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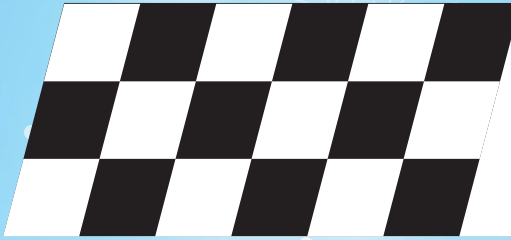
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Senator Dave Rowley, R-Spirit Lake, was sworn in to the Iowa Senate today during the first day of the 2022 legislative session. "Today was an exciting and humbling experience for me. I was sworn in to my first term in the Iowa Senate and I am preparing for the legislative session ahead," said Sen. Rowley. "I am honored to serve the people of Senate District 1 and look forward to representing them as we discuss tax relief, growing Iowa's workforce, and strengthening rural Iowa."

Milford Library News

Encourage your kids to use the library not only by coming inside, but also through the Card Catalog. There is a Kids' Catalog version which is much more user friendly and can be sorted by fiction, non-fiction, categories, or series. This catalog can be found by going to our website (<http://www.milford.lib.ia.us>) and clicking on 'Search Our Catalog' on the left-hand side. Then at the bottom of the screen, click on 'Kids' Catalog.' Lastly, please remember MML's last January storytime. Building Bookworms is in person at 10:30am on Monday, January 31, with the theme being penguins. There will be stories, songs and rhymes, a coloring/activity page, and a simple craft.



United Community Bank Welcomes Michael Jensen to Board of Directors

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK



J. Michael Jensen

The United Community Bank Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of J. Michael Jensen to its Board of Directors.

"Michael's insight into the local business landscape and ongoing commitment to the area will help him make many valuable contributions to our bank's continued growth and success," said Steve Feld, United Community Bank President and Chief Executive Officer.

Jensen, owner and broker of Jensen Real Estate in Arnolds Park, is a fourth generation resident of the Iowa Great Lakes.

He resides in the City of West Okoboji with his wife, Kira, and family. Together, they own the Nutty Bar Stand in Arnolds Park and are active members of the community.

Jensen joins United Community Bank's current Board of Directors comprised of James P. Cravens, Chairman of the Board, Marilyn L. Cravens, Emilie G. Cravens, Steven G. Feld and Thomas A. Block.

"Each director brings tremendous experience and value to further strengthen and diversify our board of directors and contribute to the communities we serve," commented Feld.



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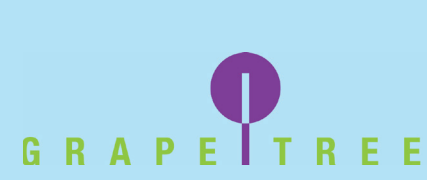
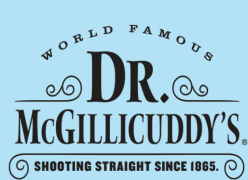
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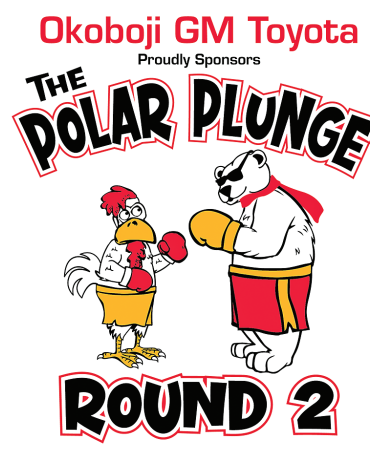
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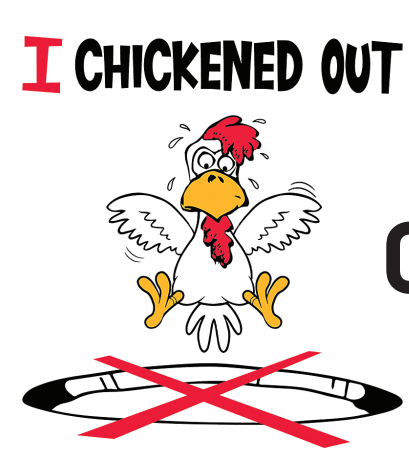
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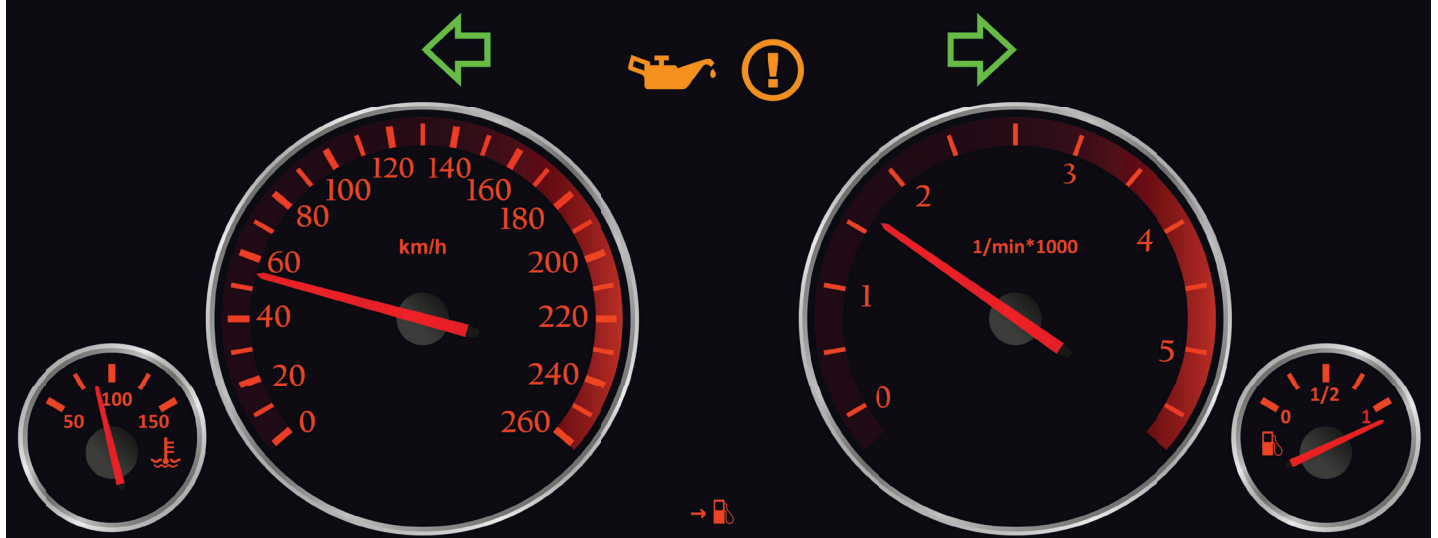


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An Open House will be held on Sunday, January 30, from 2:00-4:00, at the Spencer Sacred Heart in the Fireside Room.

A memory book will be assembled and presented as a gift to him. Please send a remembrance or photo to his daughter, Kellie, by January 28, if you are unable to attend (kellie@campokoboji.org or 712-331-1814). George requests no gifts.

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Clay County Heritage is excited to announce a program series called "Lunch & Learn" that will be held at 12:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month in the Bob Keir Meeting Room at the Clay County Heritage Center in Spencer, Iowa. Participants are invited to bring their own lunch to the museum to learn about a variety of historical topics utilizing object-centered learning that will showcase items from our collection. These events are free to the public and we ask that participants RSVP as space will be limited. Donations can be made at the door to help pay for programming materials.

Object-centered learning (or object-based learning) is a popular form of active learning utilized by museums across the country that allows learners to engage with artifacts first-hand. Clay County Heritage's goal is to highlight lesser-known objects in our collection to inspire curiosity in all types of learners that leads to a more memorable learning experience at our Lunch & Learn programs.

The first three Lunch & Learn programs will be held on the following dates and cover the following topics.

- January 26 - Iowa Statehood
- February 23 - Boy Scouts of America
- March 30 - Irish in Iowa

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Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Announces Hiring of Minister Doege

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes the hiring of Reverend Lisa M. Doege. Reverend Doege will be presiding over 12 services of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on a monthly basis in 2022. On January 23 her sermon "Destination or Bust?" will consider the spiritual (and practical) benefits of holding lightly to our intentions in this season of making resolutions and setting goals. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and can request a Zoom invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

"Hiring a reverend is a big step for the area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and we are really excited to bring her inspiring message to the area. We hope that her leadership and spiritual wisdom will excite the many members of our community who are looking for a progressive and welcoming spiritual home," says Jane Shuttleworth, longtime UU member. Rev. Doege grew up attending Unity Church Unitarian in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the congregation that ordained her in 1994. She holds degrees from Hamlin University and Harvard Divinity school and has served UU congregations in Texas, Indiana, and Minnesota. Doege has published two pieces in Shelter In This Place, an anthology of poems, prayers, and reflections from Unitarian Universalists about their experiences of 2020. Doege has twice served as Summer Minister at Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship.

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ILUUF) is a member of the Unitarian/Universalist Association. ILUUF is a welcoming community seeking to provide opportunities for people of all ages to grow in their spiritual and ethical lives, finding the means to engage the world in creative and transformative ways. Learn more at uuokoboji.com.

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Area Students Named to Dean's List

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Congratulations to the following area students:
 Jackson, Minnesota - Trevon Zeman
 Lakefield, Minnesota - Regan Farmer
 Ocheyedan - Madison Barringer, Osceola
 Spirit Lake - Cole Brumley, Dickinson

WA TAN YE Club Scholarship Awarded

The WA TAN YE Club Scholarship is awarded annually to help one Iowa Lakes Community College non-traditional-age student pursue higher education. A service organization, the WA TAN YE Club, supports local libraries, education, and community service.

The \$200.00 WA TAN YE Club Scholarship requires the student to be currently enrolled at Iowa Lakes Community College. The motto of the WA TAN YE Club is "service foremost" and, therefore, requires the applicant to give a detailed list of all service involvement in their community.

The 2021-22 recipient is Barbara Runneberg of Luverne. To learn more about this scholarship or establish a new scholarship, contact the Iowa Lakes Community College Institutional Advancement and Foundation Office at 712-362-0491 or 800-242-5106 ext. 4491.

To apply for scholarships, visit iowalakes.edu/scholarships.

Iowa State Honors Graduates

Area graduates received degrees from Iowa State University in December. Commencement ceremonies were held December 17-18 at Hilton Coliseum. Congratulations to the following area graduates:

Estherville - Karley Hanson, summa cum laude; Calah Payton; Domanique Richardson; Morgan White, summa cum laude.
Knoxville - Samantha Hegwood, cum laude.
Milford - Gage Tuttle.
Ocheyedan - Brandon Brookshus.
Okoboji - Juan Rubiano Vargas.
Royal - Nelson Findling.
Webb - Amy Raner, cum laude.

Dickinson County SnowHawks to Host Okoboji 100 Cross Country Snowmobile Races

by Steve Weisman

The Okoboji 100 is back! Cor PowerSports, the NASCAR of snowmobile racing, which headquarters out of Somerset, Wisconsin, is coming to East Lake Okoboji for the second consecutive year on January 22-23. Now in its 11th year, Cor Powersports hosts a series of cross-country snowmobile races across the Midwest. The Dickinson County SnowHawks, the local snowmobile club in Dickinson County, was instrumental a year ago in bringing the circuit here for the initial Okoboji 100. Now in 2022, the club will be the presenting sponsor for this year's Okoboji 100.



Jantina Carney, who does the publicity for the SnowHawks, says, "We are so excited to have the Okoboji 100 back for its second year. We want this to be an annual event and hope it continues to grow." Cor PowerSports race director Todd Myers was pleased with how things went last year.

The recent snowfall last Friday was incredibly important for the Okoboji 100. Carney says with a smile, "The snow couldn't have come at a better time. We're calling it a million-dollar snow!" Without the snow, the conditions on the ice were truly glare ice. With the winding course and the number of turns, organizers would have had to transport hay bales to the ice to provide protection on the curves. "Now, with the recent snow, and the fact that we're not supposed to have unusually warm days, the snow should be around for a while. It certainly makes things easier, and we will be able to have a plowed course." The course will be a plowed lake Lemans-style course.

The hub of the activity - As with last year, the 2022 Okoboji 100 will find Parks Marina as the hub of all the activity. The pit parking will take place at the Parks Marina parking lot. The staging, the start and finish will take place on the ice in front of Parks Marina and the awards will be given out at Snappers. Both Saturday and Sunday will be full-day competitions with the weekend's events ending around 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The course is a 9 to 10-mile circuit that starts out in front of Parks Marina and runs the main part of the lake to the Narrows and back to the main lake with the longest straightaway at 3/4 of a mile. Two racers will go at a time with 10 second intervals. Each snowmobile has a transponder on it to record the time, etc. There will be seven rounds each day with 19 different classes ranging from pro divisions in both men and women, junior levels beginning with age 10, masters over 50 and even a vintage class. The Pro Open Final and the Pro Factory 600 Final will be the longest of the races at 10 laps. Well over 100 racers are on the Cor PowerSports circuit, along with local racers entering the Okoboji 100.

Spectators can expect to see racers from across the country, professionals representing the major snowmobile manufacturers (Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo and Yamaha), along with local riders giving the course a shot.

For the fans - The races are an exciting venue and if people want to view the races, obviously the most action will take place on the ice in front of Parks Marina. Carney says, "There will be a viewing area on the ice in front of Parks Marina. The upper area at Snappers is a great viewing area. Plus, with the race going as far west as the Waterfront and Bridges Bay, there will be plenty of areas to see the action. To keep spectators safe, the course will be well marked, and there will be several spotters out there in colored vests."

Carney adds that the atmosphere is one of excitement and anticipation. "The leading manufacturers in the snowmobile industry will be on hand with their trailers. We encourage people to walk through the pit area and get a close look at the sleds. For food, the Barefoot Bar and Snappers will both be open, and Okoboji Spudz will be serving donuts."

To learn more about the Okoboji 100, go to the Dickinson County SnowHawks website (www.dickinsoncountysnowhawks.com) and click on the events tab. Next, scroll down the page and click on Okoboji 100. This will then take you to the Cor PowerSports website (www.corpowersports.com). Here you can find tabs listing schedule of events, forms and rules, race results, sponsors, news blog and contact information.

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Monthly Dairy Webinar February 16

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team monthly webinar series continues on Wednesday, February 16, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The program will focus on the difference between cash flow and profitability and when to use each in managing your dairy.

Dr. Larry Tranel, ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist in Northeast Iowa, will make the presentation. Tranel grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm, majored in Ag Economics/International Studies with Masters in Ag Industries, all from UW-Platteville. Tranel spent ten years as Dairy Farm Management Agent with UW-Extension and the past 20 years with ISU Extension and Outreach as a Dairy Specialist.

Producers, dairy consultants, and industry reps are encouraged to attend the webinar. There is no fee for the program, but preregistration is requested at <https://go.iastate.edu/FZ4S0H>. Attendees should log on before noon as the program will start promptly at 12 noon. There will be a question-and-answer session after the presentation.

For more information, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Field Specialist in your area: in Northwest Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu; in Northeast Iowa, Jennifer Bentley, 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu; in East Central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu.



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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Horns Down

This won't be a much of a detailed breakdown of #15 Iowa State's big 79-70 win over #21 Texas in rocking Hilton Coliseum on Saturday as we were running our big youth tournament with 38 teams in Milford, so my watching of the game was definitely a bit spotty. This was a huge win for the Cyclones, as they are winding down a stretch of six straight games against Top 25 teams, and they were coming off a heart-breaking 62-61 loss on Tuesday night at Phog Allen Fieldhouse against #9 Kansas, in which ISU had a great look at the buzzer to win the game.

From what I did see and read about the win over the Longhorns, this was a total team effort and one of ISU's best offensive performances of the season. Minnesota transfer Gabe Kalscheur, who had struggled with his outside shooting for most of the season, hit four 3-pointers on Tuesday against the Jayhawks, and continued his strong week with a 22-point night, including going 6/12 from 3-point range. Izaiah Brockington has been the go-to-guy all season for ISU, but he struggled on Saturday going just 3/7 from the field while scoring eight points, but other Cyclones stepped up with freshman phenom PG Tyrese Hunter adding 13 points to go along with eight assists and just two turnovers, and Aljaz Kunc and Robert Jones each chipped in with eight points off the bench. For the game the Cyclones shot 57% from the field and 44% from 3-point land, which are both very impressive numbers. More importantly, they only turned the ball over 12 times against a long and athletic Texas team that thrives on scoring off live-ball turnovers. ISU also won two very important battles that help determine who will win games, points in the paint (30-22) and points off turnovers (23-12).

This was a game that Iowa State had to have, as they were sitting at 1-3 in the Big 12 with a tough road game at #19 Texas Tech on Tuesday. The Cyclones leaned on what has propelled them to their impressive 14-3 season, their stifling defense. Any team that can hold Kansas to just 62 points in Phog Allen Fieldhouse can definitely guard, and this unit has thrived on being disruptive all season long. If their offense can continue to improve, this unlikely season of Cyclone Magic can definitely continue, and this team will have the potential to make some noise during March Madness!



Family Nature Night

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites all ages to the Nature Center for Family Nature Night on Friday, January 28, at 5:00pm.

This month's Family Nature Night theme is, "Animal Defenses." "We will be learning about the variety of characteristics and adaptations that animals use to defend against their predators!" said Britney Snell, Naturalist.

Family Nature Night occurs every month on the fourth Friday at 5:00pm. This monthly program is for all ages. Please pre-register your family online for this free program by visiting our website, dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com. Please note all programs starting in January 2022 will be online registration.

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.



Efforts Underway to Endow Steve Reighard Memorial Scholarship

A life-long lakes area resident and conservation officer, Steve Reighard, was honored with a memorial scholarship at Iowa Lakes Community College following his passing a year ago. Family, friends, and community members provided numerous donations to help fund the 2021 memorial scholarship. Now, efforts are underway to create an endowed scholarship in Reighard's name, which requires a funding threshold of \$10,000 or more. This level of funding will allow fund earnings to sustain the scholarship for future recipients.

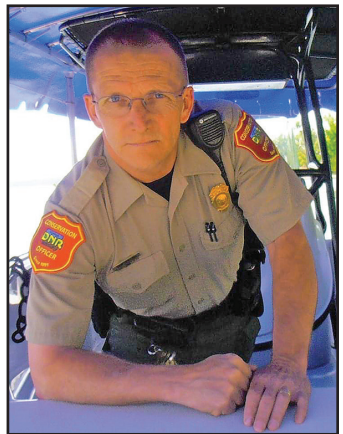
Reighard graduated from Iowa Lakes' Environmental Studies program before earning a Bachelor of Science Degree with a focus in biology from South Dakota State University. Throughout his education, Reighard worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources fisheries and wildlife. Upon graduation, Reighard began his career as a Park Ranger stationed at Gull Point State Park. He served as an Iowa Conservation Officer in Dickinson County and was honored as Officer of the Year for the State of Iowa in 2020. Reighard's greatest passions in life were his family and spending time outdoors, where he felt most connected to himself, to God, and to nature.

Through a scholarship endowment, family and friends hope to honor Reighard's legacy by helping students achieve their educational goals in the areas of criminal justice and environmental stewardship.

Priority awarding for the scholarship will be given to high school seniors who plan to enroll in Environmental Studies or Criminal Justice programs at Iowa Lakes and reside in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, or Palo Alto counties. Scholarship recipients will demonstrate strong commitments to conservation, community service, and service to others. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually for tuition or books. To apply for scholarships, visit iowalakes.edu/scholarships.

Please donate to help endow the Steve Reighard Memorial Scholarship to continue his legacy through ongoing scholarships. Donations may be given securely online at iowalakes.edu/donate by scrolling down the page and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. Then choose "Online Payment with a Credit or Debit Card." Next, select Other (Specific Area or Scholarship) and type Reighard Memorial Scholarship. Next, select "Please list me as a donor," then enter information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Iowa Lakes Community College Institutional Advancement and Foundation Office at 712-362-0491 or 800-242-5106 ext. 4491.



Students Named to Dean's List

Wartburg College has recognized the following area students who were named to the 2021 Fall Term Dean's List: Maxwell Miller of Spirit Lake and Jenna Morey of Spencer.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

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

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

To the Editor:
The year 2021 has come to a close and 2022 began with the January 8 fiasco at the capitol and a variant of COVID-19 more readily catchable. All 50 states were infected in a period of 24 days.

Wokeism (corporate elite telling us what we think and act) is in full swing. Following is a statement by Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles "they seek to displace old fashioned belief systems and religions, especially Christianity, in pursuit of a new global civilization dedicated to consumerism and guided by science, technology, humanitarian values and technocratic ideas. Cancel culture are the weapons used to silence faithful Christians and achieve their secular agendas."

Former CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden stated that the current variant of COVID-19 will be with us until 2024. We have never been told the origins of the virus and how it escaped the facility. We were assured that when enough people had been vaccinated we would have had immunity. We will continue to see people vaccinated on all of our newscasts as well as both cops and robbers wearing masks well into the future.

On the local level we are concerned by the proposed five state pipeline to capture emissions of CO₂ from ethanol plants. A winter resident in my community is a practicing environmental attorney from Toronto. By his account, it would take 10 years service of the line to equal the emissions emitted to build the machinery, manufacture the pipe and the equipment to lay the pipe. With the aim being 90% battery powered cars by 2035, will ethanol still be around? In Canada a yearly royalty is paid to landowners when a pipe goes through their property.

The term "affective polarization", in which members of both parties distrust and dislike each other, will help unify our nation. Hunker down to a year of inflation and serious virus concerns.

Roger Carr,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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Alceco/Ag Partners & FCA Announce Name Change and Rebranding Strategy

Alceco/Ag Partners and First Cooperative Association, industry leaders in agriculture, merged in September 2021, announced today that the company will begin operating under a new name and will be known as



AgState. This rebranding strategy reflects both the evolution of the company as well as its vision for the future. This new organization is well positioned to serve their customer base well into the future whether that's through tried and true agronomic solutions and data services, through high-quality feed, petroleum offerings, or through innovative risk management products for grain. AgState is about local farmers and their families. Along with this change, a redesigned company logo has been revealed and a new website is planned to launch in the spring of 2022, which will prominently feature the company's focus on local decision making, financial stability and helping our customers on every acre and every animal. The company's 12 member farmer board of directors and leadership team remains focused on team integration and capturing the synergies between the two organizations. CEO, Troy Upah stated "As part of our focus on business development and sustainability, our leadership team and I believe it was appropriate to rebrand our company to specifically reflect our long history and heritage with top quality products and services. We are very excited about the introduction of our new company name; AgState, because it allows us to better represent our business to our current farmer members and to attract our younger farmers who are still entering the working world." For more information about the name change or to learn more about AgState, please visit: www.AgState.org

For questions about this release contact Brent Low - 712.843.5279.

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Lakes Area Senior Center News
by Pam Foxhoven

We have been busy at the Lakes Area Senior Center the last month and a half. Our new flooring has been scrubbed, waxed and sealed. It looks very nice.

Sharon, our kitchen manager, has been working very hard to find a new caterer. Carstensen's from Lake Park will be delivering meals to us soon. Lake Park Dinner Date diners really enjoy the meals.

Red Cross will be here January 24 from 12:00 - 6:00pm. Please sign up and donate blood.

Winter Games will be just around the corner. Saturday, January 29, the 500 and Pinochle tournament will be held here at the Senior Center. Contact Dee Truman for details.

Sunday, January 30, Dad's Belgian Waffles will be here serving their delicious waffles and sausages. This event is from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Tickets are \$12, tickets for children 6-9 are \$6, children 5 and under can eat for free. Carry-outs will be available. This fundraiser is for building maintenance. Your support is greatly appreciated.



80th Birthday Announcement

Anita Early will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Friday, January 21, 2022. Family would like to honor her with a card shower. Greetings can be sent to Anita at 1409 Indian Hills Drive, Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360.

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Brooks, well known for stretching the limits of decency, left audiences laughing out loud until their sides ached and their eyes watered. Infamous scenes from Brooks' movies like the campfire scene in Blazing Saddles or Igor's movable hump and Gene Wilder as Young Frankenstein are treasured classics.

Participants in the "MEL BROOKS: Make a Noise!" series will enjoy many laughs while viewing both well-known films and more obscure films by Brooks.

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Obituaries

Charles (Chuck) Melvin Hiner, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the age of 82.

Chuck was born on August 31, 1939, in Sac City, Iowa, to James Franklin Hiner and Madge Lone Richards Hiner. He graduated from Sac City High School in 1958 and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree in Education from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska. It was at college that he met the love of his life, Carol Ann Knudson, and they were married on December 22, 1963.



Chuck taught middle school in Hawarden, Sioux City, and West Des Moines, Iowa. While living in West Des Moines, two daughters were born to the family: Tanja in 1967 and Kylee in 1971. In 1971 the family moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Chuck began his lifetime career in sales, first working for Mayer Photography. He began selling tools and shop equipment for TriState Warehouse in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1974, traveling from farm to farm in Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Idaho, and Washington. In 1997 he joined the sales team with TriState Grain Conditioning in Spirit Lake and continued there until his retirement. In 2000 he was in a serious car accident that led to the discovery of stage 4 cancer. By God's grace and the wisdom of his doctors he survived and remained cancer free until June of 2021.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, James Lee Hiner. He is survived by his wife Carol Hiner, daughter Tanja Michels and husband Greg, daughter Kylee Halstead and husband Fred, grandson Evan Halstead and granddaughter Haylee Halstead. He will be fondly remembered by a large circle of family and friends who will miss his presence, wisdom, and great sense of humor.

A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, January 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa. In remembrance of his life, it was Chuck's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Wounded Warrior Project.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries

Billie Ann Schuett, the daughter of Raymond and Helen Epping Kriens, was born February 16, 1932, near Hartley, Iowa. She received her early education and graduated from Moneta High School in 1950.

On November 28, 1953, Billie married Clayton Schuett at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Royal, IA. Following their marriage, they lived in Hartley until 1965. They moved to Cherokee where they raised their four children who all graduated from high school in Cherokee. They also had a home at the lakes for several years, making it their permanent home in 1989.



Billie worked in the clothing business for 40 years. She started her career at the Fashionette in Cherokee. When they moved to the "lakes", she owned her own store, Billie's Fine Fashion, until they started spending the winters at Palm Springs and then Myrtle Beach. When she returned to Iowa each spring, she continued working at Fashion Formula for 14 years until she retired. She also organized and participated in weekly fashion shows at The Inn, the annual Catholic Daughters Fashion Show and others in the area. Billie was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford where she also belonged to the Catholic Daughters, Beta Sigma Phi in Cherokee and at the lakes, Red Hat Society and Couples 500 Card Club going on 60 years.

Billie passed away on January 11, 2022, at Lakes Regional Healthcare at the age of 89. She was preceded by her parents; infant brother, Ronald Lee; 5 brothers-in-law: Paul Galm, Eddie Hilbert, Darrell Hennings, Darwin Schuett and Merle Schuett; sister-in-law, Elsie Schuett and 7 nieces and nephews.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Clayton Schuett of Spirit Lake, IA; four children: Ramona (John) Nitz of Cherokee, IA; Michael (Patti) Schuett of Ft. Mill, SC; Mark (Julie) Schuett of Dakota Dunes, SD and Tom (Becky) Schuett of Adel, IA; 11 grandchildren: Bob (Elspeth) Nitz, Eric (Tyler) Nitz, James (Kara) Nitz, Jonathan (Alyssa) Schuett, Ethan Schuett, Jesse Schuett, Nicole (Sam) Schuett Jennett, Kyle Schuett, Mikalya Schuett, Daniel Schuett and Natalie Schuett; 7 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

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

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Thurs., Feb. 10 - 10:00 AM - 241 Acres at Auction in Faribault Co., MN. Auctioneers: Harungs. 507-236-7629. www.landservice-sunlimited.com.

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THE BOJI BLIZZARD SQUIRTS HOCKEY TEAM traveled to Somerset, Wisconsin, and took home 3rd place in the Middle Border Squirt Showdown.

Front row: Aiden Hanson, Ryder Erdmann, Joe Grimmus, Janik Varner, Harrison Keonin, Oliver Schaub, Zaiden Swanson, Hayden Baker, Harvey Joe Olson, Croix Howard and Ayden Myers. Back row: Kaleb Bradham and Emmelyn Toft. Coaches: Nick Erdmann and Matt Grimmus. Missing from picture: Katie Beth Clements, Tyson Kullman and Addison Raveling.



THE SPIRIT LAKE 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM went 3-0 to become the Champions at the Okoboji Challenge on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Eight teams participated in the 8th grade division including Clear Lake, Harris Lake Park, Fairmont, Carroll Kuemper, Algona, Newell-Fonda, Okoboji and Spirit Lake.

Players include: Ellie Bolluyt, Maggie Bruinsma, Gelena Duvall, Lauren Travis, Brooke Wollmuth, Khloe Johnson, Claire Turner and Kendall Brant. Not pictured: Natalie Wollmuth and Reese Lundt. The team is coached by Courtney Bolluyt and Kevin Johnson.

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2 tablespoons olive oil
1 bell pepper, any color, sliced into strips
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1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
3 cheddar bratwursts, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds
4 whole wheat tortillas, warmed
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
3 cups fresh fruit of choice

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook and stir until softened, about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper and mushrooms to the pan and cook for 5-7 minutes more, until browned and softened. Push vegetables to the edge of the pan and place brat slices in the middle of the pan. Cook for 1-2 minutes per side, until fully cooked and browned. Stir veggies and brats together, then scoop into warm tortillas. Top with cheese. Serve with fruit on the side.

Recipe Courtesy of: Iowa Dietitian, Tonya Huenink

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Pioneers Win Home Tourney

Okoboji 8th grade team won the Championship at the Okoboji Youth Basketball Association Tournament on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The Pioneers went 3-0 against Harris-Lake Park, Sibley-Ocheyedan and Spencer.
 Front: Asher Knudtson, Carson Storey, Avery Simington, Julian Potter, Everett Jorgenson.
 Back: Drew Early, Mitch Mulhern, Calan Peters, Coach Mark Geelan, Eli Graves, Walt Blankers, Will Anderson. Not pictured: Koa Hemphill.

Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director
 The Iowa Great Lakes Area has a wide variety of events, activities, and attractions that entice visitors from all over. Let's make sure we enjoy the fun that can be found in our own backyard too! Join me each week as I explore some of the things that make our area so fun.



This week I went to Ladies Night at Oak Hill Outdoor in Milford. This is a monthly event that gives gals a reason to get together and have fun. Each month's event offers a unique activity that allows you to learn a new skill while having a fun night out!

The activity this month was a food and wine pairing with Round Lake Vineyards. I was welcomed at the door upon my arrival and encouraged to find a seat. I joined a table of gals who told me they've attended every Ladies Night Oak Hill Outdoor has offered! They weren't big wine drinkers, but were excited to learn a little more and have fun in the process. Once everyone had arrived, we were each given a plate of food and the first pour to sample a white wine.

We sampled five Round Lake Vineyards wines in total. Two were white and three were red. Each wine was paired with a food item that was prepared by Round Lake Vineyards. Some of the pairings surprised me, but all turned out to be a delicious compliment to the wine! During each pairing, Scott from Round Lake Vineyards told us about the wine we were tasting and why they chose the food pairing. It was also interesting to learn about grape varieties that have been specifically developed to thrive in our climate. Overall, it was a very educational, fun, and tasty evening!

It was easy to see why my table mates were repeat Ladies Night attendees. Oak Hill Outdoor offers a well organized and fun event to look forward to each month. Our community does a great job hosting events that 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 upcoming events at Oak Hill Outdoor and throughout the community at www.VacationOkoboji.com. If you want to hear more about my fun at Ladies Night, listen to the Vacation Okoboji podcast.



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The Lakes News Shopper's College Bowl Challenge week promotion ended on January 4, 2022, and was another huge success! Thank you to everyone for playing our College Bowl Challenge. Greg Wiese won the top prize with 16 correct picks; we then had three people tie with 15 correct picks and they edged out four other contestants with the tiebreaker as well as 12 other contestants who picked 14 games correctly. Congratulations to the following winners: first place is Greg Wiese, of Milford, winning \$200; Blaine Strampe, of Spirit Lake, came in second place winning \$100; David Schmidt, of Spencer, placed third winning \$50; Fourth place is John Janasko, of Gilbert, Arizona, winning \$50.

The Lakes News Shopper would like to thank all of the sponsors of the College Bowl Challenge this year: Advanced Door Systems, Blink Marketing, Boji Boat Brokers, The BooneDock's, Carstens Financial Group, Consumers Lumber Company, Dickinson County Snowhaws Snowmobile Club, Fareway, Interior Sewing By Lisa, Jiffy, Kazerelli's, Lakes Laser Engraving and Cutting, Milford Motor Company, Okoboji Flooring, Perkins, Sportsman's/Venue, Sunshine Foods and The Tobacco Shop. It would not be possible to do these exciting promotions without our great advertisers! Thank you as well to everyone who played this fall and winter; we look forward to doing this again next year and will do a March Madness promotion with the NCAA Tournament!

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THE SPIRIT LAKE 4TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM took 1st place at the Okoboji Tournament this past weekend in an exciting OT win over Carroll Kuemper. Front row: Avery Krull, Avery Scott, Hayli Hollowell, Avery Ontiveros and Ruby Meerbeck. Back row: Brinley Reuter, Maddie Ross, Pressly Eygabroad, Claire Kruger and Ilsa Gruys. The team is coached by Steve Scott, Dan Krull and Kraig Kruger.

Goehring Named to Dean's List

Allison Goehring, of Milford, was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. Allison is a Senior Fifth-Year majoring in Biology. Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. The College of St. Scholastica would like to commend Allison for honorable academic achievements. Great job, Allison!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor:

Morals and standards?
What has happened to our way of life? What has happened to respect, responsibility, patriotism and Christianity in this country and throughout the world?

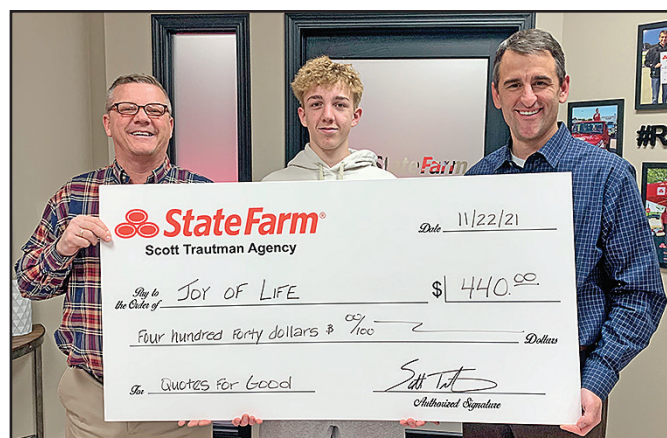
Let's focus first on "We the People" for the people. When people enter into government positions, they place their hand on the Good Book, raise their right hand, and swear an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Then why are there those who start throwing out demands of changing the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? To me and many others, it looks like they just want to better themselves for power and money. Also, it appears when a handful of legislators or any leaders in office throughout our country do not get their way, they scream "Racist!" and "Sexist!." Maybe they should read the Good Book and the Constitution and follow the laws of our founding fathers. What a vision they had when farmers and merchants fought and died against socialism and persecution to put together the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to make this the greatest country in the world. We the people of patriotism, Christianity, respect and responsibility need to stand up and defend our rights. Freedom does not come free, and we give thanks to those who have served and those who gave all for our freedom. Seems like a lot of our leaders don't see that way. Since Legislators want to keep changing the laws, maybe we should make it law that only those who have served and are true Christians can serve our beloved Country.

As true Americans, we must stand up and keep the faith, patriotism, respect and responsibility going through our schools, community, government, and our social life. Fly the flag and stand for it and kneel only for our Lord.

Verlon Ponto,
Round Lake, Minnesota

Moms in Prayer

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.



State Farm Makes Donation to The Joy of Life Foundation

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The Milford Knights of Columbus Council 7284 hosted a free throw championship at the Okoboji High School on January 16, 2022. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 participated and eight earned the right to compete in the district competition held in Emmetsburg on January 30th at 1:00pm. In the District competition they will compete against area champions from Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spirit Lake and surrounding areas. Should they win the District competition, they would advance to Regional completion in Remsen where they would compete against boys and girls from all over Northwest Iowa. From there they can advance to State competition and then on to International competition. In the girls division winners were: 9 year old Lively Nitchals, 11 year old Ava Wasson, 13 year old Melody Collett and the winner of the 14 year old division was Elah Brouwer. In the boys division the winners were: 9 year old Reid Wolf, 11 year old Cruz Nitchals, 12 year old Lincoln Wolf and 14 year old Ray Kaiser.

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The Okoboji 6th Grade team won the championship of the Okoboji Youth Basketball Association Tournament held on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The Pioneers went 3-0 on the day against Harris-Lake Park, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn and New Ulm, Minnesota.
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Winter Games Bridge Tournament

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Morningside University Vice President for Academic Affairs Chris Spicer recently announced the 421 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year. The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-." Students that achieved a 4.0-grade point average are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Congratulations to the following area students: (Arnolds Park) Danielle L. Unrau*; (Okoboji) Tyler D. Kriener; (Sibley) Octavio Mejia; (Spencer) Jenna L. Dirx; (Spirit Lake) Anna C. Fuelberth*; Creighton Morisch, Benedict P. Steffens* and Mason P. Weeks*.

Promotion to Shareholder at Williams & Company, P.C.

Williams & Company PC is pleased to announce the admittance of Daniel Dekker, CPA, as shareholder in their full-service certified public accounting firm. Daniel joined the firm in 2007. He continued to advance within the firm becoming a Manager in 2015. He took over the Estherville office in 2019. Daniel grew up in Fulda, MN and graduated from Fulda High School in 2003. He then went to Minnesota West Community and Technical College and graduated in 2005. In 2007, Daniel graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 2012. He has experience in individual income tax planning and preparation, as well as the preparation of compiled, reviewed, and audited financial statements in small business, agriculture, non-profit, and governmental.



Daniel is a member of the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants and the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants. Daniel is active in his community serving as a volunteer on Wednesday night AWANAs at Grandview Baptist Church and a Member of Good News Community Church – Estherville Parish.

Daniel resides in Estherville, Iowa, with his wife, Lizz, and their children: Jacob, Millie and Clara. Williams & Company PC is a full-service accounting and consulting firm offering a wide range of services to assist their clients in achieving their individual and business goals including accounting & tax assistance, estate and personal financial planning, business advisory, governmental & not-for-profit audit, litigation support, business valuations, wealth management and computer software, bookkeeping and QuickBooks assistance. Williams & Company PC currently has six offices in Iowa located in Sioux City, Le Mars, Onawa, Sheldon, Spencer and Estherville and one office in Yankton, South Dakota.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Announces 2022 Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees

The Class of 2022 will be inducted Labor Day Weekend in Arnolds Park. The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 that will be honored during the Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular on Labor Day weekend, September 1-4.

Executive Director Clay Norris stated, "We're excited to present this wonderful class of inductees and award winners during the 25th anniversary of our association. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Arnolds Park during the induction celebration planned for Labor Day weekend."



The festival kicks off with a Rock the Roof Concert on Thursday evening, September 1st. The weekend festivities include the Opening Ceremony and Guitar Marching Band, Autograph Party, Iowa Rocks Talent Contest and Inductee Meet & Greet. The weekend culminates with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Induction Ceremony and Concert on Sunday, September 4th.

- 2022 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Inductees:**
- Band Category: Blue Strings, Gray James Band, The Library, The Pendletons, The Unidynes, Zini.
 - Individual Category: Dan Bern, Johnnie Bolin, Tommy Bolin, Jen Brucher, Barry Clark, Laurie Haag, Glenn Henriksen, Kelli James, Troy Johnson, Vance Jorgensen, Kris Karr, T. Wilson King, Ralph Kluseman, Tom Nelson, Paul Miller, Heath Pattschull, Jim Poffenberger, Robby Vee.
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- Special Achievement Awards:**
- Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award: JC Wilson.
 - Matousek Lifetime Achievement Award: Tom Pick.
 - Spirit Award: Jeremy Ober, Maddie Poppe, Amedeo Rossi.
 - John Senn Legacy Award: Naomi Senn.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation in 1997, more than 450 entities and over 1,900 individuals have had the honor of being inducted. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in the music industry.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through the website www.iowarocknroll.com. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 2022 will be considered for the Induction Class of 2023.

Details on the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular Weekend schedule and ticket information will be forthcoming at www.iowarocknroll.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

Where is the Truth?

I am consistently amazed at how little news coverage has been given to the 500 major city riots that occurred during the 2020 summer. Almost no one has been prosecuted, despite there being 23 people murdered and a Billion dollars in property damage caused by fires set by the rioters. In contrast, one political party wants to make a major and continuing news story about a single riot that occurred one January afternoon more than a year ago. It must be that this political party has nothing better to talk about.

The only person killed on this afternoon riot was one of the unarmed protesters. There were no police officers killed. Last summer there were 150 government buildings damaged. In January one government building was damaged. There is a huge amount of security camera video of this afternoon incident, but none of it has been made public. Does that mean this hidden video does not support the narrative being pushed?

To magnify this January incident out of proportion the Speaker of the House has convened a Special House Committee to investigate. The committee is composed of only members of the major political party along with two members of the minority party that share their view. Two other members of the minority party who should have been included to provide perspective were quickly rejected. The sad news is that we will probably have this minor event hyped for the next year – at least until the November elections.

Why all this hype about one afternoon in January? It seems the political party in question is scared to death that Citizen Donald Trump might be elected President in November of 2024. If Trump is as bad as they say he is there shouldn't be much to worry about. The exaggerated hype we are going to hear for the next nine months about the evil of Donald Trump tells us there is more to the story than has been presented so far.

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Mammoth High School Hockey Update

The Boji Mammoth High School Hockey team traveled to Des Moines Friday, January 8, to kickoff a 4-game weekend of Iowa High School Hockey Alliance league play.



Des Moines Thunder - The Boji Mammoths High School Hockey Team (12-4-4) has been on a roll and that would continue Friday night against the Thunder. Junior Camdon Cardwell would get the Mammoths on the board in the first period unassisted. Juniors Pierce Hetland and Blake Danielson would add goals in the 2nd for a 3-0 lead after two periods. Danielson and Hetland would add shorthanded goals 7 seconds apart early in the 3rd period. Junior Dillon Ferguson would find the net late in the game for a 6-0 win. Coach Hetland was pleased with the start, "Our guys are playing with a lot of confidence and believe in each other right now and it shows with their speed and puck movement which leads to quality scoring opportunities".

Des Moines Pirates - The Mammoths (13-4-4) came out firing on all cylinders against the Pirates with Junior Pierce Hetland putting the Mammoths on the board 45 seconds into the game. Junior Cale Quiring would add a goal two minutes later and Freshman Ethan Jerge a minute after that. Sophomore Josh Wavra would score 3 goals in a row over the next 5 minutes for a "Natural" hat-trick. Finishing a dominant first period with his first goal of the season was Sophomore Izaiah Handt from Estherville. The Mammoths would add 3 more in the 2nd period with goals by Blake Danielson, Izaiah Handt and Camdon Cardwell. Junior defenseman Wes Radcliffe would add a powerplay goal midway through the 3rd and Handt would get his 3rd of the game for his first career high school hat-trick. Sophomore goalie Brody Madagan was in net with 6 saves for the shutout. "The team did a nice job setting the tone early then scaling it back to give our younger guys a lot of valuable playing time. It isn't easy being on the other end of a lopsided game (we have been there) so it was a good learning opportunity for us to play with class and show respect for our opponent and the game".

Des Moines Vipers - The Boji Mammoths (14-4-4) would continue their hot first period starts with a goal 3 minutes in from Junior Wes Radcliffe. Junior Pierce Hetland would add back to back goals 2 minutes apart to take a 3-0 lead after one. Junior Cale Quiring would score the Mammoths 4th goal followed by Hetland near the end of the 2nd to complete his hat-trick. Rounding out scoring in the 3rd was Radcliffe with his 2nd of the game followed by Junior Regan Crichton from Sibley for a 7-0 final. "The guys continue to set the tone early and once they sense the momentum; they are tough to stop. Our neutral zone play was our best yet with one touch passes and quick ups".

Des Moines Knights - The Mammoths (15-4-4) hit the ice Sunday morning for their 4th game in 36 hours. If they were fatigued, you wouldn't know it. The Mammoths would continue their solid weekend of hockey executing their systems and getting their younger players more ice time. The Mammoths would take a 3-0 lead after period 1 with two goals by Junior Blake Danielson and another by Junior Pierce Hetland. Second period goals came from Sophomore Josh Wavra, Hetland with his 2nd and Junior Regan Crichton. Wavra would add his 2nd in the 3rd as would Okoboji Freshman Trey Robinson for a 8-0 final. Coach Hetland was happy with the play of the team over the weekend. "The hard work this group of guys is putting in on and off the ice is really starting to show. The commitment to the extra strength workouts and watching film is paying big dividends. The team has put itself in a good position in the newly formed Iowa High School Hockey Alliance with 5 games to play. We travel north this weekend to western twin cities suburb of Buffalo for a tournament where we will be tested".

The Mammoths (16-4-4) will take a 18-game unbeaten streak to Buffalo with a Friday night matchup against Sartell at 7:00 pm.

Drexler Named to Dean's List

Minnesota State Community and Technical College has named Brian Drexler, of Lakefield, Minnesota, to its Dean's List for the 2021 Fall Semester.

Students on the Dean's List earned a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 while completing a minimum of six college-level credits and 75 percent of the courses in which they enrolled for the semester.

**Milford
Library News**

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 1:00pm. 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>.

Friday, January 21, is the last chance to receive MML's Young Adult Subscription Box: Game Night. The box includes card games, Table Football, and Mancala. Fourth through twelfth graders may register for this free activity by calling 712-338-4643 or online at <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ya-subscription-box-registration.html>.

MML's Top Five Non-Fiction Books of 2021: Killing the Mob: The Fight Against Organized Crime in America by Bill O'Reilly; I'm Effing Tired: A Proven Plan to Beat Burnout, Boost Your Energy, and Reclaim Your Life by Amy Shah; I Alone Can Fix It: Donald J. Trump's Catastrophic Final Year by Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker; Walk in My Combat Boots: True Stories from America's Bravest Warriors by James Patterson, Matt Eversmann, and Chris Mooney, and finally When Harry Met Minnie: A True Story of Love and Friendship by Martha Teichner.