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Okoboji FFA Grilling SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 21, from 11:00am -1:00pm, at the Okoboji High School, the Okoboji Future Farmers of America Group will be serving hamburgers, chips, a cookie and a drink for \$6. Celebrate the start of National FFA week with them. All are invited to attend!



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Birthday Announcement

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LRH Providing Free "Let's Get Cooking" Program In March

Get Cooking" program in March. The free program consists of several resources to eat delicious, affordable meals throughout the month, including:

- Family-friendly meals for the month of March
- Recipes and estimated cost per serving for each meal Comprehensive guide of 28 food budgeting tips and local
- low- and no-cost food resources Weekly Facebook Live cooking events
- List of staple ingredients

LRH Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Beth Samuelson said the program officially runs from February 28 through March 27, and during that time she'll host Facebook Live cooking events every Monday at 5:30pm. "We'll have recipes you probably haven't tried before. They are easy to make, delicious, and affordable. Each meal costs under \$2 per serving."

The "Let's Get Cooking" meal plan and recipes guide, 28 Food Budgeting Tips, and Staples List can be found on LRH's website at www.lakeshealth.org/resources-forms/. "They're listed in the Resources section alphabetically by title," said Samuelson. "We hope people find the information useful and join us on the Facebook Live events. We would like to engage our community by putting nutrition information into actionable culinary behaviors.'

Those interested in attending the Facebook Live events are encouraged to follow Lakes Regional Healthcare on Facebook and purchase items from the staples list and Monday's meal beforehand.

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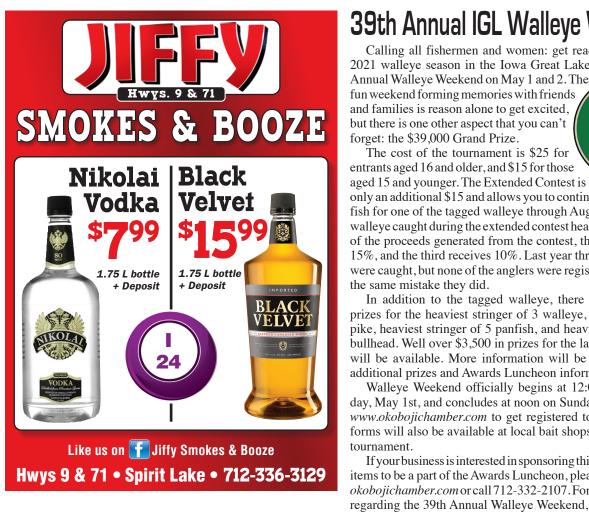
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STATE WRESTLING MEET

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39th Annual IGL Walleye Weekend

Calling all fishermen and women: get ready to kick off the 2021 walleye season in the Iowa Great Lakes during the 39th Annual Walleye Weekend on May 1 and 2. The fun weekend forming memories with friends and families is reason alone to get excited,

but there is one other aspect that you can't forget: the \$39,000 Grand Prize. The cost of the tournament is \$25 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those

only an additional \$15 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Last year three tagged walleye were caught, but none of the anglers were registered. Don't make the same mistake they did.

In addition to the tagged walleye, there are also fantastic prizes for the heaviest stringer of 3 walleye, heaviest northern pike, heaviest stringer of 5 panfish, and heaviest stringer of 10 bullhead. Well over \$3,500 in prizes for the largest fish contests will be available. More information will be released soon on additional prizes and Awards Luncheon information.

Walleye Weekend officially begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 1st, and concludes at noon on Sunday, May 2nd. Visit www.okobojichamber.com to get registered today. Registration forms will also be available at local bait shops leading up to the tournament.

If your business is interested in sponsoring this event or donating items to be a part of the Awards Luncheon, please contact kiley@ okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107. For more information regarding the 39th Annual Walleye Weekend, please visit www. okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107.

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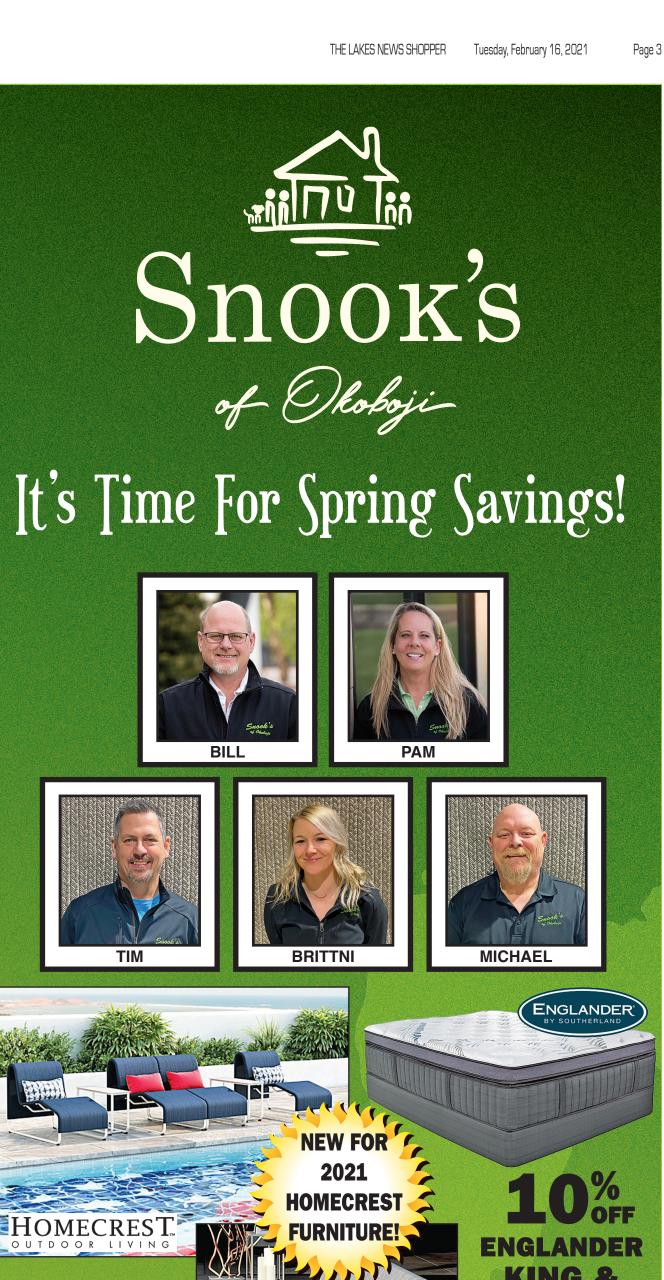


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Deadline Approaching For 2021 A.R.T. Applications!

Road Trip (A.R.T.) is Monday, March 1st, and it's coming up fast!

Artists who work in all mediums and disciplines are invited to apply - painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media, jewelry, fabric, wood, photography, pottery, and more!



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A.R.T. is an open studio tour held every fall in October, free for visitors to travel to studios and galleries and meet local artists. Last year, like so many other events, the Artisans Road Trip was postponed to 2021 due to safety concerns. What this means is that all the artists who joined A.R.T. last year will still be a part of A.R.T. this year.

That said, all artists in the region are encouraged to apply because we are accepting new artists to be added to the 2021 Artisans Road Trip! 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.



Pioneers Win Tournament

The Okoboji 6th Grade OYBA Gray Team won the Unity Christian Tournament on February 6th. The Pioneers defeated Unity Christian White, Sioux Center, and Unity Christian Blue to earn the championship. Gray Team: Miles Wasson, Trey Vander Pol, Simon Walleck, Asa Jacobsen, Colin Christians, Dillon Lindgren and Camden Vonk.







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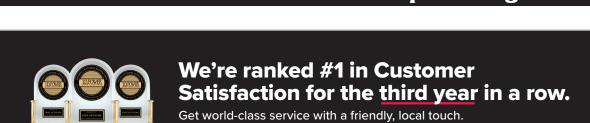




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Food Bank of Iowa Receives an Increase in USDA Farmers to Families Food Boxes to help Feed Iowans **FOODBANK**

receiving their fifth round of food boxes through the USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program. Compared to the four previous rounds, the Food Bank is receiving twice as many in this phase of the critical government program. The boxes include fresh dairy products, produce and

empty cupboards. With more Iowa neighbors struggling to make ends meet, the boxes provide an essential resource for many Iowans in need. The need for food assistance is expected to continue to increase through 2024, due to the recession created by COVID-19. In addition, this is a critical time of year for Iowans living on fixed incomes and those who have lost precious work hours. As temperatures drop, heating bills climb and budgets tighten.

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This month, Food Bank of Iowa began serve their clients, Food Bank of Iowa doubled the number of rural delivery routes this winter compared to 2020. The increased number of Farmers to Families boxes will be delivered to school, church and community food pantries, meal sites, veterans programs, homeless shelters, rehab sites and mobile food distributions across 55 counties.

USDA food box distributions are scheduled for the month of February but could be extended. Iowans are encouraged to contact federal legislators to voice the need for continued support of this important, life-saving program.

"I am grateful to receive healthy protein, fresh fruit and high-quality vegetables via support from the USDA," said Michelle Book, president and CEO at Food Bank of Iowa. "This program provides a much-needed boost for U.S. farmers while helping our neighbors in need. It's a double win-one which I



hope the government will extend into the spring.'

The economic impact of COVID-19 has left more children, seniors, families, and veterans in need of help. Hunger-fighting organizations like Food Bank of Iowa are under stress due to the on-going effects of the pandemic. The USDA Farmer to Family Food Box program is easing the pressure, but distribution could end in just two weeks.

To continue feeding Iowans in need, community support is more necessary than ever before. Food Bank of Iowa is calling on neighbors to help advocate for government support. Any organization or individual interested in joining the fight for a hunger-free Iowa can find volunteer, donation and advocacy information at FoodBankIowa.org.









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Artist-in-Residence Program produces design lab Space Saloon

Imagine Iowa Great Lakes and the Iowa Lakeside Lab are excited to announce the Public Art & Ecology Artist-in-Residence (AIR) program which invites artists to apply for an eight-twelve week residency. Lakeside Lab is a biological field station and nature preserve located in the northwest region of Iowa. The residency program is offered with an eye towards Long Term Ecological Reflections, a national partnership between biological field stations that support thoughtful relationships between art and science.

The Artist-in-Residence program aims to create opportunities for collaboration, partnership, and reflection between artists, scientists, and community members. Artists are encouraged to use the area as their studio and to interact freely with scientists, field study courses, local residents, and visitors. A high priority

of the program is exploring relationships between art and science. Preference is given to artists whose work engages with ecology, science, and natural history in unique and collaborative ways.

For 2021, a group known as Space Saloon was chosen for the Public Art & Ecology AIR program. Space Saloon is a collaboration between Danny Wills, Gian Maria Socci, and Rebecca van Beeck. The collaborative combines art, architecture and

design to create interactive artworks and spaces. "We were particularly impressed with how they intend to incorporate the scientific method into their research and design process, and their commitment

to creating artwork that engages the Okoboji community," said Meredith McKinley, a member of the selection committee.

Space Saloon is a design laboratory on the move. They are a collective of architects, artists, and researchers who support students, young professionals, and communities through a nonhierarchical form of making, learning, and knowledge exchange. Their pedagogical projects build communities, promote tolerance, and foster engagement through the production of transdisciplinary forms of knowledge.



Great Lakes.

"We look forward to seeing the creative

work that this group will bring to the Iowa

Great Lakes area," said Michele Goode-

now, Executive Director of Imagine Iowa

Danny Wills is an architectural designer, educator and researcher. His work explores the limitations. histories and biases of tools and the representations



educator. His main interest lies at the intersection between architecture and the tangential disciplines o geography, earth sciences and landscape architecture.



Rebecca van Beeck is a scenographer, artist and educator. Her approach links across spatial design, urban and participatory research, stage and costume design, and live and visual art.

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UDMO Audit Report

Wipfli LLP released an audit report on Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) of Graettinger, Iowa.

UDMO's financial statements, as audited by Wipfli LLP. reported that UDMO had revenues of \$15,265,600 for the year ended September 30, 2020, which was a 1% increase from the prior year. Support included \$13,553,076 from governmental funding sources, \$499,865 from in-kind contributions, and \$1,212,659 from other sources.

Expenditures for UDMO totaled \$15,267,433, a 3% increase from the prior year. Programs administered by UDMO include \$6,945,485 for Child Education, \$4,010,418 for Weatherization and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs, and \$1,162,038 for Community Service; the balance of \$3,149,492 represented various other services provided.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of State and the UDMO office.

Client Retention Key to **Business Growth**

Reaching new clients isn't always easy, which is why Iowa Lakes Community College and the Tietz Entrepreneurial Center are offering a Client Retention Strategies online class on February 18 to help businesses learn how to capitalize on retaining clients.

The Client Retention Strategies class covers how client retention is the key to business growth and how businesses can excel by focusing on past, current, and potential clients. The Tietz Entrepreneurial Center will hold the Client Retention Strategies session online on February 18 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. There is a \$99 registration fee for the class. The online link will be provided following registration.

To register, please visit www.iowalakes.edu/ce and reference class #4786, or call 800-252-5664.

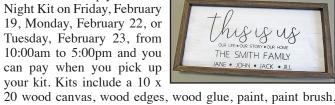






Paint Night sign-up is going on now for Tuesday, February 23. To pre-register, contact the library at 712-338-4643 and the

cost is \$5. Pick up your Paint Night Kit on Friday, February 19, Monday, February 22, or Tuesday, February 23, from 10:00am to 5:00pm and you can pay when you pick up your kit. Kits include a 10 x



and instructions. You can do this kit on your own and a special video link will be provided for visual instructions. If you have any questions contact the library. Donut Worry, MML's Young Adult (4th – 12th graders) Sub-

scription Box: Donut Worry, Be Happy is still available through Thursday, February 26. The box is baked full of donut inspired activities. Register for this free program by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. Want to know what new materials MML has available? Go

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Estherville: Cole Christian Anderson, Rachel Maire Lambert and Seth Joseph Loock.

Everly: Anne Elizabeth Dragseth

Harris: Kaitlynd Grace Reed

Lake Park: Zachary Edward Heikens and Jaden Scott Rueter. Milford: Rachel Marie Harmon and Cory Elizabeth Hoffman. Okoboji: Timothy David Frostestad.

Spencer: Hannah Campbell, Brendan John Ellis, Katelyn Kay Halverson, Matthew James Heikens, Caitlyn Lee Holm, Nadine Johnson and Katie Elizabeth Moser.

Spirit Lake: Logan John Backhaus, Daniel Harrison Browning, Rian Allen Byers, Brooklynn Jennifer Erickson, Elizabeth Anne Stucker and Alexis Ann Wiebersch.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

WOW! Can we just stop the madness? What are we doing? We have now become a society where you are not allowed to say or do anything. We are tearing down statues, renaming schools, buildings, sports franchises all because of something that may have been said or done as far back as hundreds of years ago. When these schools, buildings, sports teams, statues etc. where named, it was done to honor those individuals for their contributions to our nation as a whole. Are we a perfect nation? NO. Have we made mistakes along the way? Yes. Does that mean we need to erase history? NO. I was taught that you learn from your mistakes so you don't repeat them. Now we have Democrats in congress calling for the removal of Marjorie Taylor Green, a Republican, for comments she has made in the past and our writer from Spirit Lake, IA. is in total agreement. Last time I checked she was elected by over 75% of the voters in Georgia, not Iowa or some other state. Just because you don't like her speech/views doesn't give you the right to remove her from office, that's up to the voters she represents. When we the voters in Iowa decided that Steve King wasn't representing us the way we liked, we, the voters in Iowa, removed him from office. That's how it's supposed to work. I dare any of these individuals calling for her removal to tell me they've never said or done something they regret and wish they had a do over. This country was founded on freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the freedom to disagree with your neighbor, just to name a few. During his campaign, Biden said only dictators write Executive Orders, yet at the pace he is going he will write over 1900. That would be more than the last seven presidents combined. We are never going to agree on everything, but we are never going to agree on anything if we don't get together and discuss our differences. It's time to stop the partisan politics, get together, agree to disagree and make compromises that will get our nation moving forward!

Don Origer, Milford, Iowa

* This letter was paid for by the author

Family Nature Night

Do you like polar bears? Do you like wearing your pajamas? What about polar bears in pajamas?

We encourage you to wear your pajamas while learning about polar bears on Friday, February 26 during our Polar Bear Pajama

Party Family Nature Night. This program will be held inside the new Maser Monarch Lodge on the west side of the Nature Playscape. This event will have two time slots with one at 5:00pm and one at 7:00pm with a limit of 8 families per program.



"We're looking forward to talking about an awesome animal who fits right in with the arctic weather we have been enduring recently," said environmental education coordinator Bryanna Kuhlman.

This program will teach about the adaptations of a polar bear and how they survive in the arctic tundra. There will be three experiments to go along with some of the adaptations of a polar bear. You will learn how a polar bear uses its skin and fur to stay warm, stay dry and how well they can smell. You will even be able to test your sense of smell during one of the experiments.

"We're excited to be doing another program in the new Maser Lodge as it allows us to have more flexibility with the large space," Kuhlman said. "We have enough space for a number of families to participate in our activities safely."

Each family will be placed at a table with experiment supplies for each child coming with them. We will make it easy to social distance and families won't have to share supplies in the interest of safety. Just like when you visit the Nature Center, we do ask that everyone aged five and up wear a mask. When calling to reserve your spot, please share how many children will be coming with you so everyone receives supplies.

Family Nature Night lasts approximately 45 minutes and is free to the public. There is a limit of 8 families per program. There are two time slots at 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Please pre-register for one of the two time slots by calling 712-336-6352.

For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can also keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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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 chip, and a hint of sea salt. This cookie is available in limited quantities, so get some while they last.

This weekend area Girl Scouts will be selling their world-famous cookies at Bomgaars in Spirit Lake. Girls will be there on Saturday, February 20 from 10:00am to 2:00pm; and, then back again on Sunday, February 21 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. If you cannot make it this weekend, don't worry as orders for Girl Scout cookies will be taken 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.



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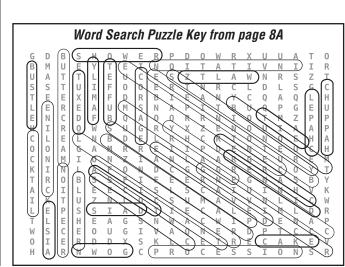








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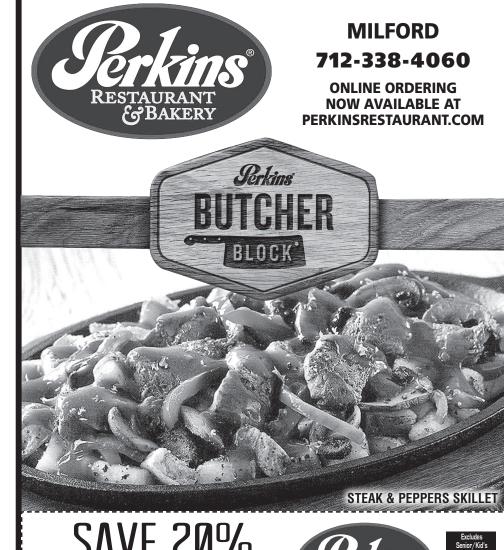




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Student Named to Dean's List

Some local students, at Bethel University in St. Paul, have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater. Congratulations to the fol-

lowing students: Milford: Laura Clark. Ringsted: Sophie Johnson and Tyler Johnson.

Sibley: Sara Eggink. Wallingford: Grace Mayo.

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Ayres noted, adding "It was a very good experience

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direction of James Kunz. Central Lyon was third.

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Lake High graduate Corbet Butler, took top honors.

The first day of competition saw Colleen Hecht's

for all.'

Local schools fare well in Iowa Lakes Contest

problems other than forcing fans to wait a week for the final results.

The bad weather that forced postponement for the second day of the Iowa

Lakes Community College Iowa High School Jazz Band Contest caused no

new Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center than it would have been in the

an extra round of applause here as representatives of the smallest school to

style comprehension, solos, improvisation, and programming. On-demand

Glenn Miller folks in Florida, Arnolds Park Amusement Park confirmed that

The GMO is scheduled to perform in the Roof Garden later this year --with a

viewing of the 2021 Jazz Band Contest is available for a limited time

West Lyon took first place in Class 2A; followed by Okoboji, under the

As the only 4A band to participate, Storm Lake, which is directed by Spirit

Judges scored the jazz bands based on ensemble playing, rhythm section,

There's more good news this week, too. After we received a note from the

Route 86 Records is launching a new label that will feature not just local

players, but musicians from all over the state. The first single release is So Much

Better (Together), recorded by Rock A La Carte, with help from Vinyl Nights, Triple

All money raised from this initial release will go to benefit Kings and

Queens Local, Kaden's Kloset, in Okoboji. The organization works in support

Two duos will be entertaining the next two Sundays at the Little Swan

Lake Winery. Dave and Ryan will perform this Sunday, while Adam and Jacob

Research Director RD ties in to the possibility of charity noting that Wednesday will be Acts of Kindness Day. And, her perfect song to celebrate with is one written by Jule Styne, Adolph Green, and Betty Comden, for the musical

Do, Re, Mi. With at least 140 recordings of the song on record and CD shelves everywhere, RD says Nancy Wilson was one of the early singers to record the

song on her album, Broadway, My Way. Marilyn Maye and Jimmy Durante also

However, it may have something to do with her five decades as a singer who recorded

18, 1952.Red Skelton bested I Love Lucy, and George Burns and Gracie Allen. It

ty Fair many years ago -- used David Rose's Holiday for Strings as his theme

should also be pointed out here that Skelton -- who appeared at the Clay Coun-

Smokey Robinson turns 81 on Friday. The singer, songwriter, and record

(We think RD may have selected Nancy especially as Wilson was born in February.

The 4th annual Emmy Awards show was held in Los Angeles on February

ITunes. You can find out more about Route 86 Music on Facebook...

The one title and several others are available on sites like Spotify, Apple, and

gym, where the contest was held for years. "The venue worked out well, and

even the judges were pleased with the sound behind all the COVID protection,"

RAMBO-ling

Iowa Lakes band director Carol Ayres said it was actually less work in the

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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

Even though it still seems like winter outside, it is time to start planning the garden and planning for Farmers Market this summer. At this time we are not sure what Lakes Area Farmers Market will look like, but we will be there and we will be following the recommendations to insure your safety while shopping. Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake will soon be accepting applications for vendors. Returning vendors are given preference but each year we accept a limited number of new vendors. If you are a grower, baker, or have a unique craft that you make yourself and are interested in being a vendor, call 712-336-4430 or 712-320-0576 and leave a message. We will get back to you with more information. Our rules require that vendors live in Dickinson or surrounding counties and that they make or grow what they sell.

One of the services Lakes Area Farmers Market provides is new bags for you to carry your purchases home in. These bags are provided to Farmers Markets across Iowa by Iowa Farm Bureau. This year we will be receiving around 20,000 bags for our market usage. Thank you Farm Bureau for this wonderful service! You are making our market a little safer for vendors and customers. As our plans become clearer, we will tell you more about Lakes Area Farmers Market this summer. We hope to see you there.



February 17th

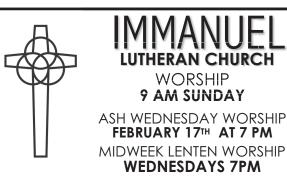
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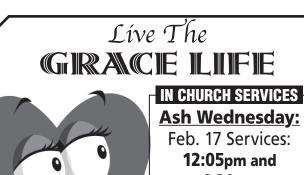
AA Meetings

AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/county-resource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.





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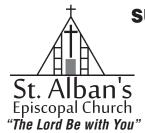
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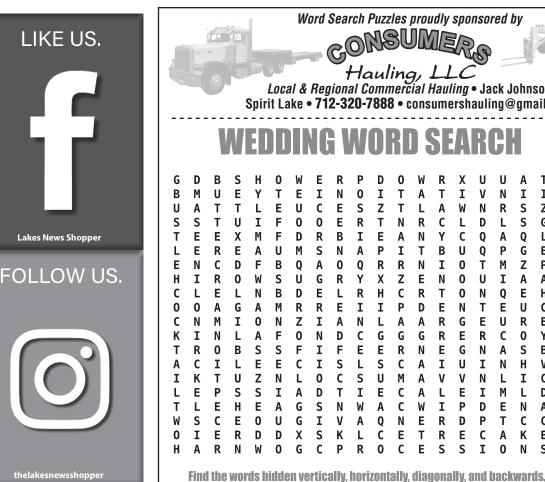














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producer was born in Detroit. It was *Shop Around*, a song he wrote for The Miracles, that became Motown's first of many million selling records... We owe special thanks to several *Lakes New Shopper* staffers for their help over the years – and especially for excusing the myriad of technical problems

that put us out of commission when last week's deadline rolled around. Since day one with The *LNS* we have written and composed *RAMBOling*, not just in type, but to make it fully ready for publication. For the immediate future at least we will be depending on the staff to help us keep things rolling – and to share all we hope to see happening again – sooner than later – on the campus

Thank you, too, for reading RAMBOling!

70-some albums, and earned three Grammy Awards.)

----- ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT -----

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

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Hoffman qualified for the academic honor by earning a 4.00 grade point average during the semester. Hoffman attended Okoboji High School.

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Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starts February 23, 2021.

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Class will be held from 6:30-8:00pm Tuesday evenings at Bedell Family YMCA. Everyone is welcome.

Questions, please contact Nancy Vierkant at 712-330-4266 or nancyvierkant@yahoo.com with questions. Pre-registration required, class space is limited.

Register online at fpu.com/1132605 – Class along with online membership begins at \$59.99.

UCB Steps to Stay Safe Online

At United Community Bank, we strive to protect our customers and communities. The pandemic has forced remote working and

greater use of cloud technologies and in return have brought new opportunities for cybercriminals. Chris Stein, United Community Bank, Vice President of Technology, explains, "There are numerous benefits to using technology but there are also risks including ransomware and malware. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) offers the following tips to stay safe online."



• Keep software up to date. Install software patches so that

attackers cannot take advantage of known problems or vulnerabilities. Many operating systems offer automatic updates. If this option is available, you should enable it.

• Use strong passwords. Select passwords that will be difficult for attackers to guess, and use different passwords for different programs and devices. It is best to use long, strong passphrases or passwords that consist of at least 16 characters.

• Be suspicious of unexpected emails. Phishing emails are currently one of the most prevalent risks to the average user. The goal of a phishing email is to gain information about you, steal money from you, or install malware on your device. Be suspicious of all unexpected emails.

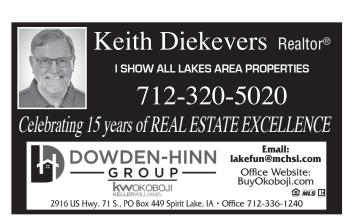
• Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA). Authentication is a process used to validate a user's identity. Attackers commonly exploit weak authentication processes. MFA uses at least two identity components to authenticate a user's identity, minimizing the risk of a cyberattacker gaining access to an account if they know the username and password. Many applications now provide MFA to help protect you.

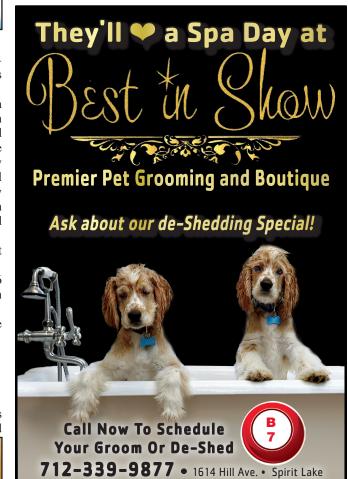
• Run up-to-date antivirus software. A reputable antivirus software application is an important protective measure against known malicious threats. It can automatically detect, quarantine, and remove various types of malware. Be sure to enable automatic virus definition updates to ensure maximum protection against the latest threats.

• Check Social Media Privacy Settings. Know what you are sharing on social media and who has access. Review settings to understand who has access to your information including location, status, timeline, pictures and other shared content.

• Use a Credit Freeze or Credit Monitoring. A credit freeze or credit monitoring are two options to restrain cybercriminals from wreaking havoc with your finances. A credit freeze is stronger and less expensive than credit monitoring, but requires more time and effort when you must give lenders access to your report to obtain a loan.

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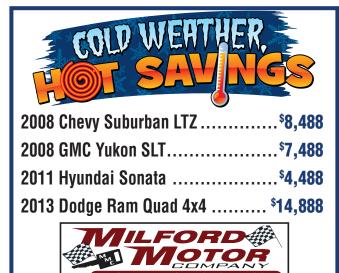
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UNI Graduation List

New alumni were added to the roster of graduates of the University of Northern Iowa. Congratulations to the following Dickinson County students who have received their degrees: Shayna Hartwig of Lake Park, Emily Wintz of Milford, Callan Hinn and Tyler Pauley of Spirit Lake.

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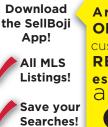
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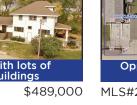




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Evans Named Bank President at Northwest Bank in Arnolds Park & Milford

Doug Benjamin, Regional President at Northwest Bank, is pleased to announce that Nicole Evans has accepted the position as Bank President overseeing Arnolds Park and Milford locations.

Nicole's new role includes Commercial Banking where she will develop and service commercial businesses with their banking needs and support their business growth. Nicole's additional responsibilities include team development and coordinating bank involvement within the community.

Nicole has been with Northwest Bank for nearly 11 years and has been Retail Manager in Arnolds Park for the past 5 years. Nicole has expertise in areas of personal banking, wealth management and commercial banking.

Nicole and her husband Tom, son Davis and daughter Charlee reside in Spirit Lake. Nicole is an active community member in the Lakes area and currently serves as Treasurer for the Dickinson County Relay for Life and President of the Spirit Lake Elementary Partners in Education organization.

Doug Benjamin commented, "Nicole has been a valued team

member for years. Her positive energy and focus on providing outstanding service contributes to the success of her leadership within our organization. She understands the important impact our community bank has in the communities we serve, and I am confident she will continue to provide high quality service which reflects our mission statement – Building Relationships, Exceeding Expectations.'

Northwest Bank is a \$2.0 billion community bank that offers a full line of business, agricultural, mortgage, consumer deposit and lending services as well as wealth management and insurance services. Northwest Bank has offices located in Algona, Ames, Arnolds Park, Ankeny, Estherville, Fort Dodge, Humboldt, Le Mars, Milford, Sioux Center, Sioux City, Spencer, Spirit Lake, West Des Moines, Iowa, as well as Omaha and La Vista, Nebraska.

Carthage College has named Nicole Acton from Arnolds Park to its dean's list for academic excellence during the fall 2020 semester. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.



Acton Named

to Dean's List



Youth In Philanthropy Students Request Support

Students of the Youth In Philanthropy program of the Okoboji Foundation are inviting the public to help reach their fundraising goal of \$55,000. All gifts provided to the YIP group will be used for grant awards to vital community projects steered by student decision.

"The students are working especially hard this year to raise as many funds as possible because they know the needs of our non-profits are even greater this year," said Ali Schmitz, Okoboji Foundation Executive Assistance and YIP leader.

The YIP students meet monthly to learn about community giving and how raising funds and then granting them to local organizations make a difference in their own quality of life, yet more importantly the impact to the region.

On February 2nd, students met at the new Monarch Maser Lodge at the Dickinson County Nature Center. A recently completed project and 2018 grant recipient, the students were the first to use the beautiful lodge. Dickinson County Conservation Board Education Director, Bry Kuhlman, educated the YIP students about recent grants, programs offered, and the impact of the Nature Center in the community.

Following the update from Bry, students turned their focus to learning how to read and score grant applications. Foundation staff discussed the responsibility that will be given to the students and how best to review each grant, giving thought When asked, "Why are you dedicated

to giving back to your community?" students responded with heartfelt messages.

"Youth in Philanthropy is important to me because I love serving and helping others," said Danielle Christoffels, second year YIP student. "It makes me happy knowing that I am making a difference in my community.' "Youth in Philan-

thropy is important to

me because it allows me to use my time, energy, and knowledge into strengthening the community which seems like a great thing to be involved in," said YIP student, Isabelle Gehrke. "It allows me to contribute to the community to improve the human condition which I think is awesome!'

"Youth in Philanthropy is important to me. To help and be more involved with my community," said Avery Smith, second year YIP participant.

YIP student, Stella Donkersloot said, "Youth in Philanthropy is important because it gets us young kids involved with the community early.'

"Since my community has given so to how they can make the biggest impact.



Ben Fisher, Stella Donkersloot, Danielle Christoffels, Isabelle Gehrke Joshua Stoever, Avery Smith.

for me to give back," said Ben Fisher, third year YIP student. "It's for these reasons that I love it and apply for the program each year."

Josh Stover expressed his interest: "I believe that everyone needs a little help including nonprofits during this time".

Every gift to YIP makes a difference. The students request and thank you for

Sponsorships can be mailed to Okoboji Foundation, PO Box 593, Okoboji IA 51355, or you can give online at www. okobojifoundation.org/yip Fundraising will continue through March 31st.

View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Hawks Fly High Last Week

After writing about another possible "February Fran Fade" last week, the Hawks showed strong signs that they are not fading away this February with an impressive week where they thumped Rutgers at home 79-66 and then followed that up with one of their most impressive defensive performances of the season in a completely dominating 88-58 win at Michigan State. While this isn't your typical Top 10 Michigan State team, anytime you can dominate a Tom Izzo coached team like Iowa did on Saturday it is very impressive as Izzo's teams are always built on toughness and defense, and Iowa completely flipped the script on them in East Lansing. What should have Iowa fans excited about the Michigan State win is that they did so with star big man Luka Garza scoring only eight points as fellow big man Jack Nunge had one of his best games as a Hawkeye with 18 points and 11 rebounds; Joe Wieskamp continued his strong play with 21 points while Connor McCaffery chipped in with 16 points, including a career-high four 3-pointers. Another stat that should excite Iowa fans is that Iowa outrebounded Michigan State 46-37 as Izzo's teams pride themselves on consistently being the top rebounding team in the B1G.

As I wrote last week, for Iowa to advance deep into the NCAA Tournament they are going to have to defend at a higher level, and at least in their last three games the Hawks have done that, holding their last three opponents below 40% field goal shooting (Michigan State actually only shot 30%). A main reason for Iowa's stronger defense is that they are playing more man-to-man defense and not relying as much on their 2-3 zone, which has some definite holes in it. The challenge for Iowa now becomes how they defend at that high level against the upper-level teams of the B1G as the last three opponents Iowa has played have a combined record of 33-24 where four of their next five games are against #21Wisconsin (twice), #4 Ohio State and #3 Michigan. This stretch of games will also determine how high of seed Iowa will receive in the NCAA Tournament. The first rankings by the NCAA Division I Seeding Committee has Iowa as a 4 seed. If the Hawks could find a way to go 4-1 in their last five games, I have to believe they could climb as high as a 2 seed; if they go 3-2, I would guess they would remain in the 4-5 area and if they would stumble and go 2-3, I would put them in the 5-6 range. These next two weeks will go a long way to determine if the February Fran Fade can be turned into a Fran's February Fantastic Finish!



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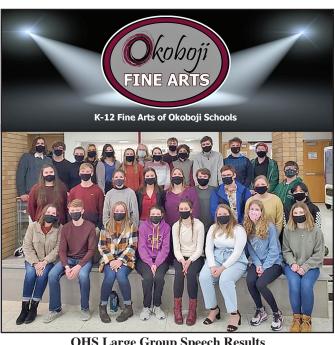


Students Named to Dean's List

Simpson College announced that 208 students made the Dean's List for the 2020 fall semester. Students qualify for the academic honor by earning a minimum 3.70 grade point average during the semester.

Local students named to the Dean's List include: Jada Duis of Ochevedan, John Galm of Spencer and Laura Nielsen of Arnolds Park.

Prospective students interested in learning more about Simpson College can schedule a virtual or on-campus visit and apply for admission at simpson.edu.



OHS Large Group Speech Results

Okoboji High School had over 40 students participating in the Large Group Speech season. They competed at Districts on January 23 and State on February 6. Both contests were at home with judges brought in and students and spectators masked. At Districts, 10 events competed and 8 earned Division I rating and qualified for State. At State, 8 events competed and 7 of those earned Division I ratings and 1 event earned Division II rating. Congratulations to Coaches Williamsen and Doyle and all these hard working speech students!

Choral Reading (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Kole Carstens. Haley Hallengren, Laci Hilpipre, Logan Langel, Andi Winkowitsch, Dani Christoffels, Gwen Gehrke, Shay Olthoff, Audrey Farrar, Chayse Packebush, Chloe Prentice, Hunter Hallengren, Aubry Knudtson, Maddison Lambert.

Ensemble Acting Miracle Worker (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Matti Evenson, Sophie Sires.

Ensemble Acting Odd Couple (Rating: Districts-II): Audrey Farrar, Morgan Riphagen.

Group Improv Duffy (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Lexi Duffy, Liam Knudtson, Carter Lambert.

Group Improv Kollasch (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Kai Cookinham, Kayla Kollasch, Maddison Lambert.

Group Mime (Rating: Districts-I; State-II): Chloe Kahl, Haley Harms, Hilary Mathias, Sydni Powell, Abby Wassom.

One Act Play (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Actors: Lexi Duffy, Morgan Riphagen, Liam Knudtson, Jacob Gilson, Robert Adams, Ayla Miller, Kayla Kollasch, Andi Winkowitsch, Haley Harms, Chayse Packebush, Chloe Prentice, Gauge Reyes, Lacey Duffy.

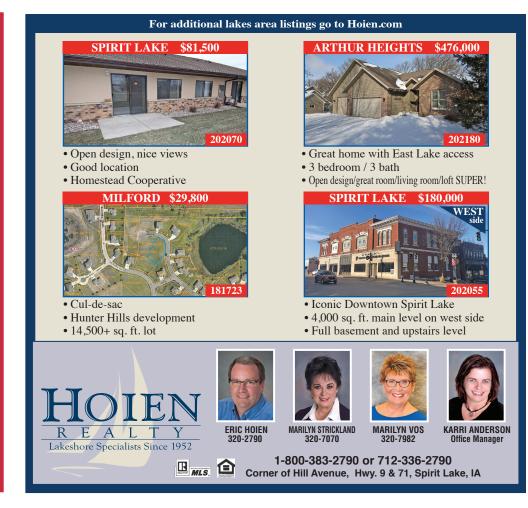
Crew: Braden Worrell, Shelby Bentley, Levi Winkowitsch. Readers Theatre (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Cassie Hinshaw, Gwen Gehrke, Carter Lambert, Gabe Batman, Haley Hallengren, Logan Langel, Jacob Gilson, Joey Batman, Gauge Reyes, Isabelle Gehrke, Shay Olthoff, Veda Danbom, Sophie Behrens, Ally Peters.

Short Film (Rating: Districts-II): Dani Christoffels, Chloe Kahl, HiIary Mathias, Sydni Powell, Abby Wassom.

Solo Mime (Rating: Districts-I; State-I): Olivia Tuttle







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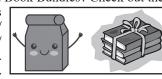




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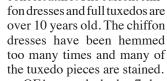




Okoboji Music New Uniforms Update

Okoboji Fine Arts is coordinating a 28-Day Challenge in February to raise funds for new band and choir uniforms at

Okoboji High School. Both band and choir wear the same concert attire. The current chif-



OFA recently had a 7 day **Donation To Okoboji Fine Arts** Mini Challenge. Miss Sophi

offered to match donations up to \$2000! The Mini Challenge ended on Feb. 10th and we are excited to announce that over \$2,000 was donated, so that money was doubled!

As of February 12, Our total is \$7,145. The OFA aims to raise \$10,500 in 3 phases. Due to the matching Mini Challenge, we have met Phase 1 and are within a few hundred dollars of completing Phase 2!

PHASE 1 (\$4,800): New formal, full length dress (including tailoring) for approximately \$75. GOAL IS MET. PHASE 2 (\$2,600): New dress shirts and tuxedo dress pants

with alterations for approximately \$55. PHASE 3 (\$3,100): New tuxedo jackets. Each jacket is ap-

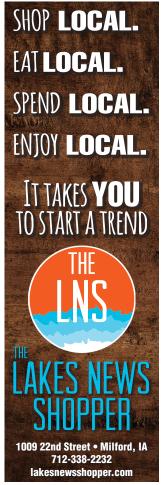
proximately \$70 with tailoring. We had thought we would have to wait a few years, but generosity is making this phase attainable. PRIZES: Each individual/business that donates will be eligible for one of four \$25 gift certificates to Perkins Restaurant. The first winner was Dawn Godfredsen. OFA will 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 also on our

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Sun., Feb. 21 - 11:30 AM -Household Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Now Until Mon., Feb. 23 -5:00 PM - Online Only Bremer Estate Auction in Sibley, IA. Auctioneers: Klaassen Realty & Auctions 712-754-3500. www. klaassenrealtv.com

Thurs., Feb. 18 – 10:00 AM – 152 Acres at Auction in Clay, Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com

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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.

Thurs., Mar. 4 - 10:00 AM -317.1 Acres in Clay & Buena Vista Co., IA, at auction. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

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Holly, the Education Director at the art center, gave me a great tour of the entire building. We started in the Bud & Bev

Pearson Gallery to explore the 3rd largest collection of Soviet Impressionist art outside of Russia! Holly told me about Russian artists of the time, and why their work was so unique. They painted images of landscapes and common people in normal environments. Unlike art found in other parts of the world at the time, Russian work showcased normal people, not the elite of society!

We then moved on to four additional galleries that rotate artists every 2-3 months. Currently, there is a great collection of pottery from Beth Cathcart that was paired with paintings from local visual artists. There is also a wonderful exhibit by Beverly Pearson with complimenting pieces from the Pearson Art Foundation Collection. This exhibit illustrates the inspiration and evolution of an artist. My favorite pieces were Bev's floral watercolors! Yet another gallery was filled with the works of longtime collector, Patty Davis. The variety of work she collected consists of tiny paintings, pottery, bronze sculptures, watercolors, and more! It's a wonderful addition to the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Then we toured the classrooms! The art center aims to not only inspire people to appreciate art, but also to create it! Classes (normally) take place all year long to give everyone from children to adults an opportunity to learn more about art and create something beautiful. There is a weekly pottery class coming up in April that I just might try! To my friends & family, if I take this class you will all get one-of-a-kind pottery created by me next Christmas!

We also toured the 288 seat theatre that has welcomed Grammy award-winning musicians year after year. The theatre creates an intimate environment that allows audience members to feel a part of each show!

I had such a wonderful tour that I stopped back later in the evening to participate in the latest culinary arts class – Wine 101. Our class was limited in size to allow for social distance, and we learned the basics of wine while we sampled a number of varieties.

I hope you use this winter to become a tourist in our community, and visit the Pearson Lakes Art Center. It's fun (and free) to take a stroll through the galleries and look at beautiful art. Some pieces will make you smile, and some will make you wrinkle your forehead and wonder what the artist was thinking. That's okay! Visit the Pearson Lakes Art Center to find some paintings that make you smile, and consider signing up for a class to inspire you further! Learn more about the Pearson Lakes Art Center and other fun adventures in the Iowa Great Lakes area at www.VacationOkoboji.com.



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Erin Reed, Dickinson County Trails Board Executive Director and Eric Hoien, cross country trails volunteer, are pictured with the new Polaris Titan XC snowmobile they received with a grant from the Polaris Foundation for grooming trails at the Kettleson Hogsback WMA complex. Thank you to the Polaris Foundation for their consideration and gift to the Dickinson County Trails. We are fortunate to have fantastic local support for our trails and we are grateful for the assistance from Polaris Industries in Spirit Lake. Appreciation also goes to our local volunteers, Bob Waters and Eric Hoien, for grooming our beautiful cross country trails at Brooks Golf-Nature Center in Okoboji and Kettleson Hogsback WMA west of Big Spirit Lake.





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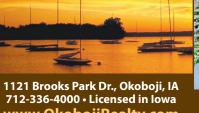
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chicken thighs 1 42 pounds russet potatoes, peeled & sliced 1/4" thick

1 cup carrots, peeled and sliced 1 cup celery, sliced

4 cups chicken broth 1 teaspoon dried thyme 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Toppings: shredded cheese, additional cooked bacon, diced green onions



cooker. Place chicken thighs on top of the onion mixture. Add potatoes, carrots and celery to the slow cooker, then pour chicken broth over top and season with thyme and black pepper. Cover and cook on LOW for 8-12 hours. Remove chicken to a cutting board and shred with a fork. Remove 1 cup of potatoes to a blender and blend until smooth. Stir chicken and potatoes back into soup and serve. Top with shredded cheese,

chopped bacon or green onions, if desired. Iowa Dietitian Tonya Huenink at www.mealsqueeze.com This weekly meal plan service provides easy, optional meal prep lists which can be done in advance. It would save you precious week night



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Parks Marina Winter Games Events Raise Nearly \$2,000 for Local Charities

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"I think we did a great job of shifting with the pandemic restrictions," Debbie Parks, marketing director at Parks Marina, said. "Not only were the Winter Games as a whole a big success, but many charities will benefit which is something that often goes overlooked in the hype of the weekend."

With COVID-19 regulations in place, the Marina made the decision to cancel what would have been their ninth annual Battle of the Bartenders for charity. While this event

is typically the largest Winter Games weekend fundraiser held by Parks, a number of charitable events were still open for participation, including: "Human Dogsled Races," "Drill or Die: Ice Auger Races," men's and women's Keg Toss contest at the Gardens, and the "Best in Snow" Dog Show held at Okoboji Boat

Works. Combined participation in these events raised nearly \$2,000 Attracting dozens of onlookers at Parks Marina, the "Human

Dogsled Races" in which teams of four have to pull one member on an inflatable tube in a head-to-head race, raised \$660. With a generous match by the event sponsor, Doll Distributing, a total of \$1,320 will go to the St. Sebastian Sports Project, the winners'

A recently added event, the second annual OBW Best in Snow Dog Show, had upwards of 25 entries and raised \$304 for the Dickinson County Humane Society.

Other amounts raised include \$40 for the Douglas Alexander Memorial Foundation through the "Drill or Die: Ice Auger Races" sponsored by the Fisherman's Factory Outlet and \$310 combined from the Garden's men's and women's Keg Toss contests sponsored by Doll Distributing, which will go to Arnolds Park Okoboji Fire & Rescue.

The success over Winter Games weekend followed Parks Marina's 12th annual Boat Load of Toys fundraiser held during the Christmas season, which brought together \$6,800 worth of new toys which were distributed to families through Upper Des Moines Opportunity thanks to generous donations from the community.

Parks Marina continues to not only be dedicated to the service and care of its customers, but also to the Iowa Great Lakes Region and its surrounding communities.

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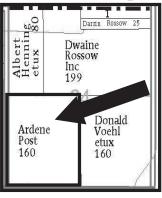
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The Chamber of Commerce Board, with the partnership of the Ag Breakfast Committee, has decided to postpone the 2021

They want to ensure to deliver the best agricultural breakfast; however, with current Clay County mask mandate and social distancing guidelines they would not be able to deliver the safe high-quality event that the residents of Clay County and the surrounding area deserve. They do look forward to planning

a high-quality Ag Breakfast for March 15, 2022, and providing a great opportunity for socializing and networking. Questions and comments, please contact: Becky Fear-Hat-

ting, Program Director, programs@spenceriowachamber.org, 712-262-5680.

Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser Rescheduled

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Camp Autumn are hosting their 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser

at Camp Autumn, near I Sutherland, on Saturday, March 6,2021. The event was rescheduled due to frigid temperatures forecasted for the original event date of February 13th. This event is a free

will donation event and is open to the public, though registration is encouraged. Visit https://fb.me/e/6m24cKHCh to learn more. To register, visit https://bit.ly/3qXNK48. Learn more at https:// fb.me/e/6m24cKHCh.

Dickinson County Treasury News

Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley says, "Governor Reynolds' Proclamation of Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 was updated on February

5, 2021. There are still two state motor vehicle-related extensions in place: 1) Driving for up to 90 days with temporary tags from a dealer while waiting on titling/plating. 2) Overweight loads for Motor Carriers. There are also active federal suspensions regarding commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and commercial learner's permits (CLPs)." • Please note that driver's licenses that

- expired beginning January 16, 2020, and during the proclamation, are again subject to the printed expiration date on the license since January 9, 2021. The 60-day grace period for driving on an expired license has resumed as normal, applied to the original expiration date of the license. If your driver's license has been expired more than one year, you will have to retest. Contact the Dickinson County Driver's License station to schedule an appointment. • The Dickinson County Driver's Li-
- only call for an appointment at 712-336-6277 or renew online if eligible at https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/service-selector. Some driver's licenses can be extended for 6 months for driving purposes online with the Department of Transportation. • Through February 28, 2021, commercial driver's licenses (CDL's) and

commercial learner's permits (CLPs)

that expired on or after March 1, 2020,

are considered valid for driving any-

cense Station is open by appointment

where in the U.S., in accordance with relief provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Beginning March 1, 2021, all CDLs/CLPs will be subject to their printed expiration date when driving out-of-state and while driving in Iowa. In Iowa the 60-day grace period will resume as normal, applied to the original expiration date of the license unless these are extended.

- Motor vehicles purchased from a dealer between September 1, 2020, and March 7,2021, and using dealer-issued temporary tags until the vehicle can be titled and plated at the county treasurer's office, can be operated on the highways of this state without registration plates for up to 90 days after the date of delivery of the vehicle to the purchaser from a dealer. Normally this must be completed by 45 days. The requirement to submit title application work to the county treasurer within 30 days remains in effect. If late, a late title penalty of \$10.00 is charged at the county treasurer's office. • On non-interstate roads only, trucks
- hauling food, medical supplies, cleaning products, other household goods, agricultural supplies and commodities (including, but not limited to, livestock, raw milk and crop supplies) may exceed the weights listed in Iowa Code 321.463 by 12.5% without a permit so long as they don't exceed 20,000 pounds on an individual axle and their total weight does not exceed 90,000 pounds. Trucks are still required to obey posted bridge restrictions. This will last until March 7, 2021 unless extended by the Governor.

• REALID driver's license enforcement was extended by federal law until October 1, 2021.

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

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

If you have questions, call the treasurer's office at 712-336-1205 or email the treasurer at krowley@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov. Driver's license appointments can be made by calling 712-336-6277. The tax/motor vehicle office is open from 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, and no appointments are necessary. The driver's license office is open by appointment only from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The driver's license office is closed from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.



COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Dickinson County Public Health (DCPH) has been busy vaccinating those in the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH) Phase 1B, Tier 1 grouping for COVID-19. Since the vaccine became available in December, they've administered over 1.600 doses and completed 475 vaccination series.

Lakes Regional Healthcare Director of Population and Public Health Katy Burke said they've been administering doses as quickly as they receive them. "We are now receiving 300 doses on average rather than the previous allotments of 200 doses, and we've focused on giving them to those most vulnerable to COVID-19," she said. "We expect to continue to receive similar allocations of the Moderna vaccine throughout the month of February, and will continue to focus on the most vulnerable residents within our county."

DCPH is now turning its attention to individuals within Phase 1B's 65 and older guidelines with health conditions that predispose them to having bad outcomes with COVID-19. An important way DCPH learns of who is most vulnerable is by reviewing questionnaires completed by area residents. The questionnaire is located on Lakes Regional Healthcare's website at www.lakeshealth.org or directly at https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/3MCHNZG. "Over 3,200 people have completed the questionnaire, and we have hundreds more that have called in to be on the waiting list. Many people call us every day asking if we received their questionnaire. We really appreciate how many people have taken the time to complete this because it allows us to risk stratify everyone to vaccinate those most vulnerable first while also following IDPH guidelines," said Burke. "However, our small, yet extremely dedicated staff has a limited bandwidth to verify every person's status on the waiting list. We hope people understand that if they did complete it, we did receive their questionnaire, and we will email or call them when they are able to get the vaccine.'

Each day nearly 100 people complete the questionnaire, which affects the prioritization of individuals to receive the vaccine. "For this reason," said Burke, "it's challenging to tell people where they are on the list. We realize there is heightened anticipation to receive the vaccine, but it is important they trust that we will call them once they're able to get the vaccine. As long as they completed the questionnaire, they will be contacted eventually.

DCPH has received comments saying people under age 65 have received the vaccine already in other parts of the state. Burke said this is quite possible because IDPH guidelines were to vaccinate people in Phase 1A first, which included healthcare workers and EMS volunteers. Many of these people were under age 65 but were highly likely to encounter people with COVID-19. Phase 1B includes people over age 65 plus first responders, education staff, and childcare workers, some of which may likely be under age 65. Individual county public health departments decide how to distribute the vaccine to the county's population, whether it is strictly based on age or occupation or health conditions or a combination. DCPH is considering all criteria – age, occupation, health conditions – to risk stratify those in Dickinson County so those most vulnerable to COVID-19 get the vaccine first. People in other states or other counties may be receiving the vaccine more quickly due to the criteria their state or local public health

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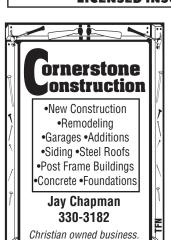


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2021 Eggs & Issue - Legislative Forums

The Legislative Committee of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the second session of the 2021 Legislative Forums. The second Legislative Forum (Eggs & Issues) will be Saturday, February 27, 2021, with the final session on March 20, 20201. These

forums are a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and Northwest Iowa.

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

On Saturday, February 27, 2021,

an audience of 15 area residents only will be allowed - with all of the Clay County mask mandate guidelines being followed - wear a mask and social distance. Anyone wishing to be in attendance on February 27th will need to register with the Spencer Chamber of Commerce on/ or before Friday, February 26, 2021, by noon this will be on a first call first reserved basis. Please call 712-262-5680 to reserve your spot. For those that are not part of the first 15 to register and would like to have a question asked, PLEASE email your questions to programs@spenceriowachamber; mail them to Spencer Chamber of Commerce, 1805 Highway Blvd, Spencer, Iowa 51301 or drop them by the Chamber Office on or before Friday, February 26, 2021. Each question will be asked to the legislators and they will reply as normal.

The session will be live on SMU, taped by Mediacom Cable TV with both stations replaying the session, live streamed on Spencer Signal, Spencer Radio Group will broadcast live on 102.5 and 1240 AM KICD and will be present, along with the Daily Reporter; the session will start live at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Legislators that have confirmed for the February 27th session are: State Senator, Zach Whiting; Representative, Megan Jones; and Representative John H. Wills.

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

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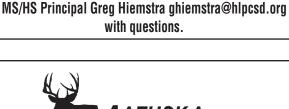


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