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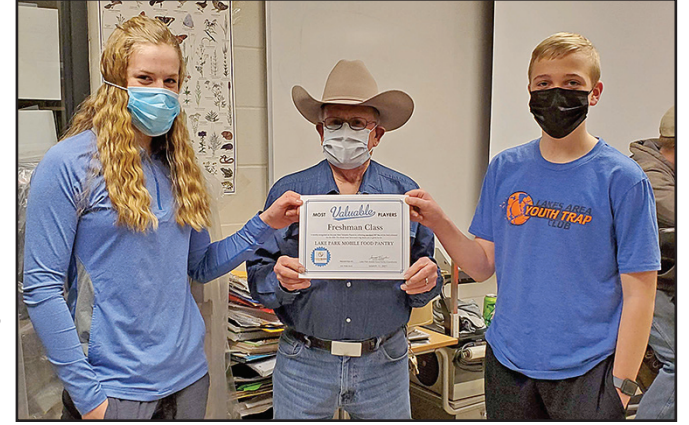
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Eckard named to Dean's List

Matthew Eckard of Milford has been named to the fall 2020 trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.

Milford Library News

Youth Corner

Dinosaur Grab and Go Bags are ready for pick up at the Milford Memorial Library. The crafts are a cute clothespin dinosaur and Q-tip skeleton dinosaur. You get both crafts in one bag plus many more extras. If you reserved them ahead of time, the deadline to pick them up is Friday, March 26. After that, the bags will be given away to those on the waiting list. Please call MML at 712-338-4643 or email Miss Becca at beccas@milford.lib.ia.us if you would like to be placed on the dinosaur bag waiting list. All bags can be picked up at MML's Drive-up Window.



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Birthday Announcement

Myrna Matthiesen will be turning 90 years young on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Please help us celebrate with a card shower. Warm wishes can reach her at P.O. Box 233, Lake Park, Iowa 51347

85th Birthday Announcement

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Three OHS Students Named to Jazz All-State Band

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Jazz All-State will be held as a one-day event at three different locations and dates, outdoors (weather permitting), with masking, bell covers, and social distancing precautions in place. Class 1A-2A will perform June 5 at Earlham Park Amphitheater.

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The search is underway for candidates to compete for the title of Clay County Fair Queen. The winner, to be crowned Sunday, May 2, will reign over this year's Clay County Fair and will also compete for the State Fair Queen title.



Females between the ages of 16 and 21 by August 11, the first day of the 2021 Iowa State Fair, may apply. Candidates must have never been married, cannot be a professional model, cannot represent any other organization, and must reside in Clay County or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Clay County. Applicants must be a member of at least one service organization such as 4-H, Girl Scouts or a church group. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership.)

The Clay County Fair Queen will represent the Clay County Fair at the Flagfest Parade in June, the Iowa State Fair during the queen contest, selected celebrations during the summer, and the Clay County Fair in September. The Fair will be flexible with appearance dates if the queen has educational conflicts during her reign.

Applications are available online at <https://claycountyfair.com/get-involved/fair-queen/>. The application must be submitted to the Clay County Fair Queen Contest, PO Box 527, Spencer, Iowa 51301 or emailed to info@claycountyfair.com on or before April 12. A committee will then select the finalists who will compete for the title on Sunday, May 2 at the Clay County Regional Events Center.

Finalists will be notified by April 19 and will receive more information regarding the next phase of the competition. Candidates will be judged on personality, attitude, awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to the community, overall appearance, charm poise and her three-minute or less self-expression portion. All judges' decisions will be final.

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Spring Is Finally Here! OST sets six After its 2020 Okoboji Summer Theatre season was blacked-out by the COVID virus, Stephens College officials made the decision late last week to make plans for an abbreviated 2021 Okoboji Summer Theatre season to begin in June. OST executive director Ruth Ann Burke told Stager at Stan Friday morning that she was really happy to "get back to it," and see the season open. While many shows are still under consideration, Burke explained that artistic director Stephen Brotebeck will spend the next week or two going over audition videos to determine which students will be best suited to individual roles before contracting for rights to specific shows. No determination has been made as to whether the Boji Bantam Children's Theatre will be part of the mix this year. Burke explained that the decision will be made following the casting for the main stage shows and the availability of student cast members. The season's program is expected to be announced in early May, while the box office is expected to open in late May or early June, for the 63rd season. Burke wanted to make sure we mentioned the probability of reduced seating and adherence to all COVID protocols for everyone's personal safety. Diane and Scott Benjamin also want us to let you know that The Duo Republic will be performing on the stage in the barn, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00. The Beyond Blue Diet will take the same stage on Easter ...afternoon - also from 4-6:00... It was 136 years ago that the Boston Symphony Orchestra made its debut. And it was right at the turn of the 19th to the 20th century that the aggregation's short concert group took on the name of The Boston Pops Orchestra. Fast forward 30 more years and a gentleman by the name of Arthur Fiedler became the conductor who stayed with The Pops until he passed away in 1979. Then, enter John Williams, who moved The Pops' sound much closer to the 21st century than Fiedler ever would have, even had he lived more than a very productive 85 years. Williams was the lead conductor for 13 years. We note all that history so you might have a better appreciation of the work of John Williams, some of which is available now as a free download. It was many years ago that we learned of the U.S. Marine Corps' annual recordings being made available for "educational purposes" to schools and broadcasters. Though many stations shied away from the free music, The Old Professor took them up on the offer along with other material The President's Own band posted for download. Many other military bands have similar programs - mostly as a recruiting tool. The last year being what it was, the Marine Corps wisely decided to make the album conducted by John Williams available for online listening (on YouTube.Com) and as a free download (Yes, it is your tax money at work.) Get the download from: bit.ly/JohnWilliamsAlbum Research director RD tells us that it was on March 22, 1857, that culinary expert Fannie Farmer was born in Boston. While the name should be familiar it should not be confused with the candy company. What's more important is that Fannie Farmer improved cooking by introducing the measurements of ingredients in her cookbooks, which included fudge! While measuring ingredients sounds like a novel idea today, it was truly significant at the time. Note, too, that Fannie Farmer and Fanny Farmer (candy) are spelled differently, but they both agree on good candy - for which chocolate fancier RD picked a song that was first performed by Johnny Mercer and the Pied Pipers in 1944. Candy was recorded not only by the Mercer mob, but by The Four Freshmen, in 1960, The Manhattan Transfer in 1975, and Clark Terry with The Metropole Orchestra, in 1995. It was March 25, 1951, that Guys and Dolls won the award for the Best Musical at the Grammy Awards. The best-known song from that show was written by Frank Loesser, and saw Frank Sinatra have a quick hit with it, as did Jack Jones, in 1964, and Ed Ames, in 1966... 'Sassy' Sarah Vaughan was born in New Jersey, on March 27, 1927. A lady of many nicknames, including "The Divine One," she made her recording debut in 1950, with a Columbia LP that included East of the Sun and West of the Moon, which RD wisely selected to celebrate Sunday's full moon. Enjoy! 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 Deadline for RAMBOLing submissions is the Friday prior to Tuesday publication

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LeadCity CRM, Website Design, Lead Generation, Transaction Management, and Electronic Signature solutions have been at the heart of RE/MAX Lakes Realty technology platform since 2014. After years of development, the technology startup is now focused on bringing its real estate management solutions to market, which Steve will be directly responsible for. Steve's years of experience in sales, sales management and customer service, the last 15 years directly in the real estate industry, is a great fit for introducing LeadCity to real estate brokers nationwide.

In addition to his role with LeadCity, Steve will still be available to his current, former, and future clients, in order to assist with any real estate needs. Aaron states, "In order for Steve to be successful in his Business Development role with LeadCity, we felt it was extremely important for Steve to continue to also offer real estate services, so that he would be able to continue to relate to brokers, agents, and MLS's regarding the issues and challenges they may face in the industry now and in the future. It just makes sense."

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Obituaries

Georgia D. Soule 90, of Arnolds Park, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Georgia was born April 24, 1930, to George and Bertha (Halfrich) Astor in Sioux City, Iowa. She received her education in Sioux City attending St. Joseph Catholic, Woodrow Jr. High and Central High School. Georgia was united in marriage to Wayne W. Soule on December 25, 1946, in Sioux City.



Georgia worked at various jobs including Northwest Piano, Dr. D. P. Schmidt Ophthalmology, Bee Hive, Davies Department Store and Farm Bureau until they entered a partnership purchasing A & M Laundry in Spencer where Georgia took an active part in the bookkeeping for the business.

Georgia was a Girl Scout Leader, served as Worthy Matron of Eastern Star in Spencer, enjoyed playing Bridge, bowling, was an accomplished seamstress, enjoyed traveling and reading.

After retirement Georgia and Wayne spent their winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama, until Wayne's death in 2003, at which time she relocated permanently to Arnolds Park with her faithful companion and best friend Bama.

Georgia touched many lives of all ages due to her kindness and generosity which came naturally due to her young spirit and good sense of humor which she often reminded others was "the only thing in life that comes free."

Georgia's greatest joy was raising her four daughters, spending the summers at Lake Okoboji. She was always surrounded by her family forming an extremely loving bond and creating lasting memories with all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an advisor to all.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the compassion and excellent care Georgia received from the staff at the Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley where she had resided in the most recent months.

She is survived by her daughters, Connie (Jerry) Larson of Spencer; Debra (Allan) Poller of Lake Hopatcong, NJ; Judy (Mark) Linquist of Sioux City; and Terry Lowry of Spirit Lake. Grandchildren, Nicole (Paul Bassette) Lidman, Aaron (Liz) Lowry, Courtney (William) Casey, Dallas (Hali) Lowry, CW Larson, Heath (Ashley Hodgell) Lowry, Tyler (Amanda) Larson, Samantha Poller, and Drew Poller, 16 great-grandchildren with a new one on the way that she was very excited to be told was arriving in the near future, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Soule; parents, George and Bertha Astor; sisters, Elizabeth LaRue, Mildred and (Rev. Willard) Cunningham; nephew, Jerry Cunningham and son-in-law, Rick Lowry.

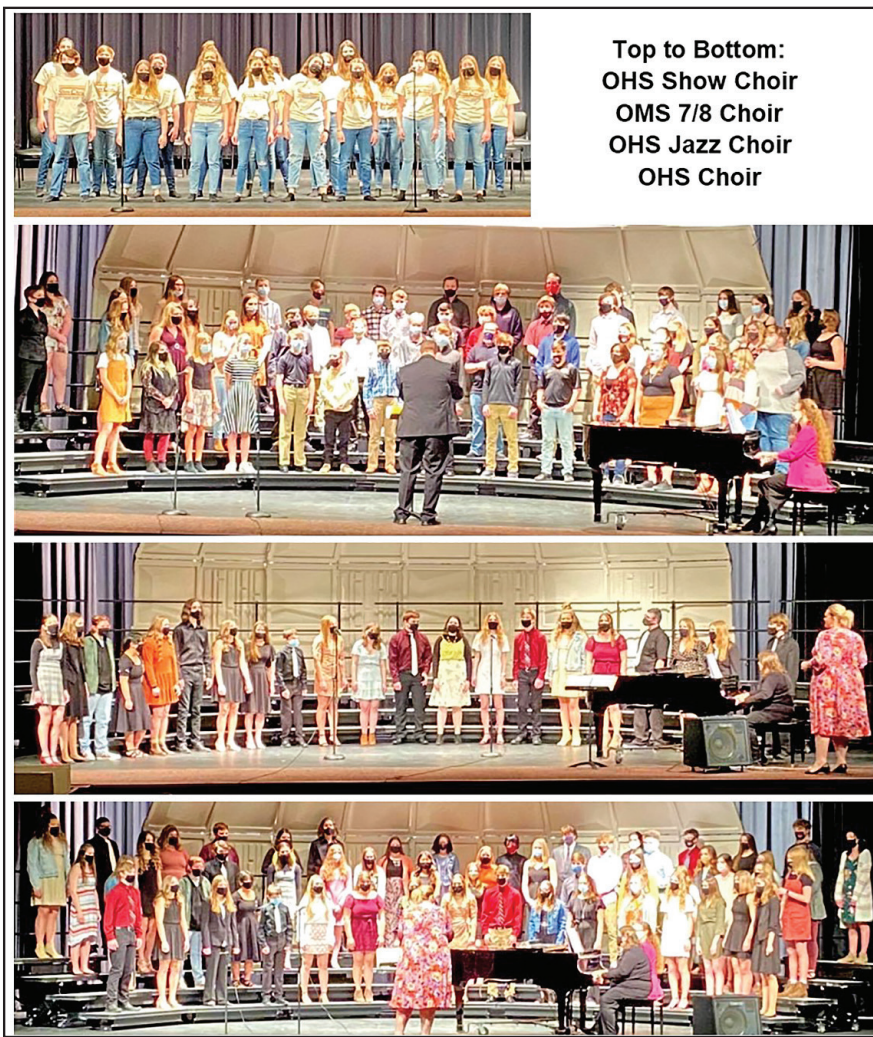
Okoboji Vocal Music Spring Pops Concert

Okoboji Vocal Music had a wonderful concert on Monday, March 1, at the Okoboji High School Auditorium. The OHS Show Choir kicked off the concert with songs from "Avenue Q" with puppets, "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "I'm Still Standing." The OMS Concert Choir next performed two songs, and then it was the 7-12 Combined Men's Choir performing followed by the 7-12 Combined Women's Choir. OHS Boji Voices Jazz Choir performed three songs and the concert concluded with three songs from the OHS Choir. Erin Chappas is the High School Vocal Director and Accompanist is Linda Ballah. Zane Knudtson is the 7-8 Vocal Director and Accompanist is Elizabeth Knudtson.

It was also announced at the concert that Okoboji Fine Arts ended its 28-Day Challenge to raise funds for new band and choir concert uniforms and raised all necessary funds to meet the goal of \$10,500.

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• Second	Nicole Dagal	185
• Third	Brenda Kammer	182
• Fourth	Patrick Traynor	181
• Fifth	Curt Harms	177
• Sixth	Rick Shugars	176
• Seventh	Kyle Martin	175
	Niki Buzzell	175

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1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 teaspoons minced garlic, about 4 cloves
1 1/2 cups reduced-sodium beef broth
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/3 cup water
2 1/3 cup plain Greek yogurt
2 1/2 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, cut into cubes
Pasta, mashed potatoes or rice

Lightly grease the slow cooker, then add stew meat and mushrooms and sprinkle with Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Whisk together garlic, beef broth, Worcestershire sauce and Dijon mustard, then pour over top of beef and mushrooms. Cover and cook on LOW for 8-9 hours.

About 30 minutes before meal time, mix cornstarch and water together. Stir into slow cooker, then stir in Greek yogurt and cubed cream cheese. Cook on HIGH for 20-30 minutes more, stirring occasionally to incorporate cream cheese and Greek yogurt. Serve stroganoff over a bed of pasta, mashed potatoes or rice.

Recipe Courtesy of: **louis Dietitian Tonya Huenink at www.mealsqueeze.com**

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Iowa Finance Authority Names Northwest Bank as a Top Mortgage Lender in 2020

Northwest Bank is named a Top Mortgage Lender in 2020. The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) recently announced its 2020 top mortgage lenders. The awards were given to the lending institutions and loan originators who assisted the most homebuyers through IFA programs in 2020.



The Iowa Finance Authority offers mortgage and down payment assistance programs through a network of more than 400 lenders throughout the state. These partnerships allow Iowans both the convenience of working with their local lender and access to down payment assistance programs available exclusively through IFA Participating Lenders.

Nearly 3,000 Iowans purchased a home through the assistance of IFA programs in 2020, the most in any single year in IFA's 43-year history of offering mortgage programs.

"Homeownership is a leading driver of generational financial stability for families, and I commend our lending partners for assisting a record number of Iowans in achieving this milestone through our partnership last year," said IFA Executive Director Debi Durham. "Our goal is to assist even more homebuyers this year and we look forward to working with our lender partners to do just that."

"We are happy to partner with the Iowa Finance Authority which allows Iowans in a wide-range of areas access to their affordable mortgage and down payment assistance programs," said Sara Frerichs, Director of Credit Administration, EVP at Northwest Bank. "I could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication each of our team members demonstrated during this past year, working hard to get Iowans into their new home is very gratifying. We are excited to continue to help Iowans obtain their homeownership goals this year."

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing, water quality and agricultural development programs.

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 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 and Omaha and La Vista, Nebraska.

Donnelli Receives Masters

Sydnee Donnelli, of Lakefield, Minnesota, received a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in December. Congratulations, Sydnee!

National Library Week STEM Challenges Festival April 2021

The NW STEM Region invites students in grades K-4 to participate in the National Library Week STEM Challenges Festival beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending April 30, 2021. Parents and teachers can register their students here: <http://bit.ly/LibraryFest>. Registration closes on March 15, 2021.

The goals of festivals are to promote, inspire, and engage youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities and to introduce students and parents to STEM careers in Northwest Iowa. With this festival, families are also encouraged to discover what their local library has to offer.

Librarians across the region have created videos of the reading of some STEM-inspired children's books. Each book has been paired with a STEM Challenge. Upon registration, students will receive a STEM Challenge Kit with materials to complete each challenge. We have 700 kits available, so sign up - there is plenty to go around! Any questions, please email Mary Trent at mtrent@iowalakes.edu

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/.

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Maddie Poppe Returns to the Fabulous Roof Garden on July 2

The Iowa native is the Season 16 winner of ABC's American Idol

Join Maddie Poppe for an intimate night of music at the fabulous Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park, IA. The Clarksville, Iowa native and Season 16 winner of ABC's American Idol is returning to the Roof Garden with a just-announced show on Friday evening, July 2, at 7:30pm. Maddie performed here on December 15, 2020, as part of the Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas tour. Her July show is presented by The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association, in association with the Roof Garden Ballroom.



Maddie is excited to return to the Roof Garden and to Okoboji during the summer season. Maddie said, "The Christmas show I played in Arnolds Park was one of the most fun shows I've ever played. So excited to be back and see everyone again!"

Clay Norris, Executive Director of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association adds, "Maddie's performance in December was simply wonderful. Her musical skill, both vocally and with her guitar, and especially the way she relates to and interacts with the audience was a joy to see. We are thrilled to have her return to Lake Okoboji."

Maddie fell in love with music at a young age, learning to play guitar, ukulele and piano and in 2016, Maddie released her self-produced debut album, "Songs from the Basement." After years of performing locally in Iowa, she decided to audition for American Idol stealing America's hearts and was crowned the winner, giving the audience an emotional, overjoyed, and tear stained performance of her single, "Going Going Gone."

Since her Idol victory, Maddie has been in high demand appearing on multiple TV shows including Jimmy Kimmel Live, Live! with Kelly & Ryan and the 2018 Radio Disney Music Awards, and performing at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Special Olympics and CMA Fest in Nashville.

Maddie's sophomore album Whirlwind reached #2 on the iTunes Pop charts and her hit single "Made You Miss" earned #19 on the Hot AC Radio charts. Her sentimental ballad "Not Losing You" swept radio charts as well.

Most recently, Maddie supported Ingrid Michelson on The Dramatic Tour, an experience she calls a dream come true. She then toured her home state on the 9-stop Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas Tour. Maddie's new album "Christmas from Home" was released on November 20 and is now available on Spotify.

Tickets for Maddie Poppe will be \$30 each for general admission. A limited number of reserved booths, which seat 6, are available for \$240. Tickets go on sale starting Friday, March 26 at 10:00 am. Tickets can be purchased online at www.iowarockroll.com/events. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the show while they last.

A Livestream pay-per-view option may be available for this concert at a later date.

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RSVP Volunteer Cultivating Connectedness Through Art

Since the start of the pandemic, RSVP volunteers have been unable to join elementary students in their classrooms to provide reading assistance, mentoring, and companionship. Volunteers and volunteer coordinators continue finding new ways to be there for the students and offer inter-generational contact and mentoring. One unexpected connection between an RSVP volunteer in Dickinson County and a first grader at Okoboji Elementary School warms the heart through art.

Judy Hart, RSVP Volunteer, from Milford told DeNeitt VanDenBroeke, the Dickinson County RSVP Coordinator, that she had been using her artistic skills to help her 3-year-old great-grandson cope with the loss of socialization with his peers due to the pandemic.

"He was so sad, and he told me, 'I don't have any friends,'" explained Hart. Wanting to lift her great-grandson's spirits with something to look forward to, Hart began drawing intentionally goofy dinosaurs. Realizing how much of an impact the drawings were having on her great-grandson, Hart offered to do the same for any other young child who had similar problems or who were struggling to socialize.

VanDenBroeke loved the idea and reached out to the school counselor from Okoboji Elementary School. The counselor found the perfect student for Hart's artistic drawings, a first grader fascinated with dinosaurs who felt like he had no friends. Hart began sending hand-drawn dinosaur pictures to the student in October of 2020, along with

notes of encouragement and friendship, spending an average of 3 to 5 hours per month on the project. The student loves the personalized drawings and letters and has written a thank you note back. Hart says that the illustrations have also helped the days and hours go by for her during this time.

"The school counselor tells me that the student 'lights up' when they open the envelopes. He looks forward to seeing the pictures and is in awe of each picture. He thinks she is just such a great artist, and he is becoming more interested in creating art himself. The art has also helped the student be more comfortable and share more openly. This connection has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved," shared VanDenBroeke.

If you are age 55+ and have artistic or

other skills that you think might benefit local youth in your area, reach out to your county's RSVP Coordinator to let them know. The time and talents you share can make a difference in a child's life!

Please contact the RSVP office at your nearest Iowa Lakes Community College campus to learn more and begin your RSVP volunteer journey.

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Mid-March Musings

Some of you may fall out of your chair when you read this first paragraph, but I'm actually going to talk about wrestling, and to top that off, Iowa Hawkeye Wrestling! The Hawks claimed their 24th team NCAA Championship on Saturday night in commanding fashion with 129 points with B1G rival Penn State finishing a distant second at 113.5. The only surprise to me when I saw Iowa clinch the title was that it was their first title since 2010, as we have all grown so accustomed to the Hawks being on top of the wrestling world. While Iowa's team performance was very impressive, the most impressive feat of the weekend, in any sport, was Spencer Lee winning his third NCAA Championship on two torn ACLs at the 125-weight class. Everyone knew that Lee was wrestling with one torn ACL, but after he won his 2021 NCAA title, he revealed in his interview that he tore his other ACL eight days ago and thought about not wrestling because of the pain, but then came back with one of the best sports quotes ever, saying "f--- that, excuses are for pussies". Lee was simply dominant during the tournament, even with no ACLs he scored 59 points and gave up only 8 points, and will undoubtedly go down as one of the all-time NCAA wrestling greats. Iowa State also had an individual champion at 157 pounds when David Carr had an impressive 4-0 victory in the title match. Carr also had a great quote after he joined his father, Nate Carr as an NCAA Champion, saying that he "just wants some gummy bears."

ISU Makes Hire

Although the Iowa State Men are not anywhere close to March Madness, they did have a lot of news last week when head coach Steve Prohm was fired after six seasons, and just 48 hours later TJ Otzelberger was hired. Otzelberger has spent the last five years as a head coach at South Dakota State and UNLV, where he was 99-63 and made two NCAA trips with the Jackrabbits. Otz, as he's known in the coaching community, is very familiar with Iowa State, having spent a total of eight seasons as an assistant coach under Greg McDermott, Fred Hoiberg and Prohm. Otzelberger is also married to former Cyclone WBB great Allison Lacey, so their Cyclone ties run deep, and this is truly his dream job. I really like, but don't love this hire just yet. I think AD Jamie Pollard had to act fast with a very fluid roster, and the NCAA granting players a one-time transfer waiver that will make recruiting a whole new world this spring/summer. This will give the Cyclones a head-start in trying to fill a roster that can compete in the Big 12, something they have not done in the last two seasons. Look for several current Cyclones to transfer, as that is par for the course with a new coach who wants to bring in guys that will fit his culture and style of play. I love Otz's ability to recruit, as he recruited many of ISU's best players the last 10 years, and we've seen many of these players come out in support of this hire on social media. My one concern is how Otz will do with the X and O's of college basketball against some of the best coaches in the nation that you face nightly in the Big 12. I am hopeful he will hire a veteran assistant coach who has been a head coach, similar to what Hoiberg did with Doc Sadler and Bobby Lutz. Otz does have five years of head coaching experience, which is good, but we all know that coaching in a league like the Big 12 or BIG is a step-up in the caliber of coaches and talent. I totally trust Pollard with his hires, especially after he hired and has retained Matt Campbell, so I'm going to be optimistic that Otz will bring back Hilton Magic and have the Cyclones at least sniffing the NCAA Tournament next March!



Money Raised For New Music Uniforms

Okoboji Fine Arts is excited to announce that over \$10,500 was raised for the organization to purchase new band and choir concert uniforms. Okoboji Fine Arts (OFA) had a 28-Day Challenge in February to encourage donations.

Phase 1 (\$4,800) was for formal, full length dresses. Phase 2 (\$2,600) was for dress shirts and tuxedo pants. Phase 3 (\$3,100) was tuxedo jackets. Over 75 donors generously contributed funds so that all three phases were met.

Students in choir in 8th-11th grade have already been fitted in sample dresses or in the process of getting measured for tuxedo outfit. Thanks to Laurie Albertoni for handling the measurements, samples, and ordering and to Linnea Lambert for coordinating the 28-Day Challenge.

OFA also drew from the donor list to award 4 \$25 Perkins gift cards. The winners were Dawn Godfredsen, Erin Frerichs, Jill and Ben Christoffels and Mary and Keith Dannatt.

Stay updated with the music uniforms and all fine arts activities at Okoboji Fine Arts on Facebook, Instagram and www.okobojifinearts.wixsite.com/arts.

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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 tried aerial yoga at Studio Yoga & Barre in Spirit Lake. There are very few instructors or studios in the Midwest that offer this type of yoga. Silks, or large slings of fabric, are hung from the ceiling. You can really enhance your stretching by utilizing the silks in different yoga poses, and do poses that allow you to be completely suspended in the air.

My instructor was Amanda Jorgensen, who also owns this yoga studio located on the top floor of Allure & Co. on Hill Avenue. She started the class by telling me the basics of what I could expect, and stressed that it is important to listen to my body throughout (and breathe). We started with simple poses and stretches that allowed me to feel more comfortable with silk. As I explored different poses she told me what comparable yoga poses they were most similar to. My shoulders were tense when I entered the studio, but much of that tension was eased by winding the silk behind my shoulders and leaning forward ever so slightly. Just a small movement or shift could make a huge difference!

Once I was more comfortable with the silks, I wanted to try a couple simple aerial poses where my body would be completely suspended off the ground. The first pose I tried required a forward bend into a downward dog yoga pose. Then came the challenge! Lifting my right foot off the ground was simple, but I was terrified to lift my left foot, even though I was supported by the silk and still balanced with both hands. I eventually lifted my left foot and it was then time to lift my hands upward, one at a time, to have the feeling of floating in air! I was supported completely by the silk! It was more difficult for my brain to accept than my body, but what a thrill! Next I tried a backwards pose that allowed me to flip upside down. The most challenging aspect was accepting that I could let go with my hands. Eventually I did let go, and laughed with a mixture of pride and shock that I was floating upside-down!

I left the yoga studio with such a sense of accomplishment! Never in a million years would I have guessed that I could balance upside-down, suspended from a silk hanging from the ceiling! I hope you are adventurous enough to become a tourist in our community, and try aerial yoga. It's a fun adventure that not a lot of communities offer. Our visitors look forward to trying it, and we can experience it in our own backyard! Learn more about aerial yoga at Studio Yoga & Barre and other adventurous attractions in the Iowa Great Lakes Area at www.VacationOkoboji.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

VA Survivor's Benefit Programs, Continued...

Survivor's Pension Benefit /Aid & Attendance/Housebound
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Aid and Attendance (A&A) is a monthly pension that is paid if veterans meet certain conditions listed below. A&A is not a separate benefit but instead provides additional monthly income over and above the Basic Monthly Pension. To be eligible, you must also meet the requirements for Basic Pension.

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Housebound Benefits are an increased monthly pension amount, paid to veterans who are permanently disabled and are confined to their residence and unable to leave without assistance. This is for veterans with a disability rating of 100%.

If you think you may be eligible for these benefits, please call the Dickinson County Veteran Affairs Office at 712-336-0883 to set up an appointment.

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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:

Let's "Right" the Lies

Over 250 bills from 43 states, including Iowa, have been introduced or enacted based upon the big lie that the last presidential election won by Joe Biden was due to fraudulent or irregular ballots cast. Since free elections form the bedrock of our Constitution such actions jeopardize preservation of our democracy. Further, dozens of lawsuits on behalf of Trump have been thrown out or rejected by multiple courts, including the Supreme Court, for lack of evidence or facts. Whether these court decisions were unanimous or not is moot—a court ruling is a ruling. Still, Republican state and congressional leaders plus right-wing "news" propaganda organizations continue to bombard the airwaves with the big fraud lie. Perhaps they should reference the Heritage Foundation (hardly a liberal group) for some election facts. Their data for mail-in ballots show that over 20 years with 250 million votes cast, there have been 1200 fraudulent cases with 143 convictions which equates to a .00006% rate. This group estimates over the same time period the fraud rate for over one billion total votes is .000014%. Oregon, one of the first states to mail ballots to all registered voters, since 2000 with 50 million votes cast in all elections, has recorded 2 fraud cases which equates to .000004%. Iowa over that period has had 17 fraud incidents with one of those being a person voting for Trump twice! These numbers hardly support the "big lie" justifying massive changes to state voting laws. In fact, these state maneuvers are nothing more than blatant voter suppression tactics to maintain power for a diminishing voter base. If these voter suppression proposals are allowed to stand, our constitutional democracy is doomed. Federal oversight of our elections is needed. That is why the HR4 Act passed by the House which reinstates the 1965 Voting Rights Act with updated pre-clearance stipulations needs immediate Senate approval, as well as House HR1 which modernizes voting rules and procedures. These bills are so important to our democracy's future that partisanship should not be an issue. But, if the Senate filibuster must be eliminated to pass them, so be it! Please contact our Senators to insist on support of these two bills; to stand up for our constitutional democracy instead of blind party power.

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OHS Mock Trial Finishes Strong in Third Season

Okoboji High School Mock Trial had a great season in just their third year of competition. Team Thunderstruck and Team Falcon Heavy competed March 2nd and 3rd in intense competition all in virtual format. Team Falcon Heavy went 1-1 in close scoring. Team Thunderstruck also went 1-1 with enough points to go into the playoffs. They competed on March 10th in an incredible round where they lost by just 3 points.

Team Thunderstruck: Paul Conover, Addison Cunningham, Grace Downing, Lexi Duffy, Haley Harms, Carter Lambert, Maddison Lambert, Chayse Packebush, Sydni Powell, Emily Quanbeck.

Team Falcon Heavy: Ellie Albertoni, Connor Cunningham, Hunter Hallengren, Cassie Hinshaw, Sam Hoggard, Liam Knudtson, Jamie Lauck, Mallory Loerts, Anna Peterson, Noah Walleck.

We had several students recognized during their trials at Regionals for Plaintiff (P) or Defense (D):

Outstanding Witnesses: Lexi Duffy (D), Maddison Lambert (P).

Honorable Mention Witnesses: Cassie Hinshaw (P), Hunter Hallengren (P)(D), Anna Peterson (D), Lexi Duffy (P), Carter Lambert (D).

Honorable Mention Attorneys: Ellie Albertoni (P), Connor Cunningham (D), Grace Downing (P), Haley Harms (P), and Chayse Packebush (P).

At State Playoffs, Team Thunderstruck had the following honors for their Plaintiff case:

Outstanding Witness: Maddison Lambert.

Honorable Mention Witness: Carter Lambert.

Honorable Mention Attorney: Grace Downing, Haley Harms.

Mock Trial is coached by Mrs. Carry Miller and Mrs. Becky Rients with volunteer coach Linnea Lambert and attorney coach Abby Walleck.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Letter to the Editor:

I always enjoy Phil Petersen's letters in the Lakes News Shopper. His clear, concise presentation of the facts without hyperbole is a welcome change from the incessant liberal drivel of Robert Snetizer. A sure sign of a tyrannical government is one-party rule and you can see that is exactly what the Democrats are trying to do by codifying their illegal voter fraud techniques of 2020 into law, as well as silencing our First Amendment rights. Fortunately, the country, including some liberals, are waking up to this assault on our ability to communicate as free men and women. As for so-called "voter suppression" by demanding the same level of security for our elections as we have for buying a six-pack of beer (photo ID), I wonder how many of those who complain about the undue burden of having to go down to the courthouse to get one would have any trouble doing that if they needed one to claim a winning Powerball ticket? Finally, Phil's concern about being able to find conservative news on the internet is legitimate. Luckily, there is an easy solution. Just switch your internet browser to DuckDuckGo. Not only aren't conservative websites buried several pages deep on the search results, but you aren't tracked, either. I've been using it for months and am extremely happy with it.

Sam Smith,
Jackson, Minnesota

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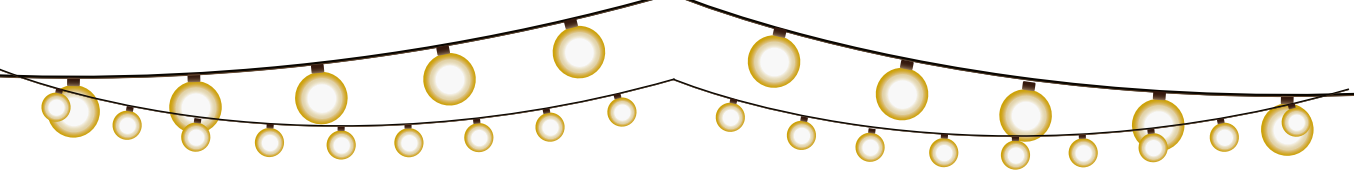
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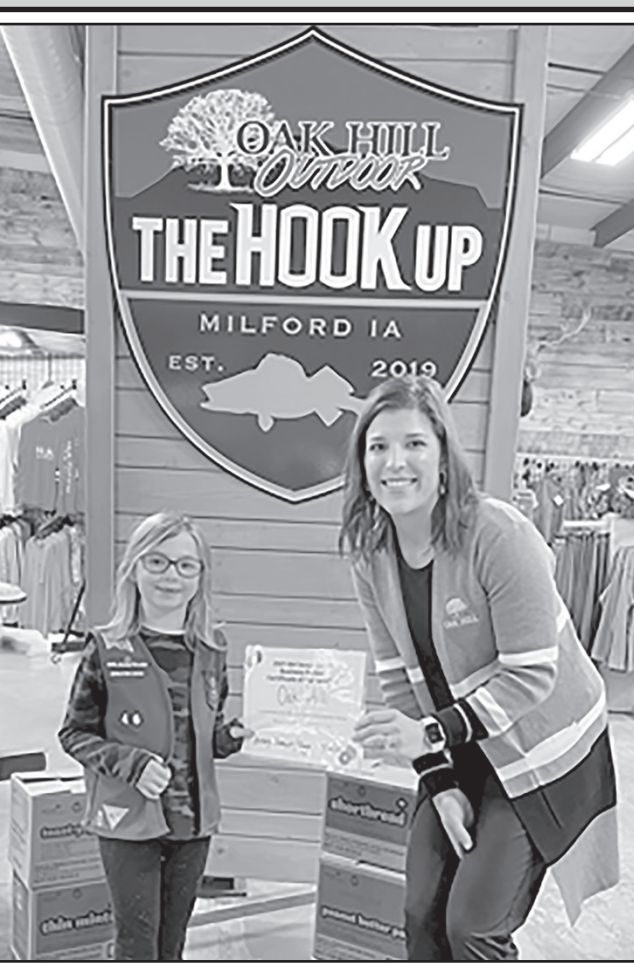


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The full vacancy announcement with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov and accessing vacancy announcement number **FSACO-11055015-21-IA-CF**.

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Director of Operations and Maintenance

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• The Director of Operations/Maintenance is responsible for the areas of maintenance and custodial. The Director is responsible for all school facilities/physical plant across the District.

Responsibilities:
• Establish procedures for maintaining high standards of maintenance and custodial operations, safety requirements and facilities planning and project completion in accordance with School District needs, based on current regulations and policy.
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• Directly responsible for implementation and maintenance of the District's Operations procedures, reporting on the performance and initiating improvements of Operations.
• Act as liaison with external parties on matters relating to the procurement of services and materials for the District's needs.
• The Director of Operations and Maintenance reports directly to the Superintendent and has a support responsibility to all principals and department supervisors.

Qualifications/Requirements:
• Bachelors or two year technical degree preferred, preferably in a field that offers an opportunity to gain a well-rounded background.
• Bus Driver's License or ability to obtain the license preferred.
• Three to five years broad technical experience, of which at least two years should be in work in an Operations/Maintenance environment
• Two to three years experience in managing technical personnel and complex activities. These experiences should be gained in areas of engineering or technical operations and should include a minimum of two years in operations management.
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Changes Coming for Local COVID Vaccination and Testing Processes

People and organizations throughout Dickinson County have managed a lot with the COVID-19 pandemic. From the healthcare perspective, Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) has changed visitor policies and infection control processes and provided testing and treatment for COVID-19. Dickinson County Public Health (DCPH) has vaccinated people against the virus. As the seasons have changed, new information is learned about the virus, and availability of the vaccine is increased, everybody has adjusted in order to best meet the challenges. Dickinson County has recently achieved a milestone in those vaccinated while the state has expanded the definition of who is eligible to receive the vaccine. For these and other reasons, LRH and DCPH will be changing their processes for COVID-19 vaccination and testing.

Test Iowa Clinic to End April 16
 The Test Iowa Clinic will be closing Friday, April 16, for two reasons. The number of people who utilize the Test Iowa Clinic has been consistently declining since February. According to LRH Chief Nursing Officer Chris Ingraham, the clinic tests about 40 people a day at most, and usually it's only about 25 people. He said, "We believe we can now handle the number of tests in a different way, and reduce the staffing requirements specifically for testing purposes." Furthermore, the Test Iowa Clinic was a partnership between LRH and the State of Iowa, which was tentatively scheduled to end on April 16.

Patients who are symptomatic or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are encouraged to call their local provider at Lakes Regional Family Medicine by calling 712-336-3750.

Online COVID-19 Questionnaire to be Discontinued
 For the initial vaccine rollout, DCPH asked those interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination to complete a questionnaire found on LRH's website. The questionnaire included the person's age and health conditions, which allowed DCPH to administer over 4,350 doses of the Moderna vaccine to those eligible and most vulnerable to COVID-19. At this point less than 20 people complete the questionnaire each day, and it's now easier to provide the vaccine to more people in the community because of the vaccine's availability at DCPH and other locations such as the Hy-Vee Pharmacy. For these reasons, the questionnaire will no longer be available or used beginning Monday, March 22.

When DCPH was vaccinating the 65 and older population, they were reaching out to those who had completed the online questionnaire and asking them to come in to vaccine clinics. Now that more people are eligible to receive the vaccine, DCPH will provide COVID-19 vaccine clinic scheduling links at www.lakeshealth.org/ and on LRH's Facebook page.

More People are Eligible to Receive Vaccine
 The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently expanded the definition of those who can get vaccinated for COVID-19. In addition to people over age 65, DCPH is now also vaccinating people ages 18 to 64 who have medical conditions that put them at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, which include:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions
- Immunocompromised (weakened immune system)
- Obesity or severe obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

People included in Tier 1 have been vaccinated, according to Lakes Regional Healthcare Director of Population and Public Health Katy Burke. She said, "We are now focusing on Group 1 of Phase 1B Tier 2, which includes those with disabilities living in home settings and their attendant care staff. We will then open up Tier 2 Group 2 to support those in the manufacturing industries that are unable to socially distance."

DCPH has been receiving 300 doses per week and was recently told by the IDPH that amount will not increase in the foreseeable future.

To stay updated on COVID-19 vaccination in Dickinson County, please follow Lakes Regional Healthcare online at www.lakeshealth.org, on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.