.

Sara's topic will be Systemic Racism, Unpacking the Real Issues, with an overview of racism in our country, as well as defining the different levels of racism. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am with the program beginning at 11:00am.

Sara received her B.F.A. from Stephens College in Theatre in 1976, and enjoyed a varied acting career based out of New York City. In 1986 she received her Master in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago. Sara has worked as a psychotherapist with individuals, couples and groups and has given many workshops on several issues, including women's issues, social justice, and suicide prevention.

Presently Sara works as an advocate for social justice as well as addiction and mental health issues. In 2013 she was awarded the Champion for Children Award from South Dakota Voices for Children and was the recipient of the inaugural Sioux Falls Stage Award of Excellence, 2020, for her years advocating for the Arts. Sara is a licensed clinical social worker and lives in Sioux Falls.

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1 1/2 ounces no salt added diced tomatoes, undrained
1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic, about 3 cloves
1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
15 ounces cannellini beans, drained & rinsed
4 cups fresh spinach
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

In a large pot, combine vegetable broth, olive oil, rotini, undrained tomatoes, sliced onion, sliced mushrooms, garlic, basil, oregano and black pepper. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, covered for 8-10 minutes, gently stirring every few minutes so pasta doesn't stick together. When pasta is nearly al dente, remove the lid and stir in cannellini beans and the fresh spinach. Cover and continue to cook for 3-4 minutes more, until spinach is wilted. Serve topped with Parmesan cheese.

Recipe Courtesy of: Iowa Dietitian Tonya Huenink at www.mealsqueeze.com
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In addition to the concerts at Arnolds Park, all three days and nights are expected to see live entertainment at places like The Gardens, Nautical Okoboji Bar & Grill, Portside Pizza Pub, The Barefoot Bar, The Fish Shack, Parks Marina Boat Club, and The Ritz...

Please note: All schedules are subject to change. And, the University of Okoboji Winter Games 2021 will be following all guidelines and proclamations put forth by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and the CDC. Face masks or coverings will be strongly encouraged at all IGLA Chamber sponsored/run events and social distancing guidelines will be put in place. The number of attendees will be limited at various events. If you have any questions on a specific event, please contact the host location for further details on their COVID-19 guidelines. Each concert will be socially distanced and limited to just 300 attendees to keep everyone safe...

This weekend the Little Swan Lake Winery will be featuring the *Beyond Blue Duet* on the stage in the barn, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00. The following Sunday, *Storm Rising* will be the closing act for the Winter Games — on the same stage in the barn, just north of Superior...

With all the recent discussion about can and bottle recycling in Iowa, it had to be someone from Minnesota who discovered that today is Tin Can Day. And our very own research director, RD — a proud Redwood Falls, Minnesota native — has again come up with a “no brainer” of a song. You’ve probably already guessed that RD is talking today about the witless Straw Man portrayed by Ray Bolger in the 1939 *Wizard of Oz* motion picture. Bolger sang *If I Only Had a Brain* with then 17-year-old Judy Garland... The song was written by Harold Arlen, and lyrics by Yip Harburg, with other anatomical references as well, including a heart, and a nerve used...

Wednesday is Penguin Awareness Day. While you probably have very few Penguins in your backyard feeders, cartoonists Paul Smith and Tex Avery created *Chilly Willy*, the diminutive penguin in cartoon form, for the Walter Lantz Studios in 1953. *Chilly Willy* is the second most popular Lantz/Universal character — behind only Woody Woodpecker. Fifty *Chilly Willy* cartoons were produced between 1953 and 1972. Every one of them opened with his aptly-named theme song, *I'm Chilly Willy The Penguin*, written by Mary Jo Rush.

The Beatles second album, *Meet the Beatles*, was released on the Capitol label in the United States on January 19, 1964, including some of The Fab Four's most famous hits, *I Want to Hold Your Hand*, *All My Loving*, and the only song on the album not credited to a member of the group — *'til There Was You* — from Meredith Willson's 1957 Broadway musical production and 1962 musical motion picture, *The Music Man*... Now you know the rest of that story!

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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.

Letter to the Editor:
 I suppose it is too much to ask that those “he’s-not-my-president” folks let go of their vitriol, blame, denunciation, denigrating, and otherwise disgusting behavior (in person, print, social media), in favor of a biblical approach to moving forward after January 20. Check out Romans 12, verse 19 and Deuteronomy 32, verse 35. The first passage notes: “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord’”. The second passage is even more compelling: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them”. Both sides of the aisle need to take heed, as each has acted in a less than laudable manner.

Bill Kersting,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

Using Perspective

The two serial writers of Letters to The Editor seem to be going into cardiac arrest over the events that occurred two weeks ago in Washington. This week their savior – Joe Biden – will be inaugurated and he will make everything all right. The January 6th political rally in Washington was peaceful until some people left the rally area - before President Trump finished speaking – to pick up their riot tools and storm the Capitol.

Let's see how the January 6th riot compares with the seven months of rioting and looting that took place this summer.

- This summer the rioting, arson and looting took place over seven months – at the Capitol the rioting was over the same afternoon.
- This summer 23 people were shot dead – at the Capitol one rioter was shot.
- This summer 700 officers were injured – at the Capitol 14 officers were injured.
- This summer 150 federal buildings were damaged – at the Capitol one building was damaged.
- This summer hundreds of small businesses were destroyed – at the Capitol no small businesses were destroyed.

The summer rioting was not roundly condemned by Democrats or the national news media. If the Capital police, the DC police, the FBI, and the Secret Service didn't know about the possibility of violence at the Capital, how was Donald Trump supposed to know? President Trump held many political rallies last year and there was no violence. Do the attendees at the Trump rallies look like the kind of people that could be incited to violence? I don't think so. It is interesting to note the same people opposed to building a border wall, now want bigger and taller fences erected around the Capital.

A great deal of media attention is being paid to the January 6th Capitol riot, but little attention was paid to the seven months of summer rioting and looting. More attention should be paid to why a million Trump supporters came to Washington. Most of the 74 million who voted for Trump believe voter fraud occurred in the five large cities of the five most critical swing states and would like safeguards to be instituted for future elections.

I do not condone the Capitol rioting that took place on January 6, 2021. We need to use some perspective when evaluating what took place two weeks ago in Washington and the extended rioting that took place over the seven summer months..

Phil Petersen
Okoboji, Iowa

2021 Eggs & Issues - Legislative Forums Begin

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, 2021; Saturday, February 27, 2021 and March 20, 2021. These forums are a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and Northwest 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, taped by Mediacom Cable TV with both stations replaying the session, live streamed on Spencer Signal, Spencer Radio Group will be present, Community Broadcasting will be present along with the Daily Reporter; the session will start live at 9:00 to 10:30am.

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.

Legislators that have confirmed for the January 23rd session are; Iowa State Senator Zach Whiting, Iowa Representative Megan Jones, Iowa Representative John H. Wills and Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand.

"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.

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

Local Musician Awarded Iowa Arts Council Grant

Local musician Gary Lambert has been awarded funding through the Iowa Arts and Culture Recovery Program, administered by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

A total of 267 cultural organizations and 152 artists serving 118 Iowa communities submitted requests totaling more than \$37 million. Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$7 million in the state's share of federal CARES funds to assist Iowa arts and cultural organizations, business and individual artists whose operations were impacted by the pandemic. Lambert was awarded \$2500 to cover eligible revenue loss due to COVID-19 during 2020. He was the only individual artist from Dickinson County. Other organizations from Dickinson County that were awarded funding include: Pearson Lakes Art Center (\$60,300), Historic Arnolds Park, Incorporated (\$41,300), and the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association (\$16,000).

Gary Lambert operates Route 86 Music and has been a musician for over 25 years. He has resided in the Iowa Great Lakes since 2004. During his time here, Lambert has performed in hundreds of concerts and taught music lessons to hundreds of people through private music lessons and 10 years of hosting a summer rock camp. Lambert currently performs in 5 different bands as well as playing for a variety of churches. Lambert also does all the recording for Treasure Village musicals and records local artists under his music label Route 86 Records. He pursues his passion for music when he's not working in special education at Okoboji Schools. Lambert was honored with the Spirit Award by the Iowa Rock & Roll Music Association in 2011.



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Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okobojo Tourism Director

Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the activities and amenities our area has to offer. Join me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore a few of the spots that make the Iowa Great Lakes special!



Exercise and activity are an important part of a healthy lifestyle. The Iowa Great Lakes area has many businesses that provide visitors with fun and unique options. This week I visited Yoga Okobojo to try their Hot Power Yoga class. This is one of their most popular in-person classes, but they also offer a virtual Power Yoga class.

I've taken Gentle Yoga classes at Yoga Okobojo in the past, but never attempted the Hot Power Yoga. The room was as the title of the class describes, a hot 98 degrees, and it didn't take long for my face to match the red color of my shirt.

Mindy Leinbaugh was my instructor. She carefully walked me through a series of poses that each flowed into the next. Once we completed the sequence we started over, focusing on the opposite side of the body. The flow of yoga poses made the class seem very approachable, and the time moved quickly!

At one point I had my body twisted into a "pigeon" pose, a great one for stretching. I knew my mind should be focused on breathing, but the only thing I could think of was how in the world am I going to untangle myself! Mindy calmly guided me to the next pose, and by the time we returned to pigeon pose in the next sequence I was solely focused on my breathing!

The following day I could feel that my arm and core muscles had gotten a great workout. I'm so glad I tried a new yoga class! It was fun and challenging. If you're thinking of trying a yoga adventure this winter, you can take Hot Yoga in studio at 98 degrees, or virtually at whatever temperature you keep your house. Yoga is a great workout, and a wonderful way to clear your mind.

I hope you use this winter to become a tourist in our great community. I bet you'll have fun! Try an in person or virtual class at Yoga Okobojo. For an extra adventure, bundle up and join their Snowga class in Preservation Plaza on Saturday, January 30. You can find more information about yoga classes and other fun adventures in the Iowa Great Lakes area at www.VacationOkobojo.com.

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Bullied Victim Gives Hope

by Vicky Treimer

I couldn't wait! Decades had passed and there was no closure to this problem. It left me angry, frustrated, hurt and it was ruining my life. It affected my life inasmuch that friends and family couldn't help me. I didn't know what to do. I felt so hopeless.



As a bullied victim, there were so many issues to deal with: low self-worth, anxiety, depression, sensitivity and lack of forgiveness. Every single one of these issues influenced another.

"My Ultimate Hope" is my personal experience account about how I overcame these issues while also living with a seizure disorder. It took me many decades of trial and error to become successful. Thirty-eight years after being bullied, I was able to forgive my bullies successfully. I don't want victims to have to wait decades to move on with their lives as it did for me. "My Ultimate Hope" offers bullied victims, like myself, healing after issues dealt with. I write to guide others to make the best of themselves despite any obstacles they need to overcome. "My Ultimate Hope" is available online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Vicky Treimer has had poetry published in the National Library of Poetry, two anthologies of Treasured Poems of America and her essay "Country Memories" was published in Make Hay While the Sun Shines. She resides in Spencer, Iowa.

Obituaries

A funeral service for **Cameron Welch**, age 83, of Spirit Lake, was held Saturday, January 16, 2021, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Burial was at Okoboji Cemetery.



Cameron Arthur Welch, the son of Arthur and Evelyn (Wolf) Welch, was born July 16, 1937, in Okoboji, Iowa. After graduating from Arnolds Park High School in 1956, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Minnesota, and boarded his first ship, the U.S.S. Carpenter, at the Norfolk Virginia Naval Base, working in communications. Cameron had a 20 year career with the Navy being stationed in Hawaii, Iceland and toured Vietnam, England, Germany and Italy.

After Cameron was honorably discharged in 1976, he began working for Wilson Boat Works on West Lake Okoboji. He enjoyed bowling and participated in several tournaments in Minnesota. Cameron passed away January 11, 2021, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake at eighty-three years of age.

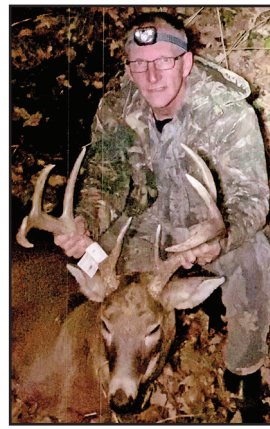
Cameron is survived by his son, Jesse Welch of Bella Vista, Arkansas; step-son, Robbie Rickman of Milford, Iowa; grandsons, Brighton Welch and Layne Rickman; sister, Karen Halbur of Arnolds Park; brother, Darrell (Becky) Welch of Spirit Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Evelyn Welch and brother-in-law, Elmer Halbur.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Steven Reighard, the son of Eleanor Reighard and Jim Sandberg, was born January 9, 1961, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He died on Friday, January 8, 2021, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the age of 59.



Steve grew up in Estherville and graduated from Estherville High School in 1979. He then attended Hamilton Business College and received his accounting degree.

In 1986 he was united in marriage to Sandi Patterson. The couple made their home in Estherville. Steve continued his education at Iowa Lakes Community College in Environmental Science and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from South Dakota State University. During his education, he worked part time with Iowa DNR Fisheries and upon graduation, in 2005, he began his career as Park Ranger, stationed at Gull Point State Park. In 2012, he began his role as Iowa Conservation Officer in Dickinson County. Steve was to be honored with Officer of the Year 2020 for the State of Iowa.

Steve loved spending time outdoors where he felt connected with himself, nature, and God. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, Denver Broncos, playing cards, helping to plan and participate in wild-game feeds, making others laugh, family vacations and watching his grandkids participate in various sports and activities.

Above all, Steve was a family man. He was humbled by how close he was with his family and the many friends that became family. He never met a stranger and often would say that he didn't believe in handshakes, only hugs. Everyone who had the opportunity to receive a "Steve Hug" knows there is nothing like it.

Left to cherish Steve's memory are his wife, Sandi Reighard; son, Steve Reighard and his wife, Kari; six grandchildren, Kyah, Ally, Khloe, Abby, Liam, and Nora; father, Jim and Kathy Sandberg; siblings, Tom and Deb Sandberg and Dean and Jamie Kirchner. He was preceded in death by his mother, Eleanor Reighard; daughter, Stephanie Hanson and aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Obituaries

Arthur "Art" Henry Berg, 89, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at his residence in Spirit Lake.



A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, January 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Spirit Lake, followed by military funeral honors conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514. A visitation was held on Friday at the church. Burial took place in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford. Arrangements were under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Art was born on June 26, 1931, to Joseph and Margaretha (Schrader) Berg in Milford. He graduated from Milford High School and entered the US Air Force. He served his country for 4 years during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he came back to the area to attend college. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and went on to earn his master's degree in Greeley, Colorado. After graduation, he became a high school History and Government teacher. He also was a Drivers Ed instructor for many years. He taught in California, Schaller, Iowa, and finished his career teaching in Spirit Lake. On nights and weekends, he enjoyed running a side business of Interior Decorating. He continued to do his work as an interior decorator until the age of 85.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his extended family at holiday gatherings.

He is survived by his brother James Berg of Indiana; sisters Cecilia Jansen of Emmetsburg, IA; and Kathryn Putensen of Dubuque, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings John Berg, Agnes Verow, Charles Berg, Edith Long, Josephine Berg and Ethel Berg.

Obituaries

Ione Lennette (Rossow) Brekke, the daughter of Alma & Leonard Rossow, was born on February 20, 1927, in Hollandale, Minnesota. She passed away at Avera Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa, at the age of 93. Private family services will be held. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.henryolsonfuneral.com.



Ione was baptized on March 13, 1927, in Hollandale, Minnesota, and was confirmed on March 21, 1940, at St. Peter Lutheran, Delafield in Heron Lake, Minnesota. She received her education and graduated from Lakefield, Minnesota.

On November 25, 1950, Ione was united in marriage to Howard Conrad Brekke at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield, Minnesota. The couple farmed for many years north of Superior. Ione was an excellent cook. Besides cooking and baking, she enjoyed planting flowers, gardening, and canning the fruits and vegetables from her garden. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Estherville, Iowa. She belonged to the Superior Farm Women's Study Club for several years.

Left to cherish Ione's memory are son, Thomas Mark Brekke, and his wife Debbie of Spirit Lake; son, Jon Howard Brekke and his wife Deb of Spirit Lake; grandchildren, Brent (Sarah) Brekke of Bondurant, Iowa; Amanda (Josh) Chilson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jena Simmons of Spirit Lake; great-grandson, Landon Brekke of Bondurant, Iowa; sister-in-law, Ruth Sheehan of Flippin, Arkansas.

Preceding Ione in death were her husband, Howard; parents; and sister, Edna (Rossow) Pohlman.

Obituaries

A family service was held for **Norman Nattress**, age 79, of Milford, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 10:00am. Burial was at Milford Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is being planned for July 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be in Norman's name to the Milford Boy Scouts, The American Legion Post 384, and IOOF Home & Community Therapy Center.



Norman Neal Nattress was born on July 17, 1941, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Clarence Elwood and Hazel (Best) Nattress. They lived west of Fostoria and then moved to the home farm west of Milford in 1943. He was a member of the last graduating class of Excelsior school of 1959. After graduating, he joined the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1963.

He married Shirley R. (Meyer) on November 26, 1961. They resided on the Nattress Home Farm, west of Milford, where they raised their two sons, N. Eugene and Greg A. Norm enjoyed farming and raising hogs for many years, before moving to town in 1985.

He farmed for over 50 years, during that time he was also a seed salesman for DeKalb and SOI Seeds. When he retired, he became the lunch guy and the parts runner for the boys during spring planting and harvest season. A few years after moving to town, he drove bus for RTA and really enjoyed socializing with everyone he met while driving the bus.

Norm was an active member of the IOOF for 48 years and in 1980 he served as Grand Chaplain for Grand Master, Cliff Kenworthy. He was also involved in the Rebekah Lodge for 41 years and was an active member of The American Legion Post 384. He really enjoyed participating in the omelet breakfast fundraisers and was always honored to be a part of any military service.

Norm will always be remembered by most as "One of a Kind." You could always find Norm at Boji Junction with his "Coffee Club" friends, where his obvious wit and charm was piled onto anyone who would listen. He was a member of the Excelsior United Methodist Church.

Norm passed away on January 13, 2021, at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Before his passing, his sons and grandchildren were lucky enough to talk with him. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grand and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Shirley; sons, Gene (Brenda) and Greg A., both of Milford; grandchildren, Gregory P., Amanda (Cory), Tyler, and Brianna; great-grandchildren, Remi and Easton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Hazel Nattress; his infant brother, Edwin Louis and grandson, Bradley Nattress.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Doug Krogman, age 50, of Ames, Iowa, died January 9, 2021, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. A gathering of friends and family was held Monday, January 18, 2021, at Grandon Funeral and Cremation Care 414 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, with a funeral service at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 2210 Lincoln Way, in Ames. Burial took place at Ontario Cemetery in Ames.



Douglas Wayne Krogman was born August 27, 1970, in Sibley, Iowa, to Wayne and Arlene (Roetman) Krogman. He attended Spirit Lake High School where he was a tutor for lower grade students and voted "Best Athlete". Doug was involved in football, track, wrestling, and baseball. He went to state for wrestling, broke track records in relays and sprinting and was a left-handed pitcher, but batted right, in baseball. After high school graduation, he attended the University of South Dakota, to play football, in Vermillion where he was a member of the fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha AG-1459. Doug married Christy Heidenwith on September 23, 1995, and from this union, Kyler and Madison were born. On May 18, 2002, Doug married Chandra Hendrickson and this union brought Chelsie and Dustin. Their family of six grew to seven with the birth of Meagan.

Once you met him, you were friends. Doug wanted everyone to know how important they were to him and never deliberately left anyone out. He was always there to lend a helpful hand in any way he could. Doug enjoyed both bow and shotgun hunting as well as watching his team, the Dallas Cowboys. He was a part of a Fantasy Football league that his son, Kyler, helped him set up and to his delight won his division with a cash payout. Doug was blessed with many things, but his most celebrated treasures were his late wife, Chandra and their children and grandchildren.

Doug is survived by his children, Kyler Krogman, Madison Krogman, Meagan Krogman, Chelsie Bork and Dustin Bork; mother, Arlene Krogman; siblings, Amy (Jeff Glienke) Jacobson, Kelly (Jennifer) Krogman and Lisa (James) Huffman; grandchildren, Aubriella, Zaniya, new baby Allen in April 2021, Carver and new baby Fraser in July 2021; nieces and nephews, Riley and Emma Jacobson, Jesse, Justin and Jase Willems, Kayley Krogman and Kyo Huffman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chandra; father, Wayne Krogman; mother-in-law, Sharon McRae; grandparents, Norbert (Pat) Krogman, Annabell Krogman; Albert and Christina Roetman; and his favorite sidekick, Aunt Sherry McElroy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Doug's family. Online condolences may be directed to www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com.

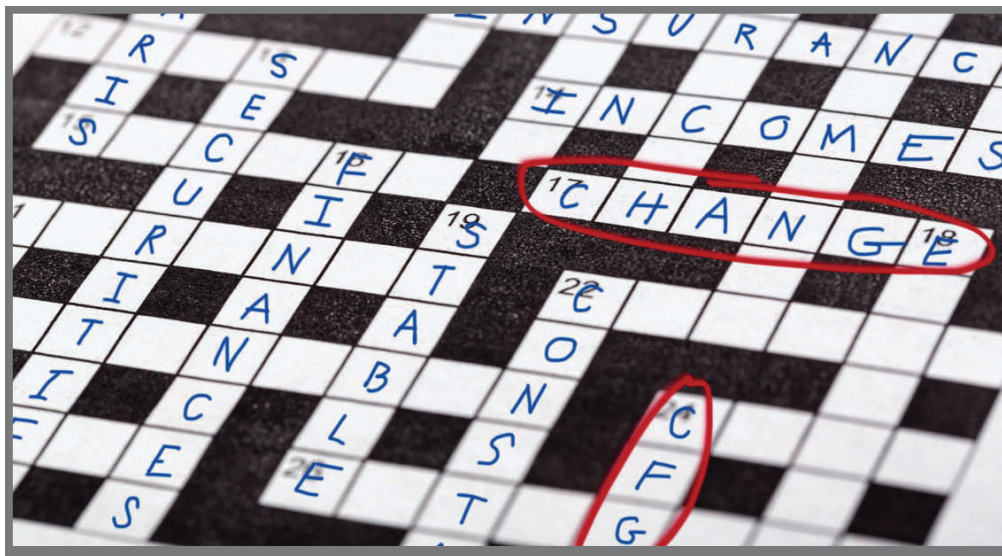
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Iowa Lakes Corridor Announces Appointment of Interim CEO

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) announced today the appointment of Brian Dalziel to the position of Interim CEO effective February 2021.



The Corridor provides professional economic development services for Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet counties. Dalziel has been the Senior Vice President and Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the Corridor for over ten years. His appointment comes following the announcement of current President and CEO Kiley Miller's departure from the Corridor. "Dalziel has a strong record of organizational leadership and extensive experience working in the nonprofit economic development arena," said Debra Satern, Chair of the Corridor Board of Directors. "The board is confident in his ability to guide the Corridor team through this transition and lead the organization on this path forward."

During his time at the Corridor, Dalziel has served 257 entrepreneurial clients, assisting the start of 104 companies from scratch. He has led many Corridor programs including Prepare to Launch, Get A Lakes Life, Startup Skillup and Match-Learn-Launch.

"I am committed to working closely with our Chair Deb Satern and our Board to continue to drive results on behalf of our investors and the communities we serve," said Brian Dalziel, Interim President and CEO. "We continue to believe the Corridor has a solid foundation from which to grow, with valuable service offerings and talented team members that work closely with our industrial partners. To best position our Corridor region for growth, my immediate priority will be to identify opportunities to facilitate manufacturing and technology clusters, particularly those driving innovation in ag tech."

Dalziel lives with Karen, his wife of 31 years, in Spirit Lake. They have two adult children. His professional experience includes founding three start-up technology companies and growing each from concept to market leadership; founding a non-profit business accelerator to serve entrepreneurs; founding a regional angel capital investment and mentor network; and winning the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center business plan competition.

The Corridor Board has begun the recruitment process for a permanent CEO. Outgoing CEO Kiley Miller will provide support for ongoing industrial attraction and expansion projects for a period following his departure.

"Our stakeholders will not see any reduction in the scope or quality of services," Satern said. "The Corridor will continue to execute results-driven economic development programs during this transition."

2021 Ag Outlook Canceled

The Chamber of Commerce Board, with the partnership of the Ag Outlook Committee, has decided to cancel the 2021 Ag Outlook scheduled for February 16th.



We want to ensure to deliver the best agricultural conference and trade show; however, with current social distancing guidelines and travel issues for speakers and vendors we would not be able to deliver the high-quality event that our vendors, sponsors, speakers and attendees are accustomed to. We do look forward to planning a high-quality Ag Outlook event for February 15, 2022.

Questions and comments, please contact: Becky Fear-Hatting, Program Director, programs@spenceriowachamber.org, 712-262-5680.

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Post Named President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp.

Neal Conover and Dwight Conover of Northwest Financial Corp. have announced that Greg Post has been named President and CEO of the holding company, Northwest Financial Corp. in Arnolds Park, IA.



In 1989 Greg began his career at Northwest Bank building the mortgage lending department. He quickly assumed additional responsibilities and roles throughout his career with the bank always leading people and building brand. Post has served as President of Northwest Bank since 2010. He most recently held the additional position of President of Northwest Financial Corp and CEO of Northwest Bank. Post was asked to assume the responsibility of President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp beginning January 2021 succeeding Jeff Plagge who is now Iowa's Superintendent of Banking.

Dwight Conover commented, "Not only is Greg an extremely successful banker, he is remarkably talented in how he manages people and builds team within our company. Greg is a trusted colleague; he has the respect and admiration of the entire company and he embodies our vision and our values." Conover continued, "We are fortunate to have someone of Greg's caliber and experience lead as President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp. He has been an integral part of creating a robust culture and helping the company grow to over \$2 billion in banking assets."

Neal Conover added, "We are extremely proud and honored to have Greg lead Northwest Financial Corp. Greg's leadership and diverse approach to managing people and the financial side of a large holding company offers a differentiator for our company." Conover continued, "Greg represents our values and philosophies and is a true leader who leads by example. We look forward to the continued success Greg will accomplish for our company for many years to come."

When asked about his new role within Northwest Financial Corp he stated, "I am proud to work for an organization that genuinely cares about our employees, customers and the communities we serve." Post continued, "I feel great pride that the Conovers feel confident about my abilities to grow Northwest Financial Corp. This company was started with the foundation of treating people fairly and respectfully and I intend to continue the legacy."

Post will be responsible for leading 2 bank charters within the Northwest Financial Corp. organization. This includes Northwest Bank and First National Bank in Creston, IA and Northwest Wealth Management, a division of Northwest Financial Corp. The three entities have nearly \$2.5 billion in banking assets and have 25 offices throughout Iowa and eastern Nebraska and in addition, \$1.5 billion in non-bank assets managed.

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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.

To The Editor:

Republican Disgrace

Once known as the "Party of Law and Order," the Republican Party has lost that distinction. Lies, deceit, and dishonesty have become their trademark. It starts with the leader of the Party, President Trump. His latest actions, inciting rioters to invade the capitol, falsely claiming he won the election, and trying to coerce an official in Georgia to falsify their election results. This demands accountability.

Sanctions are now being considered to remove Republicans Rep. Jim Jordan, Sen. Ted Cruz, and Sen. Josh Hawley for their active support of Trump's bogus actions.

In a move to avert further violence, new rules require passing through metal detectors to enter the capitol. Numbers of Republican congressmen have refused to comply, walking around the detectors.

TV's Republican voice Fox News Tucker Carlson derided Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for saying that she feared for her life while armed rioters were smashing windows and breaking down doors and shouting "kill them."

Helmeted with horns, rioter Jake Angeli was arrested at the scene. His statement from prison was, "President Trump owes me a pardon. I was there at his invitation."

With the continued threat of violence by Trump supporters the Secret Service and National Guard has deployed over 20,000 armed troops to guard against actions to harm or prevent Joe Biden's inauguration. It's sad and disgraceful.

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Vance Jorgensen named to the IRRMA Board of Directors

The Mason City resident is voted in as an at-large member of the board. The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association announces that "Rockin' Vance Jorgensen of Mason City has been named as the latest addition to the Board of Directors of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association.

According to Clay Norris, Executive Director of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association, "We are so thrilled to have Lifetime Member Rockin' Vance become our newest board member. Vance has so much energy and enthusiasm - he is one of the first members to approach me and introduce himself when I first took this job. He is friendly, generous, full of great ideas, and he is ready to hit the ground running."

Jorgensen is a lawyer and businessman, bringing both areas of experience to the Board. He practices law in Mason City under his own shingle. He also has experience in real estate development and property management.

Jorgensen loves rock and pop music and has performed professionally since 1977. He has a gift for finding and assembling talent, and he has organized and played with numerous bands during the last four decades in countless venues including but not limited to the Roof Garden, Lamar and Surf Ballrooms. He also has played several charitable live solo performances from Minneapolis to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Currently, Vance's current group is the "Mr. V Trio" who played at "Live on Lake Street" in Arnolds Park on September 4, 2020, to an enthusiastic crowd.

Jorgensen adds, "I'm honored and humbled by this appointment. Crowds and musicians of all ages have a lot of fun at our events. Our Association has a tradition of being inclusive of fans and musicians with a wide range of rock & pop music eras and genres. We promote live music events that feature talent from young budding artists to nationally known acts, and everyone in between. I'll look forward to working to promote the goals of our Association and reaching out to music fans, musicians and venues across Iowa."

Jorgensen has a B.A. in Business Administration from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, and a J.D. (law degree) from Drake University in Des Moines. He attends his first board meeting today, January 13.





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Jack Bauermeister - Captain Jack is the best bartender in Okoboji. He has nice slick hair and great charm. Always serving the community with a smile.

Maggie Fliss - Outstanding member of the community, loving single mother, and a home health care hospice nurse. She is the spirit of Iowa Strong!

Brock Holman - Brock Holman is the epitome of a Winter Games Cheerleader. Brock is a lifelong resident of the lakes region graduating from Okoboji High School. Even at this young age Brock was known to his school family as a volunteer and leader and as such was nominated to Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY). The mission of this group is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. As Brock continued his education at the University of Northern Iowa he served as a youth ambassador for this organization. I met Brock as a coworker. It was not long that I really experienced what was truly in his heart. It was the students he worked with. He tutored the students, empathized with their trials, and was constantly their cheerleader to find success in life. He volunteered at their event because it would make them better. His next venture brought Brock to Grape Tree Medical Staffing. As he makes his daily calls, he has been known to be the most respectful and caring. His contagious smile can be felt even through those calls. He has been recognized by his bosses several times. Through this job Brock has continued his leadership and volunteerism quietly - never taking credit but giving credit to the people of the

Lakes region. A few activities Brock has taken part in include: Meals on Wheels, Upper Des Moines, Good News Community Church, Grape Tree Halloween party (even soliciting friends to get dollars for a bigger ad in the Lakes News Shopper), special celebrations for people in our community. Brock is very deserving of this honor. He celebrates OKOBOJI here and throughout his travels.

Nancy Kriener - As Spirit Lake Elementary School's instructional coach, Nancy is our (the teachers) biggest cheerleader. Whether we are in need of a small confidence boost or huge assistance as we plan curriculum, Nancy is all about teamwork and compassion. She is willing to help everyone and anyone with a kind smile on her face. Also, Nancy loves the Lakes Area and all it has to offer throughout the four seasons. Rain, snow, or shine, Nancy always finds a way to have a great day! She is definitely the kind of person who represents the pot of gold you find at the end of the rainbow.

Michael Meyers - Michael will make a fantastic cheerleader for our upcoming winter games. As City Administrator of Okoboji for the past 3 years, Michael and his family have wholeheartedly embraced the Okoboji area. Michael is active in Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis and he is also a board member of the Lakes Area Hockey Association. In the past year Michael has worked with the pickleball nonprofit group and established the new pickleball courts in Speier park. In addition, he played a VITAL role the development of our East Lake Park playground.

Jon Pausley - Jon is the Executive Director of the Okoboji Bible Conference Ministries and through his service has provided many opportunities to our area! He has a passion for what he does and emulates what OBCM stands for, "to activate all to be better together to accomplish as much good as possible". He and his wife, Shantel, Executive Director at

Cherish Center, have 3 children and are very involved in the area. Jon demonstrates enthusiasm, a ready smile, energy, a generous heart, and good-natured fun!

Ryan Schmidt - Ryan is the manager of Kenna Okoboji Motor and is very active in the lakes area. Ryan has been actively involved in making our communities great for years. He served as a RAGBRAI Committee Co-Chair when they overnights in Okoboji, is active in Kiwanis, Chamber Events and as a parent in recent Okoboji School referendums. His positive attitude even in challenging circumstances is an inspiration to all he comes in contact with.

Jason Schneider - Jason is an extremely devoted teacher at SLMS. He has been in charge of many of the winning cheer groups in the Annual Homecoming Cheer competition. He has such a wonderful, positive energy that brings everyone in. I believe Jason would be a great Winter Games cheerleader because he has the most generous heart, positive attitude and is an all-around great guy. Jason is going on 14 years as a science teacher at Spirit Lake middle school. He has dedicated a lot of his time as a coach at the middle school and high school level, ranging from girls and boys MS basketball, MS girls' volleyball, HS tennis and HS softball. He was the head HS baseball coach for about 10 years and brought the team from a below 500 record to an amazing program with an appearance at State. His passion and love for his job as a teacher/coach is inspiring, he absolutely loves what he does and being a part of the Spirit Lake community.

We hope to see you at the 41st Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by Grape Tree Medical Staffing January 28th - 31st. For more information on getting involved in the Winter Games fun, please visit www.uofowintergames.com or [Facebook.com/UofOWinterGames](https://www.facebook.com/UofOWinterGames) for updates.

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Friday, January 29 - 7:30pm - 8:15pm

Virtual Event - Facebook Live: 'Total Baseball Development - Iowa'
This online Meet & Greet will be about the new Iowa Great Lakes 'Okobojs' American Legion Baseball team from the Milford, Iowa American Legion Post #384. Tune into Facebook live to watch, listen, and discuss the upcoming season with team General Manager Bob Protexter and his guests Coach Bill Krejci, who has served 25 years with USA Baseball, and Zach Graesfer of Major League Baseball International. Kirby Walters, Commander of Post #384, will officiate!

Saturday, January 30 - 11:00am to 1:00pm

In-Person Event: "Hot Stove Baseball Round Table"
A Baseball Conversation with National & International Baseball Personalities

LOCATION: Pearson Lakes Art Center - Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre - Okoboji, Iowa
This beautiful theatre hosts 300 seats. Seating will be limited to the first 60 visitors.
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Private Pesticide Applicator Training and COVID-19

by Joel DeJong, Field Agronomist

Each winter I conduct about 25 continuing education training sessions for pesticide applicators in the nine northwest Iowa counties I serve. At these sessions we review the laws that are to be followed, provide hints on safety and personal protective equipment, and discuss Integrated Pest Management (deciding when to not use a pesticide, or when it makes sense to use them). To get a pesticide applicator license in the first place, applicators must pass a test offered by the Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship (IDALS). Applicators can choose to test every three years to renew their certification or attend a continuing education session each year. Most choose education. In those nine counties in northwest Iowa, I get to educate nearly 2,000 crop producers each winter.

Due to COVID-19, we are not operating under a "business as usual" situation. However, at this time, regulations do still require that pesticide applicators who choose to renew their certification through continuing education must have their annual requirement completed before April 15. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach staff recognize that there are some people who are not at all concerned with COVID risks right now, many are at least somewhat concerned about potential health risks, and there are people with very significant health issues. We hear the different levels of concern our clients have and are working hard to offer this program in ways that meet the requirements for certification, and still honor client concerns.



How are we doing that? In northwest Iowa during December we started offering live sessions, like what we have done in past years. However, we set up the rooms with six-foot spacings between seats and require masks on participants. Because of that, we must put hard limits on the number of attendees at each site, so pre-registration is required and no "walk-ins" are allowed. This means that a few more meetings than normal are being offered. You can find schedules of upcoming meetings on almost any northwest Iowa Extension office website. We do, however, reserve the right to change this schedule as Iowa meeting guidelines change related to COVID.

Many offices are also offering a chance to schedule a time for individuals or small group to watch a pre-recorded video of the private pesticide continuing education meeting, for those uncomfortable with attending a site with a lot of people. These office personnel deal with a wide array of programming daily, so please allow scheduling flexibility if you choose this option.

Some of our clients feel that the risk of even watching a video in an Extension office is higher than they are willing to take. One option that ISU Extension and Outreach is developing is a state-wide, online session that could be watched from your own home, on your own computer. Starting on February 11, there are two of these scheduled per month through early April. There is a requirement that we can prove you are participating, so we cannot offer this as something available upon demand at any time. If you would like to choose this option, contact your local Extension office to get on their list and to get more details. They will require registration and payment in advance for this and will document if you have participated actively before issuing your attendance certificate. Only one person can watch on a computer at a time.

And one final option. The Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship does have an online testing option available for private pesticide applicators during this COVID time period. Since it is online, it would be an open-book test this year - which isn't during normal testing procedures. To find details on this option, go to this website: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau>.

Applicants Sought For Healthcare Scholarship & Loan Programs

Applications are now being accepted for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholarship, as well as the Cornwall Loan Program. All programs are designed to help area students pursue healthcare careers.

The Shine scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons who have completed at least one semester of a nursing or allied health program, such as radiology, therapy programs (respiratory care, speech, physical or occupational), medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, pharmacy, etc. These programs are not intended to fund individuals pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant or veterinary science. The Anderson scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons living in the Spencer area to pursue education & training to become certified EMS provider (EMT through Paramedic).

Ben Shine was a long-time trustee of the Spencer Hospital Board. His wife, Ernestine Shine, was active in the hospital auxiliary and served as president of that organization. The Shines recognized the importance of quality health care for their community and were actively involved in maintaining a quality and progressive hospital. One effort toward achieving this goal was the establishment of the Shine Scholarship.

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program was created by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who had received quality hospital care and later home care from Spencer Hospital during an extended illness. The Cornwall family wished to help local people interested in receiving healthcare education. To accomplish this, a low-interest loan program was created. 118 loans have been granted since 1977. During that time over \$124,825 has been loaned to area people involved in health education programs.

The Adam J. Anderson Scholarship was created by Duane Anderson of Webb and Marcia Anderson Taylor of Spencer in memory of their son Adam who died in January 2001 of cancer. Adam had worked as a volunteer on the Terril ambulance crew after graduating from Iowa Lakes Community College and later took a job as an EMT for Spencer Hospital. According to his mother, Adam's goal was to obtain his paramedic certification and he was accepted into paramedic school in August 2000; however, his illness had progressed so much he was unable to attend. The scholarship is intended to honor Adam's memory and his spirit, and to enable others to fulfill the dream to be of service to others as paramedics.

The application deadline for both the Shine & Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2021. Recipients will be notified of their award in May. Students interested in applying for the scholarship or loan program should contact Danelle Stumbo, Human Resource Development Director at Spencer Hospital, 712-264-6623. Scholarship applications are also available online at www.spencerhospital.org/about-us/professional-education/scholarships/.

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:

The year 2020 has ended, a year that was full of unpleasant memories for all of us. The start was the impeachment proceeding in January, COVID-19 in March, riots in many cities in June, forest fires and hurricanes June to October and the November elections in which 75 million plus voters thought career politicians were better able to run the government than a businessman was. Few governments in history have been able to operate on a business model.

Change is always difficult, but abrupt changes are the hardest ones to deal with. Business shut downs, churches closing, school on line, wedding and funerals interrupted or canceled, traditional holidays of Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings canceled or put on hold. Police and robbers both wearing masks. Sometime it is hard to tell the difference.

Our President-elect on December 22 stated that things will get worse before they get better. The vaccine is not the magic bullet. Stimulus checks help, but are only kicking a recession/depression down the road. Riots at the Capitol took place in January, unheralded in our history. But as Peggy Noonan wrote in a recent Wall Street Journal article, "the anvil has broken many a hammer."

2021 will bring new challenges both health wise and economic situations.

**J. Roger Carr,
Spirit Lake, Iowa**



**Cosmetology Program Opens at ILCC
Featuring Newly Created Laker Salon**

Future stylists hoping for a promising career can now attend Iowa Lakes Community College's new Cosmetology program. With renovations completed on the Laker Salon Cosmetology Lab and the Iowa Department of Public Health's Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences approving licensure, the Cosmetology program is now open and instructing the first group of students.

"Cosmetology, also described as appearance enhancement, is a vast industry that is forever changing. At Iowa Lakes, we will be offering the fundamentals and advanced techniques of cutting, coloring, and styling, as well as salon management. It is a privilege to inspire a new generation of cosmetologists," shared Laurie Pearson, Iowa Lakes Cosmetology Instructor and Coordinator.

Cosmetology students at Iowa Lakes earn an Associate of Applied Science degree accumulating college credits, allowing students to choose between continuing college education or immediately starting a career with the knowledge and competitive edge needed to excel in the workforce. Students at Iowa Lakes also benefit from being able to experience college student life, including on-campus housing opportunities, participating in athletics, joining student government, and performing in the fine arts.

"We are pleased to add Cosmetology to the many choices available at Iowa Lakes. Students will be able to graduate in five terms with the advanced skills needed to start a cosmetology career," explained Tom Brotherton, Executive Dean of the Emmetsburg Campus.

The new state-of-the-art, full-service, on-campus Laker Salon, located on the Emmetsburg Campus, features 12 styling stations, six standard and one ADA compliant shampoo station, a manicure and pedicure room featuring four vented pedicure stations and six vented manicure tables, and a classroom including a counter and full mirror for mannequin work.

"I have wanted to be a Cosmetologist since high school. The new Cosmetology program at Iowa Lakes has provided me that opportunity. Even after 20 years, you can still reach your goals!" shared Jennifer M., a student in the inaugural Cosmetology session.

Through classroom and practical hands-on instruction, students prepare to be licensed cosmetologists and professional hairstylists in the exciting health and beauty industry.

"The world of cosmetology is fun, fast-paced, and ever-changing. I am elated to share my knowledge with the future of my industry and am excited to be welcoming new students!" exclaimed Kendra Webb, Iowa Lakes Cosmetology Instructor.

If interested in attending the Cosmetology program at Iowa Lakes, please visit iowalakes.edu and register to ensure placement in the next session.

**Registration Open for ILCC
2021 Jazz Band Contest**

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department announces open registration for the 2021 Jazz Band Competition. The competition is an exciting opportunity for local high school Jazz bands to gather and compete on the Estherville Campus, in person, on February 3 and 4.

"This year, we are moving our annual Jazz Band Contest to the beginning of February so we can offer an in-person event recognizing our high school student musicians. We are excited to have a chance to gather, following safety protocols, and connect through music. We applaud the dedication, spirit, and commitment of the students, band directors, parents, and schools for continuing to persevere in making music and look forward to seeing you at the event," explained Carol Ayres, Iowa Lakes Music Professor.

Feel free to contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department with any questions by emailing Carol Ayres at cayres@iowalakes.edu or calling 712-362-8345. Visit iowalakes.edu/music/jazz-band-contest/ to find out more about the 2021 Jazz Band Competition and register by January 29.

**Representative Jones Sworn in
for 89th General Assembly**

Representative Megan Jones (R-Sioux Rapids) was sworn in to the Iowa House of Representatives on the first day of the 89th General Assembly. The swearing in ceremony was shortly followed by opening remarks by Speaker of the House Pat Grassley, outlining some of the priorities of the Legislature for the 2021 session.

During session Representative Jones can be reached by email at megan.jones@legis.iowa.gov.

