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Pioneers Qualify For State Tournament

The Okoboji 8th Grade OYBA team recently took first place at the Pacesetter Regional Tournament, earning a spot in the Final Four State Tournament which will be held in Ankeny on March 20th. The Pioneers defeated Roland-Story, Montezuma, North Nagasaki-Oskaloosa Christian, and Van Buren on their way to the championship. The top two teams from the State Tournament will qualify for the Pacesetter Great State Tournament, which is held this summer at the Target Center in Minneapolis. Pictured above on the bottom row: Alexis Neilsen, Ella Skinner and Camry Jones; middle row: Annie Klatt and Kallyn Stumbo; top row: Magan Christopherson (missing from the photo is Samantha Grems). Okoboji is coached by Brett Stumbo and Chad Jones.

Father Carl Mann To leave St. Alban's Episcopal Church After Easter Services

Father Carl Mann has accepted the call to become priest-in-charge at Christ Episcopal Church in Burlington, Iowa. His last service at St. Alban's Episcopal Church will be the Easter Sunday service at 10:00am on March 27.



Father Carl was ordained a priest and became priest-in-charge at St. Alban's in June 2006. He was formally installed as Rector on June 22, 2008, the feast of St. Alban. During his nearly ten years at St. Alban's Father Carl has been appreciative of all of the people who have come and gone through the doors of the Church. "I will take a little bit of everybody with me wherever I go." He has witnessed a heart of mission grow within the parish, and a greater understanding and practice of Anglican spirituality, and his greatest joy has been the children he has watched grow up in the parish, as well as the children he ministered to on his two trips to Swaziland with members of his congregation and the Diocese of Iowa. "They have been a blessing to me." The congregation of St. Alban's will have a special brunch for Father Carl and his wife, Jane, after the Palm Sunday service at 10:00am on March 20.

In addition to the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services, there will be additional Holy Week services at St Alban's:

- On Thursday, March 24, there will be the Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Holy Eucharist and the stripping of the High Altar at 7:00pm.
- On Good Friday, March 25, there will be the Stations of the Cross at noon and Good Friday Liturgy with distribution of Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament at 7:00pm.
- On Holy Saturday, March 26th, there will be the Holy Saturday Liturgy at 10:00am and The Great Vigil at 7:00pm.

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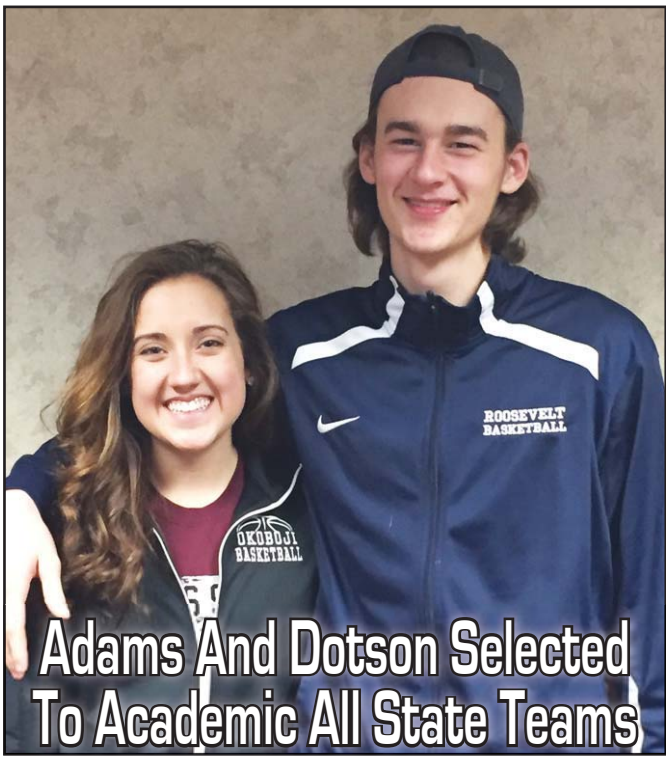
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Eli was one of 28 selections to the 2016 Boys Academic All-State Team from over 150 nominations. The Boys Team averages a 3.98 GPA and an ACT composite of 30.1, and scored an average of 16.5 points per game.

Shaelyn was a starting shooting guard for Okoboji. The Pioneers finished 24-2 on the season and first in the Siouxland Conference, earning the first state tournament berth in school history and advancing to the final four in the Girls State Tournament. Shaelyn also earned IGCA Academic All-State and Honorable Mention All-Siouxland Conference honors this year.

Eli was a starting power forward for Des Moines Roosevelt. The Roughriders finished 14-9 and third in the CIML-Metro Conference, defeating three ranked teams during their season (Ames, Waukee, Ankeny Centennial). Eli was the fifth leading rebounder in the CIML-Metro and had the second highest shooting percentage in the conference for players scoring over 100 points on the season.

Shaelyn is the daughter of John and Michelle Adams of Arnolds Park and the granddaughter of John and Mary Adams of Arnolds Park and Jim and Emily Vander Pol of Newkirk. Eli is the son of Brad Dotson and Heather Adams of Des Moines and the grandson of John and Mary Adams of Arnolds Park and Denny and Lois Dotson of Milford.



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Community Game Night is happening on Thursday, March 31, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, in the Milford Community Center. Come play Lakes-Opoly, Uno, Jenga, Apples to Apples, Wits and Wagers, or bring your own game. Pizza and bottled water will be available for \$2.50, bags of popcorn will be available for \$1 each, and ice cream is \$0.75. Bring the whole family or just yourself for a fun-filled evening of games and community. This event is sponsored by Boji Junction/Landmark, Milford Memorial Library, and Milford Commercial Club.

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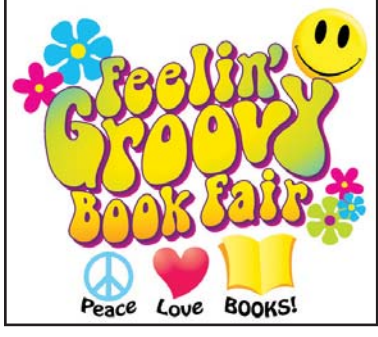
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OES Groovy BookFair a HUGE success!
 The Okoboji Elementary students and Media Center staff would like to thank the community for their continued support of our recent Scholastic Book Fair! We had fun celebrating reading throughout the book fair, which ran Feb. 25th - March 1st, 2016.



During our All For Books "Coin War", students raised a total of \$2,910.35! These funds allow teachers to choose books for their classroom libraries, putting approximately 500 books into OES classrooms. In addition to helping classroom libraries grow, the Scholastic Possible Fund matches every donation, up to \$1 million in books, received through the program. These books are then distributed to children in need through organizations such as: Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.

Mrs. Dible's kindergarten grade class won the coin war challenge by donating a total of \$243.02, followed closely by Mrs. Lindgren's 3rd Grade class which raised \$227.85!

The book fair hours coincided with the elementary conferences in order to give families the opportunity to select books together. This year's annual Book Fair sales totaled just over \$11,011.83, giving us \$4,505.91 in Scholastic dollars to purchase new Scholastic books for the elementary library and \$500.00 in cash to purchase books from other vendors. We would like to thank the volunteers, parents, and teachers for helping make this year's book fair such a success.

Thank you again and we look forward to another great Scholastic Book Fair in 2017.

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WEDNESDAY:
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 Midweek 6 to 7pm (No Lifelight Study through Lent)
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Easter Service on March 27th is 10:30 AM
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Doggie Easter Egg Hunt

The Milford Commercial Club, together with the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa are pleased to announce the Second Annual "Doggie Easter Egg Hunt". It will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, March 19th at Memorial Park (the baseball diamonds) in north Milford. Dogs of all sizes, ages and shapes are welcome but must be on a leash. The treat hunt will end when all of the eggs have been found. Free will donation will be taken to benefit the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa. Put on your Easter 'bone'-ets and join us!

Lenten Worship Schedule
 -WEDNESDAY-
 March 16
CHURCH SUPPER Serving 5:30 to 6:30 PM
 Come Join Us!
7:00 PM - Worship
 "Lord Teach us to Pray"
 Tim Nappe - Milford
 Matthew 27:46, Psalm 22
 -SUNDAY-
 March 20 - Palm Sunday
9:00 AM - Fellowship
9:30 AM - Worship
 Lesson - Prayer for Mercy
 Luke 23:32-43
10:45 - Education Hr.
Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church
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All Visitors Welcome!

Journey with us through
HOLY WEEK
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 20
 8:30am Traditional Worship
 10:30am Contemporary Worship
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY • MARCH 23
 5:30pm Family Meal
 6pm Children/Youth Groups/Confirmation
HOLY THURSDAY • MARCH 24
 7pm Evening Worship
GOOD FRIDAY • MARCH 25
 7pm Evening Worship
HOLY SATURDAY • MARCH 26
 8am-4pm Prayer Vigil in Chapel
EASTER SUNDAY
 8:30am Traditional Easter Worship
 9:30am Fellowship Time
 10:30am Contemporary Easter Worship
Spirit Lake United Methodist Church
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 email: office@spiritleakumc.org

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 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP-8:30 am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45 am
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP-11:00 am
LENT
 WORSHIP SERVICE
Lenten Service
March 16th at 6:30 PM
"The Seven Deadly Sins" Series
 Theme: **Gluttony**
Soup Supper 5:00-6:15 PM
Easter Egg Hunt 5:45 PM
Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 20th
8:30 & 11:00 AM
Procession of Palms
Palm Sunday Pancakes 9:30-10:30 AM
 1525 Three Cross Rd. (1 mile W of 71 & 86 Jct.)
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 9:30 AM - Worship
 10:45 AM - Education Hour
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THURS., MARCH 17 • 5-7 p.m.
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Jackson Lions Club 54th Annual Pancake Fiesta
Palm Sunday, March 20
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 ~ MENU ~
 Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee
 Adults: \$6 in advance, \$7.00 at door
 Students: 12 and under, \$5.00 and under FREE
 Purchase tickets in advance from any Jackson Lions Club member.
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 Friday, March 18 - 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, March 20 - 2:30 p.m.
 Admission - Free-will Offering
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Sunday, March 20
4:30pm
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Max B. Wins 5th Annual No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Championship!

Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort hosted its fifth annual No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Championship over the weekend and once again it was a huge success!

The tournament brought in over 200 poker players for the event that ran from February 22 through March 15. The championship, which came to a conclusion tonight, had 157 players vying for the top prize of \$12,018 out of the \$40,035 total prize pool. Max B. from Spirit Lake was up against Pat L. from Luverne, MN in the final hand. The final hand Pat moved all-in and Max called. Patrick held a King - 6 and Max had Ace - 5. When the board came 9-3-10-9-Queen neither player could connect and Max won with his Ace high.

Other players didn't go home empty handed, though. The top 15 places were paid in the 5th Annual No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Championship!

Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort™ (grandfallscasinoresort.com), located just minutes away from Sioux Falls, SD in Larchwood, IA, combines a Vegas-inspired casino experience with the amenities of a 97 room hotel, full-service Aveda spa, shopping, a variety of dining options 1,200 seat event center, and a golf course set to open in 2015.

Following the passage of a referendum approving a gaming structure by the citizens of Lyon County, Iowa, in September of 2008, Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort received an operator's license by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission in May of 2010. More than 450 Iowa residents own Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort.

Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort (712) 777-7777 www.GrandFallsCasinoResort.com



The Lennon Sisters Return to Grand Falls Casino for their Final Tour

We are excited to announce that The Lennon Sisters will be returning to Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 8:00pm.

America's fascination with these extraordinary sisters began 60 years ago with their first appearance on the Lawrence Welk Show on Christmas Eve, 1955. This year, they begin their bittersweet farewell tour. Don't miss your chance to see The Lennon Sisters LIVE on the Event Center stage at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort.

Tickets will be available for purchase starting at 10 am on Friday, March 11, 2016. Tickets are just \$29, and can be purchased online at www.grandfallscasinoresort.com/events, by phone at 712-777-7803, or in person at our Gift Shop.

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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

Fri., Mar. 18 - 5:30 PM - Antiques & Collectables Auction in Sherburn, MN. Auctioneers: I-90 Expo Center. 507-764-4025. www.i90expo.com

Sat., Mar. 19 - 10:30 AM - Farm Equipment Auction in Granville, IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werff, Hattermann, & O'Bryan. 712-261-0298. www.vw72.com

Sun., Mar. 20 - 12:00 PM - Estate Household Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com

Sat., Mar. 26 - 10:00 AM - Equipment Auction in Spirit Lake, MN. Auctioneers: Wedel, Pike. 712-3528. www.auctioneeralley.com

Wed., Mar. 30 - 10:00 AM - 35.8 acres Land Auction in Dickinson, Co. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com

Wed., Mar. 30 - 10:00 AM - 80 acres Land Auction in Dickinson, Co. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com

Wed., Mar. 30 - 10:00 AM - 162 acres Land Auction in Pocahontas, Co. Auctioneer: Midwest Land Management. Spencer, IA. 712-262-3110. Ben Hollesen 712-253-5779. Clint Jones 712-363-3522. www.midwestlandmanagement.com

Thurs., Mar. 31 - 10:00 AM - 160 acres Land Auction selling in two tracts. Baker Twp. Osceola, Co. Auctioneer: Midwest Land Management. Spencer, IA. 712-262-3110. Ben Hollesen 712-253-5779. Clint Jones 712-363-3522. www.midwestlandmanagement.com

Sun., April 3 - 1:00 PM - Machinery & Consignment Auction in Spencer, IA. spencervivestock.com. 712-262-4528.

Tues., April 5 - 10:00 AM - Farm Machinery Auction. Location 1685 490th St. Linn Grove. Auctioneers: Clint Jones 712-363-3522 & Ben Hollesen 712-253-5779. www.jandhauctions.com

Sat., April 16 - 8:30 AM - Community Days Consignment Auction in Ceylon. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-362-4844. www.howellsrealstateand-auction.com

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Then rock the night away!

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Alexander Piano Trio In Concert Birthday Announcement

"The Arts at St. Joseph" presents the Alexander Piano Trio featuring David Ray Alexander, piano; John Douglas Alexander, violin; and William Emerson Alexander, cello, Sunday, March 20, 2016, beginning at 4:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. The trio will play selections from Antonio Lucio, C.M. Von Weber, Johannes Brahms and Ludwig van Beethoven. A reception will follow the free concert in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 4:00pm. A free will offering will be accepted.

Sarah Lundstrom, long time Spirit Lake resident and kindergarten teacher to three generations, turned 90 years old on March 12, 2016. Cards and greetings can be sent to her at 310 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake.

Iowa Meat Processors Association

Iowa Meat Processors Association held the 80th Anniversary Convention and Trade Show in Ames February 18 - 21, 2016. Approximately 175 people representing 40 processing plants attended the event. Cured Meat Competitions were held with the top entries taking home plaques. The awards were presented on Saturday evening at the Awards Banquet attended by the 220 people.

There were two competitions as Iowa hosted the Quad State "Best of the Midwest" featuring 4 classes of products and the larger event was the Iowa competition with twenty classes. The Quad State entries were from Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas in addition to those from Iowa.

The products were judged by teams of twenty professionals from Iowa State University and several other universities as well as some industry experts. Products are scored on external and internal appearance, flavor and aroma, and workmanship. There were a total of 340 products entered by twenty-five plants.

Terry Kraft, owner/operator of Ruthven Meat Processing in Ruthven, received the Reserve Grand Champion Cooked Summer Sausage award and the Quad-State Competition - Reserve Grand Champion Flavored Bacon.

Indian Spirit Cafe 2016 Menu

Indian Spirit Cafe, presented by the Spirit Lake High School Culinary Arts Students, serves every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00. Cost is \$8.00 which includes meal, dessert and beverage. Please call for reservations at 712-336-3707 ext. 1770 or email at bparriott@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us. Parking is available in front of the Sami Center on 28th street and along the East side facing the Sami Center. You can also park in the visitor section at the front of the school.

- March 15 - lemon chicken piccata, side of creamy au gratin potatoes, and chocolate lava cake dessert.
- March 17 - Dutch pancakes, side of hashbrowns and sausage, with a mini cinnamon roll dessert.
- March 22 - beef tips with gravy and noodles, side of lemon pepper broccoli, and Greek baklava dessert.
- March 24 - cajun chicken pasta, side of greek salad, and yogurt parfait with granola dessert.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
We are so lucky to have The Lakes News Shopper, Dicko, and KUOO to post our fundraisers, weather related closings and necessary announcements when needed. Keep up the good work.

Many thanks go out to individuals, volunteers and organizers for supporting the Lakes Area Senior Center during the fall-winter months. We couldn't do it without your support. Many people have worked hard to secure the land, raise the funds to build the Senior Center building, keep up the maintenance and updates that the facility requires.

We are looking forward to spring by hosting a soup luncheon in April and Volunteers Appreciation Day in May. Follow-up ads will be posted before the events.

If you haven't been to the Lakes Area Senior Center for fund raisers or Monday - Friday noon meals, come check us out. We enjoy welcoming new-comers to our facility. We are located at 2101 Zenith Avenue, Spirit Lake and our phone number is 712-336-5247. Thanks again everyone for your support.

The Lakes Area Senior Center Staff and Volunteers

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South 71 - March 27
Dan O'Sullivan - April 3

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THE DIVERGENT SERIES: ALLEGIANT PG-13
Shailene Woodley Theo James
FRI-SUN: 1:30, 1:50, 4:00, 4:20, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40
MON-WED: 4:00, 4:20, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40
THURS: 1:30, 1:50, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN PG
Jennifer Garner Martin Henderson
FRI-SUN: 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:10
MON-WED: 3:50, 6:50, 9:10
THURS: 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:10

10 CLOVERFIELD LANE PG-13
Mary Elizabeth Winstead John Goodman
FRI-SUN: 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
MON-WED: 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
THURS: 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00

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By the Water's Edge Looking at Responsible Land Management

By Steve Weisman



In a recent article, I discussed how no matter where we live or work, we are all part of a watershed. Watersheds can be small or large, but they all drain into a common outlet such as a lake or stream. Here in the Lakes area the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed is huge: 90,631 acres. One way or another we all impact this watershed. Whatever runoff enters our lakes directly affects their water quality and their health! Although there are huge challenges facing all of us who live in the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed, there are so many opportunities to make water quality better. In visiting with Jim Sholly, who works for the Dickinson Soil and Water Conservation District as the watershed coordinator for the Iowa Great Lakes, there are so many things individuals and groups can do. Sholly says there is a wide range of water quality improvement practices for both rural and urban areas and that improvements can be made in almost any setting. No practice or change in behavior is too small to improve water quality in our lakes. These practices are important no matter if it is around the lake or miles from nearest shoreline. We all need to be part of the solution.

For the past two years, Sholly has been working with residential home owners, businesses, lake shore owners, acreage owners and farmers to help them design plans that positively affect the runoff into the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed. "It's really all about responsible land stewardship," says Sholly. In reality, it's about taking care of the water on our property, not just getting it to run off and passing it on to someone or some place else! He notes that more and more people are taking the responsibility to do their part in helping improve our water quality.

Sholly finds it exciting that interest in water quality is becoming greater each year. More and more farmers are realizing the impact runoff from their land has on the area lakes and streams. The challenge becomes how to address this impact, while at the same time helping farmers continue to raise crops. That's what Sholly does.

"I'm really excited about a new practice that we are trying here in northwest Iowa it's called an 'Edge of Field' prairie strip. In this practice, the landowner puts 10-15 percent of a field into a section of strategically placed prairie grasses. For instance, if you put the strip of grass on the downhill side of the field, the plan is to intercept and infiltrate the water into the prairie before it enters a drainage ditch, culvert, road ditch or stream that eventually drains into a river or lake."

Sholly notes that Iowa State University has done several studies on this in southern and central Iowa, and data collected shows the Edge of Field practice works very well. "Dr. Helmers, who heads this study, is encouraged by what he has seen. The practice protects the tile intakes and helping to meet water quality goals, while at the same time meeting the needs of the farmer planting corn and soybeans."

According to Dr. Helmers, data collected has been very encouraging. "Based on our water quality monitoring at other sites in Iowa, we see a drastic reduction in sediment and nutrient loss with runoff in areas where prairie strips have been incorporated."

A local project
Sholly is currently working with Eric Hoen, who owns farmland on the east of Big Spirit. Currently, the drainage leaves the land through culverts to the ditch across the road and also into the Reeds Run drainage area before entering Big Spirit. "I am really excited about the potential that the Edge of Field practice will do for us in the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed," said Hoen. "Sometime in 2014, I saw an article in the Des Moines Register about the STRIPS program (Science-based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips), and it intrigued me. I then looked at videos on the Internet about these strips. The idea of Edge of Field practice is that you can put 10 percent of a field edge into prairie grasses and it will take care of approximately 90 percent of the runoff. That made sense to me."

The initial step is to take a look at the topography and see where the low spots are and where the drainage is going. On the Hoen farm, some of those areas showed up along the road. These are areas where water might settle or run to after a large rainfall. Hoen worked with his tenant to make sure it would be in both of their interests to implement this practice without hampering the farmability of the land.

In November, Hoen had the 20+ acre tract seeded with a mix of tall grass prairie seed incorporating many wildflowers into the mix. In addition, two sites will be set up to collect data concerning runoff. According to Sholly, "Two autosamplers will be installed this spring, one at the leading edge of the prairie strip (as it comes off the cropped area) and the second at the exit of the prairie strip (after it leaves the prairie). This will help us determine the differences in water, sediment and nitrate/phosphorus levels before it enters the prairie and after it has gone through the prairie and then left the strip." It will take two to three years before the prairie grasses have totally taken hold. There will also be a mid-contract prescribed burn to invigorate the grasses and forbs.

Based on the results from other Edge of Field plantings, Hoen hopes to see a significant decrease in run-off and nitrate/phosphorus levels. Sholly says, "Once established, the native prairie grass deep root structure will act as a sponge, when the water begins to run off. The root structure is so massive that it will take care of a huge amount of water. As a result, much of it will never leave the field. Thus, the prairie will intercept and infiltrate the water - in this case before it ever reaches the culverts or Reeds Run."

Hoen says this is meant to be a long-term investment for at least 10 years. After the contract is up, there appears to be the opportunity to re-enroll the land. "For years, the typical thought process has been to get that extra water off of the property, never thinking about the consequences as it enters our lakes and streams or adjacent neighbors. It is really our responsibility to take care of the water on our property, not just pass it on to someone else!"

Sholly says this is also going to act as a demonstration site where other landowners can come and witness the results. "The landowner gets the benefit of still being able to farm the ground, while at the same time getting to protect his own land and also the watershed as it carries run-off to the lake."

For more information about this program or other conservation programs, give Sholly a call at (712) 336-3782 ext. 3.

Come & Go Bridal Brunch

All are welcome to a Come & Go Bridal Brunch honoring Rebeca Vander Meulen, bride elect of Alex Will, on Saturday, March 26, from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Lake Park Community Center (903 Market Street). The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Target.

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Birthday Announcement

June Gonnerman celebrated her 94th birthday on Saturday, March 12, 2016. June now resides at the Community Memorial Health Center, 231 North 8th Avenue West in Hartley, IA 51346, and would appreciate hearing from friends and relatives in the lakes area.

Terril United Methodist Church Spaghetti Supper

The Terril United Methodist Church will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, March 17 from 5:00-7:00pm. The menu will include spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, desserts and beverages. Free will offering. The proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of a new furnace. See you March 17!

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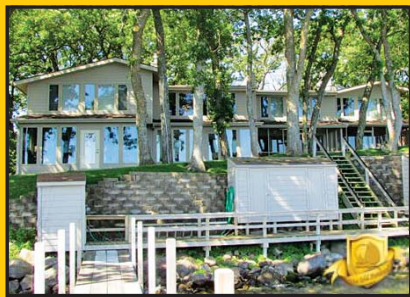
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Get on your dancing shoes, and meet your friends at the VFW canteen this Saturday. The VFW is located at 918 Lake Street, Spirit Lake.

Spirit Lake Library News

- New Non-Fiction Titles at the Spirit Lake Public Library**
 Finance/ Sciences/ Health & Cookbooks/ History/ Genealogy
- *Dark Money: the Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right* by Mayer
 - *The Power of Broke* by John
 - *Nickel and Dimed: on (Not) Getting by in America* by Ehrenreich
 - *Connecting the Drops: a Citizens' Guide to Protecting Water Resources* by Schneller-McDonald
 - *Organic Chemistry 1 for Dummies* by Winter
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 - *Thinking Person's Guide to Climate Change* by Henson
 - *The Butterflies of North America: Titián Peale's Lost Manuscript* by Peale
 - *Bird Songs: 250 North American Birds in Song* by Beletsky
 - *The Handy Anatomy Answer Book* by Barnes-Svarney
 - *Help Me! Guide to iPhone 6* by Hughes
 - *The Brain Fog Fix: Reclaim Your Focus, Memory, and Joy in Just 3 Weeks* by Dow
 - *Reclaim your brain: how to calm your thoughts, heal your mind, and bring your life back under control* by Annibali
 - *Diabetes for Dummies* by Rubin
 - *Mayo Clinic, the Essential Diabetes Book*
 - *Diabetes meals by the plate: 90 low-carb meals to mix & match*
 - *Overcoming binge eating: the proven program to learn why you binge and how you can stop* by Fairburn
 - *The 30-day sobriety solution: how to cut back or quit drinking in the privacy of your own home* by Canfield
 - *Keep moving: and other tips and truths about aging* by Van Dyke
 - *Best Mexican Recipes by America's Test Kitchen*
 - *Strong Looks Better Naked* by Kardashian
 - *A New Look at Iowa One-Room Schools* by Host
 - *The family tree problem solver: tried-and-true tactics for tracing elusive ancestors* by Rising
 - *Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com: How to Find Your Family History on the #1 Genealogy Website* by Hendrickson
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- Various Subjects**
- *The name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis
 - *Gitchie Girl: The Survivor's Inside Story of the Mass Murders That Shocked the Heartland* by Hamman - author visit this summer!
 - *The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain* by Bryson
 - *5 Love Languages of Children* by Chapman
 - *The Bigfoot Book: the Encyclopedia of Sasquatch, Yeti, and Cryptid Primates* by Redfern
 - *The lost art of reading nature's signs* by Gooley

Minds in Motion
 Spirit Lake Elementary School 2nd & 4th Grades

Minds in Motion, a program designed to allow students' inquisitive minds and creative energies to shine, will be held on March 31 in the Spirit Lake Elementary School.

This non-juried event allows 3rd and 4th graders to present science experiments, inventions and innovations to the student body, during school hours, and to the public from 6:00-7:00pm. This high-energy event is enthusiastically attended by participants and viewers alike.

The SLESPIE organization sponsors this annual event. Dave Petrick Photographic Artist will, once again, generously provide the wonderful event photography, helping students remember their wonderful experiences for years to come.

A video from a previous year's event can be viewed at http://www.spirit-lake.k12.ia.us/elementary_school/resources/list/?category_id=16

Community Table Serving March 17

Community Table North serves the third Thursday of each month at the Bedell Family YMCA. For the month of March, that date falls on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day). The meal begins at 5:30pm and runs until 7pm. The Y hosts and provides the meal to community members free of charge, and all are welcome to attend.



Community Table North is a collaborative effort of The Bedell Family YMCA, Upper Des Moines Opportunity and the Dickinson County Ministerial Association.

Other Community Table meals in the area are on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Community Center of the Okoboji Bible Conference at 45 S. Highway 71 in Arnolds Park. Dickinson County churches provide and serve the meal, adding belonging and friendship to good food.

Sacred Heart Hires New Teacher

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Spencer is pleased to announce that Charlie Doyle has accepted the position of 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Charlie is a former Sacred Heart student. He graduated from Buena Vista University in December 2015 with his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a K-8 Reading Endorsement. Mr. Doyle had previously worked in the preschool and after school programs the past couple of years at Sacred Heart School. For additional information please contact Mr. Ron Olberding, Principal, Sacred Heart School 712-262-6428 or rolberding@spencerschools.org.



New Park Providing Spring, Summer And Fall Recreation

"The Dickinson County Conservation Board has done it again. They have taken a major recreation step in the Iowa Great Lakes, not unlike the creation a number of years ago of a winter recreation park called Horseshoe Bend, southwest of Milford.

"This time, they have all the bases covered, with the new park providing spring, summer and fall recreation for young and old alike. And like Horseshoe Bend, the park is unique to northwest Iowa."

This was the introduction to an Okobojian article dated May 26, 1988, regarding the opening of Kenue Park.

"Kenue Park, derived from an Indian name for War Eagle, is comprised of 40 acres of giant oaks and native grasses. It was previously used as pasture land for the County Care Facility Farm. When the farm ceased operation, the Dickinson County Conservation Board received a management agreement from the County Board of Supervisors and began construction of a park on the tract," the article continued.

It has been 28 years since Kenue Park opened, and the park today is even more unique than it was back then.

The 70-acre park, located at 2279 170th St., Okoboji, includes three different native Iowa habitats --- a restored tallgrass prairie, a wetland and an oak savanna --- with plenty to see and do.

Take a walk along mowed trails encompassed by big bluestem, compass plant and pale purple coneflowers. While you're there, pull out your GPS-enabled smartphone and try to find the four Ranger Rick geocaches hidden amidst natural surroundings.

Continue past the 55-foot telephone pole that is topped with a large box, where osprey make their home April-September. From the observation tower on the other side of the wetland, you can get a good look at the entire east side of the park, including the two rehabilitated trumpeter swans swimming in the wetland. For an even closer look at those majestic birds, you can also take the trail right down amidst the reeds to a floating dock.

In the summer, Pollinator Paradise is open with its exhibits on butterflies, bees and plantings. Explore the gardens outside to see native plants in bloom and get an idea about which ones would work in your own yard.

In 2016, the Dickinson County Conservation Board will be working on the nature playscape located just west of the nature center in Kenue Park. This outdoor playground features stumps and logs for climbing, an underground tunnel and a teepee, with even more fun to be added.

Just past Pollinator Paradise is the glacial kame, a hill made of sediment left behind when the glaciers receded in the area. At the top, take in the scenic view of Kenue Park, Brooks National Golf Club and the Okoboji Gold Disc Golf Course. The 18-hole professional level disc golf course has both amateur- and professional-level tees and is open to the public year round.

If you're looking for a place to bring a picnic lunch, take a seat at the picnic tables at the west end of Kenue Park and then relax in the porch swing overlooking the area.

Mid-June through August, don't forget to visit the Westport Schoolhouse and take a step back in time to see what life was like for students in one-room country schools.

Whenever you have the urge to get outside and just enjoy nature, Kenue Park is the perfect place to spend your time walking, watching wildlife and soaking in the beauty of the world around you.

With eight parks and even more public areas, the Dickinson County Conservation Board has a variety of gems for the public to explore to help foster an appreciation of the natural world. Learn about each of these parks at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com and see a new series of Youtube videos on each park, coming out periodically in 2016. Check out the Kenue Park video on the DCCBNaturecenter Youtube channel.

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Whose special interest should our elected officials serve?

As an 82 year old former Republican, my memory of special interest policies only goes back to President Reagan's initiative to reduce taxes on the very wealthy. In a sweeping move he reduced the top tax brackets by a whopping 40%. The top bracket went from 70% to 28%. "Trickle Down" economies were to boost the economy, increase employment and thereby increase tax revenue. Unfortunately, it did not work out that way. Revenue shortfall was so severe that taxes on the lower and middle class were raised several times during the Reagan administration. The result was disastrous, when Reagan was elected, the national debt was 900 billion dollars, when he left office it had tripled to 2.8 trillion dollars. This theory was further debunked recently by President George W. Bush appointee Keith Hall, the current director of the Congressional Budget Office in a recently released statement: "Tax cuts do not pay for themselves".



Serving high income, high wealth interests is only one of many groups influencing our elected officials. The oil industry, drug producers, gun manufacturers all have their fingers in the political pie directing legislation to suit their particular desires.

In a recent Rotary meeting in Okoboji, we had our local state senator David Johnson as a speaker. Following his presentation, during the question and answer session, I asked David what he thought about recent legislation proposed concerning the "Death With Dignity" bill, similar to the one in Oregon. He answered: I did everything I could do to prevent the bill from moving out of committee to the Senate for a vote and was successful. I asked why. He said "I believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death". I then asked if this was a constitutional position or a religious position. After a pause he said it was a religious position. It should be noted that this position is not professed by all religions, not even all Christian denominations, nor those professing no religion. Actually a small percentage of our population. Recent polls show that 60% of Iowans favor the "Death With Dignity" concept. In a recent statement in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Governor Terry Branstad said "Just because you're an elected official or a party leader you don't have a right to thwart the will of the people". So, whose interest is Sen. David Johnson serving?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To The Editor:
The Special Olympics athletes from Spirit Lake Community Schools would like to thank the community for coming out to support the Get Up & Bowl fundraiser. They also invite you to come out and watch them compete in the area Track and Field competition on April 7, at the Spirit Lake High School track. They will be competing for a chance to go to the State Summer Games in Ames in May!



Iowa Jazz Championships

OHS will be sending a charter bus down to Iowa Jazz Championships in Des Moines on April 5. The cost to ride is \$20.00 per person and you will have to pay admission cost when down there. Please sign up and pay in the OHS office by March 29. They urge community members to take advantage of this opportunity to hear some great jazz bands at their best.

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Green Waste Site Will Open March 24

City of Spirit Lake and City of Orleans residents will be able to use the green waste site commencing Thursday, March 24, 2016. The site will be open the following hours: Saturdays 9:00am – 5:00pm; Sundays 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Tuesdays 3:00pm – 7:00pm and Thursdays 3:00pm – 7:00pm. The green waste site will be closed Easter Sunday.

The site will be staffed by an attendant and residents will need to present their driver's license to the attendant to verify residence. The attendant will have a list of city residents and water customers of the cities of Orleans and Spirit Lake.

The cities ask the cooperation of residents in not arriving before the gates open or before working hours commence to avoid a line of vehicles on the county road for the safety of all concerned.

Residents may bring their yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, twigs, brush). Tree trunks, limbs and branches over 6" in diameter will not be accepted, but may be taken to the Dickinson County Recycling Center.

Use of the green waste site is free of charge. The City of Spirit Lake will continue to provide curbside pickup of yard waste (same conditions as above) on a weekly basis, every Friday commencing April 1, 2016.

Simpson College Madrigal Singers To Perform

The Simpson College Madrigal Singers will perform a concert this Saturday, March 19, at 1:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church in Spencer. The Simpson College Madrigal Singers are a college and a Midwestern tradition. The group was founded by Dr. Robert L. Larsen in 1957 and has earned plaudits from critics throughout this country and in Europe. Since 1988, the group has toured Great Britain and Europe including France, Italy, Russia, Scandinavia, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, and The Netherlands. Music at Simpson College trains professional musicians. It has received full accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music since 1947. It offers a rigorous academic music program with 13 full-time faculty and 20 part-time affiliate teachers, and confers the Bachelor of Music degree in Performance and Music Education and the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music. Music at Simpson is widely recognized as offering a premier education for vocal, piano, and instrumental students. Simpson develops the unique gifts of each student through a combination of one-to-one music instruction, classroom teaching, and countless performing opportunities. We offer programs which prepare students for performing careers, train music educators, and lay the groundwork for the graduate studies in performance, conducting, stage direction, musicology, music education, and arts administration. Our alumni can be found in all these areas at the highest levels of the profession. Aspects of the program have been cited as "outstanding" by U.S. News and World Report and the program in voice as "exceptional" by the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To The Editor:
The 5th annual Get Up and Bowl for Special Olympics was a HUGE success. The money earned will be shared among Okoboji, Spirit Lake Park, and Hope Haven North Special Olympics teams. Everyone involved had a wonderful time. The support the teams received from our communities was unbelievable. The Get Up and Bowl event is a chance for businesses, families, and friends to come together and have fun while helping a worthy cause.

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors: IGL Teleconnect and Healthy Smile - Dr. Lancaster. We would also like to thank Carol and her employees at Corner Lanes bowling alley, KUOO, Mike Ross from Business Today, Nancy Vierkant for organizing this event, Lakes News Shopper, Godfathers, and Pizza Rance. A special thank you to the businesses, families, and friends who sponsored teams, donated silent auction items, donated cash, and bowled with our athletes. It was an unforgettable day for our Special Olympics athletes. Please be looking for the date of our next Get Up and Bowl event in March of 2017.

The Special Olympics motto: Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.
Sincerely,
Okoboji, Spirit Lake Park, and Hope Haven North Special Olympics teams
* Not all athletes are pictured.



Congratulations To The Bedell Barracudas

The Bedell Barracudas have a Girls' double State Champion, Mya Miller.
On March 5 and 6, the YMCA Bedell Barracudas Swim Team participated in the Iowa State Swim Meet in Marshalltown, Iowa.
The boys competed on Saturday, scoring 34 points, placing the boys team in 23rd place out of 31, including Division 1, 2 and 3.
Ray Kaiser (8) swam in the 25 yard backstroke with a final time of 24.72 placing him 21st in the state.
Evan Beck (10) swam in the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 40.39 placing him 15th in the state. He also swam in the 100 yard backstroke with a final time of 1:28.35 cutting 5.58 seconds and placing him 15th in the state.
Nick Phomsouvanh (11) swam in the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 40.34 placing him 13th in the state. He also swam in the 100 yard backstroke with a final time of 1:26.30 placing 11th in the state.
The girls competed on Sunday, scoring 171 points, and placing the girls team in 12th place out of 28, including Division 1, 2 and 3.
Erikka Duhn (10) swam in the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 44.82 placing her 17th in the state.
Sophie Endly (14) swam in the 200 yard freestyle with a final time of 2:15.47 placing 13th in the state. She also swam in the 50 yard freestyle with a final time of 27.49 placing 13th in the state. Her final swim was the 100 yard freestyle with a final time of 1:01.23 placing 12th in the state.
Audrey Farrar (10) swam the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 44:03 placing 11th in the state. She also swam in the 100 yard backstroke with a final time of 1:34.13 placing 6th in the state.
Haley Harms (12) swam the 200 yard freestyle with a final time of 2:26.04 dropping 6.24 seconds placing 28th in the state. She also swam in the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 35.52 dropping 1.81 seconds placing 4th in the state. Her final swim was the 100 yard breaststroke with a final time of 1:20.21 dropping 3.39 seconds placing 11th in the state.
Mya Miller (10) swam the 50 freestyle with a final time of 28.75 dropping 2.66 seconds placing her 1st in the state. She also swam the 100 IM with a final time of 1:17.69 dropping 5.91 seconds placing 4th in the state. Her final individual event was the 100 freestyle with a final time of 1:04.09 dropping 5.95 seconds placing her 1st in the state.
Ella Stoll (12) swam the 50 yard backstroke with a final time of 34.75 placing 14th in the state. She also swam the 100 yard backstroke with a final time of 1:17.56 placing 19th in the state.
Callie Taylor (10) swam the 50 yard freestyle with a final time of 31.87 dropping 1.23 seconds placing 7th in the state. She also swam the 100 yard freestyle with a final time of 1:11.24 dropping 2.72 seconds placing 7th in the state.
Marisa Weeks (15) swam the 50 yard freestyle with a final time of 27.77 placing 17th in the state. She also swam the 100 yard freestyle with a final time of 1:01.84 placing 16th in the state. Her final individual event was the 100 yard backstroke with a final time of 1:11.92 dropping 1.91 seconds placing 10th in the state.
The Girls 9-10 200 yard Medley Relay had a final time of 2:39.76 dropping 6.91 seconds placing the relay team of: Brooklyn Ferguson, Audrey Farrar, Kazhmry Menough and Callie Taylor 11th in the state.
The Girls 11-12 200 yard Freestyle Relay had a final time of 2:01.81 dropping 4.22 seconds placing the relay team of: Mya Miller, Ella Stoll, Callie Taylor and Haley Harms 13th in the state.
The swimmers have worked really hard all season and were able to enjoy the rewards of their efforts, hard work, dedication and determination, this past weekend during the Iowa State swim meet. Congratulations to all of the state swimmers, especially the Bedell Barracudas.
(Sophie Endly is not pictured in the photo)

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OHS Jazz Band fan bus going to Championships

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 Your \$20 fare should get you a place on the bus leaving Milford at about 11 a.m. that day, in plenty of time to see the band perform at 3:15 p.m. Plans would also see that you get a seat on the return trip after the band's last performance of the day.
 To make your reservations call Cheryl Aumer at OHS - 712-338-2446, no later than Monday, March 28. As Paul Simon and partner Art Garfunkel were once or twice heard to say, "Get on the bus, Gus..."



Due to an email being lost somewhere in cyberspace, we missed noting last week that the Spirit Lake Middle School show choir, *Spirit Rising*, earned a fourth place trophy, March 5, in competition at Emmetsburg. Eighth grade students Faith Norris, Grace Birkland, and Jordyn Hamm choreographed the performance. Gabby Taylor and Birkland were soloists. And Addie Ascherl and Norris sang a duet in the group's ballad, *Fly / I Believe I Can Fly*...

This past weekend the SLHS Show Choir and Vocal Jazz performed at Washington High School, in Sioux Falls, with the choir earning First Runner-Up honors in Class A competition. Vocal Jazz was awarded an Excellent Rating.
Side note: Vocal director Duane Ites told us Sunday that Saturday's schedule was a bit hectic, as some of the vocalists were involved in the State Speech Contest in Moline, earlier in the day, and barely made it to Sioux Falls in time to perform.
 Maybe that stress was a good thing...

While for the last two weeks we have noted Sunday's Alexander brothers' concert in Milford, there is another concert of like interest, Saturday afternoon, at Sacred Heart church in Spencer.
 The 1:30 concert will feature the *Madrigal Singers* from Simpson College, in Indianola, performing Renaissance secular literature, along with sacred literature and contemporary works for small ensembles...

This week will also see *The Senders* at Table 316, in Arnolds Park, Wednesday night, from 7 - 9:00. *Jessie James and The Outlaws* will be taking the Table 316 stage next Thursday night...

A very different offering from Iowa Lakes Community College will see six ballroom dancing lessons starting this Thursday and running Thursday nights through April 28, also at Table 316. The classes will be from 7 - 8:00, with one-on-one instruction.

Unless you have two left feet (like the Old Professor), Iowa Lakes is inviting you to bring a partner and enjoy learning several dance steps.
 For more information, contact Nancy Ramos at 712-362-7965, or email her at NRamos@IowaLakes.Edu

Also coming up at Iowa Lakes: The spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will be staged on April 7, 8, and 9. Mark the dates...

After your first dance lesson this week you can show off a bit at Spencer's YMCA, Saturday night, when the *Itty Bitty Boji Band* will be playing for listening and dancing. You don't have to be a 'Y' member to attend...

Saturday night will also see singer-songwriter Amy Kucharik performing in the library at the BARC Center (1112 Fifth Avenue, Windom).
 The offering is presented by *Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association*. More information can be found at AmyKucharik.Com

If you display your new high-stepping talent Saturday night, you can enjoy the music of Dave Rowley and Ryan Sather, from 4 - 6:00, Sunday afternoon, at the Little Swan Lake Winery. We're betting you might want to try the dance floor in the barn at the Winery, too...

Research Director RD reminds us this week that we should have an extra spring in our steps with the onset of the Spring season on Sunday. After all the wonderful spring-like weather we've enjoyed lately, it would be a very strange twist of fate to have March go out like a lion with a roaring snow storm. Here's hoping for continued warm weather.
 Just think of all the great music written about Spring...



The Alexander Piano Trio, (l-r) William, David, and John, will be performing as part of the Arts at St. Joseph series, Sunday afternoon, at St. Joseph church in Milford.
 The 4:30 concert will feature selections from Antonio Lulo, C. M. Von Weber, Johannes Brahms and Ludwig van Beethoven.
 A reception will follow.

All the news that fits we print.
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SLPO Soccer Can Drive

The Spirit Lake-Park-Okoboji Boys and Girls Soccer programs will be collecting Iowa deposit cans and bottles as a fundraiser on this Saturday, March 19th. You can drop off your donated deposit cans or bottles to the Spirit Lake High School or the Okoboji High School provided bins from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Or if you'd like someone to pick them up from your home, you can call 712-320-2199 to schedule a pick up time. It's a great time of year to clean out your garage of the extra can clutter. Your donation is greatly appreciated in helping the lakes area SL-P-O High School soccer programs.

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Car photo, minutes before the plunge, by Jan McDonald, March 10, 12:45

After photos of Rescue Squad, by Mary Chambers, March 11, 5:45

We Have a Winner!

For years, Jan McDonald of Spirit Lake has been intrigued by the unique environmentally friendly car drop fund raiser on Smith's Bay.
 When the event first began, about 15 years ago, it was the idea of Joe Estes of the Spirit Lake Sunrise Kiwanis Club. The shell of a car was placed on the ice in view of traffic over the bridge around Winter Games time and people could guess the month, day, hour and minute that the car would fall through the once 20-30 inch thick ice. Back then, tickets were \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, and Jan would buy about \$30 dollars worth, distributing them to family and friends. Over the years, her family in Massachusetts would check online on the local web cam to see if the car was still standing. Almost all had been out to Iowa to visit over the past 40 summers. "If I ever mentioned Winter Games they would ask, is the car on the ice yet?" It was a fun connection for them, although 1500 miles away.
 Jan, a Lakes News Shopper employee, would work on ads for the event with Dee Wermersen of Sunrise Kiwanis. She also designed and put up posters for sales at the Dry Dock Lounge. At one point the Red Cross partnered with the Kiwanians to benefit from the fund raiser, and the proceeds made for a lot of happy people.
 Every March, or April, spectators might line up at the bridge when the car was listing and the plunge looked inevitable. Also when the team from Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue and Bob Kirschbaum's tow truck would arrive to retrieve the car from the bottom of the lake and check the dashboard clock to find the exact minute the car hit the water.
 A few years ago the IGL Rotary Club, that also supports programs to enrich the area, was asked to help sell tickets. To simplify sales, all 720 minutes in a clock day were sold so a person would have 2 chances (a.m. or p.m.) to win and the cost was \$10 for a specific minute.
 "Nowadays I usually buy 12 tickets, always including a new acquaintance or an old friend - just for the surprise factor of participating. It's a fun way to support our community!" Jan said. This year, Jan bought her tickets from co-worker and IGL Rotarian Peggy Gustafson.
 Last Wednesday, during her noon lunch break, Jan took a picture of the car leaning into the water and announced at work that it was near the end. She was excited to learn that some of her tickets were close to that time and called relatives holding the 1:11 and 1:12 ticket to get them excited as well, having no idea how close she really was.
 "This is such a special promotion for our area, I'm sure there are still people who don't know why that car sits out there abandoned, even though the details are advertised many times over the season and posters are everywhere. It's like buying a lottery ticket and waiting to find out the surprise. Next year will be someone else's turn to win \$1,000. For me that time of 12:58 is the lucky moment to help fund a trip to San Francisco to visit my son, Logan, who moved there recently. Thank You, Mother Nature and Iowa Great Lakes Rotary!"

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The purpose of the event is to promote the importance of the Father Daughter relationship. The night gives fathers an opportunity to intentionally invest in the life of their daughter. Memories are made that will last a lifetime for these young girls and their dads. One dad who has brought his daughter to all 10 dances simply stated "We look forward to this night together all year".

The Cherish Center would like to thank Boji Bay Funhouse Pavilion for providing the perfect venue, Brad Simington and his high school volunteers for face painting, Brett Fuelbert and the Laker Life group for the crafts, Lisa Duffy and the girl scouts from Milford for the carnival games, Traci Valen for taking photographs and David Van Egdom for giving a challenge to the Dads on being a Father who treats every day with gratitude.

Save the date of Saturday, February 25, for next year's dance!

OHS Individual Speech Success

Okoboji High School hosted the District Individual Speech Contest on Saturday, February 27. Head Coach Jean Ann Myhre and Assistant Coach Ann Williamsen had their students ready for success as a total of 20 OHS students in 27 events earned Division I ratings which qualifies them to perform at State Contest. The students who have qualified for state are: Tristan Brown*, Laura Clark, Jeremiah Clay, Andrew Dunn, Grace Goehring, Bin Huang*, Dallas Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Blake Lineweaver*, Zoe McGahan, Kaitlyn Meylor, Carson Miller*, Laura Nielsen*, Liz Olsen, Hope Pearson, Kiaya Pernick, Catherine Rohret*, Megan Stephenson, Nicole Welle, Samantha Wuebker*. (* denotes a qualifier in two events)

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Mental Health Support Meeting
All are welcome for the monthly support group meeting of NAMI of northwest Iowa, which meets on Monday, March 21, at 7:00pm at the Spencer Hospital lower level Cedar Conference Room, 1200 1st Avenue East, Spencer, weather permitting. There will be a presentation on dementia from Jeanne Steinkamp of the Alzheimer's Association.
Please listen to KICD 107.7 for weather cancellations or call ahead to 712-262-9438 by 4:00pm to determine if there will be a meeting.
Persons with Lived Experience are welcome to attend DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance) at the Spencer Hospital Cedar Conference Room on Monday, March 21, at 5:30pm weather permitting. Please listen to KICD 107.7 for weather cancellations or call ahead to 712-262-9438 by 4:00pm to determine if there will be a meeting. For more information, please call 712-262-9438.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Tournament Thank You

To The Editor:

I just wanted to take a minute and thank a couple groups of people for last week's, actually this season's, Okoboji Girls Basketball Ride. The first group I want to thank are the girls themselves. I have been blessed to be around the 11 Seniors since they started in grade school and to be around our lone junior Lindsey Wittrock and both Student Managers the last 2 years. You will not find a better group of young ladies to represent the Okoboji School and Community. I have heard so many compliments, not only on how hard they play but on how impressed people are with the type of young ladies they are. I could go on and on about those young women...

The second group I would like to thank are the Okoboji fans. The crowds that supported the girls on the tournament run were nothing short of incredible. From our home crowds in Clarion. All I can say is "Wow"! In the Quarter-Final game on Monday against Pekin, the sea of maroon and volume that came out of our stands was awesome. You could see the girls feeding off it in the second half.

The support that came out in the stands in the Semi-Final still gives me goose bumps. I had a coach from another team come up and compliment our fans and student section. Her comment was "That is what High School Basketball is all about"

I cannot over look the financial support the community gave. The work so many people did behind the scenes to arrange meals, charter buses for the players and fans. *Thank You!!*

Today, as always, I am proud to be a PIONEER.

Tony Peschong
Assistant GBB Coach



Live Streaming Web Camera At The Dickinson County Nature Center

As waterfowl migrate through the area, many are finding the wetland in Kenue Park an enticing place to stop.

You can watch the ducks, geese and swans as they go about their daily routines thanks to the Dickinson County Nature Center's live web camera.

A new, high-resolution camera was installed at the Dickinson County Nature Center in March and is focused on the male and female rehabilitated trumpeter swans that live on the wetland just outside.

These swans are no longer able to fly due to previous injuries. Many trumpeter swans get injured by man-made structures and accidents involving humans, and injured birds often become a part of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources swan breeding program that has helped increase the population of America's largest waterfowl.

The live web camera has the ability to pan and zoom around the wetland and prairie, capturing all kinds of wildlife that visit the park.

When the Okoboji Osprey return --- anticipated in late April --- the web camera feed will switch to a view of the osprey nesting platform in Kenue Park as it has in previous years. Everyone will be able to follow the osprey pair as the birds build a nest, lay eggs, incubate those eggs and finally raise their chicks.

To view the camera year-round, simply visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com and click on "live web cam." A live feed also streams inside the Dickinson County Nature Center during open hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, or stop by anytime to take a walk down to the wetland and see the trumpeter swans in person. A floating dock allows people up-close access to these beautiful creatures, and a climb up the observation tower offers a scenic overlook of the wetland and surrounding prairie.

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Overeaters Anonymous Meeting

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Jones To Seek Re-Election

State Representative Megan Jones (R-Sioux Rapids) filed nomination petitions to seek re-election to the Iowa House. Jones, a Republican, currently represents Iowa House District 2, which includes all of Clay and Palo Alto Counties as well as southern Dickinson County.



"It is a privilege to represent the great people of House District 2, and I am honored to be your voice and vote in Des Moines," said Jones. "I have introduced several bills to address issues brought to me by people in the district and I have worked hard to turn many of those issues and ideas into law."

A resident of Clay County, Megan graduated from Spencer High School and went on to attend Drake University. She balanced a full-time job with her studies and graduated with degrees in Law, Politics and Society and Business. She then went on to earn her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. She is an attorney at Hemphill Law office in Spencer.

In the House, Jones is the Chairwoman of the Environmental Protection Committee, and also serves on the Judiciary and Local Government committees. Additionally, she is a member of the Administrative Rules Review Committee and the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget subcommittee.

Jones will continue her work to spur economic growth and rein in government spending.

"We must get government out of the way so that small business owners and entrepreneurs who are already in Iowa can succeed and grow. At the same time, we must develop bold strategies to bring new businesses here," said Jones. "I will continue my efforts to keep our state moving forward."

Jones and her husband, Will, have one son, Anchor. The family has made their home on the Jones family farm in rural Clay County. Megan is a member of the Spencer Daybreakers Kiwanis group and also serves on the Keep Iowa Beautiful Board.

The Primary Election is scheduled to take place on June 7, with the General Election on November 8.

Jones is pictured here filing her nomination petitions with an elections official in the Secretary of State's office.

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Spirit Lake Library News

Meet The New Children's Librarian
by Krista Elmquist, Youth Services

Hello, allow me to introduce myself, Krista Elmquist, the new Children's Librarian at the Spirit Lake Library. This is a new position for me, although I have been at the library part-time since the fall of 2014 after moving to the lakes area with my husband Toni and son Mitchell from Mapleton, Iowa. Mitchell is a junior at SLHS. Our daughter Adrienne is a PT student in Omaha while daughter Erika lives and works in Sioux City. Our family nest is rounded out with three, yes, three loveable cats that chose us from all the homes they scouted out while living as nomads a.k.a. strays. Formerly a middle school teacher at MVAO, I am excited to be involved with young people and learning again. Being the children's librarian is also an excellent excuse to read children's, juvenile, and young adult fiction which I enjoy. There are many new juvenile and young adult books on our shelves that are on my "to-read" list including the 2016 Newbery honor books and many New York Times bestsellers including Pax, Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics, Crenshaw, Echo, The War that Saved my Life, The Siren, Red Queen, Carry On and many more. We've got some wonderful new children's books that I have read including Finding Winnie, The Wonderful Things You Will Be, The Day the Crayons Quit, Waiting, Shape Shift, Press Here, Rosie Revere Engineer, That's not Mine and many more that I recommend.



Whether I've already met you or have yet to have the opportunity, I am looking forward to getting to know patrons of all ages. Hope to see you soon at the library! Until then, Happy Reading!

Free Financial Winter Cleaning

You know how good it feels when your house is clean? It feels just as good when your financial and business papers are well-organized. Join Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach Family Finance Specialist Jan Monahan as she offers guidelines and strategies for putting your financial house in order.

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Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 23rd from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Spirit Lake Public Library 702 16th Street, Spirit Lake, IA. Coffee and materials provided. This is a free event but space is limited. No preregistration is necessary, but appreciated. *Snowdate: 3.31.16*

This class is free through a grant received by the Spirit Lake Public Library. For more ISU Extension and Outreach events and resources, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson. Find county offices on Facebook - ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County.

Lake Park Library News

The Lake Park Library has lots of new books and movies and they are still arriving! Something for everybody! We also have developed a collection of Julia Cook's children's books. Julia states, "In order to teach a child, you must enter their view of the world."

Some of her books that we have recently added include:

- *Ant Hill Disaster*
 - *What Shoes Will you Wear?*
 - *I'm Not Scared-I'm prepared*
 - *Ricky Sticky Fingers*
 - *But it's Just a Game*
 - *What do I Say About That*
 - *The D Word*
 - *Grief is Like a Snowflake*
 - *The Anti-Test Anxiety Society*
 - *Well I Can Top That*
- Other books that have just arrived or are coming soon:
- Finally by Wendy Mass
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 - *Mistaken: First Impressions Are Never What They Seem by Karen Barnett*
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 - *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy by Sue Klebold*
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- We also have the following movies that have just arrived:
- *War Room*
 - *Schindler's List*
 - *The Maze Runner*
 - *The Intern*
 - *Grace Unplugged*
 - *A Walk in the Woods*
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 - *Sarah's Choice, Hidden Secrets*
 - *Step Up 2*
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 - *Kung Fu Panda 2*
 - *Wordworld: Birthday Party*
 - *A Night to Remember*
 - *Insurgent*
 - *Woodlawn: The True Story*

Come in and check out one of our new books or movies and enjoy a cup of Cappuccino, Hot Cocoa, or Coffee from our Keurig while you're here!

Moms And Tots

Moms and Tots of Spirit Lake invites all moms and their children age 5 and under to join them as they encourage one another to be the best moms they can be. Mom time mornings are held at the Good News Community Church in Okoboji on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the school year from 9:00am - 11:00am. Childcare is provided. Moms and Tots creating connections with Moms, Kids and God. For more information, email motsspiritlake@gmail.com.



OHS Jazz Band And Choir Success

The OHS Jazz Band and Boji Voices Jazz Choir are once again experiencing great success this spring. Boji Voices has had a great start to their 2016 season. In February, they traveled to Emmetsburg High School for the IHSMA Vocal Jazz festival where they received a Division I rating. They also participated in the Lewis and Clark Jazz Festival on February 23 and received 4th place. Their next performance will be on Tuesday, March 15, at the Coyote Jazz Festival in Vermillion, SD.



The OHS Jazz Band earned a 1st place finish at the ILCC Jazz Contest and 2nd place finishes at the ICCCTriton Jazz Fest, Morning-side Jazz Festival, and Lewis and Clark Jazz Festival. The band also received a Division I Superior rating at IHSMA Jazz Festival and earned an automatic qualifier for the Iowa Jazz Championships by placing second at the NWIBA District Jazz Contest. The band will next perform at the USD Jazz Contest on March 15, and are gearing up for their 22nd consecutive appearance at the Iowa Jazz Championships on April 5th in Des Moines.



RIDES Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Transit Authority dba RIDES Board of Directors will conduct their regular business meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Regional Transit Authority Office, 522 10th Avenue East, Spencer, Iowa. The meeting will start at 10:30am.

The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) RIDES Board of Directors Meeting is open to all individuals regardless of disability. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in a Board of Directors Meeting should contact the RTA Office at 800-358-5037 at least three business days prior to the Board of Directors Meeting.



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Bird Haven Reflections

By Wendell Hansen

Gotta Love Those Birds

Archery hunting for whitetail deer is how my love for birds got started. Sitting in a tree stand from sun up till sun down waiting on a deer to come by could and does at time become boring.

The first bird that started my love for birds was the Black-capped Chickadee. It landed on my arrow less than 18 inches in front of my face. I had no idea what it was and as soon as I got home I looked it up in an old bird book.

Ever since then that old bird book has been with me on all of my deer hunts. Fast-forward in time and one of my favorite birds to watch in the woods when fall comes is the little Brown Creeper. Brown Creepers search for small insects and spiders by hitching upward in a spiral around tree trunks and limbs.

They move with short, jerky motions using their stiff tails for support. To move to a new tree, they fly weakly to its base and resume climbing upward.

On one such hunt I was watching about nine little Brown Creepers going from tree to tree feeding when all of a sudden a hawk came in. My attention went straight to the hawk and as it flew through the tree I could see all kinds of birds diving for cover. When I returned my attention back to the Brown Creepers, they were gone just like all the rest of the birds.

A few days later I was back in the same tree stand watching the Brown Creepers again and just as before in came the hawk. This time my attention stayed with the Brown Creepers and to my amazement the Creepers didn't fly off for cover. They turned into a little brown pancake frozen in time. Since then I have seen this behavior with most woodland birds.

Here in the Iowa Great lakes area our main hawks that feed on small and medium-sized birds are the Sharp-shinned Hawk and the Coopers Hawk. Here at Birdhaven I have both of them coming in every day. Sometimes they are making raids up to 8 or 9 times daily on my Purple Martins and the feeders.

When a hawk comes, in the Martins will sound the alarm and most of the songbirds will dive for cover. A few of the woodland birds will be frozen in place or "Frozen in Time" as I like to say.

Your woodland birds are made up mostly of woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Black-capped Chickadees, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and Orioles. Those are the ones you will see at the feeders the most.

I have seen some of them "Frozen in Time" at a feeder for up to 20 minutes before moving. For the songbirds, it will and can take them around 45 minutes or more to come back out of hiding and back to the feeders.

However, if the Blue Jays are involved in sounding the alarm, then most of the birds will be back feeding in just a matter of minutes. That's a whole new story...for another time.

As always, get up get out and enjoy nature!



Cooper's hawk feeding on a House Sparrow at Birdhaven. (photo by Wendell Hansen)



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IBBB at Spencer YMCA March 19

Boji Bill is back from playing gigs in the warm climes of Alabama and the Itty Bitty Boji Band is ready to rock the night away with your favorite dance tunes. Bill and Ms. Mel, the Itty Bitty Boji Band, will be playing at the Spencer Family YMCA on Saturday, March 19 from 7:00-10:00pm. You don't have to be a YMCA member to attend. This dance is open to everyone in Spencer and the surrounding communities. Admission is \$10.00 per person. There will also be a snack bar with soft drinks and concessions. The YMCA is located at 1001 11th Avenue West in Spencer, just west of the Clay County Fairgrounds. Get down your rock and roll shoes and dance the night away with the Itty Bitty Boji Band at the Spencer Family YMCA.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You!

To The Editor:
The Spirit Lake 8th grade Washington D.C. trip participants would like to thank all of the following business for their generous donations to our raffle fundraiser: 31 Bags-Heidi Tritle, Fick's Ace Hardware, Arby's, Hy-Vee (Starbuck's), The Hutt, Athletic Republic, Arnolds Park Amusement Park, Aspasia-Sherree, Itty Bitty Rockstar, Aspasia-Tresea, Bank Midwest, The Barn Swallow, Jennings, Beauty Box, Birdhouse Cafe, Boji Junction, Jimmy John's (Boonedocks), Boji Tan, Brook's Golf, Burger King, Kabele's, Sunshine Foods, Cali Nails, Camp Foster, Kapco, Campus Cleaners, Carol's Cottage, Carpet One, Kings Pointe-Storm Lake, CC Screen Printing, Central Bank, Cinema7, KUOO, Clean Slate, Comfortec, Computer Zone, L&C Tire, Corner Lanes, Cost Cutters, Coyote Motors, Spudnutz, Creative Spirits, Crown Clinics, Dairy Queen, Lakes Lube Center, Dawn's Dance Connection, Dickinson County Vet Clinic, Dixon Chiropractic, Lewis Family Drug, Elegance-by Sarah Ruhs, Emerald Hills Golf & Country Club, Evans Clothing and Shoes, Lisa's Bake Shop, Family Diner, Fareway, Faust, Little Swan Lake Winery, Fridley Theaters, Gingham Inn, Godfather's Pizza, Goodies Handmade Candies, Grand Falls Casino-Larchwood, Grapetree Medical, Lewis Family Drug, Great Lakes Motor Company, The Hair Gallery, Hamm Chiropractic, Los Pueblos, Art on 16th, Hey, Good Cookies!, HOMEology, Maine Wave, Matuska Gift Shop, Minervas Restaurant and Bar, Nielsen's Auto, Northwest Bank, Okoboji Motor Company, Okoboji Yoga, Papa Murphy's, Parks Marina, Parts City, Pizza Ranch, Polaris, Pure Fishing, Rembrandt, Remington's, Sail On, Sanford Medical, Scentsy-Liz Lowery, Slumberland-Spencer, Soft Tail Saloon, Spirit Lake Silver & Gold, Sanford Medical, Steamway, Subway, This N That, The Strand-Krystal, Three Sons, Tom's Plumbing, Touch of Health Message, Tweeter's, Walmart, Wild Child, Wild Water West-Sioux Falls.

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Lakes Area Dog Park Coming Soon

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The design of the six-acre park will allow for two dog areas; one for large and one for small/timid dogs. The covered courtyard entrance will have cement flooring and a single gate into each area. The dog yards will be partitioned by a fence from the courtyard and both sections will employ a separate gate entry for dogs and their humans.

The dog park has been identified as a community need for some time. Benefits will include a safe place to exercise dogs off-leash, an opportunity for dog socialization, and an additional recreational activity for the local community. Year-round and summer residents, tourists and summer guests will all have equal access to this facility. There will be no fee to enter the dog park, however, memberships will be available for those wanting to support this community resource.

Initial funds raised for the park will be used for the 6' tall galvanized fence, trash containers, roadway entrance to the park and parking lot area. During the next phase of construction, trees, grass, benches and walking paths will be added along with water facilities for dogs and their owners alike in both parts of the park.

Funds are currently being raised to put the park into operation. Please go to www.lakesareadogpark.com for more information. Donations can be sent to PO Box 456 in Okoboji, IA 51355. The Lakes Area Dog Park is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Questions may be emailed to lakesareadogpark@gmail.com.

The park will be built and open as soon as donations allow. Special thanks to the Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp and the board members of the Lakes Area Dog Park for working so hard to make this project a reality. To learn more about the UM Camp operations including its dynamic accredited youth camping program, visit www.okobojicamp.com.

Mission Statement: To establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. To develop a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions. To view this park as a community project, designed to satisfy the needs of dog owners and non-dog owners alike.



Dance At The Spencer YMCA

All are welcome to the Spencer Family YMCA (1001 11th Avenue, W) for dancing and live music by the Itty Bitty Boji Band on Saturday, March 19, 7:00 - 10:00pm. \$10 per person.

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Farm Market News By Mike Miller Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds 15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Soil Temperatures Great melting snow banks, Batman! The weather was so mild these past few days that practically all of the snowbanks are melted and many of you were enjoying the sunshine in your yards. Do not be fooled my fellow lovers of the spring. This is a false spring and there will absolutely be a snow event before we turn the page to April showers. As much as the urge to plant seeds and transplant seedlings overcomes our Iowan sensibilities, we must resist. What I use as my gauge for spring planting is soil temperatures. Soil temperature is the key factor above all else up here. As we are blessed with good soil and somewhat predictable temperatures getting the seed to absorb water and germinate requires timing. The warmth of the dirt is crucial to getting good growth and having your seeds germinate and take hold; versus washing away in a rain. Can I recommend patience, why yes I can. You see I have already made the mistake of being fooled by a warm front and planting. What I got was awful germination rates and a sparse garden. Also do not use your rhubarb patch as an example of warming soils. Rhubarb does very well up here and mine is already getting some florets breaking through the soil. Different plants like different weathers as there is a fall planting for the cabbage family and the onions have many different planting times depending on the variety. But waiting until the soil temperature crosses 55°F will increase germination and yield in your gardens. A simple truth and the soil temperatures can be checked online so there is no good reason to plant too early. Until next week eat well!



Notice to Dickinson County Property Owners

The second half of tax payments for Real Estate and Mobile Homes are now due. Deadline for payments without penalty is Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Payments can be paid online at www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov by eCheck, credit or debit card, by mail, in person by cash, check, eCheck, credit or debit card. We accept American Express, Discover, Visa & MasterCard. A service delivery fee is charged to credit/debit card payments. A payment dropbox is also located outside the courthouse at the West door. Kris Rowley Dickinson County Treasurer

Daytime Morning schedule table with columns for time slots (6 am to 11:30) and station/program details.

Daytime Afternoon schedule table with columns for time slots (12 pm to 5:30) and station/program details.

Wednesday Evening schedule table for March 16, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm to 11:30) and station/program details.

Thursday Evening schedule table for March 17, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm to 11:30) and station/program details.

Friday Evening schedule table for March 18, 2016, with columns for time slots (6pm to 11:30) and station/program details.

Saturday Morning schedule table for March 19, 2016, with columns for time slots (6 am to 11:30) and station/program details.

Saturday Afternoon March 19, 2016. Grid of TV channels (WFTC, KTIV, KPTH, KMEG, IPBN, KCAU, KELO, KEYC, WGN-A, WOI, WEA, ESPN, ESPN2, FX, LIFE, FREE, USA, SYFY, SBS, TNT, AMC, A&E, DISC, TLC, DISN, TVL, COM, SPIKE, HALL, CNN, FNC, FXM) and their respective programs from 12 pm to 5:30 pm.

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Dave Petrick Recognized By The Professional Photographers Of Iowa

Earlier this month Dave Petrick, Photography Instructor and owner of Dave Petrick Photography, accompanied two students to the Professional Photographers of Iowa Competition in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was recognized for his print work.

"I have been entering competition for quite a few years and have won various ribbons," stated Petrick. "I have also had images entered in Iowa Newspaper Association competition and have won two first place awards and several second and third place awards in the past several years," he added.


Petrick entered four prints into the competition and won Honorable Mention. All four prints were also selected for the convention exhibit.

A panel of judges view the prints and judge each one, giving a score of 0-100. Prints scoring 70 or higher are exhibited at the convention. Ribbons are given to prints scoring over 75. "Basically it is a juried exhibition," stated Petrick.

Petrick went on to say, "The competition has not changed in the 40 years I have participated. The only real change has been the addition of digital submission of images to the competition."

Petrick's photos were entered into the illustrative and portrait categories.

Petrick is a Certified Professional Photographer, and accreditation that certifies a photographer's knowledge, experience, and continuance to develop new skills and techniques. He also serves as the mentor program coordinator for the Professional Photographers of Iowa, a statewide association of professional photographers whose mission is to provide education and fellowship for members. It was founded in Des Moines, in 1946. Learn more at www.ppiowa.com.



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Lenten Ecumenical Services

Lakes region churches will highlight the 2016 Lenten season with nondenominational Lenten ecumenical services on Friday mornings in February and March. A different church in the Milford and Arnolds Park area will be hosting the service each week.

Open to all women and men, the services will begin at 9:30am followed by coffee and refreshments. No baby-sitting service will be available.

- Friday, March 18: Harbor of Joy Church, Milford

The local churches have been sponsoring nondenominational ecumenical services since 1978. In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be aired on local radio stations. Residents are urged to clip and save this schedule for future reference.

Spring Musical at Iowa Lakes

Tickets are now on sale for Iowa Lakes Community College's spring musical, *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This is an irresistible family musical about the trials and triumphs of Joseph, Israel's favorite son.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be presented April 7, 8 and 9, 2016, at 7:30pm each evening.

Tickets for reserved seats are now on sale by calling 712-362-8345 or emailing Linda Kautz at lkautz@iowalakes.edu. Messages may be left anytime - day or night. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$6 for students.

New this year - Dinner theatre. They have added to the theatrical experience by adding a dinner theatre to the Saturday evening performance. Dinner will be Saturday, April 9 at 5:30pm in the Iowa Lakes Community College Cafeteria. Menu includes Lettuce Salad / Relish Tray, choice of Prime Rib, Tilapia, Chicken Breast (must indicate choice at time of ticket order) Baked Potato, Green Bean Almandine, Roll, Drink, and Dessert. Cost for Dinner Theatre and musical performance Pre-school through Grade 12: \$23 (\$6 for musical ticket + \$17 dinner); Adults: \$30.00 (\$13 for musical ticket + \$17 dinner). The last several productions have been sold out all three nights, so patrons are encouraged to make their call soon.

The show includes over 60 actors and actresses, including college students, adults, and children from northwest Iowa and Minnesota.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented through special arrangement made with R & H Theatricals, 1605 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10018 www.rhtheatricals.com.

Attending one of the three shows is a great way to enjoy a quality production while supporting local college and community actors. But act soon; tickets to the performances are expected to go fast.



View From The Bench
 by John Adams, Jr.

March Madness

My article is back just in time to write about the upcoming NCAA Tournament and March Madness that comes with it. This year's tournament has a definite Iowa feel, as three of our four Division I programs are in the NCAA Tournament, making it the second year in a row Iowa State, Iowa and Northern Iowa all qualified! UNI received an 11 seed after winning the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in thrilling fashion to earn the automatic bid; Iowa received a 7 seed as an at-large berth out of the BIG; while ISU received the highest seed at 4 as an at-large out of the rugged Big 12 Conference.

UNI heads into the NCAA Tournament with the most momentum of the three schools. The Panthers are white hot right now, winning 12 of their last 13 after seeing their record dip to 10-11 on January 23rd. UNI owns wins over North Carolina, Iowa State and (2) Wichita State and will not back down from their first round foe, 6th seed Texas in Oklahoma City. Panther fans will remember the last time their team was in OKC, knocking off 1 seed Kansas back in 2010 in the program's biggest win. The Panthers will have their hands full with a long and athletic Texas roster that is also playing well right now. Longhorn coach Shaka Smart has his rebuilding project ahead of schedule at Texas in his first year, as his players have bought into his system and overachieved this year after losing big man Cameron Ridley to an injury in December. The bad news for Panther fans is Ridley is back for the NCAA Tournament and is a match-up nightmare with his size and strength. I'm afraid Texas' size and depth will be too much for UNI and the Longhorns will pull out a hard-fought 71-68 victory.

Iowa comes limping into another NCAA Tournament having lost 6 of their last 8. A month ago most people had Iowa as a 1 or 2 seed playing in Des Moines, as they were 19-4 and 10-1 in the BIG, sitting all alone at the top of the conference. Temple started the season slowly but heated up in time to win the regular season American Conference title. The Owls finished the season at 21-11 but were still considered a possible bubble team heading into Selection Sunday. Temple is a solid defensive team that gets most of its scoring from all-conference player Quentin DeCosey. This is a great draw for Iowa and I look for the Hawks to win their first round game 72-63. The Hawks, however will fall in the second round to a Villanova team that many people thought deserved a 1 seed, as the Wildcats will be on a mission in this NCAA Tournament and have too much talent and depth for this Iowa team that is lacking confidence; look for Villanova to win 81-72.

Iowa State hobbles into the NCAA Tournament losing their last two games (although those losses were to #1 Kansas and #5 Oklahoma). Point guard Monte Morris is struggling with a shoulder injury he suffered in the Kansas loss, and the Cyclones are already lacking depth. ISU got a surprising 4 seed (I thought they'd be a 5 or 6) mostly due to some big time wins during the season and playing in the #1 conference in the nation. The Cyclones drew #13 seed Iona, who knocked everyone's favorite Monmouth out of the tournament by beating them in the MAAC Championship game. Iona is 12-1 since January 29th and features a big-time talent in guard A.J. English. The Gaels like to get up and down like the Cyclones, so this could be one of the most entertaining games of the tournament. Look for Georges Niang to have another big game and ISU to prevail 84-77. ISU will face Purdue in the second round in a game featuring two contrasting styles, as the Boilermakers will try to pound the ball inside to their bigs while ISU will try and force the tempo. I'm afraid Purdue's size will be too much for ISU's thin roster, as the Boilermakers will pull out a close 71-69 win.

While these picks certainly aren't guaranteed, one thing I will guarantee is this will be one of the craziest NCAA Tournaments we've seen in a long time, as there is really no clear-cut favorite. I'll make my Final Four and NCAA Champion predictions next week after the dust and craziness of the first two rounds has settled. Enjoy the March Madness!

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