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Anniversary Announcement

Pete and Sally Jepsen will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Family would like to honor them with a card shower. Cards can be sent to them at P.O. Box 174, Terril, IA 51362.



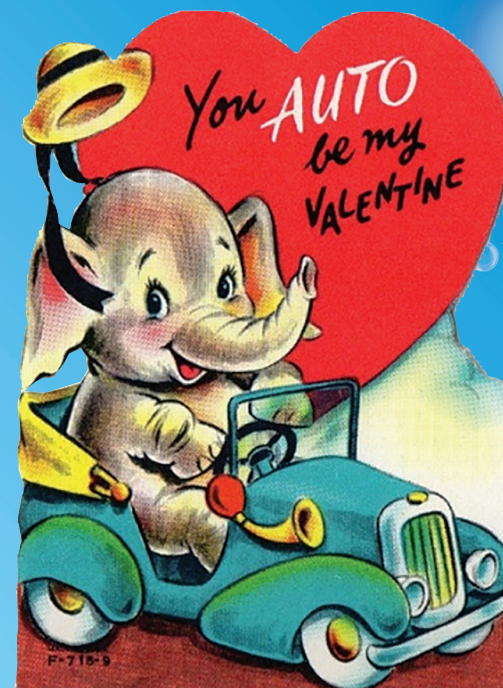
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John Walz accepts a check to The Joy of Life Foundation for \$1,000 from Alex Schwarck and Central Financial Group. The Joy of Life Foundation is an organization, created in honor of Joy Walz, which provides awareness and education on Melanoma, otherwise known as a form of skin cancer.

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Helmers Named to Dean's List

Jamison Helmers, of Milford, was named to the Briar Cliff University 2020 Fall Term Dean's list. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete six or more credit hours and earn a term-grade point average of at least 3.50



Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the activities and attractions 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!

This week I visited Okoboji Classic Cars, an incredible experience unique to the Iowa Great Lakes Area! If you've never visited, what are you waiting for? Okoboji Classic Cars is a car dealership featuring cars spanning 100 years. It's a full restoration shop. It's also a paradise for art, history, antique, and car fans!

The moment you walk into Okoboji Classic Cars, you are greeted by friendly staff. Maggie was my guide for the tour. She started by telling me about the restoration shop and paint booth that bakes the paint onto cars at 140 degrees! I could see 4 cars at different stages of restoration being worked on during my visit. Each car that visits the restoration shop goes home with a scrapbook documenting the work done. They had scrapbooks from several cars on display. It's incredible to see pictures of the rusted frames that come in compared to the sparkling works of art that are completed right here in West Okoboji!

After learning a bit about artist Jack Rees' studio and the work he did within the building, it was time to be transported back in time! Currently there are over 90 cars on display within Okoboji Classic Cars. They're parked along "Grand Avenue" in Spencer. Jack Rees hand-painted a 28,000 square foot, floor to ceiling mural that depicts Grand Avenue in Spencer from the 1960s. Over 30 storefronts beckon you take a closer look. They're filled with over 2,000 antiques that are amazing to view on their own. To inspect the storefronts, you get to weave around amazing cars, each with their own unique story.

I love history and art, so this was a real adventure for me! The murals depict sunsets at each "street corner." They're painted to make you feel like time is passing as you walk through the building, with the sun setting, and colors becoming darker and more vibrant as you progress on the tour. It's also fun to learn about the local history of the Iowa Great Lakes and Spencer.

I hope you use this winter to become a tourist in our community. We have so many unique attractions that will amaze and entertain you! You can find more information about Okoboji Classic Cars and other fun adventures in the Iowa Great Lakes area at www.VacationOkoboji.com.

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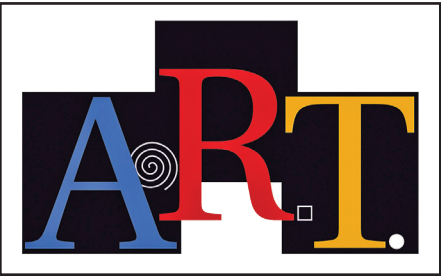
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A.R.T. is an open studio tour held every fall in October. As you all know, 2020 was an unprecedented year. The 2020 Artisans Road Trip was postponed to 2021 due to safety concerns. What this means is that all the artists who joined ART last year will still be a part of ART this year.

That said, we are also accepting new artists to add to the 2021 Artisans Road Trip! All artists in the region are encouraged to apply! For the artisans involved, the Road Trip is a powerful networking and marketing opportunity. A.R.T. is organized and run by artists for artists. Together we work to increase art exposure, introducing new art styles to the community and new customers to local artists. And we want YOU to join us!


For more information, links to the official A.R.T. blog and current artist biographies, as well as a downloadable and printable .PDF of the 2021 Artist Application & Prospectus, go to www.artisansroadtrip.com. If you have any questions, please email ArtisansRoadTrip@gmail.com or call Haley McAndrews at 320-237-7351.






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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.

Kroll Named to 2020 Dean's List

Natalie Kroll of Spencer is among the outstanding undergraduates at Millikin University named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

Student's Named to President's List

Almost 900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa earned president's list status for their academic work at the conclusion of the 2020 fall semester. In order to be included on the list, a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the 2020 spring semester, and a minimum of nine graded hours with a 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the spring 2020 fall semester. Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U), pass/fail (P/F), or pass/non-pass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the president's list.

Congratulations to the following area students: Emily Herum of Estherville, Brandon Nolin of Spencer, Kaitlyn Pfaffle of Arnolds Park and Caroline Ritchey of Milford

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:

Leaving the Party

An early count from just seven states show over 50,000 Republicans have renounced their membership and defected from the Republican Party. The invasion and destructive riot at the Capitol, clearly incited by the statements of then President Trump was a step too far for many. Continued support of Trump by Republican members of Congress has added to the angst. A second impeachment will proceed with or without Republican support.

A new player now enters the picture – Republican Congress woman Marjorie Taylor Green. Finding few rebukes from fellow Republicans, she advances totally unsupported claims, stating support for QAnon, claiming Democrats worship Satan and practice child sex-abuse, supports designation of Nancy Pelosi, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, claims 9/11 and Parkland High school shootings were a put up deal, and has made racist, anti-Islamic and anti-semitic statements.

House Democrats have already demanded her removal from all committee assignments and are preparing to demand her removal from her House seat.

What will it take for the Republican Party to regain its historical stature as a moral, ethical and principled party? Until it does, the exit will continue.

Robert Snetzer,
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Schutte Earns Honors

Erika Schutte, majoring in Sport & Recreation Mgmt B S, from Okoboji, was named to the Fall Semester 2020 Chancellor's List at UMN Crookston

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Shillock Earns Degree

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Will Named to Dean's List

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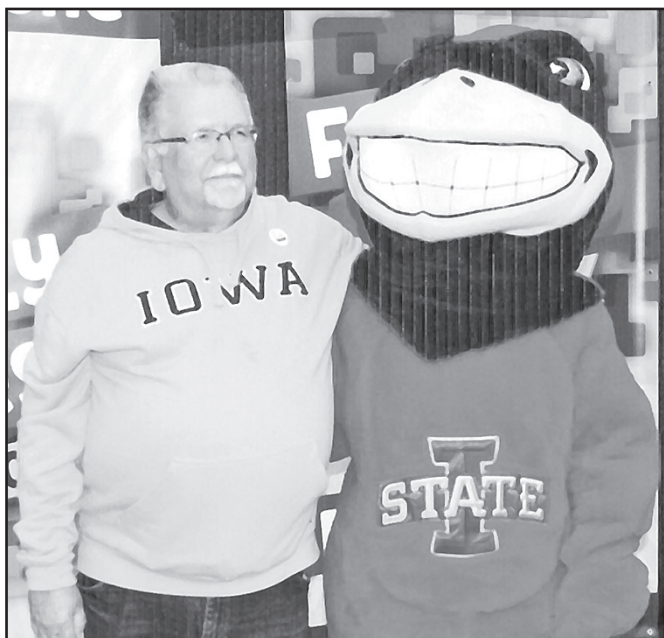
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Students on U of IA Dean's List

The following area undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor:

I was on a conservative website the other night and came across an article stating that 84-year old singer, songwriter, and actor Kris Kristofferson has finally decided to retire. This news would have normally held only passing interest for me except the article stated that one of the songs that he wrote was the Ray Price classic "For the Good Times". Many were the times my late father played that song on the jukebox at the Legion Club in Jackson as we were closing up for the night. So it always brings back memories to me, besides the simple fact that it was a perfect match of singer and song.

Kristofferson has led a rich, full life with plenty of career (and personal) highs and lows. He is also an outspoken, unapologetic leftist. What was interesting were the comments about his retirement announcement on this conservative website. Anyone expecting "Good riddance, commie." or "Now we won't have to listen to you sing anymore, traitor." (Kristofferson had been an Army officer) would have been in for a shock. Instead, there were comments along the lines of "I never thought much of his politics but..." followed by compliments for his talents and achievements.

Compare that to the cancel culture of today's left and their attempts to smear and destroy conservative artists and celebrities. We conservatives can appreciate the talents of people without first running them through some political purity test. I often marvel at the amazing, original song-writing style of John Mellencamp. In a time of movie prequels and sequels, artists "sampling" other artist's work, and accusations of plagiarism, no one ever accuses him of stealing or mimicking someone else's work. He is an American original. And I say that despite the fact that his politics are way on the other side of the political spectrum from mine.

Imagine boycotting all the movies that Henry Fonda appeared in or refusing to watch Gene Kelly's magical dance number from "Singin' in the Rain" just because they were liberals. If you let hate blind you to the songs, poetry, writing, artwork, and acting of others who don't happen to share your views, you make the world a darker and sadder place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce we would like to thank so many for making our 41st Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games another success for our business community.

Thank you to our sponsors for making so much of this possible. To our Presenting Sponsor GrapeTree Medical Staffing, thank you for 3 years of success and dedication to this outstanding event. To our Gold level sponsors, West O Beer, creator of the official Winter Games Beer Cozy, Pure Fishing, Rosenboom, Fireball, and Dr. McGillicuddy's, we are grateful for your partnership and support to our community. To our Silver sponsors, Kozy Heat, and Hy-Vee of Spirit Lake, thank you for your contribution and continued dedication to Winter Games. Thank you to our individual event sponsors Okoboji Motor Company for the Polar Plunge, The Gardens for the Bean Bag Toss Tournament, The Ritz for Snowball Softball, Ruthven Meat Locker for the Chili Cook-off, Exit Realty for the 5K Fun Run, The Dry Dock for the Hammerschlagen Tournament, MHR Insurance for the Broomball Tournament, and Parks Marina for Flag Football. We would also like to thank Black Hills Energy for sponsoring the Winter Games Schedules all weekend long, and Kozy Heat, Consumers Lumber, Fireball & Dr. McGillicuddy's for their sponsorship of the interactive ice sculptures.

We appreciate the leadership of this year's Chair John Hight, co-chair Mara Groom, and our 8 wonderful Winter Games Cheerleaders. Thank you to our hundreds of volunteers, event chairs, Arnolds Park Amusement Park's hard-working staff, KUOO, KICD, the Dickinson County News, the Lakes News Shopper, MC22, and all other news outlets for their non-stop coverage. Thank you to County and City governments for working with us, the courageous Law enforcement of the Lakes Region, the Iowa DNR, Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue for keeping us safe, and all of the Chamber businesses that hosted events that lead to a memorable weekend for all of our visitors. It takes a very special community to unite and support an event that brings not only joy to our locals and visitors alike but also provides a welcomed economic boost during the off season for our Chamber Members. Thank you to each and every one of you.

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Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce



IRMA Announces 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Plans

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association announces that the Hall of Fame Class of 2020 will become the Class of 2021 and will be honored this Labor Day Weekend, September 2-5.

Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Board of Directors stated, "As our board was considering all of our options to properly honor the Hall of Fame Class of 2020 Inductees, we all agreed that we wanted the opportunity to bring them all together when it was safe to do so. Our Labor Day Induction Weekend will finally be the time, we hope, to celebrate their wonderful accomplishments."

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through our website, www.iowarocknroll.com, for future Inductees. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 2021 will be considered for the Induction Class of 2022.

Executive Director Clay Norris adds, "Our board has been working hard all year to determine the correct time and way to properly honor our Hall of Fame Inductees with all of the curve balls we have experienced with COVID-19. We had hoped that Memorial Day weekend would work for the Class of 2020 but it became clear to us that later in the year would be best. Our guiding principles have always been safety first, while still ensuring a full, meaningful, once-in-a-lifetime experience for the Inductees, families and fans."

More details will be forthcoming as final decisions are being made. Current plans are to kick the weekend off with "Rock the Roof" on Thursday evening, September 2. Arnolds Park Amusement Park will be hosting Iowa Rock 'n Roll 2011 Inductees Head East on Friday night, September 3. There will be various activities on Saturday, September 4, culminating with the Induction Ceremony and Induction Concert on Sunday, September 5.

Inductees include: Epicureans (Border Band), Genocide (Band), Shade of Blue (Band), Elm Street Grocery (Band), Kid Biskit (Band), The Pilgrims (Out of State Band), Lefty and the Spinners (Band), Dutch Uncle (Band), Janice Hill (Women Who Rock), Laura Benedict (Women Who Rock), Musicians Pro Shop (Music Store), Doug Roberson (Promoter), Bill Hillman (Promoter), Phil Christy (Individual Artist), Alan Morphew (Individual Artist), Bill Pelchat (Individual Artist), Kirk "Skinny" Webb (Individual Artist), John Rogers (Individual Artist), Bruce Kim (Individual Artist), Tommy Lee (Individual Artist), Dennis Richie Deluna (Individual Artist), Melvin James (Individual Artist), Jono Smith (Individual Artist), John Piper (Individual Artist), KRIB in Mason City (Radio Station), Trent Litton (Support Person), Charlie Haden (Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award), Rick Eames (Matousek Family Lifetime Achievement Award), Denny Anderson (DJ), The Surf Ballroom Board of Directors (Spirit Award), and Connie Valens (Spirit Award).

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation, more than 300 entities have had the honor of being inducted. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in the music industry.



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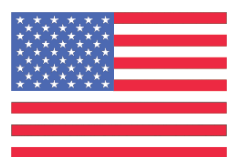
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SWCD Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Foundation will be held Friday, February 12, 2021, via conference call by calling 312-626-6799. The meeting ID is 889 1277 6102 and the passcode is 999922.

A tentative agenda will include: approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting.



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Winter Games Bowling Results

10 teams participated in this year's 10th Anniversary of Winter Games Bowling. The winners were No More 96's including Mike S., Sam V., Matt R. and Bre P. Coming in second place was Business Today and third was Johnny B's.

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1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lay a large sheet of foil on a baking sheet and set aside. In a small bowl, combine chili powder, garlic powder, kosher salt, onion and paprika. Rub all over tenderloin. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place seasoned tenderloin in the hot oil and brown for 2-3 minutes per side, until golden brown. Remove from the pan and place in the center of the foil. Slice butter into thin pats and place on top of the pork tenderloin. Sprinkle Italian seasoning over top, then fold the sides of the foil together to seal the tenderloin in. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until tenderloin reached 140°F. Let rest for 5 minutes, then slice and serve.



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Students Named to Dean's List

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Congratulations to the following Dickinson County students:

Lake Park: Bret Sohn.
Milford: Haley Bouse, Kaia Johnson. Heather Nase, Elle Olthoff, Bryce Peter, Kiana Svoboda, Ethan Tanner and Lindsey Witrock.

Okoboji: Benjamin Frostestad and Ryan Schmidt.
Spirit Lake: Payton Ahrenstorff, Katelyn Brockmeyer, Jonah Eldridge, Josie Fagen, Brooke Harrington, Allie Lang, Emily Lechner, Spencer Newman, Karli Olsen, Tyler Olsen, Tyler Pauley, Katie Tryon and Madeline Vierkant.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPIRIT LAKE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND on their recent 3rd place finish at the ILCC Jazz Contest in Estherville and their Division I Rating at the Iowa High School Music Association Jazz Band Festival. The band will compete again February 15 in LeMars and February 26 in Larchwood.

Microgrants Available for Businesses in the Iowa Lakes Corridor

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) and Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission announce a microgrant program available to businesses in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet counties.

The Corridor COVID-19 Business Recovery Grant is a competitive grant program that assists regional businesses and industry with recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. The program is funded through a grant from the US Department of Commerce.

"These microgrant awards will empower Corridor-region businesses with resources needed to take a step forward towards recovery and expansion," states Brian Dalziel, Interim President & CEO of the Iowa Lakes Corridor.

Matching grants up to \$3,000 are available. The match requirement is one-half the total amount of the grant award. For example, a business receiving a \$3,000 grant would be required to provide a \$1,500 match.

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A small number of grants are available. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and grants awarded until all funds are exhausted. Measures may be taken to ensure that grants are distributed across all four counties and that retail, service and manufacturing/production businesses are represented among the recipients.

For an application, visit lakescorridor.com or call the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation, 712-264-3474.

View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

February Fran Fade?

After an impressive 12-2 start and a top 5 national ranking, the Iowa Hawkeyes have lost 4 out of 5 games after a tough 67-65 loss at Indiana on Sunday, Iowa, once a contender for The BIG Championship, now finds themselves in sixth place and four games out of first place. While losing to Ohio State at home and at Illinois is certainly nothing to hang your heads about, as both teams are currently in the top 10 nationally, losing twice to a mediocre Indiana team in a two-week span is a head scratcher for this Iowa team. Unfortunately, Iowa fans are used to these late season dips (referred to as the February Fran Fade) under coach Fran McCaffery, who in his 10+ season leading the Hawkeyes has an 80-90 mark after January 15th.

One major reason for this year's slump is the injury to sharp-shooter CJ Fredrick, who was injured in the first Indiana game. Fredrick tried to come back and play in Iowa's win over Michigan State but was only able to log 12 minutes and hasn't played since then. Fredrick averages almost 9 points a game and shoots 50% from 3-point range, and most importantly, helps spread the court so people can't focus as much on Hawkeye big man Luka Garza. It's unclear when Fredrick will be back as the Hawks are as vague about his injury as Iowa State football coach Matt Campbell is about injuries to his team that are normally listed as "day to day". Another reason for the "Fran Fade" is that Iowa is not shooting the ball well, especially in the second half of these games. Over their last five games Iowa was just 16 for 57 (28%) from deep in the second half of those games; Iowa is shooting 38% from the 3-point line for the season so that is a large dip for a team that generally shoots the ball well. In the Indiana loss on Sunday the Hawks hit just 2 of 10 from 3 in the second half. Another concern of mine, earlier in the year, was that the Hawks may not have it defensively. During the last five games, they gave up nearly 80 points per game, and that includes just the 67 to Indiana who was awful from the field during the first 18 minutes of the game. Iowa doesn't have a defensive identity as they struggle guarding man to man, and teams have figured out weak areas in their zone.

I've never been a huge Fran fan as I think he plays too many guys, often mistreats his own media and displays immature antics later emulated on the court. I believe Fran is a fantastic offensive coach, as Iowa's offense is normally among the most efficient in the nation, but defense has always been the Achilles heel of the Hawks, and he does nothing to change that. I also wonder if his teams get sick of his screaming by this time of the year and just get worn out. While his players always seem to have his back and you don't hear negativity about him from former players, one has to wonder with his late season record if that is an issue. This team still has the talent to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament, but they are running out of time and if they don't figure things out on the defensive end of the court, they will continue to watch their NCAA seed drop like the temperatures in northwest Iowa.

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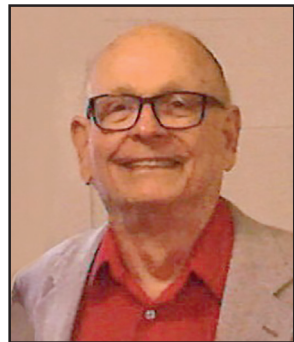
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Obituaries

A funeral service for **G.D. "Skip" Hughes**, 87, of Arnolds Park, was held Monday, January 25, 2021, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford. Burial was at North Lawn Cemetery in Spencer.



Gifford Duane "Skip" Hughes, the son of Walter and Evelyn (Knutson) Hughes, was born September 19, 1933, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Skip attended a one room school through the 7th grade. He would either get there by walking, biking or in the winter, driving a pony cart to take his sister and himself to school. He graduated from Okoboji Township Consolidated High School, west of Milford, in 1951. After high school, Skip was drafted into the United States Army and served as Specialist until he was honorably discharged in 1956.

On December 22, 1971, Skip was married to Collette Hecht in Sioux City, Iowa. Skip started as a lineman for Northwestern Bell and worked various positions working his way up until becoming an engineer. He accepted an inter-company transfer to Mountain Bell, Phoenix, Arizona, in 1981. He retired with thirty-five years of service and then did consulting work. He was a member of the Milford American Legion, Telephone Pioneers, as well as various social clubs throughout his lifetime.

Skip and Collette moved to Arnolds Park thirteen years ago but enjoyed wintering in Arizona. He enjoyed instructing and calling square dancing, golfing, fishing, computer trading, baseball, slow pitch softball and spending time with his family.

Skip passed away January 22, 2021, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa, at eighty-seven years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Collette Hughes of Arnolds Park, Iowa; son-in-law, J.R. Kacena of Van Horn, Iowa; two granddaughters, Sarah (Jeremy) Wright and Lisa Moorman; three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two sisters, Marvel (Ken) Byers of Lake Park, Iowa, and Jan (Duane) Glover of Lake Park, Iowa; brother, Keith (Lynn) Hughes of Arnolds Park, Iowa; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Skip was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie A. Kacena; parents, Walt and Evelyn Hughes; parents-in-law, Dennis and Violet Hecht.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Retreat at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Enjoy your own Valentine's Day Getaway! On February 12-14, Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps is hosting a Marriage Retreat. Featured speakers Mark and Jody Stevenson will offer biblical teaching during the sessions helping couples take further steps towards a healthy, happy marriage. Optional activities include a banquet meal, breakfast in bed, evening entertainment, and more. The Marriage Retreat is a great opportunity to carve out time together, without kids, without housework, without projects, and enjoy each other's company. Everyone is invited to register and learn about the safety adjustments being made by visiting www.okoboji.org/marriage-retreat or by calling 1-800-OKOJOI.

Marriage Retreat

- February 12th registration begins at 7:30 pm.
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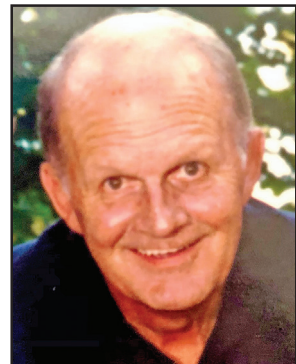
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Obituaries

Gary M. Piper, of Okoboji, Iowa, passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021, at the age of 80, after an ongoing battle with health issues.



Gary was born to Waldo and Florence Piper on April 7, 1940, in Sioux City, Iowa, joining his brother Wally, who was 11 years older and later became his high school football and basketball coach. After graduating from Central High School, he attended Morningside College on a football scholarship.

In 1963, Gary married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Judy Compton. Together they jetted off to Fremont, California, to start their lives as newlyweds, returning years later to the Lakes region to raise their children, son Casey and daughter Cory.

Gary was in the insurance business for over 40 years. In the community, he served as an elder at Presbyterian Church and was later a member of Good News Church. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Iowa Navy Commodores and was instrumental in starting the annual Abben Cancer Golf Classic at Emerald Hills Golf Club.

Gary loved playing golf, eating a good hot dog, and enjoying his morning coffee while visiting with his beloved by their bay window— or with his friends around town. More than anything, Gary loved his family; his children and his six grandchildren were the center of his life. There was never a better "Papa." His love affair with his best friend and wife lasted until the day he died.

Gary is survived by his wife Judy of 57 years; son Casey (Laura) Piper of Naperville, IL, and their children, Cullen, Jack, Shayne and Drake; and daughter Cory Piper of Minneapolis, MN, and her daughters, Paige and Kit; along with other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sister-in-law, Fran Piper and niece Jodi Piper Bappert.

A Celebration of Gary's Life will be planned for later this summer. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Maintaining Computer Security

Iowa Lakes Community College and the Tietz Entrepreneurial Center will offer an online class, Computer Security Basics, on February 10 to help businesses and individuals learn how to maintain security on computers and other electronic devices.

Participants will learn techniques to protect their online identity, including creating strong passwords, identifying and avoiding phishing, ways to safeguard against viruses and malware, and what to do to prevent becoming a victim of cyber-crime.

The Tietz Entrepreneurial Center will hold the Computer Security Basics session online on February 10 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. There is an \$89 registration fee for the class. If unable to attend the February session, another session on May 11 will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. When registering, please make sure to sign up for the correct date.

To register, please visit www.iowalakes.edu/ce and reference class #4880 for the February session or class #4881 for the May session; or call 800-252-5664.

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Thomas Named to Dean's List

Jordan Thomas from Estherville was recently named to the U of M Crookston fall semester 2020 Dean's List

To qualify for a place on the Dean's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. The Crookston campus is the online leader in the University of Minnesota system and the only campus providing every full-time student with a laptop computer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Mr. Murphy for his very informative letter. As a life long resident of the area I can remember the walking trail that spanned from Fisherman's Wharf to west of the New Inn. All of the trail, with exception of the promenade, has now deteriorated, over grown or has been sodded over. It would be sad if the public beach my mother, children, grand children, and great-grandchildren swam at was no longer accessible to the residents and visitors of Okoboji.

Tracy Curry,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

Milford Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day. Our normal drive-up hours will resume Tuesday, February 16, at 10:00am.

Join MML's Adult Craft Series: DIY Lavender Soap. This kit contains goats milk soap base, lavender essential oil, lavender petals, silicone mold, written instructions, and a link to the video tutorial. This craft does require pre-registration and the cost is \$5.00. Participants can pick up their kits at the library Friday, February 12; Tuesday, February 16, and Wednesday, February 17. You can preregister by calling 712-338-4643 or by going to this link: <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>.

MML's Young Adult (4th – 12th graders) Subscription Box: Donut Worry, Be Happy is now available through Thursday, February 26. 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 be a playlist, reading list, to-watch list, and recipes. Register for this free program by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Thursday, February 4, 2021, is Make a Friend Day! We would like to invite you to be a member of the Friend of the Milford Memorial Library Foundation. The Friends Foundation supports the Milford Memorial Library through volunteering and financial assistance with special projects. Membership benefits include our quarterly newsletter, volunteer opportunities, and specific emails about upcoming events. For more information, please contact us by calling 712-338-4643, by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com, or checking out our website: milfordlibrary.weebly.com/friends-of-the-milford-memorial-library.html.

Just a friendly reminder, as many of us are starting on taxes, MML does printing, copying, faxing. Faxes are \$3.00 for the first two pages and \$0.50 per additional page. Printing and copying can be completed by emailing the library at milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com or bring your papers to the drive-up window. Normal printing prices apply (\$0.25 for black and white per page and \$0.50 for color per page). You may pick up your printing or drop of your faxes during normal drive-up window hours.

Milford Memorial Library's Drive-Up Window hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm and Wednesday 10:00am to 6:30pm.

Bruce Morlan To Speak At UUF

Bruce Morlan will be the featured speaker at the February 14 Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship Zoom meeting. Bruce's topic will be Communicating with Conservatives and will include a review of our political divisions, how we got here, and suggest some paths forward. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am with the program beginning at 11:00am.

Bruce is a retired mathematician who served in the United States Air Force for twenty years, then conducted medical research at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. After retiring he became active in politics and policy. In 2016 he was Chair of the Rice County Republican Party and became Chair of the Conservative Caucus in Citizens' Climate Lobby. After the election of 2016 he became involved in the group Braver Angels as they experimented with programs to heal our political division. For the last four years he has written a monthly op-ed column for Southern Minnesota news, and he co-hosts a monthly Climate show on KYMN.

Visitors are always welcome and can request a Zoom invitation with the Contact Us Link on the Fellowship Website uukoboji.com.



Students Receive Academic Honors

Angie Olsen of Estherville has been named to the Dean's List and Makayla Nims of Peterson has been named to the President's List at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.749, in their most recent semester, for a minimum of six credit hours. To qualify for the President's List, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.75, in their most recent semester, for a minimum of six credit hours.

Iowa Celebrates Fall Graduates

Despite the many unprecedented challenges of the past year, University of Iowa students continued to excel and perhaps the best example of that commitment is the more than 1,800 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who graduated at the conclusion of the 2020 fall semester.

Congratulations to the following University of Iowa fall 2020 graduates from our area: Emily Bryan and Sam Polaschek of Spencer, Robert Reed and Aleksandria Wahl of Spirit Lake, Kortney Winters of Lake Park.

Nontraditional STEM Careers NW STEM Festival March 2021

Students in grades 6-8 in the NW STEM Region are invited to participate in the Nontraditional STEM Careers NW STEM Festival beginning on March 1, 2021, and ending on March 31, 2021. Parents and teachers can register their students from March 8-March 15, 2021, at <http://bit.ly/NontraditionalFest>.

The goals of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) festivals are to promote, inspire and engage youth in STEM activities and introduce students and parents to STEM careers in Northwest Iowa. Additionally, our goal is to prevent gender from deterring students from exploring careers they are interested in pursuing.

This festival is free and entirely available online. Presenters have supplied videos of themselves demonstrating a skill required in their careers and will present a STEM challenge to students related to their jobs.

Upon registration, students will receive a STEM Challenge Kit with materials to complete challenges related to nontraditional careers.

Managed by Mary Trent, the Northwest STEM Region is one of six Iowa STEM Regions guided by the Governor's STEM Advisory Council and dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans. For more information about this STEM Region or the Iowa STEM Network, contact Northwest Iowa STEM Hub at 712.362.8341 or go to www.iowalakes.edu/stem/.

ISU Announces Dean's List

More than 11,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Congratulations to the following area students:
Armstrong: Avery Brielle Laabs and Dayna Rancee.
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Upon completion of the course, participants will know the basic information needed to test for the Private Pesticide Applicator Certification from the State of Iowa. The certification provides a basic understanding of safe and responsible pesticide use in the State of Iowa.

Certified Private Applicators may apply pesticides classified as restricted use in the production of an agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by themselves or their employers or on the property of other persons with whom they trade services.

This class is for farmers and individuals wanting help preparing for the State of Iowa Private Pesticide Applicator test. The registration cost of the Private Pesticide Applicator Training is \$159.

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Arnold J. Schilling Memorial Scholarship Established at ILCC

A memorial scholarship has been established in honor of Arnie Schilling to celebrate the commitment he had to enrich so many area students' lives. During his 57-year teaching career, which included many years as an instructor at Iowa Lakes Community College, he taught hundreds of students in English, music, and the humanities. Schilling had a special talent for connecting with and encouraging students. Schilling strongly believed that education and learning are critical to personal development and that everyone should have the right to learn and pursue their goals at every stage of life.

Through the scholarship, Schillings' family hopes to honor a student who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to hard work and shown the desire to improve themselves regardless of their age or situation.

"Arnie's daughter, Vicki, and I visited about Arnie and his philosophy for guiding his students, regardless of their background," said Jolene Rogers, Executive Director Community, and Business Relations. "She shared that while the majority of his teaching was at the high school level, he also found it rewarding to teach non-traditional students at the college level, especially those who felt intimidated by their return to college courses. He liked to remind them that their experiences outside the classroom had also educated them and that classroom activities were an extension of their continued learning. Schilling inspired many of his students to continue their studies and earn baccalaureate degrees."

"I genuinely enjoyed visiting with Arnie and seeing him on campus. He shared his love of music and was a champion for students who demonstrated a commitment to working hard and learning from their experiences," Rogers added.

The scholarship is open to all students. Priority consideration will be given to students who plan to participate in the Arts at Iowa Lakes Community College and non-traditional students. One student will be selected annually to receive a \$500 scholarship, which may be used to alleviate any expenses associated with tuition, books, fees, or housing. The scholarship application is available at www.iowalakes.edu/scholarships.

If you'd like to contribute to the Arnold Schilling Memorial Scholarship, please contact the Iowa Lakes Foundation at 712-362-0491 or email scholarships@iowalakes.edu. The Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact the Iowa Lakes Community College Institutional Advancement/ Foundations Office at 712-362-0491 or 800-242-5106 ext. 4491.

To apply for scholarships, visit www.iowalakes.edu.

USDA Extends General Signup for Conservation Reserve Program

Biden Administration Considers Changes to Bolster Effectiveness of Program and Recommits to Making CRP a Cornerstone of Conservation Programming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12, 2021. USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the incoming Administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment. Under the previous Administration, incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of over 4 million acres. The program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the General CRP signup period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides a tremendous opportunity to address climate change both by retiring marginal cropland and by restoring grasslands, wetlands, and forests," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "CRP has a 35-year track record of success beyond just climate benefits, by providing income to producers, improving water quality, reducing erosion, and supporting wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that go

along with it. By extending this signup period, we'll have time to evaluate and implement changes to get this neglected program back on track."

As one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States, CRP provides both economic and conservation benefits by taking land out of agricultural production. Program successes include:

- Sequestering in soils and plants over 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or about the same amount that the entire state of Delaware emits annually.
- Preventing more than 2 billion tons of soil from being blown away by wind erosion over the life of currently enrolled acres.
- Reducing phosphorous reaching streams by almost 85 million pounds, nitrogen by nearly 450 million pounds, and sediment by over 160 million tons in 2020 alone.
- Creating more than 2.3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 177,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.
- Establishing over a half million acres of dedicated pollinator habitat and nearly 15 million more acres of diverse plantings that provide forage

Warm Up With RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

Now that the holidays have passed, and people are sheltering at home to avoid the cold and the COVID-19 pandemic, that weary winter feeling may be starting to set in. Volunteering with the Northwest Iowa RSVP volunteer program will help break the monotony.

In January 2021, RSVP has several rewarding volunteer options for those who wish to contribute comfortably from home. Virtual Reading, Pen Pals, and National History Day virtual judging are ideal for making a difference in students' lives in our communities from your couch or dining room table! Volunteers must be at least 55 years or older to participate in Northwest Iowa RSVP programs.

The RSVP Virtual Reading project is a new venture focused on connecting beginning or struggling readers with a virtual volunteer for reading-aloud practice. Working in conjunction with area schools, libraries, and reading programs, Virtual Reading will match volunteers with a student to meet via Zoom for short reading sessions. To be part of the Virtual Reading project, volunteers will need a computer and access to the internet. For volunteers interested in the project but without access to devices or technology, RSVP can provide either or both to volunteers for use exclusively with students. Training is also available for volunteers who want to become more comfortable with Zoom.

Another aspect of Virtual Reading is the chance to record videos for classroom use by teachers. Each month will feature books of a specific theme highlighting various observances from a book holiday calendar, such as Dr. Seuss Day in March.

Volunteers may work in pairs, wearing masks and social distancing, to film each other reading books. Additional options include volunteers recording themselves with smartphones or computers and submitting videos to RSVP, or RSVP staff can record videos by appointment and following pandemic safety protocol. Campuses of Iowa Lakes Community College, the local sponsor of Northwest Iowa RSVP, may be used for video recording.

Pen Pals is a signature program of Northwest Iowa RSVP and has been in area schools for more than 15 years. Volunteers are matched one-on-one with 3rd or 4th-grade students to exchange letters over a defined time. Pen Pal programs in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, and Kossuth will begin in January and again in March. Registration for both sessions is open now.

This year, a new opportunity available for Northwest Iowa RSVP volunteers includes a chance to serve as a virtual National History Day judge. The 2021 National History Day in Iowa contest season will be held virtually this year, with district contests taking place from late January to late March. The 2021 National History Day in Iowa state contest occurs from Thursday, April 15, to Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Judges are needed to evaluate projects online. To participate, volunteers will need access to the internet, a computer, and an email address.

Judges for National History Day in Iowa will receive everything needed to become a judge, including judging materials, training materials, and a Virtual Judge Training Webinar for all volunteer judges to watch before the contest. Judges will work in teams of two and will need

Iowa Realty Expands Footprint In Newton & Grinnell

Franchise Acquisition Continues Positive Momentum in 2021

Kim Bakey, CEO of HomeServices of Iowa, parent of Iowa Realty Co. Inc., announced today the purchase of Heartland Iowa Realty, which has offices in Newton and Grinnell.

Heartland Iowa Realty was independently owned and operated by Caren and Phil Clevenger and Mark Larson. This acquisition is part of a continued growth strategy by Iowa Realty, the largest real estate broker in the state with nearly 900 agents in 17 offices and 32 franchises. Heartland Iowa Realty has been an Iowa Realty franchise in Newton since 2005. With the acquisition, local leadership will remain in place. Mark Larson has been named the managing broker and Caren Clevenger will continue in her sales leadership role.

According to CEO Kim Bakey, it's a perfect match and she anticipates a smooth transition.

"As the market leader in Iowa, we routinely reach out to successful companies or brokers who share our integrity, high performance expectations and outstanding service to clients," stated Bakey. "Heartland Iowa Realty met that criteria and more. We are extremely pleased about this new relationship in 2021."

Caren Clevenger added, "This is an exciting new chapter for our sales associates and team members. Now more than ever, it's vital to provide a depth of resources to meet the real estate demands of today. With the strength of Iowa Realty and HomeServices of Iowa behind us, we're well-positioned for even greater success in the future."

Previously, Iowa Realty has purchased independent franchises in Knoxville and Perry. When franchises are acquired, their agents automatically have access to more than 40 quality programs or services provided by Iowa Realty to support their efforts. They also are part of a dynamic network of peer offices which provides collaborative opportunities, best practices, and local community involvement.

- Increasing populations of ducks and other game birds, prairie chickens, and such grassland songbirds as Baird's Sparrow. CRP in the Northern Great Plains supports an estimated 8.6% of the grassland bird population.
- Increasing habitat that supports economic opportunities, such as job creation, related to hunting and fishing activities.

This signup for CRP gives producers an opportunity to enroll land for the first time or re-enroll land under existing contracts that will be expiring Sept. 30, 2021. All interested producers, including those on Indian reservations and with trust lands, are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

to communicate with their teammates about ranking and comments. This winter is the perfect time to get cozy in your favorite warm spot and become a Pen Pal, National History Day judge, or Virtual Reader through the RSVP program. Please contact the RSVP office at your nearest Iowa Lakes Community College campus to learn more and begin your RSVP volunteer journey:

- Clay County/Spencer: Dorothy DeGroot, ddegroot@iowalakes.edu, 712.262.8858
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AmeriCorps, the federal agency and parent organization for the RSVP program, brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.

Northwest Iowa RSVP has been meeting community needs in partnership with Iowa Lakes Community College since 1977.