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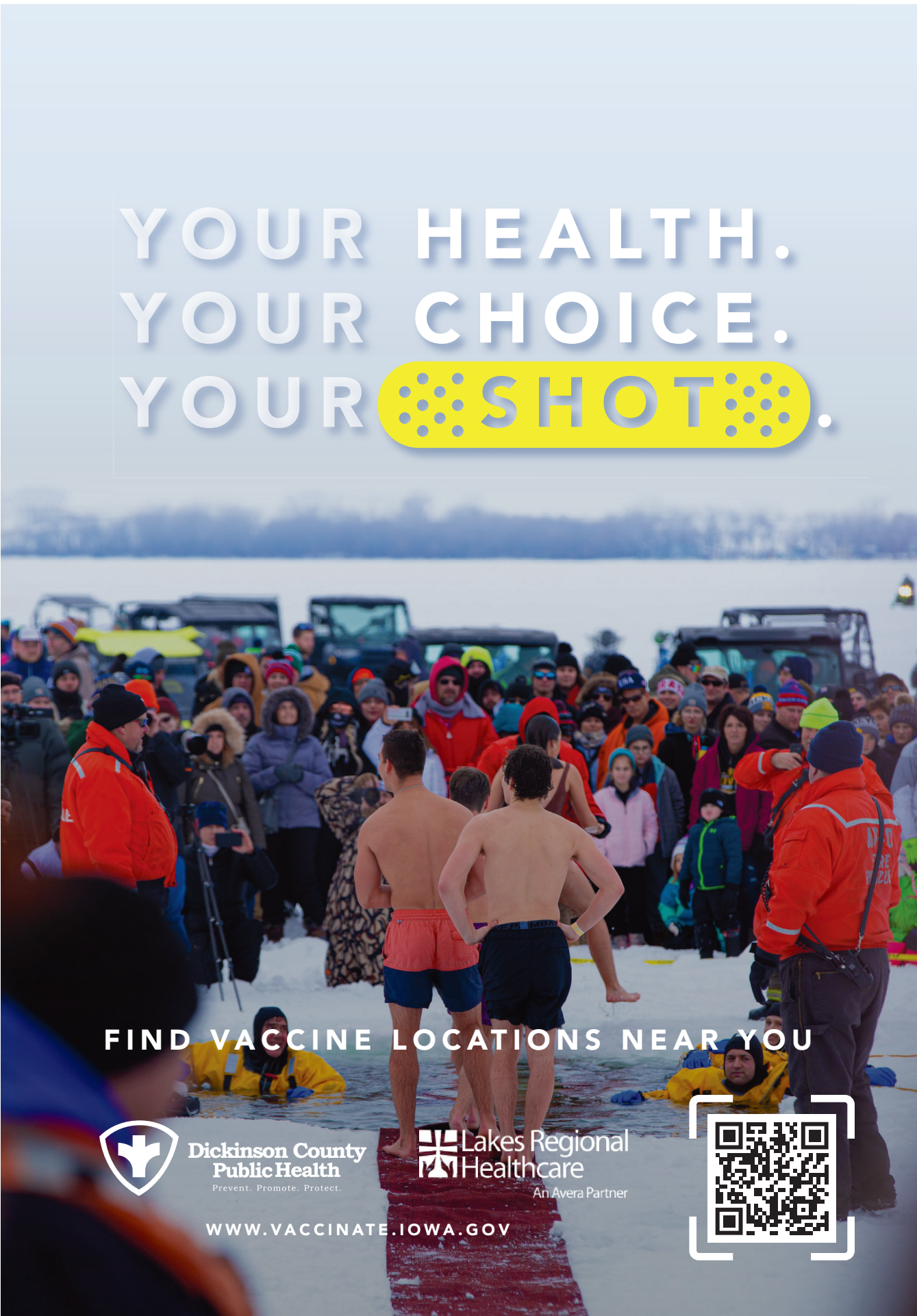
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Winter Games Bridge Tournament

Calling all bridge players! There is still time to register for the Annual Winter Games Bridge Tournament to be held Friday, January 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford. Doors will open at 11 a.m. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served promptly at 11:30am with party bridge to begin by 12 noon or so. Afternoon refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost will be \$13 per person. Reservations by Wednesday, January 26, are required so an accurate count for food and bridge can be obtained. Make reservations by calling Susan at 712-338-2274 or e-mailing her at sreiser@milfordcable.net. Singles or couples are encouraged to participate.



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Winter Games Cheerleaders: The Votes Are In!

After collecting nominations for all of December and holding a community-wide voting on January 4th and 5th, the Winter Games Committee has officially tallied up the votes! We now present to you the 2022 University of Okoboji Winter Games Cheerleaders!

Nick Christensen - Nick is an insurance agent at Bank Midwest and the current Club President of the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club. Nick grew up spending his summers in the Lakes area with his parents and grandparents. He moved here permanently when he graduated from college. He has become a very active member of the community and has a great love of everything "Okoboji".



Paul Heidebrink - Many of you may know Paul as your FedEx man! Paul loves the Lakes Area! He is so proud of his hometown and always wants to show it off. He cares about everyone and wants everyone to get their packages safely!

Leah Hilppire - Leah is a Realtor at Exit Realty Midwest - Spirit Lake. She is a local girl and a Spirit Lake graduate. She is on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors. She has such a good personality and a ton of energy.

Kaylene Jackson - Kaylene has spent over 30 years supporting this area. She is a great person, loves life and loves the lakes area.

Jimmy Mac Lenz - Jimmy Mac is a realtor at Hinn Real Estate. If you're with Jimmy Mac, you cannot get far in Arnolds Park, Okoboji or Spirit Lake without someone yelling, "Hey Jimmy!!". Jimmy is well-known around the lakes area as the DJ on "The Shack". To know Jimmy is to love him. He's kind, outgoing, full of spunk and loves everything Okoboji!

Rory Marra - Rory has been employed by the Okoboji Community School District for 19 years. He coaches junior high girls and boys basketball, junior high football, and varsity baseball. Building relationships with students that he teaches and coaches is what separates him from many. He cares for our youth and shares his passion with them. Rory represents O.K.O.B.O.J.I in so many ways. His love for the Iowa Great Lakes is immeasurable. In high school he started working at Arnolds Park before

transferring to Manhattan Beach for a stint. After working there he went back to Arnolds Park and started working on the Queen II as a crew member, eventually earning ranks as a Captain. Being a captain is truly one of his passions. So when you hear the Queen II horn or see him waving...know he is in his element.

Tyler Pedersen - Tyler is a band director at Spirit Lake High School. Tyler's marching, concert, and jazz bands are successful at competitions and his students display positive behavior at their performances. It is such a beautiful reflection of the Iowa Great Lakes area. He goes above and beyond the school day to improve himself and the education of those in his classrooms.

Yvonne Taylor - Yvonne has been a tireless cheerleader for many activities in our community, including her years of dedication to our Dickinson County Trails Board, Pearson Lakes Art Center Board, as well as a coach for many children's sports and activities. Yvonne represents the spirit of our community and is always there to volunteer her time to help facilitate the success of any project she dedicates herself to.

We hope to see you at the 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by GrapeTree Medical Staffing, January 27-30. For more information on getting involved in the Winter Games fun, please visit www.uofowintergames.com or [Facebook.com/UofOWinterGames](https://www.facebook.com/UofOWinterGames) for updates.

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Battle of the Bartenders Charity Event Returns to the Winter Games Lineup

Parks Marina and The Barefoot Bar are proud to invite the public for the return of the Battle of the Bartenders charity event as part of the 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games weekend. The Battle will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27 in the Boat House on the northeast side of the Parks Marina campus on East Lake Okoboji.

A "pre-game" Locals Party at 5 p.m. will precede the main event, with an appearance from the official University of Okoboji 2022 Winter Games cheerleaders and National Anthem performance to kick-off the festivities. Good for Gary will take the Hinn Realty stage shortly after 6 p.m.

"The Battle of the Bartenders partners Parks Marina's famous Barefoot Bar with over 20 local businesses to pit the area's best mixologists against each other in a head-to-head competition with proceeds benefiting the charities of their choice." Debbie Parks, head of the Marina District's marketing, said.

Attendees are encouraged to sample the cocktail creations and tip generously for each business' decorated tip jar. The top three bartenders that accumulate the most tips will split the proceeds for their charity of choice, with first place receiving 50 percent of the proceeds, second place 30 percent and third place receiving the remainder. The bartender with the most tips will win the coveted Battle of the Bartenders trophy and have naming rights to their drink which will be featured on the 2022 Barefoot Bar menu.

"We are excited to bring back one of the largest Winter Games charity events for 2022," Parks said. "Entrance is free, and we hope to raise more money for charity than any year in the history of the event!"

In 2020, The Marina District was proud to present 3 checks to local charities totaling \$9,600 and has donated a total of over \$32,000 to local charities since the event began in 2013. Winner of the 2020 Event was Johnny's Pub. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Battle of the Bartenders was canceled in 2021.

The event is free to the public. For more information go to www.parksmarina.com/winter-games.



2020 Battle of the Bartenders winners, contestants representing Okoboji Boat Works (left), Johnny's Pub (middle) and The Outback Lounge (right). \$4,800 went to the Brayden Johnson Family, \$2,880 to the Andrea Family and \$1,920 to Okoboji/Arnolds Park Fire & Rescue.

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SWCD Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Friday, January 14, 2022, beginning at 9:00am, at the ISU Extension Meeting Room at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds. The tentative agendas will include: the annual organizational meeting, approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting. If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by January 13 by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.

King Joins HINN REAL ESTATE Team

Rob Hinn of HINN REAL ESTATE, is pleased to announce the addition of Heather King to the HINN REAL ESTATE Team.

Heather recently moved from Boise, Idaho, to be with her family including her mother, 3 daughters and ten grand babies. Her daughter, Davi, was formerly a Realtor for HINN REAL ESTATE. Her passion for helping people achieve their real estate goals and commitment to excellence made her a multi-million dollar producer at Sotheby's International Realty several years in a row. Now, proudly joining along the local experts at HINN REAL ESTATE, Heather looks forward to building lasting relationships with new clients that continue far beyond the sale. Heather already has several clients under contract and is excited to see who else she can help. Call or text her at 712-330-6088 or email at Heather@hkingre.com.



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Family Nature Night occurs every month on the fourth Friday at 5:00pm. This monthly program is for all ages. Please

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ONE MORE ONCE... Iowa Lakes resets ABBA fav

The music department at Iowa Lakes Community College was just two weeks away from the opening performance of ABBA's *Mamma Mia!* in 2020, when the ILCC campus was abruptly shut down, due to what no one realized at the time would become the "Covid Pandemic," which has lasted more than two years. This year's spring musical, *Mamma Mia!*, is set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 7, 8, and 9, at 7:30 pm, in the new Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville campus.

"Nearly 70 million people worldwide have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that makes up *Mamma Mia!* It's the ultimate feel-good show," co-directors Carol Ayres and Brett Fuelberth, agree. "ABBA's music tells the uplifting tale of a young woman seeking the identity of her father for her wedding, and brings three men from her mother's past back to the Greek island they visited 20 years earlier," Ayres added, noting that "It's a fun show, because the music is fun, and it is filled with the magic of ABBA's timeless songs which drive this enchanting tale of love, laughter, friendship, and sisterhood. Hits from the show include *Mamma Mia*; *Money, Money, Money*; *Dancing Queen*, and *Voulez-Vous*, among others

Fuelberth explained that auditions will be held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 30th, 31st, and February 1st, starting at 6:00 each night, for students in grades 4-12. Adult auditions follow at 7:00. For more information on the Iowa Lakes production and open auditions, contact Ayres at 712-330-3647, or CAyres@IowaLakes.EDU

The post-Christmas doldrums, combined with terribly cold temperatures are still slowing down night life on campus. We're betting that will change about the time of the UofO Winter Games. In the meantime, you may want to catch Iowa's newest legislator, Dave Rowley, with Ryan Sather, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00, on the stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake Winery. Reservations are not required, but would be a good idea...

Arnolds Park has issued invitations to all who want to see *The Rolling Stoners* and *Rock a la Carte*, in a free(!) concert, in the Roof Garden Ballroom, Saturday night, January 15th. *Paul Revere's Raiders* will kick-off the Winter Games activities on Thursday, the 27th, with *Pet Rock* taking the stage the following night, and *The Pork Tornadoes* closing things out that Saturday evening...

And, just for the record, the Iowa Lakes Community College Jazz Festival will take place on the Estherville Campus, Thursday and Friday, January 20th and 21st. We'll have the details when the schedules are set next week...

CORRECTION: In Rambo's haste to head off on vacation he listed the wrong date for the Okoboji Summer Theatre Association's Omelet Breakfast. The correct date is Saturday, January 29th, with the brunch starting at 8:00, and the OSTA's annual meeting with the announcement of the OST's 2022 performance schedule, starting at 1:00, at the Okoboji Bible Conference grounds in Arnolds Park...

Research director RD has again come up with the perfect song to celebrate a national holiday -- in this case, Wednesday's National Pharmacist Day. (Can you guess what the song is without looking ahead?) Yes, you're right. RD's selection is *A Spoonful of Sugar (helps the medicine go down.)* You have to admit she's right! The song was written by Robert and Richard Sherman for the 1964 musical fantasy film, *Mary Poppins*, the only Adult Disney picture to ever receive a Best Picture Nomination. Besides Julie Andrews' version of the song in the motion picture, it has been recorded by Louis Prima (1965), Connie Francis (1967), and more recently, Harry Connick, Jr., for *Songs I Heard*, his 2001 Columbia CD...

Thursday is **Skeptics Day**, which RD says, asks, *Do You Believe in Magic?*, the Top Ten Hit written by John Sebastian, and recorded and released by his group, *The Lovin' Spoonful*, on its debut studio album in 1965. The lyrics speak to the power of music to supply happiness in both those who create it and those who listen to it... RD will be celebrating *Hot and Spicy Food Day* on Sunday, with the song, *Soul Food*, written and recorded by saxophonist Sonny Stitt, for his 1964, *Shangri-La*, LP, on the Prestige label. Besides the title track and Stitt's original songs, the Erroll Garner/Sonny Burke Jazz standard, *Misty*, is also included...

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DEADLINE for submissions: 5 PM, Thursday, prior to Tuesday publication

Milford K of C Holding Youth Free Throw Challenge & Local Spelling Bee

Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge. The local contest will be held at 12:00pm on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at the Okoboji High School south gymnasium in Milford. Registration and practice begin at 11:30 a.m.

Registration forms for this free competition are available at the Okoboji Middle School and High School, or email dough2169@gmail.com. Forms are also available the day of the competition. Children of all faiths are welcome to enjoy a positive and healthy competition with other youth in the community. There is no entry fee to participate and awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place.

Each contestant is allowed 3 warm up shots followed by 15 free throw attempts for the Local Level. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions. Two years ago (since there were no competitions last year), more than 130,000 sharp shooters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions.

The Spelling Bee will be Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Okoboji Middle School right after school at 3:30pm. Registration for grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 can be obtained from the Okoboji School offices and is open to area public, private, parochial and home schooled students. Forms are also available the day of the spelling bee but preregistration is encouraged. There is no entry fee to participate.

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state competitions.

Milford Council 7284 is active in the community. This year the Milford Council baked over 2000 apple pies as a fund raiser to help fund various organizations and community projects. Milford Council 7284 sponsors four \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors every year. In addition to the scholarships they contribute to Coats for Kids, Echo Plus, several Disaster Relief Funds, UDMO, Grotto of the Redemption, Discovery House, Cherish House, CASA and many other organizations or groups in need. The Milford Council also contributes and distributes Christmas food baskets for area families. In addition they engage youth with their creative talents in sponsoring a Christmas poster contest, free throw competition, hosting a local spelling bee as well as local family, community and service projects as well as parish needs. In the past year they contributed more than \$12,000 to local community needs. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for persons with intellectual disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting local organizations.

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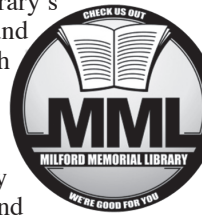
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Youth Corner

Have you checked out the Youth page on Milford Memorial Library's website? Miss Becca has new updates every week. You can find this page by going to the library's website (<http://www.milford.lib.ia.us>) and clicking on "Use Our Library-Youth" which is on the left side.

Don't forget to stop by one of Miss Becca's youth programs in January. There are two Building Bookworms left, and they are at 10:30am on Mondays, January 17 and 31. One will be on snowmen, and the other one will be on penguins. There will also be one Afterschool Activity at 3:30pm on Thursday, January 13, and the activity will be air dry clay.



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VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE PG-13
Tom Hardy Woody Harrelson
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Obituaries

A funeral service for Jim Radcliffe, 73, of Spirit Lake, was held Friday, January 7, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Interment was at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

James William Radcliffe was born to Benjamin Radcliffe and Dorothy (Edgar) Radcliffe on March 16, 1948, in LeMars, Iowa. He spent his early years in Marcus on the farm with his family, attending school there, and later moving to Sherman, SD where they continued to farm until 1959, when they moved to Spirit Lake and bought a farm Northeast of town. Jim's love of farming was instilled in him at a young age, as he and his 3 brothers worked the land with their dad. After their dad passed away in 1964, the boys continued farming and also did custom work for neighboring farmers.



Jim graduated from Spirit Lake High School with the class of 1967. He then joined the army in February of 1968. After attending boot camp in Ft. Lewis, WA, he went through military police training at Ft. Gordon, GA, then to Ft. Belvoir, in Fairfax, VA where he was in the 521st division of the military police compound for the remainder of his military career. He was discharged in February of 1970 on Friday the 13th, which he always said was the best day of his life.

Just days after returning home from the service, Jim met his future wife, Charlene Smith, and after a short whirlwind romance, they were married on June 19, 1970, in Spencer. Two sons were born to this union, Damon Charles, and Darin James. Jim and Charlene and their boys worked together, raising a large herd of beef cows and calves. In addition to farming, Jim also worked at Morrills in Estherville, and continued custom farming, and grain farming. They moved to the home place and began farming that in 1984. He purchased a tandem dump truck and grain trailers and started a small trucking business which he operated until 2018. Jim also had a snow removal business which he started as a sophomore in high school, and continued until the winter of 2019.

Jim was a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 40 years where he loved ushering with his boys, and being involved with his church family. Anyone who knew him well would say he was a "people person." One of life's highlights Jim enjoyed was meeting 3 of his army buddies and their spouses in Branson for a 4-day reunion to reconnect and share great times from 45 years ago! Jim's greatest joy came from spending time with his 5 grandchildren, whom he spent considerable time with. He enjoyed seeing them in their 4-H activities, working with livestock of their own, riding their horses, and helping with all of the farming operation, including baling hay, working ground, and helping with the planting and harvesting. Jim fought hard through diabetes, 4 major heart surgeries and in the past year was diagnosed with early stages of dementia, which caused him to have to slow down considerably. Anybody who knew Jim knew that did not make him a happy camper.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Charlene; sons, Damon (Amy), sons Walker and Chandler; Darin (Erin) daughter Grace, sons Wesley and Sullivan; brother David (Jeanette), brother John (Shelly), sister-in-law Wendy Radcliffe; nephews, Jess Radcliffe (Tracey), John Radcliffe (Carla), and Ben Radcliffe (Kristen); nieces, Amy (Mark) Benge, Jennifer (Derek) Franker, and Jessica (Terry) Williams, and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and a brother, Thomas Lee Radcliffe.

Jim passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Obituaries

A visitation for Sheryl J. Jones, 78, of Estherville, will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022, from 5:00-7:00pm, at the Henry Olson Funeral Chapel in Estherville, Iowa. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at the Henry Olson Funeral Chapel. Rich Probert officiating. She will be laid to rest in the Swan Lake Township Cemetery in Emmet County, Iowa.



Sheryl Jean Jones, daughter of Edward and Marjorie (White) Timmons, was born in Estherville, Iowa, on November 25, 1943. She passed away at Aspire of Estherville, Iowa, on Friday, January 7, 2022, at the age of 78.

Sheryl graduated from Lincoln Central High School in Gruver, Iowa. On April 6, 1963, she was united in marriage to Robert D. Jones at the Gruver Presbyterian Church. The couple made their home in rural Superior where they raised their two boys, Kevin and Jeffrey. Sheryl enjoyed her job doing office work at Graves Grain Elevator and later the Superior Co-op for 40 years, retiring in 2006.

Sheryl was affiliated with the Presbyterian faith. Visiting cemeteries on Memorial Day was very important to Sheryl. She enjoyed attending family reunions at Gull Point and any time spent with her family. She was quite handy and made many crafts and sewing projects. Gardening and yard work filled much of her spare time.

Left to cherish Sheryl's memory are her husband of 58 years, Robert of rural Spirit Lake; her sons, Kevin (Stephanie) Jones of Superior and Jeffrey (Carla) Jones of Spirit Lake; her grandchildren: Tabitha (David) Jones-Bennington of Terill; Autume (Matt) Heuer of Yankton, SD; Caila (Andy) Corcoran of Rochester, MN; Casey (Liz) Jones of Spirit Lake, and Justin Jones of Spirit Lake; and her 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Janet (Larry) Anderson of Estherville. Sheryl was preceded in death by her parents.

Online condolences may be left for Sheryl's family at Henry-OlsonFuneral.com.

Obituaries

Carol M. Morrow, 82, passed away on December 3, 2021, in Fishers, Indiana, following a brief illness. Carol was born on September 11, 1939, in Ruthven, Iowa, to John D. and Venita A. (Hansen) Westergard and was the youngest of eleven children. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Carol loved her parents, siblings, and living life on a farm, even if it meant a lot of hard work.



Carol graduated from Ruthven High School in 1958. Shortly after, she married Stanley D. Morrow at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa, and together they had two daughters. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the Farmer's Coop Elevator in Spencer, Iowa, and found the work fulfilling and the people enjoyable.

In her later years, Carol moved to an apartment in Spirit Lake, Iowa, where she found a community that provided rich friendships, and activities that brought her joy. She especially liked participating in potluck dinners, puzzles, bingo, and playing cards. Her love of baking never diminished, and her freezer was always filled with homemade goodies.

Left to cherish Carol's memory are her children, Cindy (Jeffrey) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Susan (David) of Fishers, Indiana; five grandchildren: Madison (Noah), Christopher, Therese (Tess), Andrew, Jackson; sisters-in-law, Janet Westergard, Ardie Westergard; brother-in-law, Franklin Mett, beloved former sister-in-law, Sandra Kabrick; several nieces, nephews, and their families; and special friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters, Elaine (Kenneth) Henningsen, Doris (Donald) Peton, Marlys (Lowell) Kiehl, Donald (Delores) Westergard, Margaret (Irvin) Dalen, Helen (Rex) Souders, Edna Mett, Richard Westergard, Lyle Westergard, and Shirley (Donal) Anderson.

A memorial visitation will be held at Henry Olson Funeral Home in Graettinger, IA, on Thursday, January 20, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00. Masks are required.

In memory of Carol's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made in her name to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org).

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.henryolsonfuneral.com.

Moms in Prayer in the New Year

Calling all Christian moms and grandmas! The women of the Okoboji area Moms in Prayer group would like to invite you to join them in the new year praying powerfully for their children, grandchildren and schools (public, private and home). Their meeting day and time has changed starting January 5. They will now be meeting Wednesday mornings at the Downtown Church in Milford from 8:30-9:30am (any school late start Wednesdays we'll meet from 10:30-11:30am). Please contact Allison Antoine at 605-212-2731 if you have any questions. They hope to see you in the New Year.

Grace Lutheran Hosts Game Night

Grace Lutheran Church, located at 801 Hill Avenue, in Spirit Lake, is hosting a 2022 Winter Games Night on Wednesday, January 26, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Everyone of every age is welcome. Come get together for all types of gaming and fun. Free WiFi and snacks. Feel free to bring your games (cards, Playstation, X-Box or board games) or an appetizer. A freewill donation will be accepted for putting on more activities for the community.

Come Play Cards During Winter Games

All are invited to the 500 and Pinochle Winter Games Card Tournament at the Lakes Area Senior Center in Spirit Lake on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Cost is \$5. Lunch will be available at 12:00pm for a fee of \$5.

This event is sponsored by Next Home Realty. Please call 712-299-4794 for more information.



Milford Library News

Adult Craft Series will be on Wednesday, January 19, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, at Milford Memorial Library. We will be making clay jewelry. This craft also comes in kit form. The kit will include: clay, jump rings, toothpick, wire, chain, earring hooks and instructions. The cost for this craft is \$5.00 and registration is required. You can register by contacting the Milford Memorial Library or online by going to <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>

Now available for fourth through twelfth graders is MML's Young Adult Subscription Box: Game Night. Discover new card games, the ins and outs of table football, and fill your Mancala. This free Young Adult Subscription Box is available until Friday, January 21. Register by calling 712-338-4643 or online at <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ya-subscription-box-registration.html>

MML's book club, the Open Book Discussion Group, invites any interested individuals to come and discuss the featured book, Little Women by Louisa May Alcott, on Tuesday, January 25, at 1:00 p.m. Copies can be found at the library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

Join us on Tuesday, January 25, at 7:00pm, at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting, fellowship, and snacks provided by the three local libraries. Any skill level is invited to recreate a painting following step-by-step instruction. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 30 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15 for registration. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>

MML's Top Five Fiction Books of 2021: 21st Birthday by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, Sooley by John Grisham, A Gambling Man by David Baldacci, and The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton and James Patterson.

Battle of the Chili Pots

The planning stages are complete and the date is set for the "2022 Battle of The Chili Pots" put on by the area county fire departments and rescue squads. This year marks the 4th annual tasting and judging contest for some of the best chili recipes that the area departments can brew up. The event is scheduled for January 15, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, and will be hosted and served at the Milford Fire Station, located at 1801 N Avenue in Milford. The way it works is each participating department will brew up the best pot of their hot or spicy chili and their best pot of a mild chili. The public is invited to come to the contest and judge which department has the best chili. A freewill donation will be taken at the event in which those funds will be split equally between all of the departments for use of updating equipment. Mark your calendars for this great event and come out to cheer on your hometown department.



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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

Sun., Jan. 9 - 11:00 AM - Coin & Gun Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Wed., Jan. 12 - 10:00 AM - 548.26 Acres at Auction in Holstein, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Thurs., Jan. 13 - 10:00 AM - 77 Acres at Auction in Royal, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Sat., Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Antique Auction in Sherburn, MN. Auctioneers: I-90 Expo Center. 507-764-4025. www.i90expocenter.com.

Wed., Jan. 19 - 10:00 AM - 160 Acres at Auction in Lake Park, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Wed., Jan. 26 - 10:00 AM - 157.9 Acres at Auction in Ruthven, IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

Thurs., Feb. 24 - 10:00 AM - 160 Acres at Auction in Osceola Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

LRH Foundation's "Grape Escape" Signature Tasting Event and Auction Planned for February 11

This year Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation will hold their tenth annual fundraiser called the Grape Escape to celebrate the advancements in healthcare in the Iowa Great Lakes and to raise funds toward future projects. Proceeds from this year's event will support the Scholarship Endowment Fund. The event will be held on Friday, February 11 at the Waterfront Event Center. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and wine and bourbon tasting upon arrival followed by two courses and a dessert prepared by Chef Tom Hansen, paired with select wines. There will be a silent auction during the social hour and a live auction during the entrees portion of the evening. Tickets are \$100 each, \$20 of which is tax deductible, and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.gtego.net/qlink/grapeescape> or by calling 712-336-8791. Those unable to attend the Grape Escape but interested in supporting Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation can contact Foundation Executive Director Sonja Hamm at 712-336-8791 or sonja.hamm@lakeshealth.org.

Scholarship Endowment Fund provides three types of annual scholarships - one per school for Dickinson County high school seniors, one for Dickinson County residents in an undergraduate program, and one for LRH employees. Our desire is to grow the fund to be able to increase both the number of scholarships we can award and the dollar amounts of those scholarships.

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Hamm added that the Grape Escape wouldn't be possible without the support of sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; sponsors have the following opportunities:

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 1 cup zucchini, sliced
 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 1 1/2 cups pizza sauce
 1 1/2 cup mini pepperoni or chopped pepperoni
 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 3 cups fresh fruit of choice

Preheat oven to 400°F and line a sheet pan with greased foil. Set aside. Scrub potatoes, poke with a fork and place on a microwave-safe plate. Cook on HIGH for about 5-6 minutes per side, until tender. Meanwhile, slice mushrooms and zucchini. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add sliced veggies and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in minced garlic and cook 1 minute more. Stir in pizza sauce and pepperoni and simmer for 1-2 minutes. Place potatoes on the prepared sheet pan. Cut an "X" in the top of each potato and fluff the pulp with a fork. Scoop pizza filling into each potato, stirring a little as you go, to mix sauce into the potato pulp. Top with shredded cheese, then bake for about 5 minutes, until the cheese is melted. Serve with fruit.

Recipe Courtesy of: Iowa Dietitian, Tonya Huenink

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, in Milford, Iowa, will host their 20th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, January 16, 2022, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. Spaghetti with homemade "secret recipe" sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage will be served. A free will offering will be taken with a suggested contribution of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. In-town Milford delivery will be available that day. To place a delivery order, persons should call 712-338-2274 that day. Proceeds will support the works of St. Joseph.

Family Services Resource Guide

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

Boetel-Pohlman Joins HINN REAL ESTATE Team

Rob Hinn of HINN REAL ESTATE, is pleased to announce the addition of Lezlie Boetel-Pohlman to the HINN REAL ESTATE Team.



Lezlie Boetel-Pohlman is thrilled to be on the HINN REAL ESTATE Team. "I couldn't ask for better mentors than the Hinn's and their Team."

Lezlie has a Master's in Business from the University of Sioux Falls and a Bachelor of Arts from Buena Vista University at the Storm Lake Campus, as well as an Associate of Arts from Iowa Lakes Community College in Paralegal. She has spent several years in the legal profession, starting her career with Pure Fishing as its only in house legal for many years. Her legal background will serve her well in this industry. Today she continues to provide residential and commercial insurance.

Lezlie and Brent have two daughters, Izzabelle (Izze) and Paulette (Lette), and a son, Augustus (Auggie). Lezlie's personality is genuine, direct, and her honesty a breath of fresh air. She enjoys spending time with her children at the local parks, golfing with friends and supporting the communities she lives, works, and plays in.

Lezlie has served on many boards including Spencer Main Street, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pure Fishing Foundation, Dickinson County Ag Society, YMCA of the Okobojis and Active Okoboji.

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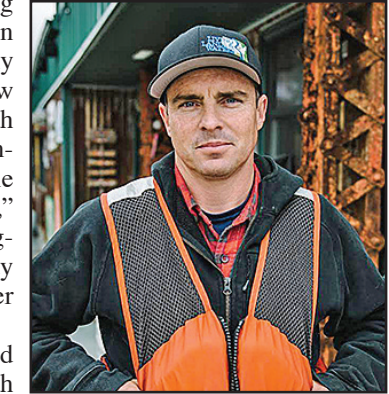
Northwest Iowa Honor Band

Six Okoboji High School students performed at the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Annual High School Honor Band Concert held Saturday evening at Morningside College in Sioux City. The honored musicians included: Morgan Riphagen, Michael Gonnerman, Hunter Hallegren, Emily Quanbeck, Ellie Albertoni and Anna Petersen. Shown with the students is high school band director James Kunz, who currently serves as president of the NWIBA. Okoboji Middle School instrumental music director Jody Ingwersen, right, was presented the Karl King Distinguished Service Award (Active) by Kunz. In addition, Spirit Lake native Corbet Butler received the Martin Crandell Excellence in Education Award from Kunz. Butler currently serves as the high school band director at Storm Lake. (submitted photo)

Pregracke to Deliver Okoboji Blue Water Festival Keynote Address

by Steve Weisman

It's only mid-January but plans for the 2022 Okoboji Blue Water Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 13, are already underway. Co-chairs Greg Drees and Julie Peterson have been working fervently since the 2021 Festival drew to a close last August 7 with multi-Grammy award winner Colby Caillat's finale of "Brighter than the Sun," which triggered the magnificent fireworks display that beautiful late summer evening.



Drees said, "Julie and I were so impressed with what happened in 2021. It reconfirmed to us just how much people care about clean water in the Iowa Great Lakes area. Our hope is that we can take the emotional power of that day and carry it over to our everyday lives. It's hard to believe that it's four months since the Festival, and we are already putting together the framework for 2022."

According to Drees, final decisions on entertainment are drawing closer, a truly unique and special fishing seminar is in the works and just recently, Chad Pregracke made the commitment to be the 2022 Okoboji Blue Water Festival keynote speaker. "Chad is truly one of the country's most dynamic speakers on the environment, and we know he will present a strong message for people to take home with them. His enthusiasm is contagious and his work ethic unparalleled. He will have festival patrons on the edge of their seats."

Peterson echoed those very sentiments. "Chad embraces the festival's theme of clean water, and he is excited to come here and share his impassioned journey with us. He is the president and founder of Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) and for more than two decades has devoted himself wholly and tirelessly to cleaning up the nation's rivers."

Pregracke's background: Pregracke spent his youth growing up and working on the Mississippi River near his home in East Moline, Illinois. Working as a commercial shell diver, he was appalled at an early age by the amount of garbage in the river and decided if no one else was going to do anything about it, he would. He began a solo campaign to clean a stretch of the river, a quest that seemed both daunting and impossible. But Chad's refusal to be discouraged and his signature relentless ambition and work ethic produced results. Over the years he grew his one-man crusade into a crew of over 120,000 volunteers that have organized and led more than 1,200 community cleanups on 23 rivers in 21 states and removed more than 11 million tons of garbage.

Over the years, Chad broadened his vision beyond river revivals to tree planting and a floating classroom aboard a barge that teaches students, educators and individuals about the value of our water and other natural resources.

Pregracke's outreach has touched countless people, including former President George W. Bush who recognized him as a national "Point of Light." He received a standing ovation from all four living former U.S. Presidents at the Kennedy Center for his inspirational message on dreaming big, taking action, persevering, leading and collaborating. In 2013, Pregracke was honored as CNN Hero of the Year.

Pregracke has been the keynote speaker for graduations, business conferences and events, classrooms, nonprofit organizations and more. Named "America's Hardest Working Person" by Mitchum. Drees adds, "That's quite a resume. From our research, I think people will be enthralled by Chad's enthusiasm, sense of humor and passion for the environment."

About the Festival's history: The Festival was originally created by the Okoboji Protective Association (OPA) in 2016 to raise public awareness of water quality in the Iowa Great Lakes. Founded in 1905, the OPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of West Lake Okoboji and the entire Iowa Great Lakes watershed. As co-chairs, Drees and Peterson continue to work in partnership with the OPA and Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. to make the Okoboji Blue Water Festival the premier clean water event in the state of Iowa.

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SPIRIT LAKE 5TH GRADE GIRLS won at the Pocahontas Basketball Tournament Saturday, January 8, 2022. Eleven teams competed in the 5th grade division. Spirit Lake went 3-0 defeating North Union, Newell Fonda and Algona to win the Championship. Back row: Coach Scott Petty, Tegan Lange, Maci Gaskill, Albany Reinke, Tori Weber, Clara Petty and Coach Blake Reinke. Front row: McKinley Lalumendre, Kaitlyn Trautman, Macie Pruin, Kylin Dodds and Averi Smith. Not pictured: Brenna Garberding.



Spirit Lake K of C Crowns Youth Free Throw Champions
 Several girls and boys ages 9 to 14 participated in the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship last weekend, and four earned the right to compete at the District level. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake sponsored the local competition at Bedell Family YMCA, which drew kids from the Lakes area.

Presley Vortherms was the 9-year-old girls' champion and Landon Schmitz won the boys' bracket. Claire Kruger championed the 10-year-old girls' division and Gelena Duvall won for the 13-year-old girls.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts for the Council level championship, with winners progressing through district, regional and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. The 2022 district competition will be held in Emmetsburg at the Catholic Church on January 30.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 130,000 sharpshooters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions.

Each competitor receives a participation certificate, with winners taking home a plaque in the local championship, or medal in the district championship. The highest-scoring state winner receives the International Championship Crystal Trophy.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past couple of years contributing more than \$18,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, as well as to local family, community and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations. This year's Spelling Bee for grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be held locally at St. Mary's Parish, Spirit Lake, on January 23. Text 712-330-6371 for details.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated more than 76.7 million volunteer hours and \$185 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.



Spencer Family Welcomes First Baby of 2022!

The first baby of 2022 has officially arrived at Spencer Hospital's Birth Center. Baby girl, Rylee Joyce Parish, made her appearance on Monday, January 3, at 5:36pm. Parents Jaden and AJ Parish of Spencer were eager for their daughter's arrival.

"We had a really good delivery experience and the eight hours I was in labor went fairly smooth," said Jaden. Dr. Travis Witt delivered the healthy baby girl.

Rylee Joyce weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20.25 inches long. Rylee will be joining her older sibling, Saylor Parish (19 months) at home soon. Grandparents are Cleone and Glenn Rouse of Spencer, and Marvel and Tim Parish of Wichita, Kansas.

The family received a gift basket filled with baby girl items, compliments of Spencer Hospital Gift Shop.



OKOBOJI MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE BAND was honored to have 12 students selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City. This year's festival was held on January 10, 2022. The day featured two bands of equal ability, with guest directors Lavila Nelson and Jennifer Bliven. Selected students were: (back row) Kaeden Schillinger - tuba, Jake Neuarth - trombone, Danica Derner - clarinet, Olivia Simington - clarinet, Kate Roos - percussion, and Eva Hoggarg - flute; (front row) Blake Knudtson - baritone, Cooper Boone - trumpet, Jake Pausley - French horn, Elle Lippon - clarinet, Jordyn Mitchell - oboe, and Lyla Petersen - alto sax. The Middle School Instrumental Director is Jody Ingwersen.

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Participants will receive guidance on record-keeping, audit rules, audit information, maximizing depreciation, categorizing expenses, and what documentation to keep from year to year.

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The Legislative Committee of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the dates of the 2022 Legislative Forums. In 2021 the Forums will be hosted on Saturday, January 22, 2022; Saturday, February 19, 2022 and March 12, 2022. These forums are a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and Northwest Iowa.

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

First session on Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City Council doors will open at 8:30am to the public with the live session starting at 9:00 to 10:30am – please mark your calendars to attend! Clay County Farm Bureau will graciously provide bottled water during all of the sessions. There will be no food provided due to the COVID variants that are still around. However, travel mugs with lids will be allowed along with the bottled water in the Council Chambers.

The session will be live on SMU and taped by Mediacom Cable TV with both stations replaying the session; the session will start live at 9:00 to 10:30am.

The second and third sessions will be re-evaluated as to where the COVID numbers are for our area as to if any changes will need to be made to the format of the sessions; we are hopeful that this year all sessions will be able to be in person.

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

“Eggs & Issues” will be Issues only this year due to the COVID guidelines – there will be no free breakfast.

“Eggs & Issues” are a question/answer format session. If you have any questions, please call the Spencer Chamber at 712-262-5680 or email programs@spenceriowachamber.org.

Iowa Lakes Offers World War II Lecture Series

Fifty-five million people died in World War II, the most significant conflict in human history, and many important questions linger years later. Iowa Lakes Community College offers a World War II lecture series weekly on Tuesdays starting January 18, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:30am, at the Spencer Campus.

The lecture series will discuss essential facets of World War II, including military battles and campaigns, and explore the home front's social history and daily life. The World War II lecture series also answers many questions about the war, including:

- Might Hitler have been stopped sooner?
- Should Roosevelt have foreseen Pearl Harbor?
- Could more lives have been saved as the Holocaust became known?
- Did Truman have to use the atomic bomb at Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- Did the Allies come closer to losing World War II than we would like to think?

Additionally, the origins and expansion of the war in Europe and the Pacific are examined. Military and political strategies and failures are analyzed, and the social and economic effects of the war are assessed.

The World War II lecture series will cost \$25. To register for the series, visit iowalakes.edu/ce and search for class number 5899 or call 800-252-5664.



Kenue Coffee Hour

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites adults to join us for Kenue Coffee Hour on Thursday, February 3, at 10:30am, at the Nature Center.

This program is a free program for adults to come learn and socialize. It the first Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Nature Center and does not require pre-registration. Every month will have a different topic and coffee will be provided. The February Kenue Coffee Hour will feature Ashley from Lakeside Lab and she will be discussing the CLAMP program.

For more information about upcoming events at the Nature Center, please visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352. You can also keep up to date on the latest Dickinson County Nature Center happenings on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

America's Future in Peril

As Nancy Pelosi commemorated the anniversary of the January 6 insurrection on the floor of the House of Representatives, all Republican House members except Liz Cheney (R.Wy.) chose not to attend and recognize the tragic event which caused the death of 6 House security officers. An act of sedition, however defined by GOP House members as nothing more than a justified protest. Newly documented news releases confirm Donald Trump watched the riot on TV, seemingly pleased and refused to send word to the rioters to stand down.

As American citizens, supposedly committed to the survival of our Democratic Union, how can 80% of GOP members continue to support the man and the idea that the factually proven election results should be ignored?

As New York and Federal law enforcement agencies zero in on Donald Trump's many breeches of the law, it's hard to imagine he won't be spending serious time in court and in jail. One wonders if he is contemplating asking Vladimir Putin for asylum before the ax falls.

Robert Sneitzer
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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Dear Editor:

“it's all about balance”. We hear this phrase applied to health, to relationships, to lifestyle choices, and to politics. Unfortunately, politics has taken a nasty turn these days to upset the “balance” in our nation. Contrary to promoting “balance”, federal overreach has hit a new level with the executive orders attempting to destroy individual liberties and choice. Who knew our federal government and their media minions would be promoting massive assaults on our bodies, our national discourse with one another, and our livelihood in the name of public health?

Our nation has always prided itself on the ability to discuss, debate, disagree, and compromise when issues drive up the stakes for disunity. This healthy discourse to address interpretations of our fundamental values has historically brought us closer to consensus that makes sense for the many, not just the few.

In that spirit of negotiation and crafting workable agreements, Article V and the Convention of States (COS) proposes an orderly, methodical, and time-tested process to seek the “balance” we need as individuals and States to positively influence the out-of-control federal government machine. Limiting federal overreach, continuous out-of-control spending, and support of term limits to career federal politicians are front and center on the Article V agenda. Our Iowa legislators, with our support, can be next in line to bravely join the 16 states who have embraced and approved this Article V solution to promote a structure that is more responsive to the liberties of all citizens, personal safety, and economic stability.

You are part of the process to attain the “balance” needed to get this back on track. Check out the conventionofstates.com website, the Iowa COS FB page, or call the national number at 540-441-7227 and become more informed. Sign up to be a local volunteer to work with other fellow patriots to make a difference. Lastly, join other peaceful and passionate COS grassroots members, along with Rick Santorum, Steve Deace, and other COS leaders in Des Moines at the Capital on January 25 at 1 pm to bring these issues front and center to our Senators and Representatives to encourage their signing of Iowa's resolution to be a part of the Convention of States.

Sincerely,
Kim Wilson
Spencer, Iowa

Blush Studio to Open in Spirit Lake

Blush Studio, owned and operated by Spirit Lake Native Sarah Vanderlaan, is now open and accepting new clients.

Sarah recently graduated from Faust Institute of Cosmetology and is looking forward to serving the Iowa Great Lakes Area.

Services offered are haircuts, colors, extensions and more. The public is invited to the Grand Opening Event this Saturday, January 15, from 10:00 - 1:00.

Enjoy food, drinks, prizes and more hosted by Millisa Reynolds of Okoboji Events. Blush salon will be open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 - 3:00.

To schedule an appointment, call Sarah at 712-336-2921.



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Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

A new year and more Okoboji adventures. The Iowa Great Lakes Area has so much to offer visitors all year long, but it's important that we get out and experience it too. One of the best parts of living here is the abundant entertainment in our own backyard.

This week I went to The Venue on Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake. The Venue is part gathering space, part entertainment zone. It's a great space for friends, family, or coworkers to gather and celebrate.

There is plenty of space for a crowd, and ample games and activities throughout the space. The best part (in my opinion) are the two simulators at the far end of the space.

My coworker Laurie and I went to The Venue one recent afternoon specifically to play on the simulators. You can reserve a simulator online, and pay by the hour for indoor entertainment. Laurie and I started with a round of golf. The simulator offers many beautiful courses from around the world to choose from. We chose an Australian course. They have clubs available, but you could also bring your own. It took me a while to feel comfortable swinging like normal, indoors. By the second hole I found my rhythm and wound up in the trees. It felt like I was golfing our courses in Okoboji. If there's a tree, I'll find it.

We didn't play a full round because (officially) we wanted to try several different games. Unofficially, I think Laurie didn't want to lose to me. Next we tried a baseball target game. I was terrible at that. I couldn't hit the ball far enough or straight at any of the targets. Given that I've possibly never hit a baseball before in my life, I did pretty well, but gave up quickly. Then we tried a carnival game. It was a hoot. I'm very good at knocking bottles down. Watch out Arnolds Park. I'm going to give those games a try in real life next summer.

You should gather up some friends and reserve a simulator at the Venue. They offer a huge variety of virtual games that are sure to entertain you, and now is a great time to visit to escape the cold outside. Our community offers so many fun activities. They not only attract and entertain visitors, but also enhance our quality of life. Make sure you get out and enjoy everything the area has to offer. Learn more about The Venue and everything our community has to offer at www.VacationOkoboji.com. If you want to hear more about my fun at The Venue, listen to the Vacation Okoboji podcast.



Time to Step Up
by Steve Weisman

To say lots of things have occurred over the past couple of years is definitely an understatement: a pandemic that shut the entire world down, the attempts to recover, the resulting political divide and the continued issues that keep short circuiting our recovery. It's left America's families struggling in its wake. In these tumultuous times, families have turned to the outdoors and activities that give us a renewed sense of freedom. County conservation board naturalists have offered outdoor programs to help families learn more about where they live. People have explored trails, spent times kayaking exploring the beauties of a wide range of waters... in other words we are seeking healing and relief through nature, and people are wanting more.

That's why I believe that now, as we head into the next legislative session, is finally the time to fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The voters of Iowa have been waiting since November of 2010. Here's a little history of the Trust Fund.

A history
Back in 2006, the Legislature appointed a committee to research the feasibility of sustainable funding for natural resources. After a positive report, “legislators deemed a dedicated funding source should be established to address Iowa's natural resource needs and that the people of Iowa should have a voice on this issue. In 2008 and 2009, proposed legislation was passed to allow the people of Iowa to vote on a Constitutional amendment that would create a dedicated trust fund.”

In November of 2010, the people of Iowa voted on the concept and “chose to amend Iowa's Constitution and create the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund and a dedicated funding source. This passage activated Senate File 2310 (SF2310) into law on January 1, 2011, which provides the framework for the distribution, use, and accountability of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Upon enactment, SF2310 was finalized into Iowa Code Chapter 461.” The amendment was passed by 63% of the voters.

It has been estimated that if funded, revenue would amount to over \$150 million each year. Estimates today have increased to \$187 million. The only trouble? The Trust Fund's dedicated funding source was never provided. So, here we sit in November of 2021, 11 years later... and we're still sitting with an unfunded Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

That's over 4000 days of lost time. All the years of funding lost. By my calculations, that is pushing \$2,000,000,000... Yup, that's BILLION. Think what could have been done to enhance and expand our natural resources: lake restoration, trails, REAP, local conservation partner programs, watershed protection, soil conservation and water protection and natural resources.

However, we can't look at what hasn't been done but what can be done starting with 2022.

What it means if it is funded
The bottom line is this fund will do something for all Iowans, including those who work the soil. It is a win-win for all of us. The good news is that when funded, it is a constitutionally protected fund, so that money cannot be diverted for other uses.

Once again, I repeat. It will provide reliable and sustainable funding for clean water and watershed protection, conservation practices, and wildlife habitat, all of which will grow as the economy grows. At the same time, the funded projects will increase

the potential of attracting and retaining more people, including out-of-state visitors, to take the opportunity to experience the increased quality of our natural resources.

In addition, this use can potentially lead to increased job opportunities and help fuel Iowa's economy. We know how important that is to our rural economy. By protecting and increasing our natural resources, we have a better chance of attracting more people to Iowa who want to experience the quality of life that exists here. Bottom line that means both more revenue and an enhanced quality of life.

One of the huge supporters of the Trust Fund is The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), a nonprofit conservation organization that works to protect and restore Iowa's land, water and wildlife. You might remember their efforts here in the Iowa Great Lakes to help protect Anglers Bay and the bull rushes a few years ago and the Save the Shoreline on East Okoboji this past year. The INHF has been one of the leaders in the push to fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Anna Gray, Public Policy Director for the INHF notes, “Demand for conservation and outdoor recreation programs has consistently outpaced available funding. The Trust Fund's investment in parks, trails, and outdoor amenities is necessary to enhance Iowa as an ideal place to live, work and play.”

What can and needs to be done
It hasn't been funded because, well you know, the money issue. As the amendment states: No revenue shall be credited to the fund until the tax rate for the sales tax imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible personal property and the furnishing of enumerated services sold in this State in effect on the effective date of this section is increased. When the sales tax is increased, then the fund will be annually credited with an amount equal to the amount generated by a sales tax rate of three-eighths of one cent. Don't let that scare you. Legislators for the last couple of sessions have talked about a tax-neutral deal that would be able to fund the Trust Fund. They even had it up a year ago as a Senate Study Bill and was introduced into the Senate Ways & Means Committee. However, the word that came back to us was that COVID got in the road.

On their own
Sometimes, voters just plain take things into their own hands (in a legal way). Take Polk County, for instance. In November, voters passed a referendum to issue \$65,000,000 in bonds for the very thing that the state's Trust Fund would do if funded. It cost the Polk County taxpayers around \$11 extra in property tax each year. It passed by 81.3%.

Here's what is really amazing. The new Polk County bond is a renewal of a \$50 million initiative approved by 72% of voters in 2012. I would say that's pretty good testimonial to the importance of what they think of their natural resources. So, the citizens of Polk County are not waiting around.

Let's get it done
However, it is fair to ask all counties to do this – no matter their population or income, when Iowa voters have already passed a state-wide mandate? I think not. It's time to step up to the plate and do what we know Iowa needs. I hear the Trust Fund will be on the docket again this year. Let's let our legislators know we want this done now.

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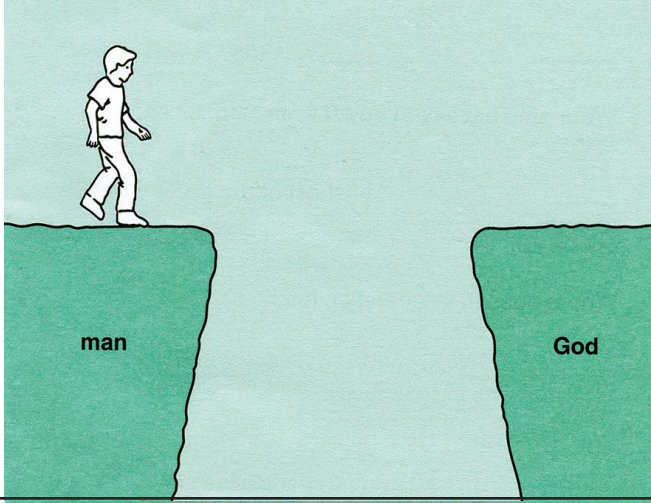
bridge to life

The Bible teaches that God loves all men and wants them to know Him.

But man is separated from God and His love.

“God is on one side and all the people on the other side.”
(1 TIMOTHY 2:5)

Why is man separated from God and His love?

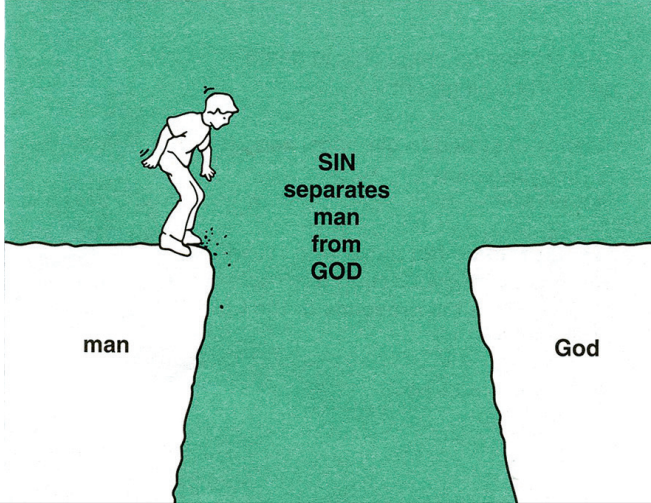


Because he has sinned against God.

“Your sins have cut you off from God.”
(ISAIAH 59:2)

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
(ROMANS 3:23)

Where does this separation lead?

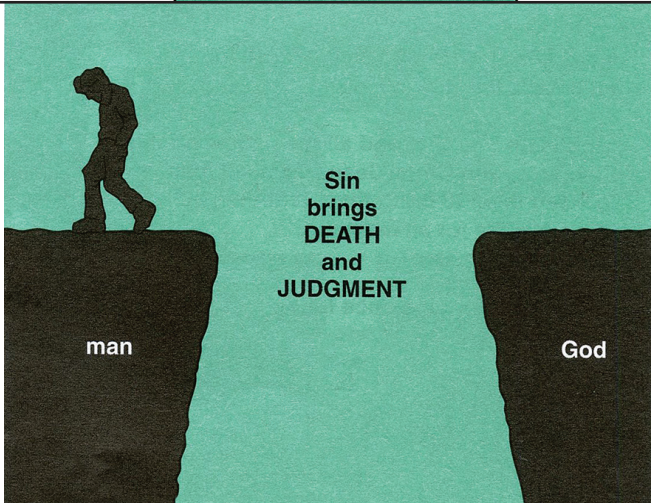


This separation leads only to death and certain judgment.

“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

(HEBREWS 9:27)
“Those who do not know God ... will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord.”
(2 THESSALONIANS 1:8-9)

But, there is a solution.

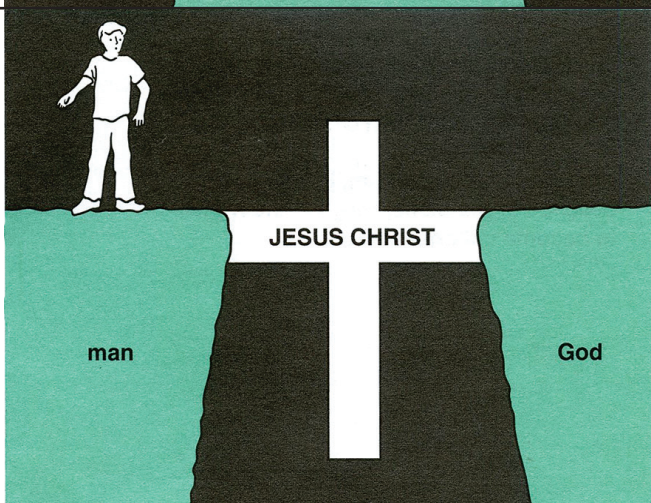


Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, is the way to God.

“God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.”

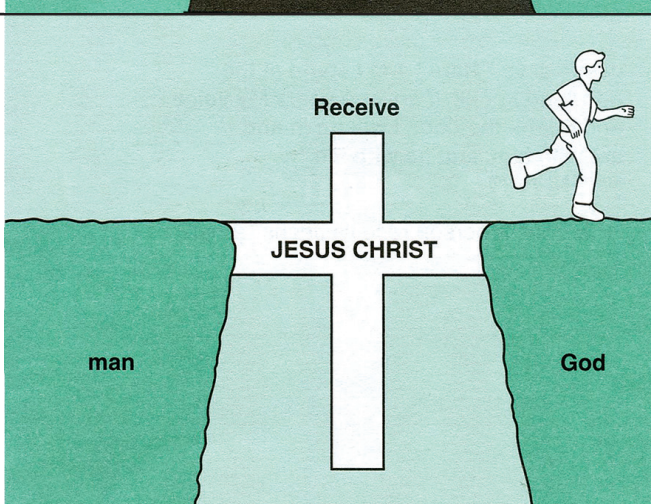
(1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6)
“Christ died for sins once for all... to bring you to God.”
(1 PETER 3:18)

Does this include everyone?



Yes. But only those who personally receive Jesus Christ into their lives, trusting Him to forgive their sins, can cross this bridge.

“To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”
(JOHN 1:12)



Jesus says, **“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with Me.”**
(REVELATION 3:20)

How does a person receive Jesus Christ?

Everyone must decide individually whether to receive Christ.

Jesus said, **“You may ask Me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”**
(JOHN 14:14)

Therefore, if you pray sincerely, asking Him this:

Lord Jesus, please come into my life and be my Savior and Lord. Please forgive my sins, and give me the gift of eternal life.

He will do it now.

If you have invited Jesus Christ into your life, the Bible says you now have eternal life.

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
(1 JOHN 5:11-12)

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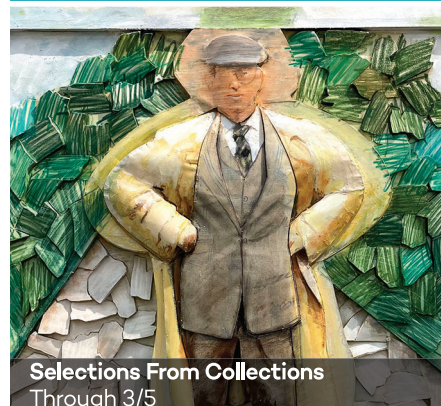


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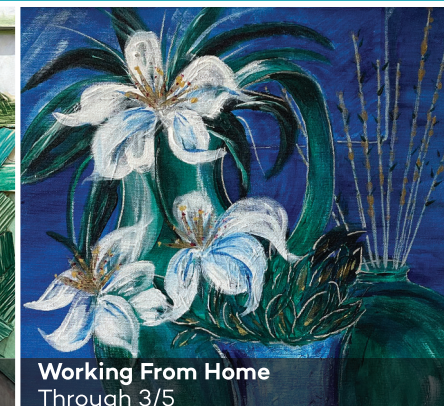
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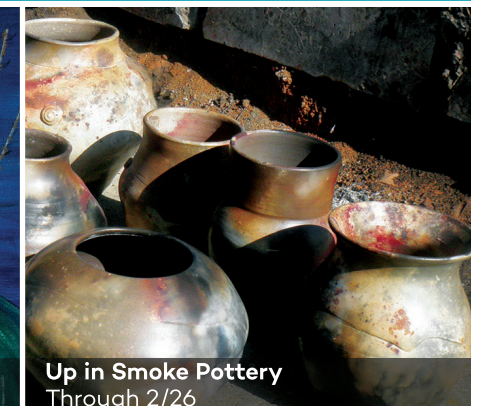
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"This area of Northwest Iowa was hard hit by drought the majority of 2021, and these meetings are designed to help producers prepare for 2022," said Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Topics to be covered include repairing pastures and establishing cover crops, cow-calf outlook and benchmarking, and financial assistance for cow-calf producers.

There is no cost to attend, but participants should preregister several days prior to the meeting they plan to attend. Preregister with the following ISU Extension and Outreach county office: Emmetsburg meeting (712-852-2865); Estherville meeting (712-362-3434); or Royal meeting (712-262-2264).

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