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The 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games are scheduled for January 27-30, 2022. Mark your calendars and be sure to visit www.uofowintergames.com for updates and information on how you can get involved in the frigid family fun.

Anniversary Announcement

Kenneth and Hope Rimmer of Spirit Lake celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 10, 2021. They were married in 1946 at the Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. Family would like to honor them with a card shower. Greetings can reach them at 801 28th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.









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ALL-STATE HONORS - Congratulations to Adrie Stecker, Catherine Straus, Hope Johnson and Anna Fuelberth, from Spirit Lake High School, for receiving All-State honors in Large Group Speech in the 2021 season. They earned their nomination for their Ensemble Acting performance titled, "Let Go of My Tale".

Handicap Accessible Park Coming to Spirit Lake Hope Rolls, a local non-profit organization, is raising money

for an inclusive (handicap-accessible) park in Spirit Lake, IA. The park will serve everyone from 0 to 99 plus, including those with special ability or mobility needs.

Hope Rolls was founded in 2019 to provide adaptive tricycles to children who are unable to ride traditional bikes. In early January of 2021, the Hope Rolls group decided to expand their mission to include raising money for a park anyone can enjoy. The million-dollar park will include sensory equipment, workout equipment, a challenge course (think ninja warrior) and equipment that can be accessed with wheelchairs and walkers. It will be placed on a poured rubberized surface to further the accessibility of the park.

President of Hope Rolls, Maria Mellmann, stated, "This will be the first park in our area that will be fully accessible to everyone. There are many families that are excited to finally have a place where their children with special needs are able to play with their family and friends."

There is no donation too small or big, each dollar will help bring this park to reality. Each donation will get recognition on social media and the Hope Rolls go fund me. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the donor board which will be permanently displayed at the park upon completion.







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IRA Workshop Including the SECURES Act and CARES Act - Feb 2021

Don Breuker participated in a 2-day Virtual Workshop by Ed Slott and Company on IRAs and Company Plans in February

2021. This was the 2021 workshop update featuring the latest tax law changes, including the SECURE Act.

The Workshop started with a review of the changes that have occurred to IRAs and other qualified plans e.g., 401k, 403b, 457, SEP, SIMPLE, by the CARES Act of March of 2020 and the SECURE Act of December of 2019. Significant changes have been made. The Required Minimum Distribution changes to 72. The SECURE Act eliminates the Stretch IRA with new rules. The importance of

named beneficiaries is essential along with updating. How proper Roth Conversions can save you and beneficiaries tax dollars and where and how trusts fit into the new rules were reviewed. The NUA (Net Unrealized Appreciation) process allowing company stock to be withdrawn from a retirement plan with special tax provisions was discussed. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) option may have a benefit for a taxpayer. However, know the rules and the process. Having the 5-year clock running for a Roth IRA is extremely important. Roth Conversions are an especially important consideration right now because of the current low tax rates. Life insurance, but not just any life insurance, maybe one of the best Estate Planning tools since the changes.

Don commented "The manual is over 425 pages with detailed, specific, up-to-date information with references to IRS decisions and court determinations. Don is a subscriber to Ed Slott's monthly publication "IRA ADVISOR" and to Heather Scheiber's SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR publication.

Ed Slott is a nationally recognized leader and resource in the retirement industry. Slott is a CPA with no affiliation with insurance or investments. He and three other staff members, Sarah Brenner, JD; Andrew Ives, CFP, AIF; and Ian Berger, JD, presented the 2-day workshop.

Don is an Investment Adviser Representative of Royal Fund Management, LLC, and an Independent Contracted Agent of Breuker Financial Strategies. Don works in the area's Financial Planning and Estate Planning by the use of Managed Risk Money investments and Safe Money investments.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The Lakes Regional Healthcare Auxiliary volunteers Jean Linhardt, Delores Kraft, Cheryl Peterson, Willie Moeller and Jan Yarns

and the entire LRH Auxiliary wish to invite you to the upcoming Auxiliary Masquerade \$5.00 Jewelry and Accessories Sale fundraiser on April 15,2021, from 10am till 5pm, at the Expo/ Community Room in Spirit Lake. Masquerade is one of the most recog-

nized hospital auxiliary fundraising partners. Everything at the event will be at the unbelievable price of \$5.00 per item and the room will be full of all kinds of new and fun merchandise. The Auxiliary members are excited to see and sell all the new inventory that the Masquerade representative will have for your shopping pleasure. Items will include necklace and earring sets, rings, bracelets, watches, fabric ponchos and vests, flashlights, collegiate items and a vast array of new items we are just as surprised and pleased about as you will be. This is a great opportunity to purchase some fun and new items both for yourself and others. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Funds raised are used to support LRH Auxiliary scholarships both for high school graduates and LRH staff who are advancing their education in a medically related field, to provide Lifeline support, and to provide financial assistance to other hospital needs as they arise.

Please mark your calendar, call a friend and come out for fun jewelry and accessories. LRH Auxiliary members are happy and excited to be holding the sale after a whole year of canceled sales and activities. We will be setting the room up with much greater spacing between tables, 1 entrance and 1 exit, hand sanitizer at the entrance and ask that everyone wear a mask. Auxiliary members look forward to seeing you and invite you to consider volunteering. For more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact Willie Moeller at 712-336-5042.

Janet Staver, LRH Auxiliary Fundraising



Birthday Celebration

Help celebrate Jeanette Fischer's 85th on Sunday, April, 25, 2021. There will be a party on Saturday, April 24, 1:00pm (until the drinks are gone or until we're too tired, or both), on the farm at 52109 715th Street, Jackson, Minnesota 56143.

If you are unable to attend, cards can be sent to the above address. No gifts are requested, instead a memory or photo to share for a scrapbook.



80th Birthday Announcement

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Donna Brechler celebrated her 80th Birthday on April 9, 2021. Family would like to honor her with a

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32. Legendary QB 39. Sorrels 41. Organization of nations 42. Texas pharmaceutical company 43. Mathematical term 44. Expression of disappointment 45. Abba __, Israeli politician 46. Hide away 48. Salad restaurant 49. Daughters of Boreas (mythology) 50. Men's fashion accessory 51. Political action committee

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1. Make unhappy 2. Heard the confession of 3. Capital of Taiwan 4. Fiddler crab 5. Brazilian dances 6. Fit with device to assist breathing 8. Brother or sister 9. Pastries 11. "Lone Survivor" director Peter 36. Addictive practices 14. Boat type (abbr.) 15. Apertures (biology) 18. Suffix 19. Creative endeavor 20. Icelandic poem 22. Spanish dances

24. Cars need it 27. Mimics 28. Rocky peak 29. Cigarette (slang) 31. One point south of due east 32. Soap actress Braun 33. Large domesticated wild ox 34. Island nation 35. Appear 37. Loss of control of one's body 38. Type of poster 39. Greek mountain 40. Funny person 44. One and only 47. Pouch



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about the spring show, we knew she was talking about the former director of the Boston Pops Orchestra who was noted here just a few weeks back - although



to look up Williams' first name, too!

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Two Birthday Announcements

The McCoy family wishes to extend a very Happy Birthday to Leon (98) and his great-granddaughter, Keira (17) on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Well wishes can be sent to Leon at Wel-Life, 1819 23rd Street, Room 234, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. Cards can be sent to Keira at 1741 260th Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

TOPOG Coffeehouse to Open in Queen's Court at Arnolds Park

Arnolds Park Amusement Park is thrilled to announce the opening of a contemporary coffeehouse in Queen's Court, coming May 2021. Jeremy and Kelcey Morrison, owners of Bonfire Marketing & Web Co, and Kim Hilde, former owner of AH-rommas Coffee Shop (Milford, IA) have teamed up to introduce TOPOG Coffeehouse to the Iowa Great Lakes.

TOPOG will feature a refined, relaxed environment for guests to dine-in or carry-out while enjoying a full menu of coffee, fresh-baked bagels and bakery goods, hand-dipped ice cream, grab-and-go lunch options and artisanal desserts. TOPOG, a concept born from [Topography] is playing tribute to the natural features of our area — a place on the map for locals and wayfarers alike to enjoy.

"We are thrilled to start this new adventure and offer another great stop in historic Queen's Court. Renovations are underway and our newly designed space feels like the perfect addition to the many improvements around the Park," stated Kelcey Morrison.

Plans for the coffeeshop include a spacious entry and walk-up coffee counter, grab-and-go snack, lunch and ice cream options and a conjoined seating room available for daily use and event rental opportunities. Coffeehouse hours are set to welcome guests starting at 6 a.m. each day of the week.

For more information, please visit *topog.com* or Like/Follow *@topogcoffee* on Facebook and Instagram.

COVID-19 Test Iowa Clinic to Continue Service, but Location and Hours are Changing

Recent upticks in COVID-19 numbers is resulting in changes to the future of the Test Iowa Clinic at Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH). Previously, the clinic was scheduled to close on Friday, April 16. Due to an increase in Dickinson County's COVID-19 positivity rate, the clinic will now continue to operate, but its location will move to Lakes Regional Family Medicine beginning Monday, April 19. The hours will also change to Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

- Those wanting a COVID-19 test are still to follow the same process, which is:
- 1. Go to *www.TestIowa.com* and click "Start Now." 2. Click "Accept."

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- 3. Complete the questionnaire, and then select "I am interested in being tested."
- 4. Scroll down and select Lakes Regional Healthcare's listing.
- 5. Select the date and time for an appointment.
- 6. Screenshot or print the QR code and bring it, along with your driver's license, to the Test Iowa clinic. Enter the hospital through Door A.

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

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Birthday Announcement

The family of Leanna Hass would like to host a card shower to celebrate her 93rd birthday on Monday, April 26, 2021. Warm wishes can reach her at PO Box 82, Lake Park, IA 51347.



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Anniversary Announcement

Connie and Bill (William) Wymer of Spirit Lake celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 10, 2021. They were married in Terril, Iowa, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Their daughter, Cara Naatjes, would like to honor them with a card shower. Greetings can reach them at 822 29th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Iowa Lakes Offers Guided Nature Experience

Discover the benefits of trees and plants during a two-hour walking tour of the Emmetsburg Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College. Participants in the upcoming guided tour will visit various trees and plants on campus with a discussion centered on the health and well-being of nature elements. The Tree Walk and Talk will be held on April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Participants will obtain opportunities to explore a vast collection of trees and beds of emerging flowers and shrubs while experiencing a night of leisurely exercise, reducing stress, improving mindfulness, and bringing a new sense of awareness.

While walking around campus, the tour guide will discuss how to identify trees and other plants, keep trees healthy and actively growing, correctly prune trees and shrubs, and other helpful tips. The Tree Walk and Talk tour is \$19.

To register, please visit *www.iowalakes.edu/ce* and reference class #4794, or call 800-252-5664.







Endowment in Memory of John Hinn **Established for Camp Foster YMCA**

Long-time Lakes Area resident, businessman and philanthropist John Hinn passed away on February 26, 2021. In lieu of

flowers or gifts to the family, his request was that people give to Camp Foster to help support camper scholarships. John's passion for helping

children will now live on with the establishment of the John & Kathleen Hinn Family Fund at Camp Foster. This gift will allow more the

children to experience the magic of Camp Foster now and in the years to come.

In 2020, John was named Citizen of the Years by the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis, and in an interview about the honor John said "I've always felt it necessary to take care of the children of the county. Anything that involves a child, I'm for and will help." And while John and his wife Kathi have been generous to a myriad of organizations throughout their lives, they almost always did so anonymously.

"John and Kathi were always ready and willing to give support, especially to families and children," said Camp Foster YMCA Executive Director Josh Carr. "They know the values of Camp Foster and YMCA programming are important to the vitality and moral fabric of the Lakes Area."

An endowment gift provides support to the Y in perpetuity by being invested and earning interest over time. Earnings are distributed annually and used to support programs that benefit kids and families in our community. They are the gifts that keep on giving, and have a long-lasting impact on our future!

For more information, or to support Camp Foster, please visit www.campfosterymca.com.



Obituaries

Beatrice "Bea" Ann (Wills) Currier, 80, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2021, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

Beatrice Ann Currier was born to Harold and Irene (Magee) Wills in Hartley, Iowa, at the family farm December 15, 1940. She graduated from Hartley High School in 1959. Soon after graduation she attended Stewarts Beauty School in Sioux City, Iowa. While working at Larsen's Beauty Shop, in Spirit Lake, she met the love of her life on a blind date, Lee Currier. They wed in Minneapolis on July 28, 1962. From this union Ty and twins Troy and Tara were born. Lee and Bea were together for 59 years

until Lee passed away from Covid-19 December 30, 2020. Bea was the ultimate "busy bee". She enjoyed every task while cherishing everyone she met. Bea took on the head of housekeeping at Village East / West, Berkley Fishing, Hy-Vee, accounting for Lee, fish cleaning, "night crawler" picking, planting flowers, and much more. Bea did it all.

Bea loved her Golden Retrievers, duck decoy collecting, and watching the Vikings and Hawkeye games with Lee. Every holiday, birthday and anniversary was very special to Bea. She gave so much of herself to her family, friends, talents, and work without complaint. Bea is survived by her children Ty (Karen) Currier of Spirit Lake, IA; Troy (Linda) Currier of Dennison, IA; and Tara (Gene) Hofer of Bridgewater, SD; grandchildren Nickolas, Carson, Tanner Hofer, and Jenna Currier; brother Harold (Marlene) Wills of Hartley, IA; brother-in-law Robert (Sylvia) Currier of Florida; sister-in-law Mardi Currier of Spencer, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lee Currier, brother Larry (Barb) Wills, brother Robert Wills and in-laws Gilbert and Lois Currier.

Per her wishes, there will be a private family graveside service when a date has been decided upon in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Hartley, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be directed to support the SLPA (Spirit Lake Protective Association)

Obituaries

Patricia "Pat" Ann Jepsen, 74, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A visitation for Pat will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021, from 2-5 p.m., with a prayer service to follow the visitation at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held in the Morgan Township Cemetery in Schleswig, Iowa, on Monday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Patricia (Pat) Ann Jepsen was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 4, 1946. Pat's parents, Henry and Esther Jepsen adopted Pat from the Lutheran Home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, when she was four months old. Pat was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Her faith became very important, loving her church.

Pat married Ron Coleman her senior hear of high school at Spirit Lake. Ron joined the military and they traveled many states and while stationed in Mountain Home, Idaho, Pat received her high school diploma. They then were stationed in Alaska. Later, they divorced and Pat returned to Spirit Lake.

Pat worked numerous jobs throughout her career including the Spirit Lake Beacon, Lakes Print Shop, Ace Hardware and was a tremendous help in running the family business of Jepsen's Cottages (cleaning many fish with her dad)

Everyone knew Pat's love of NASCAR, knowing on race days not to call or visit. Pat was loved by all who knew her as she was always willing to lend a helping hand. Pat always greeted everyone with a smile that will never be forgotten.

Pat was preceded in death by her father, Henry Jepsen in 1982, and also grandparents, John F Abbe and Hertha (Marth) Abbe, H. Henry Jepsen and Hilda (Miller) Jepsen.

Pat is survived by her mother, Esther, many cousins and other relatives and friends. Two special guys, who are always there for Pat and Esther in times of need, Larry Coleman and Doug Harms.

Philip E. Partello, 80, of Arnolds Park, passed away from complications from a heart attack at the Avera McKennan Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Services for Philip will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. A visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00pm on Friday, April 16, at the church. Burial will be held in the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com. Philip was born on June 28, 1940,



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to Purl and Izetta (Johnson) Partello, at the family farm in Estherville, IA. He graduated from Estherville High School and earned an associate degree from Iowa Lakes Community College. Philip worked as a Grain Marketer/Manager for the Grain Elevator in Armstrong, Iowa, and Leroy, Minnesota. He was united in marriage to Mary Downing on January 16, 1971, in Omaha, Nebraska. She preceded him in death on October 24, 2020, in Arnolds Park.

In his retirement, Philip enjoyed driving the Rides bus in Spirit Lake where he made many friends. He was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. Philip was a devoted family man to his children and grandchildren. He was always in attendance at his grandchildren's activities supporting them in whatever they were doing. In his free time, he enjoyed going to the YMCA for exercise and had a love for classic cars. He had just recently purchased a corvette and was looking forward to taking it for rides with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Robin (Ed) Lock of Milford; Daniel (Lynne) Partello of Prophetstown, IL; and Darin (Rachel) Partello of Spirit Lake; 8 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brother Purl (Janice) Partello, Jr. of Spirit Lake; and sister Marcia Hill of Spirit Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sister Ann and son David.

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Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease an 8x8 baking dish. Crush the Doritos and spread half in the bottom of the pan. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add ground beef and cook, stirring and breaking apart with a spoon until beef is almost fully cooked. Add black beans and mash with



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the spoon. Stir in taco seasoning, water, salsa and frozen corn until well-combined. Simmer for 3-5 minutes, until water is absorbed. Spread meat mixture in the pan over the Doritos. Sprinkle with half the cheese, then bake for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining Doritos and cheese, then bake for 5 minutes more, until cheese is melted. Serve on a bed of lettuce, topped with sour cream or other desired toppings.

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 time so you can have meals on the table in 30 minutes or less.



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2021 Speech Season Ends with Great Results

The Spirit Lake High School is celebrating a great season for their Large Group and Individual Speech teams.

The Large Group Speech season took place from November through February with the district contest being held on January 23 at Okoboji High School. At the district contest, 26 students performed in eight different groups: 1 Reader's Theatre, 3 Ensemble Acting, 3 Group Improvisation, and 1 Musical Theatre. Seven of the eight groups received a "1" rating and moved on to the state contest. The state contest was held on February 6 at Okoboji High School. Six of their seven groups received an overall "1" rating and two of the groups, Reader's Theatre ("Zeus Did What?") and Ensemble Acting ("Let Go of My Tale"), also received All-State Nominations. Large Group Speech participants included: Kaleb Burbridge, James O'Neal, Sydney Fredrickson, Anna Fuelberth, Catherine Straus, Liz Schacherer, Liliana Ussery, Anna Frangenberg, Connor Kueper, Jonah Boon, Max Bower, Kristen Kuiper, Brianna Brands, Will Block, Adrie Stecker, Addison Boughey, Hope Johnson, Jadelyn Ussery, Lance Reed, Mason Frangenberg, Gunner Martyr, Aiden Holdorf, Emma Straus, Ian Miller, Sydney Hunt and Addisen Keenan.

The season for Individual Speech ran from the end of January through the beginning of March. The district contest was held on February 27 at Spirit Lake High School. Spirit Lake had 10 students participate with 14 performances in storytelling, musical theatre, interpretive poetry, public address, solo improvisation, original oratory, expository address, radio news and acting. Eleven of the performances earned a "1" rating and were able to perform at the state contest at Okoboji High School on March 10. Ten of



these performances were, again, awarded a "1" rating at the state contest with one of these, Max Bower's expository address, also receiving All-State honors. Individual Speech participants included: Jadelyn Ussery, Shai Markwardt, Addison Boughey, Ian Miller, Liz Schacherer, Anna Frangenberg, Brianna Brands, Max Bower, Gavin Siemers (not pictured) and Austin Mann-Schley (not pictured).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Earth Day

Earth Day is approaching. Please for one day put away your political grievances and celebrate what we have today and what we might be able to create for tomorrow.

Earth Day is celebrated every April 22. It is a day set aside every year for mankind to realize what a beautiful planet we have been graced with and to reflect on the care and nurturing that we as individuals should extend to her.

We take for ranted the home we all must share and rarely consider how our lifestyle, if just a little bit different, might have a different impact on the sanctuary we call earth.

There are many holidays throughout the year, but Earth Day is no day off. This is a day that requires foresight, a day that has a deadline. Contemplate past behavior and improve it for our future. There are personal choices we all make every day. In our life if we changed one routine with the deliberate goal that the shift we made would be better for our environment multiplied by the union of The Lakes News Shopper readers we could make an impact on our habitat.

This is what Earth Day is about. Yes, just one alteration in our lives multiplied by thousands and we can make a better tomorrow.

Yes, you have the time. April 22 is approaching. Think ahead. What are you going to improve on? We have made a decision

for modification in our lifestyle. We challenge you. Marcia Welle and Tucker Flandrena, West Okoboji, Iowa



Okoboji Fine Arts is excited to announce that Okoboji CSD students have 72 works of art on display with the Dickinson County All School Art Show

at Pearson Lakes Art Center. This exhibit features art from students from Dickinson County school and runs thru April 17. Thanks to Okoboji art teachers Leia Krueger and Laura Turner for encouraging all of these young students to find their creative voice and congratulations to all of these Okoboji artists.

9-12 Best in Show (pictired): Tara Pas. 9-12 Judge's Choice: Chase

Downing.

9-12 Honorable Mentions: Paul Conover, Mikaya DeGraaf, Kaydence Doran, Paul Golke (2), Ashley Lappe, Sarae Sehman, Alexis Sorrell (2), Kyle Thompson, Olivia Tuttle.

9-12 Participants: Talyn Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Sarah Burckhardt, Lauren Ditsworth, Dominic Jones, Liam Knudtson, Maddison Lambert.

6-8 Judge's Choice: Abby Pausley, Jocelyn Heller. 6-8 Honorable Mention: Lydia Downing, Sage Feather, Sophia Menucci-Doll, Nora Schmitt, Gracey Schmitz.

6-8 Participation: Autumn Bedwell (2), Cole Becker, Elah Brower, Rianna Cordrey, Kailyn Harry, Jayda Liechti, Anna Quanbeck, Emery Rubis, Adyson Sweet. 3-5 Judge's Choice: Aiden Schable.

3-5 Honorable Mention: Judah Jack, Addilyn Plathe, Roslyn Schmitt, Pacey Vonk.

3-5 Participation: Ava Avery (2), Eliana Creswel, Landrie Derner, Emerson Foster, Josephine Haulard, Eva Hoggard, Kallie Kraninger, Tanner Mejia, Ben Newlin, Ava Wasson,







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Shopper's March Mania promotion, and congratulations to our third place winner, Pat Traynor of Omaha, Nebraska. We had 274 brackets play this year and it came down to the final game to determine our champion. A huge Thank You to our sponsors for making this fun promotion possible: Advanced Door Systems, Blink Marketing, Boji Boats/Boji Brokers, Boji Towing & Recovery, Carstens Financial Group, Consumers, Fareway, Farmer's Savings Bank, Hy-Vee, Jiffy Convenience Store, Lakes Cellular & Satellite, The Lakes News Shopper, Lee Custom Homes, Max Yield, McKeen's, Midwest Land Management, Milford Motors, Nautical/Portside, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler, Okoboji Barn, Okoboji Mattress, Sunshine Foods, Tobacco Shop, Walker Insurance.

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No Boundaries Middle School Group Receives ISEA Community Outreach Grant

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Funds will help local students beautify OMS with a pollinator garden The Iowa State Education Association awarded the No Boundaries Middle School Leaving A Legacy 3.0 group the ISEA Community Outreach Grant.

The ISEA's mission is to "promote quality public education by placing students at the center of everything we do while advocating for education professionals." The Community Outreach Grant encourages local association members and students to complete projects that fulfill a need within the community, are sustainable, and build relationships among students, families, businesses, and organizations.

The No Boundaries Middle School Leaving a Legacy 3.0 project began with partners Ryan Cunningham, OMS Principal, Todd Abrahamson, OCS Superintendent, and Tyler Riley, Principal Architect at FEH Design pitching the challenge to beautify the outdoors of the new Okoboji Middle School. The students had various ideas, but narrowed them down to a pollinator garden along the edge of the retention basin behind the school. The garden will be beautiful and functional. It will reduce erosion, capture errant playground balls from disappearing into the basin, and it will also provide an outdoor classroom where students can observe multiple prairie species and pollinators

Becky Rients, No Boundaries Middle School Facilitator, and ISEA member stated, "Real-world projects require real-world dollars. We are so excited that the Leaving a Legacy 3.0 students not only had the opportunity to write a grant but also had the experience of receiving the check that will help bring their project to fruition."

Leaving a Legacy 3.0 8th grade students are Tate Groeneweg, Jaelyn Jostand, Griffin Kasperbauer, Cambrie Kleckner, and Jack Low. In addition to working with their partners, they have worked with Bev and Dwight Rutter of The Prairie Flower, Chris LaRue of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Jerad Alger from Alger Customs, Rich Martin, FFA Advisor and OCS art teachers Laura Turner and Leia Krueger.

With funds in hand, the students are planning to prepare the soil and begin planting within the next couple of weeks. Cambrie Kleckner says, "One of the best parts of this project is that we've been able to create new friendships and connections with people around the community. Not to mention, every time people go to a football game, or a track meet, or a baseball game, or even walk through our Linda Seeger, treasurer of Okoboji Education Association, Tate beautiful campus, they will see something that we created. We really Groeneweg, Jack Low, Cambrie Kleckner and partner Ryan are leaving a legacy!"



ningham. Students (front) Griffin Kasperbauer, Tate Groeneweg, Jaelvn Jostand, Cambrie Kleckner, Jack Low.



Cunningham, OMS Principal









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when the food pantry hands out a large amount of supplies, they need to try to get the shelves filled back up to continue to be able to provide to those in need. This is where the Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts like to help with this ongoing problem. The Boy Scouts of America does a once a year "Scouting for Food Campaign. Saturday, April 17th, The Milford Boy Scout Troop 170 will be coming around the town of Milford picking up any bagged donations that you are willing to donate to the food pantry. We ask that you put your donation of food items in a sturdy box or bag and have it placed out on your front door step on Saturday morning no later than 8:00 a.m. The Milford Boy Scouts will be coming by to pick up those donations and get them to the Food Pantry in Spirit Lake.

really low on, but will take donations of any non-perishable food items or paper products. Some items they are requesting are, canned pineapple, applesauce, baked beans, canned potatoes, tuna and chicken helper box meals, Boxed au gratin potatoes, Plain Oatmeal, Canned chicken or tuna, Spaghetti o's, Peas or mixed veggies, rice, spaghetti sauce, apple sauce, saltine crackers, assorted snack crackers, cereal, canned fruits, canned beef stew, vegetable beef soup, cream of any kind of soups, toilet paper, kleenex, hand soap, pancake syrup, salad dressing. So you can join the efforts of the Boy Scouts and help families that are in need. In Boy Scouts, one of the points of the scout law is. "A Scout is Helpful". Thank you for your support.



Winter Games 2021 Bean Bag Tournament Check Presented

Another fantastic cause benefiting from the U of O Winter Games. The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber, along with the Bean Bag Tournament Chair, Joe Meyer, presented Mary Weaver of the Milford Pioneers 4H Club with a check for \$1,671.00. Funds were raised during the 41st Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games Bean Bag Tournament held on Saturday, January 30, 2021, on West Lake Okoboji in front of The Gardens.

Sixty-four 2-person teams competed in this fun-filled tournament raising funds for the local 4-H club and their annual The Food Pantry came up with a list of items that they are projects. Thank you to Joe and Ann Meyer for their years of dedication to this wonderful event.

The 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games are scheduled for January 27-30, 2022. Mark your calendars and be sure to visit www.uofowintergames.com for updates and information on how you can get involved in the frigid family fun.

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Terril Quasi +1 Scheduled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Terril chose to postpone the town's 125th celebration for the safety of everyone's health. Now, Terril will celebrate the Quasi +1 on July 30th, July 31st and August 1st, 2021. We welcome all to Terril this weekend to help us celebrate! We have some FUN events going on over the weekend, so there should be something for everyone. Friday night kicks off the celebration with the Bean Bag Tournament for adults, the kids' Walk-Wagon-Ride Parade and kid's movie in the park at dusk. On Saturday, July 31st events, include the Gravel Grinder Bike Ride, Clay Pigeon Shoot, Junk Art Contest, Extreme Golf Tournament, Northwest Iowa Tractor Pullers, Bingo and All School Reunion. Casey Muessigman will be here for our Saturday evening entertainment!! Sunday, August 1st is the Pancake Breakfast and Parade. Both Saturday and Sunday the kids will have Extreme Inflatables to enjoy. Saturday noon meal features the Sons of the American Legion serving burgers and brats with pie and ice cream from the ladies from both the Methodist and Lutheran Churches. We are selling raffle tickets and t-shirts. Please watch for more information leading up to our celebration. We do have a facebook page, you can find us at Terril Fun Days Committee.



All State Honors

Congratulations to Max Bower, a senior from Spirit Lake High School, for receiving All-State honors in Individual Speech in the 2021 season. He earned his nomination with his expository address, titled "My Cup of Tea", which showcased his interest, knowledge and success in competitive cup stacking.

SWCD Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners (SWCD) will be held Friday, April 16, 2021, beginning at 8:45am, via conference call. The Conference call phone number is: 978-990-5255. The access code is 6208491.

A tentative agenda will include: approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting. A review of the IGL Targeted Watershed will also be held via a Zoom call following both meetings. The SWCD Foundation monthly meeting will also be held on the 16th.

If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by April 14 by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.



UCB Celebrates National Teach Children to Save Day

Learning to save money successfully is a habit acquired over time. The best way to instill that habit is to teach it to children

when they are young. In honor of National Teach Children to Save Day on April 22, United Community Bank is encouraging consumers to teach their children to save.

"Saving requires patience above all else," said Char Kremmin, UCB Assistant Vice President. "If children can master this skill early in life, it may lead them to greater financial responsibility and security in the future. One way parents can teach their children to save is through their children's savings accounts. While opening a



savings account is a great first step, children also need to learn how to use those accounts to reach their financial goals. Contact United Community Bank to learn how to open a savings account with your child. We look forward to helping you."

United Community Bank offers the following tips to help encourage children to save.

• Set goals. Work with your children to create a list of what they want to achieve with their savings accounts. Set a realistic goal for them to save by the end of the year. If they want to save for a specific item, help them set a higher goal for their savings account to cover their standard savings and special item purchase, so they don't completely deplete their savings when they make the purchase.

• Create a budget. Although most children do not have bills, parents can teach them to budget by helping them keep track of their money. A simple budget can help them realize how much income - allowances, gifts, paychecks, etc. - they receive each month. That will give them a better idea of how much they can spend while still saving a specific monthly amount that will help them achieve long-term goals. • Examine results. Review bank statements with your children, so they can see how saving is paying off. By seeing the month-to-month growth, they will not only see the value of saving, they also will see instant gratification as they watch their savings grow. • Reward accomplishments. Saving can be hard and delaying gratification takes a strong will. Make sure you celebrate and reward your children when they reach savings milestones. Rewards could be something as simple as a dinner out at a restaurant of their choice, but make sure rewards are set ahead of time so they know what they're working toward. Established in 1931, United Community Bank is a locally owned community bank with locations in Milford, Okoboji, Hartley, Ocheyedan and Lake Park, Iowa. They pride themselves on serving the needs of their communities, businesses, farmers and citizens with a full range of financial services, while delivering unsurpassed customer service. Member FDIC.

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Kiwanis Members Help Package Dinners for Families in Need

On March 30th, Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis met at UDMO to package 50 family dinners, complete with ham and all the trimmings. They have been doing this each holiday for 5 years, partnering with Hy-Vee. UDMO helps to make sure the families in need receive them. The Noon Kiwanis feel very fortunate that through community supporting their fundraising efforts they are able to give back where needed. This last year they were able to donate back over \$30,000.

If you are interested in joining a fun club, please meet us at Wesley Place, on Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake, Thursday, at noon.



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Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley says, "Governor Reynolds' Proclamation of Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 was updated on April 2, 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 were again subject to the printed expiration date on the license as of 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 License Station is open by appointment 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 May 31,2021, 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 anywhere in the U.S., in accordance with relief provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Motor vehicles purchased from a dealer between September 1, 2020 through May 2, 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 through May 2, 2021, unless extended by the Governor.

REAL ID 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. Facemasks 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 8:00am and 4:30pm, and no appointments are necessary. The driver's license office is open by appointment only from 8:00am to 4:30pm. The driver's license office is closed from 1:00 - 2:00pm.

Renovation work on Florence Park, in Milford, has been completed and it's time to celebrate with a come and go open

house Wednesday, April 14, from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

"We are truly excited about the great renovation to the city's favorite park. Florence Park is used by hundreds of per-



sons annually so it just seemed natural to make a great space even better," said Susan Reiser, a member of the Renovation Committee.

The renovation work, which totaled near \$120,000, was made possible by generous donations from the Milford Commercial Club, Milford Parks Board, City of Milford, Okoboji Youth in Philanthrophy, Farmers Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, United Community Bank, Waste Management, Black Hills Energy, Campus Women's Club, Sam Wedeking Excavating, Inc. in memory of Roy Wintz and the Milford American Legion.

After the quasquicentennial in 2017, the Milford Commercial Club discussed possible uses for the proceeds. The idea for an expanded and updated Florence Park Shelter House was born. The club tucked away the proceeds totaling just over \$46,000 to be used, someday, for the shelter house renovation.

The idea sat dormant for two years before community members revisited the idea of expanding the Florence Park Shelter House to a year-round facility late in the fall of 2019. Work started. Covid came and now the project has been completed.

Five people served on the Florence Park Shelter House Renovation Committee including Milford Mayor Steve Anderson, City Clerk LeAnn Reinsbach, Jason Simpson of the Park Board, Chris Hinshaw of the Milford City Council and Susan Reiser representing the Milford Commercial Club. After several meetings, the group came to terms of the project.

The project included a 30 by 35 foot addition onto the south end of the existing Florence Park Shelter House, with a kitchenette, a safety three-divided sink, heating and cooling and restrooms, for convenience, so persons using the facility will not have to walk to the north end of the property to use the restrooms.

Patterson Construction, of Milford, was hired to complete the enovation. Wedeking Construction, of Spirit Lake, handled the grading and installation of water and sewer. Electrical work was completed by Pederson Electric, of Milford. Leichti Plumbing and HVAC, of Milford, completed the plumbing. Matt Loerts, a Milford Park Department employee, served as supervisor for the project.

According to history records, the Florence Park property was conveyed to the City of Milford by John C. and Phebe Guthrie on Jan. 22, 1895 with the expressed condition that the land be used as a park. Later, Guthrie requested the park be named in memory of his daughter, Florence Fuller Guthrie, who died in 1913. The earliest newspaper mention of use of the park was in 1927 when a family had a gathering there.

An open pole structure was built in 1968 and became a shelter house. It was here that thousands of persons ate their picnic lunch through the years. In 2009 the building was enclosed. While the structure has served the community well, community members believed it was time to update the facility.

According to Park Board Member Sherri Jones, the Park Board plans to add a driveway to the south side to aide vendors and a sidewalk to the south for the convenience of the public. In addition, the floors need to be refinished where the renovation joins the original building and that is expected to be completed ust before Pioneer Days.

"I am very excited about the addition to the shelter house. It's a great asset to our parks department. Since the renovation, the city has seen an increase in rentals since last fall," said Milford City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach.



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Cameron Arnold, Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) technician, is working to increase knowledge and participation in the Adopt-a-Roadside program.

"The Great Lakes area is very important for tourism and helping clean up our roadsides will help people recognize the beauty of the lakes," Arnold said.

Doug Todey, IRVM Manager, is still the head of the program but Arnold wanted to help further the goal of increasing public awareness of the environmental and maintenance needs along roadways. Keeping Dickinson County roadways clean and beautiful is important to maintenance and keeping our lakes clean.

Arnold is helping to coordinate groups of people who will adopt one mile of roadway, including both ditches, to clean up twice per year for two years. Those enrolled in the Adopt-a-Roadside program will be supplied gloves, vests, roads signs and bags as well as a safety briefing for a deposit. After cleaning up the ditches, bags of garbage will be left at the site to be picked up.

"All the trash bags will be picked up by us," Arnold said.

There is no minimum or maximum for the number of people needed per group, and all ages are welcome to participate. However, those younger than 16 must have at least one adult supervising per four youth.

The Adopt-a-Roadside program has multiple benefits --- roadside beautification, wildlife protection, water quality protection and even hazard prevention. While maintaining the roadsides, keeping them clean is a staple when it comes to mowing and burning.

"We are working to get as many groups or individuals involved as possible in this program to clean up as many roadsides as possible in Dickinson County," Arnold said.

In addition, Adopt-a-Roadside will help the public learn the importance of the IRVM program to Dickinson County. The goals of the program are to replant county rights-of-way with native prairie that will decrease water run-off, increase water quality, improve wildlife habitat, beautify roadways and reduce invasive species.

"This is a good volunteer opportunity for groups and individuals to help beautify the Iowa great lakes area," Arnold said. "It will also help reduce litter and waste from making its way into the lakes."

Groups can sign up at any time by e-mailing Arnold at carnold@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov or Todey at dtodey@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov.

There are currently 6 sections of road covered by groups and individuals. These sections will be marked by road signs in the future. The IRVM team and the county engineers are working together to figure out the best way to install the signs.

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LRH Seeing COVID-19 Changes In Dickinson County

Positivity rate, demographics of COVID hospitalizations, and vaccination clinics experiencing changes

Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) has recently noticed changes among the COVID-19 positivity rate, hospitalizations, and vaccinations. The number of LRH patients hospitalized for COVID-19 has increased in the last week, and the demographics of the patients has been interesting. LRH had a spike in COVID hospitalizations in mid-December, and the vast majority at that time were over age 60. In the past two weeks the majority of their COVID inpatients have been aged 30 to 60.

In addition to the change in inpatient demographics, Dickinson County's positivity rate has increased. It is currently 13.5%, which is the highest in Iowa next to Fremont County's 16% rate. According to LRH Chief Nursing Officer Chris Ingraham, Dickinson County's positivity rate may be the result of three things. First, people may have developed a false sense of security due to the availability of the vaccine and a decrease in cases and hospitalizations from late January through mid-March. "Between January 28 and March 15, we had only one COVID inpatient," he said. "It may have given many people the impression that we were over the hump and nearing the end of COVID. Although it appears we have many people in the county wearing masks, social distancing, and getting the vaccine, perhaps these mitigation efforts have waned a bit. Now we've recently experienced an increase in COVID hospitalizations again – reaching up to six COVID inpatients at one time this past week."

A few weeks ago LRH announced they would be closing their Test Iowa Clinic as a result of the decrease in people being tested. Due to the uptick in cases and hospitalizations, they reversed their decision this week. The clinic will now continue to operate, but its location will move to Lakes Regional Family Medicine beginning Monday, April 19. The hours will also change to Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

Meanwhile, Dickinson County Public Health (DCPH) has been diligently providing COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as vaccine is received from the state. LRH Director of Population and Public Health Katy Burke said they've administered nearly 7,000 doses to date, which doesn't include the number of doses administered by area pharmacies and within assisted living facilities and nursing homes. She said, "Dickinson County Public Health prioritized administering the vaccine to those at highest risk of having severe complications from COVID-19 first, which were those ages 65 and older as well as those with underlying health conditions and individuals at greater risk of infection due to their work. We've vaccinated everyone in that category who has expressed interest in receiving the vaccine, and now that the state of Iowa opened up eligibility, we have recently started administering it to people ages 18 and above with our Moderna supply."

DCPH has held at least two COVID-19 vaccination clinics each week since December 22. Burke said appointments for the clinics filled up almost immediately until this week. She said, "We have COVID-19 vaccination clinics scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15 and encourage people to sign up. We know there are other locations in which to receive the vaccine, which we appreciate, and hope people are getting the vaccine elsewhere if not through us."

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

Celebrate ISU Extension and Outreach Week with Food Trucks at the Fairgrounds April 14, 15, 16

The annual week long celebration is marked with food trucks, activities, and fun giveaways

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 12-17. Iowa's 100 county extension offices will host activities throughout the week to thank Iowans for their support of extension efforts throughout the state, and Dickinson County is no exception.

Local ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County staff members Amy Benge, Sue Boettcher, Madeleine Bretey and Hannah Dibble are hosting a week filled with food trucks, trivia questions, activities, and fun giveaways.

"The challenges of the past year changed how ISU Extension and Outreach serves Iowans, but not why. We want a strong Iowa. We are here for Dickinson County now and always," Boettcher said. "We have a lot of fun things happening at our office, which, if you've never been here, is located at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds in Spirit Lake."

One of the highlights of the week is having a different food truck serving in the ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County office's parking lot each day of the workweek.

"We're excited to kick off summer a little early with some of our favorite food trucks," Benge said. "We invite the public to come visit our office during the scheduled timeframes to grab a bite to eat and walk through our office to learn about our programs and enter to win some great door prizes."

Benge said the remaining food truck schedule is as follows:

• Wednesday, April 14, from 11:00am to 2:00pm - Big Acai

Thursday, April 15, from 11:00am to 2:00pm - Girl'd Cheese
Friday, April 16, from 11:00am to 2:00pm - Quite Frankly

She encourages people to like and follow the ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County Facebook page (*https://www.facebook.com/DickinsonCountyExtension*) for updates and menus, as well as door prize winner announcements.

According to staff, ISU Extension and Outreach Week is about much more than just the staff or ISU fans.

"This celebration is one way we say thank you to the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies and other partners who support our work in Dickinson County," Bretey said. "We couldn't do what we do without caring volunteers who give of their time and talents to support both youth and adult programming."

ISU Extension and Outreach provides research-based resources and community-wide programs in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, community and economic development, 4-H and youth development, family life, family finance, and nutrition and wellness.

"ISU Extension and Outreach engages all Iowans in solving today's problems and planning for tomorrow," Dibble said. "We will continue finding new ways to deliver research-based education and information to Dickinson County, and hope you'll join us in celebrating ISU Extension and Outreach Week."

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