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Each year the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign raises money to give out scholarships to Camp Foster, YMCA memberships, and other programs for school aged kids such as child care, youth sports, and more. 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 them at Wesley Place, in Spirit Lake, Thursday, at noon.

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Boys Going Into 3rd - 5th Grade: June 15th

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Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30pm: OHS Spring Concert. \$5; activity passes accepted. OHS Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Choir and Jazz Band performing plus Solo/Ensemble Contest Outstanding Performer Sam Heikens.

Saturday, May 8, at 6:00pm: OHS Jazz Band at The Roof Garden. Free will donation.

Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00pm: 7/8 Grade Spring Concert. No admission fee. 7/8 Concert Band, 7/8 Concert Choir, Select Choir and Jazz Band performing.



Kiwanians and Students Clean Up Trails

On April 14th, Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanians met at Kiwanis Park in Spirit Lake with Spirit Lake High School students to clean up area trails. The group cleaned trails for two hours and picked up two truck beds full of trash. We highly encourage you to get out and help keep our beautiful trails clean.

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IGL TeleConnect Announces Lake Park Fiber Installation Project

IGL TeleConnect proudly announces plans to install fiber technology in Lake Park, Iowa. The installation of fiber within the city limits of Lake Park will offer residents a faster and more reliable internet and further IGL's mission of providing rural Iowans with high quality internet services. Fiber-optic internet, commonly referred to as fiber, is a broadband connection that can send data at almost 70% the speed of light and will allow IGL TeleConnect to offer up to 250Mbps download and 125Mbps upload internet speeds. IGL TeleConnect fiber packages will range in cost from \$50/mo - \$110/mo for Lake Park citizens. I G L TeleCon-nect will complete the project in two phases. Phase one will include construction beginning in the coming weeks and will be completed in approximately six months. IGL TeleConnect will use the least invasive construction methods when laying the underground fiber, but lanes of streets may close for days at a time during the construction phase. Phase two will begin after the completion of phase one and will allow for the installation of service to homes and businesses. Current Lake Park customer's internet will not be affected during construction, but when construction is complete, customers will be required to choose a new fiber package as IGL's current fixed wireless service will no longer be offered within the city of Lake Park. "Providing affordable internet to rural communities has always been the heart of our mission. Lake Park is really where we got our start, so we

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Milford Library News

Youth Corner

Milford Memorial Library has a variety of youth programming during May. There are Grab and Go Bags and Books, and the themes include caterpillars (May 3-14) and rainbows (May 17-28). If you registered for a bag/s, please pick them up from the drive-up window as soon as possible because Miss Becca is needing the space for the next round of bags. Also this month are Book Bundles, and the five different book themes include Click-Clack, How to Catch, Spot, Iowa, and Cool Projects. These bundles last the entire length of May. Please contact MML or Miss Becca for more information.

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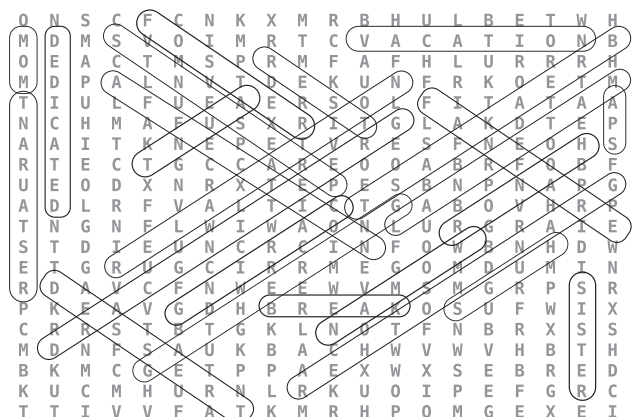
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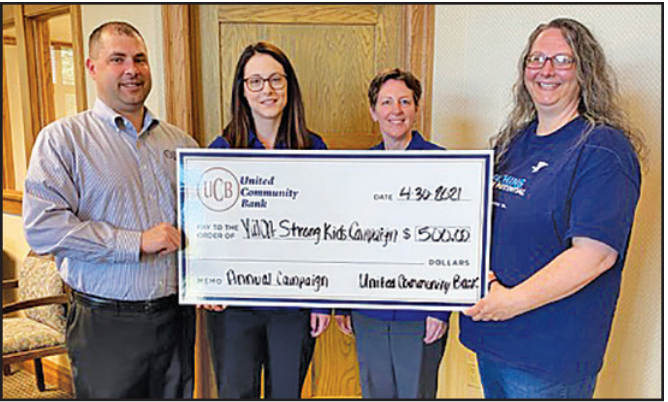
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Birthday Announcement

Arlis Bruett will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.
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Seth Vogel, UCB Vice President, Mari Andera, UCB Personal Banker, and Rachel Vandenburg, UCB Loan Secretary present a \$500 check to YMCA of the Okoboji's Sr. Director of Development & Engagement Cindy Rosa as part of their support of the 2021 YMCA Annual Strong Kids Campaign.

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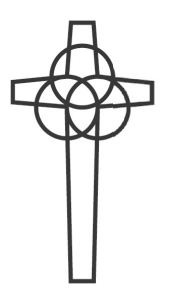


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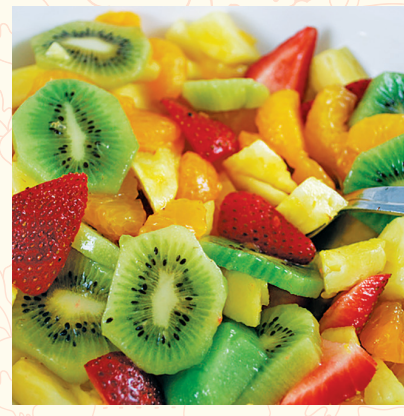
Recipe Corner


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Dreamsicle Fruit Salad ~ Serves 4 at 195 calories/person

5 cups cut fresh fruit (such as pineapple, strawberries, kiwi & honeydew)
15 ounces canned mandarin oranges, drained
1 1/2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a large bowl, combine cut fresh fruit and drained mandarin oranges. In a small bowl, whisk together orange juice, honey and vanilla extract. Pour over fruit and stir gently to coat. Serve.



Recipe Courtesy of:  MEAL SQUEEZE
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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.



Birthday Announcement

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New Family-Friendly Events at the Iowa State Fair

The Iowa State Fair is pleased to announce a new attraction in 2021, the Elwell Family Park, which is made possible thanks to a transformative gift from Denny and Candy Elwell. As a result of the Elwell's generosity, Fairgoers will enjoy the return of tractor pulls at the 2021 Iowa State Fair. Additional family friendly events will come in the future, including monster trucks, rodeos and barbeque competitions among others.

Denny and Candy Elwell pledged \$2 million to support the development of the Elwell Family Park, located in the northwest corner of the Fairgrounds.

"The generosity of Denny and Candy Elwell is an inspiration for the Iowa State Fair," said Peter Cownie, Executive Director for the Blue Ribbon Foundation. "The Elwell Family Park is the capstone to the largest capital improvement project the Iowa State Fair has ever undertaken. Phase 1 of the Elwell Family Park will be a wonderful addition to the Iowa State Fair in 2021. The future is bright for Fairgoers because of the generosity of great Iowans like Denny and Candy."

For the 2021 Iowa State Fair, tractor pull fans will experience permanent seating for 2100, grass hills for viewing and additional seating, a concessions trailer and temporary restrooms. Additional seating, for a total capacity of 6000, permanent restrooms and expanded concessions will be completed in the near future.

The Elwell gift is dedicated to the development of this project to attract even more family friendly events for the enjoyment of Fairgoers now and in the future.

Iowa State Fair Tractor Pulls sponsored by Titan Tire, maker of Goodyear Farm Tires, will take place on August 17th and 18th. Tickets will go on sale at www.iowastatefair.org with further details to come from the Iowa State Fair and Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pulling Association.

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Jason Statham Holt McCallany
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Jeffrey Dean Morgan Cary Elwes
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SAT: 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
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Okoboji Summer Theatre Announces 2021 Lineup

The Okoboji Summer Theatre is proud to announce its 63rd season.

The six 2021 productions include:

- “Grease” (Musical, PG-13) from July 6-11
- *Book, Music and Lyrics* by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.
- “Weekend Comedy” (Comedy, PG-13) from July 13-18

By Sam and Jeanne Bobrick.

- “Clue: On Stage” (Comedy, PG-13) from July 20-25

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, Written by Sandy Rustin.

- “The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On” (Musical, PG) from July 27-August 1
- *Written & Created by Roger Bean; Vocal and Music Arrangements by Michael Borth.*

- “Ken Ludwig’s The Gods of Comedy” (Comedy, PG-13) from August 3-8

By Ken Ludwig.

- “Urinetown: The Musical” (PG-13) from August 10-15

Music and Lyrics by Mark Hollmann and Book and Lyrics by Greg Kotis.

The Boji Bantam Children’s Theatre performances will take place at the Pearson Lakes

Art Center outdoor amphitheater: “Sideways Stories from Wayside School” (July 21-24) and “The Velveteen Rabbit” (August 4-7).

Mainstage tickets are \$24 for musicals and \$20 for comedies. Bantam tickets are \$7.

Safety measures include a contactless box office (email, phone and Eventbrite online orders; no in-person orders permitted). Pre-opening ticket requests may be emailed to boxoffice@okobojisummertheatre.org. After June 21 tickets will also be available by phone or at Eventbrite.com. Box office (phone only) open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be limited capacity for performances and face masks will be required inside the theatre. Weekly curtain times: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday. There are options for two-for-one performances: Saturday evening (8 p.m.) (All Ages) or the Saturday (4:30 p.m.) or Sunday (6 p.m.) matinees for Seniors citizens, ages 65 and older.

Stephen Brotebeck returns as OST’s artistic director and will be directing Grease, Clue: On Stage, and Ken Ludwig’s The God’s of Comedy. He will be joined by an impressive artistic team consisting of directors, choreographers, guest actors and designers from around the country. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed about behind-the-scenes updates, extra performances and special promotions.

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association offers discount voucher booklets for \$120. Order booklets by emailing ostavoucherbooklet@gmail.com. They can be purchased at Northwest Bank locations (Spirit Lake, Arnolds Park, Milford), Pearson Lakes Art Center (Okoboji), Liberty National Bank (Okoboji), or Arts on Grand (Spencer), with payment by check or cash.

The Okoboji Summer Theatre is owned and operated by Stephens College and has been a proud member of the Okoboji community since 1958. This summer, OST celebrates its 63rd season as a professional summer-stock company, featuring Stephens College performing arts students participating as a part of their BFA program, and professional guest artists from across the country creating mainstage productions and Boji Bantam Children’s Theatre productions each season.

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Thurs., May 13–10:00 AM – Online Only Multi-seller Auction in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

May 11, through May 18 – West Okoboji, Shine’s 1st addition. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

Day 1) Wed., May 19 – Online Only Machinery Auction. Auctioneer: Hallberg. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Day 2) Thurs., May 20–10:00 AM – Live & Online Machinery Auction in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneer: Hallberg. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Sat., May 22 – 12:30 PM – Morton Building Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneer: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Thurs., May 27 – 10:00 AM – 80 Acres Land Auction in Ayrshire, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Tues., June 3 – 10:00 AM – Whittemore Township, 159 Acres Kossuth County. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

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If you can’t plant a garden or need more than you can grow, Lakes Area Farmers Market, in Spirit Lake, will be back this summer with more vendors and more products for you. They are a producer/grower market so everything is locally grown or hand made by dedicated growers, crafters, or bakers. They offer fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts, eggs, meat, and Watkins and Pampered Chef products. Many returning vendors will be there along with several new vendors offering a wide variety of products for you.

They are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The market opens June 5 and will be open through October 9. They are located on the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake, just north of Hy-Vee.

It looks like this will be a bigger and better year so they hope to see you there.



Treasure Village Theatre Announcement

Treasure Village has been providing positive family entertainment for almost 50 years. The summer of 2021 is their 49th season, and they are saddened to announce that the Family Theatre will not be opening this summer. Despite tremendous efforts to provide a safe environment, live theatre is not currently profitable for a privately-owned business. Though they will miss performing for audiences, they will be operating their Mini Golf and Flea Markets this summer.

You can still watch a Treasure Village show from the comfort of your home with streaming options. Check out SHOWS AT HOME on their website to rent or purchase a streaming link of “The Little Mermaid,” “Jungle Book” or “Sleeping Beauty.”

The Mini Golf will be open Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 9:00pm and 11:00am - 8:00pm on Sundays; weather permitting. The 27-hole Mini Golf course features creative obstacles with both easy and challenging putts. There are lots of great photo opportunities with the obstacles and the fun Face-in-the-Hole characters. The carpetball tables will be back this summer, and of course they will be serving delicious ice cream.

Treasure Village is excited to reveal a new hole that was designed by No Boundaries students from Okoboji, Spencer and GTRA schools. The SS NoBo will float above the new hole to represent the nursery rhyme Row, Row, Row Your Boat. Treasure Village enjoyed partnering with the creative high school designers.

Treasure Village will operate their Flea Markets on the three major holiday weekends: Memorial Day (Saturday - Monday, May 29-31), Fourth of July (Friday - Sunday, July 2 - 4), and Labor Day (Saturday - Monday, September 4 - 6). The Flea Market vendors will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm, and with over 50 vendors, there will be a wide variety to shop.

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Sweater #600 has a Special Home

Marietta Smith-Kruse is holding up the 600th hand knitted sweater she has made. She knits the sweaters for the 'Knit for Kids' project – but this lavender sweater has a very special young girl in mind; her newly adopted 17th grandchild.

The stack of sweaters she is about to send out to give hope and warmth to vulnerable children living in poverty or other difficult situations around the globe. Marietta hand stitches all of her sweaters, never using a machine, and says as she knits each sweater she prays for the child who will receive it.

She never has to buy yarn, because the yarn is donated by friends, church family, and caring strangers.

Marietta Smith Kruse hand knitted sweater number 600 is for this very special new great-granddaughter. Her granddaughter Jen and husband Josh from Ankeny, Iowa, traveled to India in January and have adopted a new daughter, Amy Lynn Miltenberger, a happy, active 2 year old who loves to be silly, laugh, dance and stay busy. This is Marietta's 17th grandchild.



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Grease (Is The Word)

The headline is just one of the fun songs from the Broadway musical *Grease*, *The Musical*, that will open the *Okoboji Summer Theatre's* 63rd season on Tuesday night, July 6th. Just like each of the other five performances, this is rated PG-13. The second and third shows are comedies: *Weekend Comedy* opening on the 13th, and *Clue: On Stage Comedy's* first show on the 20th.

The Marvelous Wonderettes will bring their music back to the OST stage on July 27th, with *Dream On*. Also returning to the OST as a playwright is Ken Ludwig with another of his comedies, *The Gods of Comedy*, opening on August 3rd. The finale, as Stagerat Stan told us weeks ago, is the very funny, multi-award-winning musical, *Urinetown!*

For the younger generation, *The Boji Bantam Children's Theatre* will open its also abbreviated season on July 21st, followed by the classic story of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, August 4th...

Stephen Brotebeck returns as OST's artistic director and will be directing *Grease*, *Clue: On Stage*, and Ken Ludwig's *The God's of Comedy*. He will be joined by an impressive artistic team consisting of directors, choreographers, guest actors and designers from around the country.

With proper health restrictions in place, OST's contactless box office will open in June for season ticket holders first, then phone and online orders available shortly thereafter. In addition to a contactless box office, pre-opening ticket requests may be emailed to: BoxOffice@OkobojiSummerTheatre.Org The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association will be offering discount voucher booklets again this year. We'll have more details as they are worked out in the weeks ahead...

Between now and then, we should see Adam Layman on stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake Winery, Saturday night, from 6-8:00; and the *Beyond Blue* (Full Band), on the same stage, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00...

Research director RD is all about those great 45 RPM discs today, starting with Dick Dale, who was born Richard Anthony Monsour, in Boston, on May 4, 1937. Dale earned the nickname "King of the Surf Guitar," for drawing on Middle Eastern music scales, and his experiments with reverberation. Dale's recognizable hits include the self-penned, *Let's Go Trippin'*, in 1961, and 1962's *Miserlou*, which is an adaptation of a folk song from the Eastern Mediterranean region...

A few years before Dale's hits, *The Champs* became champs at the first annual Grammy Awards, with *Tequila*. The award was for the best R&B performance in 1958. The song was written by rock and roll saxophonist Danny Flores, who became better known as Chuck Rio when he played with *The Champs*!

Amazingly, *Tequila* reached the top spot on both the Pop and R&B charts!

Philadelphia-born lyricist Kal Mann came to life on May 6th, 1917, and was responsible for the words to some of the most popular hits during the teen idol era, including *Wild One*, which was a hit for Bobby Rydell, *Wah-Watusi*, and *Don't Hang Up*, by The Orlons, and *Mashed Potato Time*, by Dee Dee Sharp. Sharp re-recorded her hit for a Campbell's Soup ad in 1996...

Ricky Nelson -- whose twin sons, Matthew and Gunnar, will be performing again this summer at Arnolds Park -- was a May baby, being born on the 8th of May, in 1940. Nelson went from portraying the younger son of his real-life father and mother on *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* television show, to star of the early rock and roll music scene with hits such as *Travelin' Man*, *Young World*, *A WonderLike You*, and *It's Up To You*, -- all composed by songwriter Jerry Fuller...



While Jimmy Dean -- the man of sausage fame -- had one of very few songs dedicated to mothers, we remind you that Sunday is the day to at least remember your mother with a phone call -- if not a visit, and maybe a nice brunch or dinner...

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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:

Democrat – Republican Differences

This letter is a reaction to the two political letters published last week in the Lakes News Shopper. Here are some quotes from one of the letters. Republicans “want to burn the house down”, utilize “weaponized ethics”, are “abandoning bipartisanship and civility to obtain power”, obstruct any meaningful legislation, criticized Trump “who ran on no legislative platform or historical party principals”, “The Republican Party has evolved to cult-status with pseudo leaders or wannabe presidential candidates...”, has become “a party devoid of principles or ideas or purpose for retaining power”, “...has allowed itself to be taken over by self-serving personalities; and is “a party with little direction and lacking true principled leadership”.

In my view Democrats can’t get the public to support their policies on their merits, so they resort to character assassination and racism to push their agenda. If that doesn’t work they will use the courts and Supreme Court packing to pursue their liberal causes. Republicans will describe their policies in detail and let their proposals stand on their merits. With the Democratic Party controlling the national news media, Hollywood, the educational system, and the tech sector (Facebook, Twitter, & Google) it is amazing President Biden doesn’t have a 93 percent approval factor.

During the fall election campaign Joe Biden said he would govern as a moderate. Once elected President Biden said he would be the most progressive president in US history. Joe promised he would unify the country. All the legislation passed by the slim House majority and a 51 vote vice-presidential vote Senate have garnered zero Republican votes.

Our national debt has hit \$27 Trillion dollars. A staggering amount. Recently, the Democrats pushed through Congress an additional \$2 Trillion COVID Relief Spending Bill. Now the Democrats want another \$3 Trillion for Infrastructure spending, for which only 12% will be spent on what most of us consider Infrastructure. The bulk of the Democratic spending is for socialist programs that, if standing alone, would not receive approval from Congress. The level of National Debt might be appreciated if one realized it would take all of the American economy (wages, sales, income) for an entire year to pay off the national debt. That is hardly anything that could be accomplished. At some point a considerable part of our national economy will have to be used to begin paying off the national debt.

Our two party system will be over when the District of Columbia gains statehood since the “District” votes 94 percent Democratic. Once they have DC Statehood the Democrats will push to eliminate the Electoral College. That would be a great cost savings since national political candidates would only have to campaign in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Since there was no voter fraud please explain how our country has 133 million voters, but there were 159 million ballots cast.

Phil Petersen
Okoboji, Iowa

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Tuesday, May 11, through Thursday, May 27, take a walk on the wild side with MML's Young Adult (4th-12th Graders) Subscription Box: Talk with the Animals. This box is loaded with animal inspired activities, reading list, watch list, playlist, and recipes. The main attraction is the Animal Bum hooks. All critter supplies will be provided for this free-range activity. To sign up, call 712-338-4643 or email milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. You may pick up your box at the library's drive-up window.

Relax with a wood wick soy flower candle that you create yourself. This Adult Craft Night kit contains soy wax, wood wick, essential oil, dried flower petals, glass container and instructions. This craft does require pre-registration and the cost is \$5.00. Participants can pick up their kit at the library Monday, May 17, Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 19. You can preregister by calling 712-338-4643 or by going to this link: <http://milford-library.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>


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Okoboji Music Masters to Hold Auditions for Summer 2021

Okoboji Music Masters is currently looking for local, talented vocalists and instrumentalists for their upcoming summer season. The 10-minute auditions are scheduled for May 12-14, with rehearsals starting on May 17.

"We have a variety of times throughout the day blocked off to accommodate anyone's schedule who is interested in auditioning," says Joren Kinnetz, founder of Okoboji Music Masters. "Our goal is to provide another opportunity for local musicians to entertain audiences in the lakes area throughout the summer season."

Okoboji Music Masters is a new non-profit organization that will bring local talent together to perform at various venues this summer in the Iowa Great Lakes. The group intends to offer live music opportunities for musicians to the public with no admission fees. Their first performance will be at the Farmer's Market in Arnolds Park on June 26.

"Each audition will consist of a brief warmup to test voice range, a prepared piece, and pitch recall," says Jessica Schable, Music Director for Okoboji Music Masters. "There will also be a short interview about the musician's background."

Okoboji Music Masters was formed by a group of local residents with the intent to entertain audiences with the exceptional musical talent we have here locally in the lakes area. The organization is dedicated to delivering quality, fun performances for both residents and visitors to the area.

To learn more about the upcoming auditions or to book an audition time, please visit OkobojiMusicMasters.com.



Reverend Lund to Speak at UUF

Rev. Phil Lund will be the featured speaker at the May 9 Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship Zoom meeting. The global COVID-19 pandemic has been a lesson in the interdependence web of existence for all of us. What have we learned over the past year about our place in the world? One learning has been finding how just what it means to be dependent on some many others—family, friends, neighbors, essential workers, and more. This Sunday we'll explore just what interdependence means as we move into a post-pandemic future. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am with the program beginning at 11:00am.



Reverend Lund has almost twenty years' experience serving congregations in the areas of faith formation and spiritual growth, first as a religious educator in Bloomington, Indiana, New York City, and Chicago, Illinois, and most recently as a congregational life consultant working for the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and a certificate in InterSpiritual Counseling from One Spirit Learning Alliance in New York. He currently lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota, with his wife, Julia, and their son, Henry David.

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Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the activities and attractions our area has to offer. Join me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore a few of the spots that make the Iowa Great Lakes special!

This week I learned to play disc golf at the Okoboji Gold Disc Golf Course at Kenue Park next to the Nature Center. This course offers a fun, yet challenging, 18 holes that wind through a Burr Oak Savannah and over a glacial kame between the Westport Schoolhouse and Dickinson County Nature Center. Hole 1 is located next to the Westport Schoolhouse.

Last summer I purchased my first beginner set of discs (frisbees) online so that I could get out and play. My set includes driver, mid-range, and putter discs. This week was the first time I actually used them! I played the first hole on my own. It took me seven throws on a par 3. Not too bad for my first try! Then Josh Battazzi from Disc Golf Sporting Goods joined to give me a few pointers. In addition to selling a wide variety of discs, Josh also organizes disc golf league nights and tournaments in the area!

Josh told me the trick to throwing a straight disc is speed and keeping the disc level. Initially I kept trying to throw the disc up, but it caught too much air and decreased my distance. My distance doubled once I focused on keeping the lip of the disc level! AMAZING! Watch out everyone! I'll be competing at a pro level in upcoming tournaments in no time! Just kidding! I need to work more on increasing the speed in my throw. And my aim. And my follow-through. Much like traditional golf, part of the fun is hitting the course often and improving a little each time. I certainly have a lot of room to improve, and look forward to playing more often.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area has an abundance of recreational spaces for us to utilize, including the Okoboji Gold Disc Golf Course! Discs are relatively inexpensive, and it's free to play our local course. Plus, it's a fun way to get outside with friends or family! We have people from all over the Midwest who come to play our disc golf course for tournaments, or just because they've heard about the unique challenges the course offers. We are lucky to have it in the Iowa Great Lakes Area! I encourage you to give it a try. You can learn more about this and other recreational opportunities at www.VacationOkoboji.com.



Okoboji Seniors Visit United Community Bank

Okoboji High School Seniors recently visited United Community Bank, Milford, as part of Okoboji High School Adulting 101 Day. The students learned about the home loan process as well as banking as a career. "Our community has a lot of remarkable young people and we really enjoyed spending the day with them," commented Judi Luhrs.

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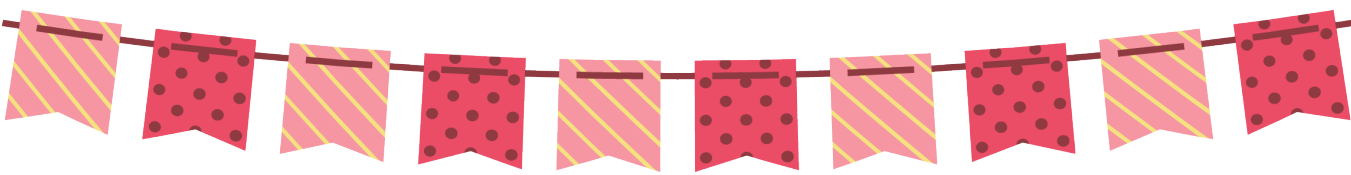








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Arista Nashville singer-songwriter Ryan Hurd has garnered more than 385 million career streams worldwide. With co-pen credits on some of country music's biggest hits by Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan, Hurd continues his hit-producing path with "Chasing After You," his first official duet with wife Maren Morris, which became country radio's most-added song its impact week of March 22. Hurd and Morris performed the "smoldering new duet" (Rolling Stone) for the first time on national television on the "56th ACM Awards" which aired April 18 on CBS. "Chasing After You" follows his 2020 EOME featuring "Every Other Memory," dubbed one of the "Best Songs of April 2020" by TIME. His 2019 Gold-certified Top 20 song "To A T," went #1 at SiriusXM The Highway's Hot 30 Countdown.

Big Time Grain Co., comprised of two farm-raised, down-to-earth brothers from western Kansas, is one of the fastest rising country bands in the Midwest. This act was chosen to perform at the Kansas City Royal's World Series Celebration Rally for a 800,000+ person crowd at Union Station. The group's song "Little Redemption" recently topped out at #7 on the Music Row Main Country Chart.

Tickets will go on sale this Friday, April 30, at 10:00am. Prices are \$33 (general admission stage front seating), \$28 (reserved Grandstand seating), and \$23 (general admission bleacher seating). Tickets will be available online at www.midwestix.com, by phone at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events Center Box Office. Handling & processing fees, which are applied to all purchase methods, are included in the advertised price.

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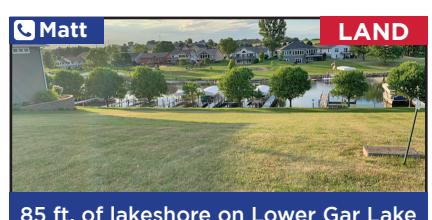
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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:
I would like to thank the Dickinson County Supervisors for granting me the time to speak at their last two supervisor meetings on lifting the mask mandate in our county courthouse and among county employees. With their 3-2 vote on Tuesday, effective immediately, we now have the option to enter the courthouse masked or unmasked and our county employees have the option to work masked or unmasked.

Upon reflecting on my appearance at these two meetings, a lot of what I addressed to the board reflected my overall frustration with not having a voice over the last 13 months in the decisions that were being made at all levels of government while being told our liberties, livelihoods and common sense were to be checked at the door, and we the government will let you know when and if you can have them back. Our county did not go as far as many other governing bodies in controlling the populous, but the fact I have to acknowledge it could have been worse should cause each and every one of us concern.

Once again, I what to thank the County Board of Supervisors for listening, considering, and putting the removal of the mandate to a vote.

In closing, we need to consider the liberties we have lost, make sure they are returned to us, and protect them, so they are not stripped from us again.

Barb Clayton
Spirit Lake, Iowa

#Plant21 is Underway for Iowa Corn Farmers

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Iowa farmers have planted 20 percent of their corn crop for the year for the week ending April 25, 2021. Although there were some below normal temperatures last week, planting progress accelerated over the weekend and into this current week on Iowa's expected 13.2 million acres of corn due to 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. As planting in Iowa is ongoing, Iowa Corn would like to serve as a resource for facts and images for coverage of #Plant21.

• Iowa Corn Planting Sites - Iowa State provides the three-day forecast and soil temperatures by county. Click here for the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) crop condition report for Iowa. This report is updated each Monday afternoon.

• The farmer-leaders that serve the Iowa Corn Growers Association® (ICGA) and the Iowa Corn Promotion Board® (ICPB) are available to do interviews upon request. Please contact me to coordinate interviews at bstrauman@iowacorn.org or at 515-225-9242.

• Follow this year's planting action at #Plant21 using our Facebook and Twitter page



Six Girls up for Clay County Fair Queen

Six young ladies will compete for the title of Clay County Fair Queen on Sunday, May 2, at the Clay County Regional Events Center.

Contestants include Gabbi Carpenter of Royal, the daughter of Mel and Rick Brichta; Jazmine Edwards of Spencer, the daughter of Brian and Robin Edwards; Lizzy Findling of Royal, the daughter of Jennifer Findling; Kaylee Iedema of Spencer, the daughter of Mike and Janet Iedema; Shayler Van Gelder of Spencer, the daughter of Jay and Shantel Van Gelder; and Ellie Wallace of Spencer, the daughter of Brad and Ruth Wallace.

The contest will conclude with the pageant, including the self-expression portion of the contest and the crowning, at 7:00pm. The event is open to the public.

The Queen will represent the Fair at area parades, the Iowa State Fair during the queen contest, selected celebrations during the summer, and the Clay County Fair in September.

Candidates will be judged on personality, attitude and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to the community, overall appearance, charm, poise and self-expression.

Each contestant will receive a beauty collection set from Avon; a tote bag from Weaver's of Algona; a t-shirt tote from Creative Stitches; a movie basket from Southpark Mall; and a single stem rose from Hy-Vee.

The Queen will also receive many valuable prizes, including \$1,500 cash from Community State Bank, a gift package from Hen House, a crystal accented jet face watch and a nesting beauty color palette from Avon, personal care sessions from Design Masters, a bracelet from Nelson Jewelry, \$200 cash from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, an official Fair Queen photo from Creative Photography, a \$100 gift certificate from Elegance Bridal and Prom Boutique, a tanning package from Royal Tan, \$50 cash for travel expenses from H&N Chevrolet-Buick, a six-month membership to the Spencer Family YMCA, \$50 gift card from Clay County Farm Bureau, a teeth whitening tray from Van Hofwegen & Munter Family Dentistry, a one-hour session of interview coaching from Treva Graves, and a dozen roses from Hy-Vee.

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BIF2021 Registration Open

For the first time in two years, the Beef Improvement Federation's annual meeting and research symposium will be held in person. Dan Loy, Iowa Beef Center director and Iowa State University extension beef specialist, said ISU faculty and staff are excited to host this year's event, set for June 22-25 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

"We've been working for nearly two years on the program, speakers, tours and logistics of this great event," he said. "Especially because COVID forced the in-person aspect to be withdrawn in 2020, we know people are ready to gather for timely and useful information from experts and to learn about the Iowa beef industry through tours.

The symposium features two and a half days of educational programming and a full day of tours, with a special young producer symposium during the first afternoon.

General sessions are set for Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and panel discussions on a variety of beef production and genetic improvement topics begin late each morning and continue through those afternoons.

Following the second full day's sessions, attendees will attend an evening social and dinner at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center on the ISU campus in Ames.

"We're looking forward to hosting the group and showing them the facility," Loy said. "It will be a great ending to the day's events."

Registration is open and hotel information is now available on the symposium website.

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A special thanks to Greg & Mike for their help from Turner Jenness Funeral Home, Pastor Dave Simonson from Immanuel Lutheran Church for the lovely service, and Taylor & Coyote from the Ritz for the celebration dinner and social hour held after the funeral. Also a special thanks to my sister Sharon Bossman and hospice for being here at the time of Terry's death.

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Laker NOW Courses Offered

Iowa Lakes Community College is offering Laker NOW courses for the Summer 2021 Term. Student registration for summer courses is open now through May 24.

“We are excited to offer Laker NOW virtual courses this summer. Laker NOW courses are entirely online with a personal touch offering students increased convenience and flexibility without the location or time limitations of traditional classroom settings,” explained Scott Stokes, Executive Dean on the Iowa Lakes Estherville Campus.

Iowa Lakes instructors will be using Zoom or Microsoft Teams to provide live virtual sessions on scheduled days and times. For students who miss the live session, recordings will be available so students can view the class sessions later.

Laker NOW courses are available for the entire summer session, from May 24 to July 30, for courses such as Business 211-Business Statistics, CHM 151-College Chemistry I, and MAT-211 Calculus.


For Session 1, from May 24 to June 24, Laker NOW courses will be available for ENG 105-Composition I, MAT 110- Math for Liberal Arts, MUS 205-Jazz History and Appreciation, and PSY 111-Intro to Psychology.

Laker NOW Courses for Session 2 are offered from June 29 through July 30 for the following classes: ENG 106-Composition II, MAT 140-Finite Math, MAT 211-Calculus I, MUS 100-Music Appreciation, and SOC 110-Intro to Sociology.

“We are offering Laker NOW for select courses because students have indicated that having a live class session available benefits them and their ability to learn the course material. We want our students to be successful, so we strive to offer options that meet the needs of our students,” said Stokes.

For questions regarding the Laker NOW courses, please contact the Iowa Lakes Registrar, Barb Grandstaff, at 712-362-7923 or bgrandstaff@iowalakes.edu.

To apply to attend Iowa Lakes Community College, visit iowalakes.edu/apply.



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Library News

Tuesday, May 11, through Thursday, May 27, take a walk on the wild side with MML's Young Adult (4th-12th Graders) Subscription Box: Talk with the Animals. This box is loaded with animal inspired activities, reading list, watch list, playlist, and recipes. The main attraction is the Animal Bum books. All critter supplies will be provided for this free-range activity. To sign up, call 712-338-4643 or email milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. You may pick up your box at the library's drive-up window.

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

Dickinson County Endowment Grants Available

The Dickinson County Endowment Fund Advisory Council is now accepting applications for their 2021 Grant Cycle.

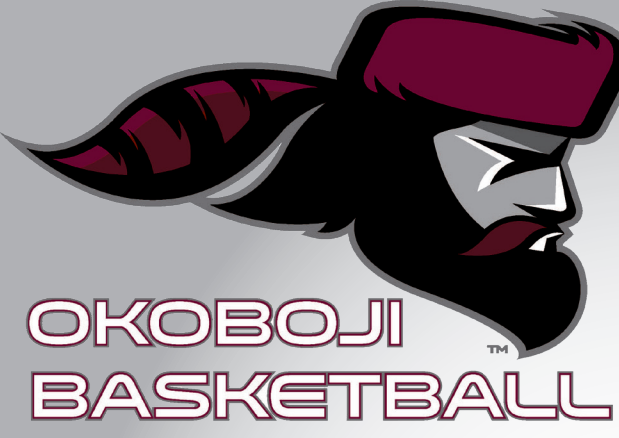
Grant are awarded to I.R.S. 501(c)(3) 'tax exempt' organizations and 170(b) 'unit of government' organizations benefiting residents of Dickinson County. Non-profit organizations without either status may apply by seeking a fiscal agent that does.

Funds may be requested within these project focus areas: •Conservation, •Economic Development, •Family Services, •Housing, •Natural Resources, •Recreation,•Transportation, and •Youth Services.

Based on endowment fund earnings and contributions received, approximately \$95,000 will be available for distribution in 2021. This year's fillable grant form is available on-line at dcefund.org/grant-info/ and must be submitted by the June 30, 2021 deadline in order to be considered by the nine-member Advisory Council.

Endowment Fund Council Advisor Ann Ditsworth notes, "In fifteen years of grant-making, the Dickinson County Endowment Fund has awarded \$1,415,797 in grant funds and partnered with 89 non-profit organizations throughout Dickinson County to support 375 positive community projects!"

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