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### Marriage Retreat

- February 12th registration begins at 7:30 pm,
- February 14th retreat ends at 12:00 pm
- Registration \$199 (or \$109 without housing). The Registration cost includes meals, lodging and programming.



## Birthday Announcement

Please help us celebrate Myrt Swanson's 90th Birthday on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by sending cards to: 1015 4th Avenue West, Spencer, IA 51301.

## Girl Scout Cookies for Sale

The Girl Scout Cookie program is once again offering direct sales for 2021. They're excited about this as it means the girls will have packages of cookies *on hand* to sell door to door. No more taking orders, waiting weeks, and then returning for the delivery and collecting money. The Cookies Now! program condenses all that work into one simple step. Eight delicious cookies, at \$5 per package, will be available throughout the sale: Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Lemonades, S'mores, and the newest addition to the lineup - Toast-Yay! Toast-Yay! is a French toast inspired cookie dipped in delicious icing and full of flavor in every bite. Also, available and priced at \$5 per package are Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies. This gluten free cookie is made up of rich caramel, semi-sweet chocolate chips, and a hint of sea salt. This cookie is available in limited quantities, so get some while they last.

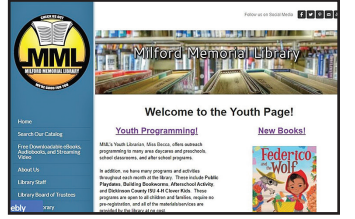


Orders for Girl Scout cookies will be taken February 1 through March 14, 2021. If you are not contacted and would like to order any of these products, please call our Service Unit Cookie Manager, Linda Nase, at 712-330-3251. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts.

## Milford Library News

### Youth Corner

Milford Memorial Library has lots of new youth books arriving each week. The cold, snowy weather is a perfect time to snuggle in with some good books with your family. Feel free to preview new and old books through the online card catalog or MML's Youth Page at [www.milford.lib.ia.us](http://www.milford.lib.ia.us). While you are there, check out the neat programs Miss Becca is up to during February. This includes Grab and Go Bags and Books (Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day), as well as Book Bundles (princesses, emotions, colors, poems, Predator vs. Prey, and Spanish). Don't wait another second! Go check out MML's Youth Page today!



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**Okoboji Music 28-Day Challenge for New Uniforms**

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Fundraising began in late November and almost \$2000 has already been raised! The OFA aims to raise \$10,500 in 3 phases.


PHASE 1 (\$4,800): Replace the dresses with new ones that are machine washable with no chiffon for easier hemming. A formal, full length dress (including tailoring) will be approximately \$75.

PHASE 2 (\$2,600): Replace the dress shirts which are priced at \$14 and the tuxedo dress pants which are \$28. We are able to keep the current bowties. This uniform with alterations will cost approximately \$55.

We will delay PHASE 3 (\$3,100) for a year or two while we apply for grants. Phase 3 involves the purchase of new tuxedo jackets. Each jacket is approximately \$70 with tailoring.

PRIZES: Each individual/business that donates will be eligible for one of four \$25 gift certificates to Perkins Restaurant. OFA will draw for a prize on February 7, 14, 21, and 28. OFA will announce the results of the 28-Day Challenge at the 7-12 Vocal Concert on March 1st.

DONATE: OFA has a secure website set up for your donation. Go to our website at: <https://okobojifinearts.wixsite.com/arts/musicuniforms> or scan the QR code with your phone camera to take you directly to the site! The QR Code is on our Facebook and Instagram pages. You may also mail checks to Erin Chappas c/o Okoboji Fine Arts at 901 H Avenue, Milford, IA 51351. Thank you for your support!



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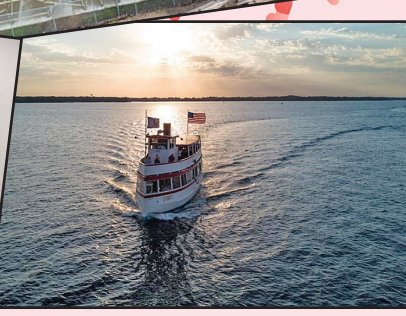
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## Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

I was joined by 8,000-10,000 visitors for this week's Okoboji adventure - the 41st Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games! It was a fun weekend filled with a wide variety of activities to watch and participate in.

Leading up to the weekend I reviewed the full schedule of events, and added those I wanted to watch to my "Winter Games" calendar. I organized my schedule in 30 minute increments based on where the events were taking place, so my travel was most efficient. I then shared the calendar with everyone I felt needed to know where I would be at any given time throughout the weekend. This was not a shock to any of my friends. I've been known to over-organize my calendar once or twice.

I started my weekend with a stroll through the galleries at the Pearson Lakes Art Center's Art After Hours on Thursday night. Friday, my cousins joined me. We were wowed by the Kite Festival, and participated in the Vintage Pinball Tournament. It was apparent that I didn't practice enough last week, because I did not place in the tournament. Both of my cousins had a high score at the time of our departure from the museum - I'll consider that beginner's luck!

Saturday was our big day filled with outdoor events. We started our day with my freshly baked almond croissants, then layered up in our outdoor gear and made our way to Arnolds Park. We checked out the kites, human foosball, fire pits and s'mores, and "ice" games like bags and shuffle board. Then, we went to the Dry Dock to watch the Hammerschlagen Tournament and get lunch. After lunch we watched the Broomball Tournament, followed by a stop at Okoboji Boat Works to watch some Redneck Curling. Thankfully, our layers of clothing were perfect for the day, and we were warm enough to keep working our way around to more events!

Then, we went to East Lake Okoboji to see event at Parks Marina. Ice sculpture carving, ax throwing, ice auger races, human dog-sled races, flag football, and the ice oval shootout were just a few of the events taking place! It was non-stop action throughout the entire complex, and very fun to watch the excitement of all of the participants.

Our day ended at a friend's house directly across from the amusement park to watch the fireworks. We gathered on the deck to ooh and ahhh over the fireworks. It was a unique show because of the low clouds, but still beautiful. I am glad the sun sets early in January, because we were exhausted from our fun-filled Okoboji adventure. It was a good night to go to sleep early!

My calendar is already marked for the 2022 University of Okoboji Winter Games January 27-30. While this might have been the winter weekend we see the biggest influx of visitors, there is still plenty to do all winter long in the Iowa Great Lakes area. I hope you take advantage of this time to become a tourist in our community! You can find more information about adventures in the Iowa Great Lakes area at [www.VacationOkoboji.com](http://www.VacationOkoboji.com).

**THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar**

**Wed., Feb. 3 - 10:00 AM - 270 Acres in Palo Alto Co., IA, at auction.** This will be a Virtual Online Auction. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. [www.midwestlandmanagement.com](http://www.midwestlandmanagement.com).

**Thurs., Feb. 18 - 10:00 AM - 152 Acres at Auction in Clay Co., IA.** Auctioneers: Hjelm. 712-262-3529. [www.theacreco.com](http://www.theacreco.com).

**Thurs., Feb. 25 - 5:00 PM - Online Only Estate Auction in Lake Park, IA.** Auctioneers: Klaassens 712-754-3500. [www.klaassenrealty.com](http://www.klaassenrealty.com).

**Mon., Mar. 1 - 6:00 PM - On-line Only Complete Liquidation of Country Pride Cooperative's C-Store in Windom, MN.** Auctioneers: Dan Pike 507-847-3468. [www.danpikeauction.com](http://www.danpikeauction.com).

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The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is held annually, with most of the donations distributed to Hope Haven in Spirit Lake and Estherville. The funds will assist with the Hope Haven mission, including: "As followers of Christ, we unleash potential in people through work and life skills so that they may enjoy a productive life in their community." In addition, nearly a third of the funds were designated specifically for Special Olympics.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past two years contributing more than \$18,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish

House, Women of the Well Project, Honor Flight for Veterans, as well as to local family, community and parish needs. Local Knights even sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated more than 76.7 million volunteer hours and \$185 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.



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Beginning February 11, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide a monthly series of short virtual meetings over four months. The webinar topics include nutrition, the importance of soil for pasture and hay, weed control and environmental management. Opportunities for interaction with the presenters will be available.

"The program is designed to provide attendees with an interactive and informative opportunity to further develop their knowledge of equine related topics, including management and care," said Peggy Auwerda, associate professor in animal science and extension equine specialist at Iowa State University.

- Session topics**
- February 11. "Bringing Your Horse Out of Winter and into the Show Arena," with Randel Raub, director of research and nutrition with Kent Nutrition Group.
  - March 11. "Importance of Soil Fertility for Forages," with Antonio Mallarino, professor in agronomy and extension specialist at Iowa State University.
  - April 8. "Tips to Manage Weeds in Horse Pastures," with Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach.
  - May 13. "Environmental Management of Horse Facilities," with Kapil Arora, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach.

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## Goehring Named to Dean's List

Allison Goehring, of Milford, was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. Goehring is a Senior majoring in Biology.

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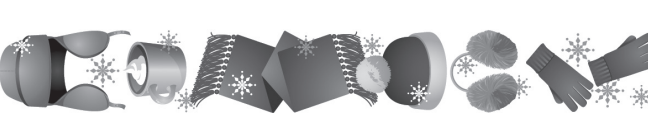
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## O'Hagan Named to Dean's List

Ruby O'Hagan, of Spirit Lake, was named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College. The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average (based on a scale in which 4.0 = A) or higher for the semester ending in December 2020.

## Weseman Named to Dean's List

Normandale Community College is pleased to announce its 2020 Fall Semester Dean's list. Jayne Weseman, of Alpha, Minnesota, enrolled in at least nine credits and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 for courses completed in the fall semester ending this past May. Normandale congratulates these individuals who reside in your community for their outstanding academic performance.

## ILCC Announces 2021 Jazz Band Contest Schedule

The Iowa Lakes Music Department announces the 2021 Jazz Band Contest schedule for high schools on Wednesday, February 3, and Thursday, February 4.

The 2021 Jazz Band Contest will be on the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College. The general public will not be allowed into the event in person, but the contest will be live-streamed for people to enjoy for free at [iowalakesathletics.com/webcast](http://iowalakesathletics.com/webcast).

Many local schools will participate in the competition vying for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies in class 2A, 3A, and 4A. There will also be soloist awards. Three judges will be determining the winners of the contest.

The schedule below is planned with larger breaks than usual between each band to ensure time to meet COVID safety measures, including sterilizing microphones, clearing the stage of air particles, and allowing each jazz band to set up safely.

### 2021 Jazz Band Contest Schedule:

- Wednesday, February 3**  
 8:00 AM: Estherville Lincoln Central  
 9:20 AM: Newell-Fonda  
 10:40 AM: Spirit Lake  
 12:00 PM: MOC - Floyd Valley  
 1:20 PM: Bishop Heelan  
 2:40 PM: Sioux Center 2  
 3:40 PM: Sioux Center 1
- Thursday, February 4**  
 8:00 AM: Emmetsburg  
 9:20 AM: Sibley-Ocheyedan  
 10:40 AM: Sioux Central  
 12:00 PM: Central Lyon  
 1:20 PM: Alta-Aurelia  
 2:40 PM: West Lyon  
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It is going to be an a-glazing February with MML's Young Adult (4th - 12th graders) Subscription Box: Donut Worry, Be Happy. Sprinkled inside this box are the supplies for creating a Donut Worry, Be Happy sign, ring toss, and mason jar. The icing on the donut will a playlist, reading list, to-watch list, and recipes. Register for this free program by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing [milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com](mailto:milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com). This box will be coming out of the oven on Tuesday, February 9.

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## Fall 2020 Dean's List

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The following local students were recognized: Easton Bahr, Christopher Gumto and Abby Schneekloth of Jackson; Jadyne Baumann and Kaylee Hinshaw of Milford; Jeanette Govern, Gabrielle Kardell, Audrey Ruda, Joanna Bennett, Ashley Ellenwood, Abigail Johnson and Kaetlyn Warburton of Spencer; Hannah Olson, Lorie Irwin, Brooke Nitchals and McKenzie Peta of Estherville; Jana Christians, Gavin DeVos and Carissa Meyer of Spirit Lake; Sierra Myer of Okoboji

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

## Freeman Named to Dean's List

Johnathan M. Freeman, of Spencer, has been named to the The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Dean's List for Fall Semester 2020. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Storm Lake secure in 4A

For what is probably the first time in the long history of the Iowa Lakes Community College High School Jazz Band Contest, the student musicians will all be hiding behind COVID shielding of several kinds — including face masks and plastic windows — as they ply their skills in competition Wednesday and Thursday. Even more strange is that this will be the first outing for the students in the new Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center that opened in July of last year. Instead of a packed house of family members, the entire two-day event will be available only for viewing in the comfort of your own home in a webcast. That said, each school will perform for about 40 minutes, starting with Class 3A, Estherville-Lincoln Central kicking things off at 8:00 Wednesday morning; followed by 1A, Newell-Fonda at 9:20; 3A, Spirit Lake, at 10:40; 3A, MOC-Floyd Valley at 12:40; 3A Sioux Center-2 at 2:00, and Sioux Center-1 at 3:20...

All Class 2A schools will perform on Thursday, starting with Emmetsburg at 8:00 Thursday morning, Sibley-Ocheyedan at 9:20, Sioux Central at 10:40, Central Lyon at 12:00, Alta-Aurelia at 1:20, West Lyon at 2:40, and Okoboji at 4:00. Storm Lake is expected to cap the festivities with a win, as it is the only Class 4A school participating this year. Watching the webcast is as simple as pointing your browser to: [IowaLakesAthletics.com/Webcast](http://IowaLakesAthletics.com/Webcast)

All times are approximate, and allow for a break between each band. Minor schedule changes may be expected...

**Tickets are to go on sale today** for the Spencer Community Theatre production of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. The show will be staged February 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, and 28th. In the same time frame, auditions for *The Drowsy Chaperone* will take place on the 22nd and 23rd. At the discretion of Agatha Christie's estate, *Murder...* tickets will be for seating, only, instead of patrons enjoying the option of seeing the performance online...

Looking further ahead, the SCT Gala is to take place on May 22nd, featuring *A Rum Murder...*

**The Sunday afternoon entertainment** at the Little Swan Lake Winery will feature Charlie Leissler from 4-6:00, then a special Valentine's Day bison dinner the following Sunday, when the full *Beyond Blue Band* will take the stage in the barn — again, from 4-6:00...

**Research director RD is stretching** the musical boundaries to celebrate artist Norman Rockwell's natal day. The native-New Yorker was born in 1894, and was most famous for his 323 *Saturday Evening Post* magazine covers — including the one featured on his 29th birthday, titled *Grandpa's Little Ballerina*. The painting depicts a loving grandfather watching his favorite little dancer twirl.

**The song Dance, Ballerina, Dance**, was written in 1947 by Sidney Keith Russell and Carl Sigman — and was recorded twice by Nat 'King' Cole (in 1957 and 1961) Sammy Davis, Jr., also used the song on his 1965 tribute LP honoring Nat...

**Ray Evans was born on February 4th, 1915** — in Salamanca, New York — the only city in the United States that lies almost entirely on an Indian reservation. Evans is best remembered as being half of the songwriting duo, Livingston and Evans. The two collaborated on many theme songs for small screen shows like *Bonanza*, and *Mister Ed* — "A horse is a horse, of course, of course;" and the big screen with *Que Sera, Sera*, for the 1956 Alfred Hitchcock suspense thriller, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. They also put their fingers together for the Christmas carol, *Silver Bells; Buttons and Bows, Mona Lisa, and Tammy* — among many others...

**Last but not least**, RD even found a song for February 7th. The first Sunday in February will celebrate a *February Fiesta* — the culinary musical efforts of Benny Carter, who recorded the song as a part of his *Aspects* calendar album. Carter's pianist, Hal Schaefer (who was also Marilyn Monroe's vocal coach) is credited with composing the tune. The melody should be familiar to students at *Class 105...*

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## NWC Dean's List

Riley Anderson and Martha Stein, students at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, have earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 435 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 269 Collegiate Scholars, 78 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Anderson is a senior athletic training major at Northwestern College. He is the son of David and Nancy Anderson of Milford. Stein is a sophomore biology-health professions major at Northwestern College. She is the daughter of Christopher and Leah Stein of Milford.

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 Gal Gadot Chris Pine  
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**REMEMBER THE TITANS** (PG)  
 Donzel Washington Will Patton  
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**THE CROODS: A NEW AGE** (PG)  
 Voices of: Emma Stone Nic Cage  
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## 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser Set for February 13

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Camp Autumn are hosting their 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser at Camp Autumn near Sutherland on Saturday, February 13, 2021. This event is a free will donation event and is open to the public, though registration is encouraged. Visit <https://fb.me/6m24cKHCh> to learn more.

This event is a release tournament, which means fish will be released back into the lake. The prize categories will be based on length for the following species: bass, crappie, and bluegill/other panfish. The tournament and fundraiser will feature a kids' fishing clinic and ice fishing tournament for all levels, with a complimentary chili lunch provided by Hy-Vee in Sheldon, Iowa. Town Square Coffee House out of Orange City, Iowa will be on-site to provide coffee and hot cocoa throughout the tournament. Ice huts, poles, and gear will be available on a first-come, first-serve, rotating basis for individuals or families who do not have ice fishing equipment. This event benefits scholarships for children to attend Camp Autumn, a therapeutic camp for children in northwest Iowa.

"This event is for the competitive angler, the family who wants to try something new, and everyone in between!" said Katie Ping, Marketing and Events Coordinator at Seasons Center. "We're excited to see all ages and all skill levels out on the ice enjoying our private lake out at Camp Autumn again this year."

This event is supported by the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club, who will be handling the tournament aspects, as well as the kids' fishing clinic. The first 50 kids (15 and under) will receive a free ice fishing rod and reel combo courtesy of the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club!

Other event sponsors include Oak Hill Outdoor in Milford, No Limits Outdoor in Spencer, Stan's Bait & Tackle in Milford, Hy-Vee in Sheldon, Great Lakes Guide Service - Shane Akin, Snook's of Okoboji, Shuck's Lures, Town Square Coffee House in Orange City. Casey's also donated gift cards to be used as door prizes.

"We are so excited to host the 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament and Fundraiser at Camp Autumn," said Adam Lybarger, Camp Director at Camp Autumn. "We are thrilled to open up our private lake again and give people from our local communities an opportunity to fish here while supporting a great cause. There is a lot of work that goes into an event like this, and we couldn't do it without the help and support of our sponsors. We are especially grateful to the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club for their continued generosity and support of our camp and the youth that we serve."

There are several safety precautions in place to keep participants, staff, and volunteers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- We are asking that anyone who is not feeling well or knows they have been exposed to COVID-19 to please not participate in the event.
- All participants will need to wear a mask during registration and transportation to/from the main lake. Hand sanitizer will be available at registration.
- Multiple registration tables will be set up in the basketball warehouse with the large garage door open to allow plenty of airflow and 6 foot distances marked on the ground.
- Transportation assistance out to the main lake provided by the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club will be done via trailer rides (think hayride style out to the ice) to ensure social distancing and the safety of the club volunteers.
- The camp warehouse will not be open this year. Bowls of chili and hot drinks will be available out on the ice!
- Tournament and door prizes will be awarded at the end of the day either out on the ice or via an FM broadcast that participants can tune into with their car radios in the parking lot depending on weather conditions.
- Social "FISH-tancing" will be required between shelters and anglers on the ice but do believe this naturally occurs anyway due to the nature of the sport.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3qXNK48>. Learn more at <https://fb.me/6m24cKHCh>.







### 5th Grade Kings of the Court Tournament

The OYBA Okobojo 5th Grade Team took 1st place at the King of the Court Tournament in Sioux City, on Saturday, January 2, 2021. The Pioneers defeated Schaller-Crestland, Homer Jr Knights and West Monona to win the championship. Winners are: (back) Dexter Peters, Colton Johnson, Jake Neuharth, Rhyker Wright, Kaeden Schillinger; (front) Grayson Groeneweg, Lincoln Wolf, Adam Berglund. Okobojo is coached by Shane Neuharth and Scott Berglund.

### SWCD Foundation Scholarship

Applications for the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Foundation scholarship will be accepted until Friday, February 12, 2021. The scholarship, for a graduating Dickinson County High School Senior, is to be used for the first year of education at the college or vocational school level. The District Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, is offered for any field of conservation or agricultural studies and in addition, the winning application will be forwarded to compete in the Conservation Districts of Iowa's (CDI) Auxiliary Annual Scholarships. Applications can be obtained from the High School Counselors at Harris-Lake Park, Okobojo, Spirit Lake or Graettinger/Terril High Schools, or by contacting the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District by calling 712-336-3782, ext. 3 or by e-mail to [maxine.butler@ia.nacdnet.net](mailto:maxine.butler@ia.nacdnet.net).

### Finley Named to Dean's List

Bridget Finley of Estherville, Iowa, has been named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. She is the daughter of David and Angela Finley. The dean's list includes 465 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**To the Editor:**  
Spirit Lake, you did it again! We exceeded our goal of 46 and got a total of 53 units of blood on our January 25 blood drive for the American Red Cross! We had 56 scheduled appointments and only 3 "no shows". We had 5 deferrals, and one incomplete. We had 41 whole blood donors and 12 double red donors. Thanks to all of you!

Our desire is for *all* those who make appointments to come and get our "no shows" to 0.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I wish to express my deep appreciation and say "Thank You" to all the volunteers and donors. Those volunteering were, Carol Banta, Cheryl Petersen, Grace Gerdes, DeNeitt Van Den Broeke, Judy Jensen, and Mary Lempiainen. I am so thankful for the donors as well as all the volunteers who so graciously give of their time willingly.

Our blood banks are dangerously low and because we cannot manufacture blood, it is so important to do what we can to increase our supply. Another benefit is when you are a donor, you are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

You all made a difference in someone's life and your generosity is most appreciated by those needing transfusions in trauma situations and for on-going treatment of chronic life-threatening illnesses.

Mark your calendar for May 17, 2021, and let's exceed our goal again. I know we can do it. By that time, we hope to be celebrating spring!

**Karen Dokken, Chairman**

### Rep. Wills Cast Vote for Parental Choice in Children's Education

Representative John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) of House District 1 cast a vote in support of House File 229 to get children back in the classroom and give parents a greater voice in their child's education.

HF 229 requires school districts to offer a 100% in-person learning option for parents who want it. Schools can still offer fully-virtual or hybrid models and parents can choose which option is best for their child.

"For too long, parents have been left out of the conversation in regards to their child's education," said Wills. "This legislation will give the power back to the parents to decide what learning option is the best for their child. Kids will no longer be trapped in a situation that is not what's best for them."

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"Thank You" is hardly an adequate term for the tremendous outpouring of love and support you have given us at this time of the passing of Mary Lou Adams.



Thanks for the calls, cards, food, memorial gifts and general kindness.

A special thanks to:

- The nurses and CNAs at Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake for your great care of Mary, the past two and half years.
- The nurses at the Med-Surg wing of Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake. You were so caring and professional.
- Pastor Brian Jack and Pastor Perry Aalgaard at First Lutheran Church in Milford for your spiritual support.
- Jennifer Johnson and Shaelyn Adams, Mary's grand daughter, for their special music during the service.
- Greg Jenness at Turner Jenness Funeral Home for your professionalism at this difficult time.

We mourn her loss, but celebrate a Christian life well lived!

John Adams, Sr.; Heather Adams & Brad, Eli, Olivia, Isaac Dotson; John, Michelle, Shaelyn & Tyler Adams; Julie Adams & Mya Adams-Parks

## Obituaries

**Raymond Jay Howard Jr.**, age 60, passed away suddenly on January 22, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, from covid-related heart failure. A private family service will be held at a later date.



Ray was born on September 6, 1960, in Stoughton, Massachusetts, to Alice and Raymond Howard. Following graduation from high school in Brockton, Massachusetts, he entered the United States Air Force. He excelled there at avionics attack control systems repair & maintenance and received many ribbons and accommodations. His true calling was in repairing anything technical – from computers to printers, and ice cream makers and fryers. He owned a restaurant equipment repair company for a time, and even held a few engineering patents.

Raymond enjoyed bowling, woodworking, line dancing, playing video games, watching movies, road trips, attending concerts at Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park, and tinkering with anything computer oriented - whether software or hardware. He loved to travel and visited dozens of countries from Egypt to Ukraine, Russia to Brazil, and almost every country on the European continent. He lived in Florida, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Arizona, to name a few. He moved to the Spirit Lake area in 2017 to be with "the love of his life" and enjoyed being a father to their three fur babies, Maggie, Gracie, and Sasha (even though he always said that "Sasha liked him but adored her momma"). Although he didn't get to meet their new corgi puppy, Piper, he was looking forward to picking her up in early February and was already purchasing toys, collars, and treats to win her over.

Left to treasure his memory are significant other Angela Kofort of Spirit Lake; son Sean Howard of West Des Moines; sister Rob-in Mank of Martinsville, Virginia; stepson Corey English of Apex, North Carolina; stepson Christopher English of Raleigh, North Carolina; a niece and nephew; and thousands of friends from Florida to the Ukraine.

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## Obituaries

**William "Bill" Hughes Carmichael**, age 84, of West Okoboji, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 21, 2021. He was born December 15, 1936, to Albert Charles and Madora Hughes Carmichael.



He graduated from Pocahontas High School and The University of Iowa with a BSC and JD in 1961. A born and bred Iowa Hawkeye fan, he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and wrote for the Iowa Law Review. February 4, 1961, he married the love of his life Judith Ann Croft. Bill was a Captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corp from '61-'64. He moved to Cedar Rapids and lived there until 2005. Judy and he specialized in girls and had four daughters. He practiced law for 41 years and was a member of the St Paul's United Methodist Church, President of Jaycees, Board Positions for Grant Wood AEA, YMCA, Camp Fire Girls, member of the Exchange Club, and many other organizations.

In 2005, they retired to West Okoboji. Bill enjoyed church related activities, exercising/socializing at the YMCA, reading on the dock, watching/coaching every Hawkeye sporting event, Rotary, and hosting family and friends.

His family was his pride and joy. He is survived by his lovely wife, Judy, of nearly 60 years; daughters: Julie Lynne Carmichael (Anthony Solimini), Surprise, AZ; Stacey Ann Carmichael, St Louis Park, MN; Tara Croft Carmichael (Kevin Kearns) Portland, OR; and Holly Hughes Nicholls (Chad Nicholls), St Louis Park, MN. A dedicated 'Bumpa' loved his five grandkids: Luke, Ellie, Billy, Anna, and Max.

Memories may be expressed to the family at [www.caminodelsol.com](http://www.caminodelsol.com). Memorial donations may be sent to: First Lutheran Church, 1525 Three Cross Rd, Milford, IA 51351. A Celebration of Life will be held this summer in Okoboji, on another day in paradise.

## Obituaries

A funeral service for **Borge "Doc" Bak**, age 87, of Spirit Lake, was held Thursday, January 28, 2021, at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials in honor of Doc may be directed to either the National MS Society ([www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)) or the Ataxia-Telangiectasia Children's Project. (ATCP.org)



Borge Bak was born on May 25, 1933, to Lars and Anna (Petersen) Bak in Adair, Iowa. He was a first generation American as both parents came to America individually from Denmark. His family moved to Spirit Lake when he was ten years old. Borge graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1951. At age 24, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean Conflict. Borge was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned to Spirit Lake to farm.

On April 5, 1959, he married Ruth Babcock. They had two children, Dennis and Julie, before moving to Davenport, Iowa, so Borge could attend Palmer College of Chiropractic. While studying in Davenport, Iowa, they added two more children, Dana and Wendy. Upon graduation from chiropractic school, he returned to Spirit Lake and opened his practice. During this time, his family was completed with the birth of two more children, Dale and Trudy.

In 1969, the Bak family moved to an acreage and raised sheep and their six kids. Borge was a chiropractor for twenty-five years. He was very active in the church, the community and 4-H. In 1984, Borge retired his chiropractic practice and became a commodity broker. On August 19, 2000, Borge married Margery Iwen and that union brought three additional kids, Gene, Susan and Curtis into the family. He worked as a broker for about ten years before starting a pilot car service for oversized loads. He enjoyed driving around the country and meeting new friends. There was not a person he couldn't talk to. After twenty-three or so years of driving, Borge retired. He enjoyed visits to and from any of his family. He also enjoyed fishing. "Doc" knew the best docks for fishing and shared advice to help others catch them, especially his grandkids.

Borge passed away January 24, 2021, at Lakes Regional Health-care in Spirit Lake, Iowa, at eighty-seven years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Bak; sister, Doris (Terry) Rose; children, Dennis (Cheryl) Bak of Billings, Montana; Julie Bak of Newton, Iowa; Dana (Linda) Bak of Apple Valley, Minnesota; Wendy Shafer-Bak of Roanoke, Virginia; Dale (Julie) Bak of Phoenix, Arizona; Trudy (David) Schumacher of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Gene (Deb Wilke) Iwen of Columbus, Nebraska; and Susan Booth of Westfield, Indiana; nineteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Borge was preceded in death by his parents, Lars and Anna Bak; sister, Ellen Akkerman; first wife, Ruth Bak; stepson, Curtis Iwen and son-in-law, Pete Hussmann.

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### Pioneers Win GTRA Tournament

The OYBA Okoboji 7th Grade Team took 1st place at the GTRA basketball tournament on Sunday, January 24, 2021. The Pioneers defeated Estherville, North Union and South O'Brien to claim the title. Okoboji also took 2nd place the day before at the Kings of the Court Tournament in Sioux City.

Coach Mark Geelan stands behind Avery Simington, Eli Graves, Calan Peters, Walt Blankers, Mitch Mulhern; (front) Drew Early, Koa Hemphill, Everett Jorgensen, Carson Storey, Julian Potter. Not pictured: Ben Roos.

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### J-Term Class Learns the Importance of Animals in the Lives of People

The Human/Animal Studies J-Term class at Spirit Lake High School had the opportunity to learn more about the importance of animals in the lives of people, as well as some of the issues that affect animals, including animal cruelty, animal homelessness, and no-kill animal shelters. The class worked closely with People For Pets in Spencer, working with the animals there and learning more about how a shelter is run. The efforts of these students resulted in over 320 hours of volunteer work. As a part of the course, the high school students ran an essay contest for the 4th grade students at Spirit Lake Elementary School. The winning essay can be seen below. The course is taught by Marcy Toews.



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### Rep. Jones & Rep. Wills Vote to Add Second Amendment Protections to the Iowa Constitution

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HJR-4 would ensure Iowans' right to keep and bear arms is constitutionally protected by adding the following amendment to the Constitution, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny."

"Iowa is one of only six states that currently has no language in its Constitution that protects the fundamental right to keep and bear arms," said Jones and Wills. "This legislation would give Iowans the opportunity to state explicitly and unequivocally that their right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed upon by any future Legislature or overzealous Justices that are hostile to the Second Amendment."

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**Show Your Promise to Invest in Dickinson County Students**

The Iowa Lakes Community College Foundation is launching the new County Promise Scholarship fundraiser this February, which will replace the annual scholarship fundraisers and events held in the past. Donations will provide Dickinson County residents with scholarships to attend Iowa Lakes Community College and achieve educational and career goals. This annual online fundraising campaign will allow businesses and individuals from each county served by Iowa Lakes to invest in their neighbors while contributing to the region's economic vibrancy.

"The opportunity to pursue a quality education improves not only the lives of our students—but also the communities where they live and work. Eighty-two percent of Iowa Lakes' graduates live and work within our college's district upon graduation. Your investment grows with them and helps to grow our communities," explained Jolene Rogers, Iowa Lakes Executive Director of Community & Business Relations.

For this fundraiser, donors specify both the amount and the county they want to support. Every dollar of this campaign goes to the county scholarship fund of each donor's choosing, building a sustained fund benefiting students and the designated county.

"This new campaign will ensure that every gift will secure scholarship dollars to allow students from your county the opportunity to attend Iowa Lakes for years to come," said Rogers.

The goal is to raise \$60,000 each for Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto counties, with hopes to award up to \$4,000 per eligible applicant. The County Promise Scholarships are applied to cover tuition, books, and mandatory college fees after federal and state financial aid to ensure that each donation impacts as many students as possible.

"One of the selection criteria is community service and involvement, which rewards local individuals who are already supportive of the local community. These scholarships help strengthen our workforce and keep families living in our communities," said Alison Mason, Institutional Advancement Manager at Iowa Lakes.

The Iowa Lakes Foundation will feature each county's campaign results weekly on the Iowa Lakes Foundation Facebook page and website at [iowalakes.edu/alumni-foundations](http://iowalakes.edu/alumni-foundations).

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**4 ounces canned diced green chilies**  
**1 teaspoon minced garlic**  
**2 cups water**  
**1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth**  
**1 teaspoon cumin**  
**1 teaspoon chili powder**  
**1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper**  
**1 bay leaf**  
**10 ounces frozen corn**  
**1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped**

Combine all LOW ingredients in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours, or HIGH for 3-4 hours.

Remove bay leaf from slow cooker and discard.

Remove chicken breasts from slow cooker and shred with two forks.

Return to slow cooker and stir well to combine.

Serve garnished with plain Greek yogurt, cheese, cilantro, avocado slices and crumbled tortilla chips.

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# TRAILS TALK

Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB



**Dickinson County Recreational Trails**  
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**Grant Awarded for Connection to Clay County**  
The Iowa Transportation Commission awarded the DCTB \$285,690 in Federal Recreational Trails funding for Phase I of the Clay County Connection on January 13. The trail will start at the south end of Milford and be the first segment on the way to connect with the Clay County recreational trails. Overall, the project will be part of the Iowa Great Lakes Connection, a trail of statewide significance that will link several lakes in northwest Iowa. Plans for the trail include connecting several existing shared-use paths in four counties for a total of 135 miles. The Dickinson County Trails Board and Clay County Trails Association are excited to continue the growth of recreational opportunities and promote bicycle tourism in both counties.



Phase I of the Clay County Connection, South Milford

Lakes to enjoy during the winter months. Groomed trails are available at Brooks Golf Course up to the Dickinson County Nature Center and at Kettleton Hogsback Wildlife Management Area. These trails are possible thanks to local volunteers Bob Waters, Eric Hoen and Finley Hoen along with support from the DCTB and donations of equipment. After many years of service, the snowmobile at Kettleton Hogsback was nearing the end of its useful life so we started a fundraising campaign and applied for a grant through the Polaris Foundation. We were notified in January that the grant was approved and we will be receiving a new Titan XC 155 as a donation from the foundation. Additional contributions of money are being reserved for a cross country trails maintenance fund and the DCTB will continue to provide updates on snow and trail conditions on our Facebook page. Thank you to the Polaris Foundation and donors for supporting our work as well as the volunteers that

provide us with superior cross country trails to enjoy during the snowy season.

**Friends Campaign Continues**  
The DCTB continues to seek donations for key projects planned for this year that include connecting Tatanka Ska Trace to the West Okoboji Trail in addition to expanding the trail another mile west to Montgomery. Other significant plans include new railing and lighting for the trestle bridge between East and West Okoboji Lakes and construction of a trailhead that includes restrooms and trail friendly amenities at the junction of Tatanka Ska Trace and the Spine Trail in Spirit Lake. Please consider making a donation to Friends of the Trails. Your gift will enable us to enhance the quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes while making a substantial contribution to the area's health and economy. You can find more information about these great projects and donating to the trails at our website [www.dickinsoncountyrails.com](http://www.dickinsoncountyrails.com). We truly appreciate the community's support in the work we do to grow and improve the trails system.

As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours. Erin Reed, Executive Director



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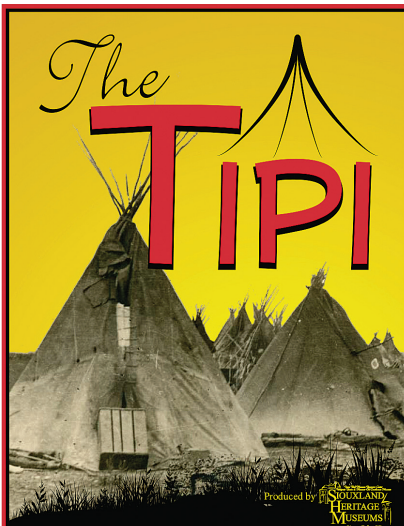
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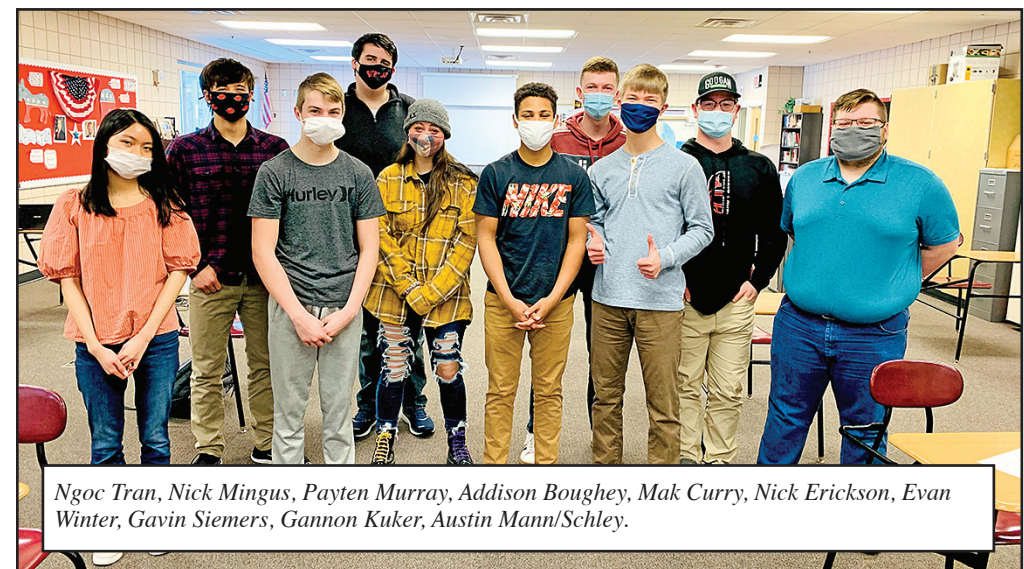
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Team Members earning medals in their division were:

- Addison Boughey: 2nd place in Literature and Art, 3rd place in Science
- Gavin Siemers: 2nd place in Music and Economics, 3rd place in Literature, Art and Social Science
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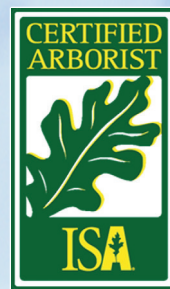
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**Farm Bill Meetings Offered**  
Producers and landowners can hear about options ahead of the March 15 deadline

Iowa producers have until March 15, 2021 to make their annual election for Price Loss Coverage or Agriculture Risk Coverage (at the individual or county levels) under the 2018 Farm Bill.

This annual decision impacts the 2021 crop year, consistent with the 2018 Farm Bill. Similar annual decisions, for the 2022 and 2023 crops, will coincide with the final two years of the bill.

In order to help Iowans understand their options for 2021, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold in-person meetings throughout Northwest Iowa in February through early-March, as well as offer virtual webinars for those who cannot attend in person.

"The key decision is between Price Loss Coverage and Agriculture Risk Coverage (county or individual)," said Gary Wright, farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "A farmer's choices will depend on the type of operation, where located, and their price outlook."

Wright explained that PLC payments are triggered when the marketing year average price falls below the reference prices of \$3.70 per bushel for corn and \$8.40 per bushel for soybeans. Whereas, ARC-CO payments are triggered when actual county revenue for the crop is less than the guarantee. Wright says current USDA projections for 2021 are close to \$4 per bushel for corn and \$10.55 per bushel for soybeans.


Ag producers and landowners are encouraged to be proactive and attend an in-person or virtual session if they have questions about their options. In order to properly mitigate COVID-19 risks, pre-registration is required, and a fee may be assessed. Sessions will be one-hour in length, with additional time for questions at the end.

Current in-person meetings are scheduled as follows:

- February 17, 5:30pm, Expo Center, 310 NE 1st Street, Poca-hontas; Preregister to 712-335-3103.
- February 23, 9:30am, ISU Extension and Outreach Cherokee County Office, 209 Centennial Drive, Cherokee; Preregister to 712-225-6196.
- February 24, 9:30am, Prairie Lakes AEA Building, 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake; Preregister to 712-732-5056.
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If you would prefer to attend a virtual learning session, visit the Ag Decision Maker Farm Bill information and resources webpage at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/farmbill.html>. Additional questions can be directed to Gary Wright at 712-223-1574 or [gdwright@iastate.edu](mailto:gdwright@iastate.edu).

**Increasing Pig Survivability**  
by Dave Stender, Swine Specialist




The Iowa Pork Industry Center is actively involved in a research, education and extension effort to improve pig survivability. It is unfortunate that mortality is part of swine production, but the good news is that progress in this area can be very rewarding. The project is multi-state and funded by the National Pork Board and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) with the goal being to reduce mortality and maximize pig survivability. The interdisciplinary team working on this project is from Iowa State University, Kansas State University and Purdue University. More information is available through Extension or by visiting the website [piglivability.org](http://piglivability.org).

A previous project studied sow prolapse on farm and identified several areas to be studied. One hundred four farms with 400,000 sows were studied, multiple factors contributing to prolapse were identified, and commonly held presumed causes were shown to have minimal influence. More studies are currently underway to learn more specifics regarding the problem and to help producers manage.

Now, along with sow mortality, new work is studying pre-weaning and post-weaning survivability. In addition to research, the grant focuses on education, including a survey to understand barriers to implementing new strategies. Specialists are also working on the economics across swine production setting benchmarks and model business discussions to improve survivability strategies. One example of output from the grant includes educational podcasts. Go to [piglivability.org](http://piglivability.org) to listen to educational information regarding reducing wean-to-finish mortality; weaning age impact; sow body condition score; biosecurity; starting nursery pigs; colostrum intake and more.

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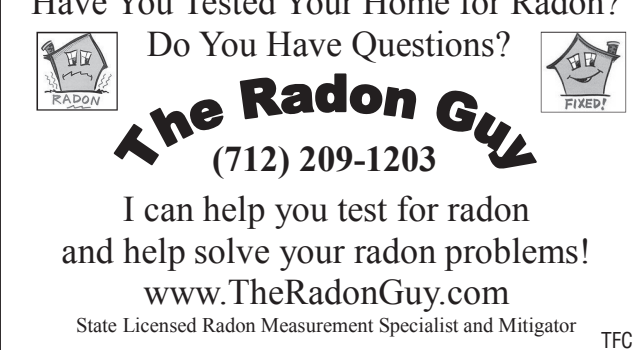
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