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#### Local Police Department Receives Grant Through Iowa Department of Public Health

The Spirit Lake Police Department recently applied for and received funding from the Helmsley Foundation Law Enforcement AED project grant through the Iowa Department of Public Health. The grant was used to supply a Lifepak CR2 AED (Automated external defibrillator) from Stryker Industries for each squad car, replacing the Lifepak CR Plus', previously carried by officers. Aside from the benefit of obtaining these AEDs at no cost, the previously carried AEDs were distributed to local public buildings including city hall and the library, increasing the likelihood one is close in a time of need. The Spirit Lake Police Department was assisted in this project by the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office and Dickinson County EMS Association.



The United **Community Bank** Board of Directors is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Chris J. Stein to Senior Vice President.



Stein began his career at UCB in 2002 and has held a variety of technology leadership roles. He will continue to oversee IT Operations and act as Chief Technology Officer, with more involvement in Senior Management, where he will help align technology goals to other departmental and organizational objectives. During his banking career, Chris earned the designation of Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), the premier professional certification for information security experts.

# **Chris Stein Promoted** to Senior Vice President

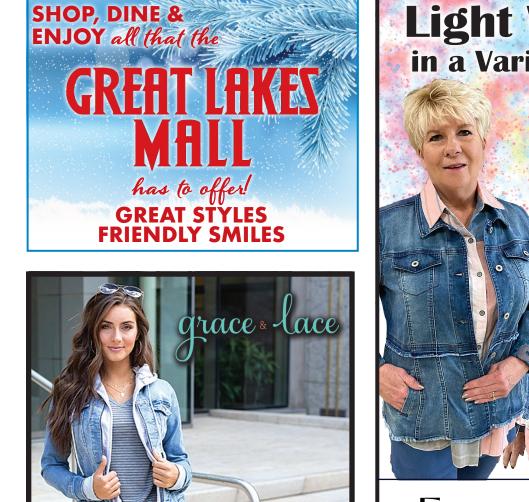
#### UNITED COMMUNITY BANK

Chris and his wife, Leah, have two children, Martha, who attends Northwestern College, and Nicholas, a student at Okoboji Middle School. They reside in Milford, where Chris is actively involved in the community serving on various organizational and church boards.

"Chris's 20 years of technology leadership brought a wealth of knowledge to the information technology side of United Community Bank. His vast experience, deep understanding of the bank and community involvement has helped our bank grow and become what it is today," said Steve Feld, UCB Bank President and Chief Executive Officer.

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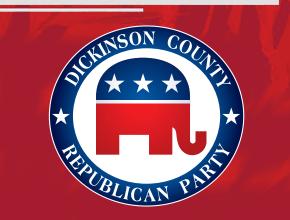
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### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**





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past weekend in Estherville. Okoboji defeated Estherville Lincoln Central, GTRA and North Union to earn the championship. Back row (1-r): Lauren Christoffels, Ben Christoffels, Katie Jensen, Riley Meyer, Kim Bergeson, Alexa Christoffels, Olivia Schlacter; (front row) Celeste DeVos, Charley Rabel, Melody Collett and Jillian Jorgensen.

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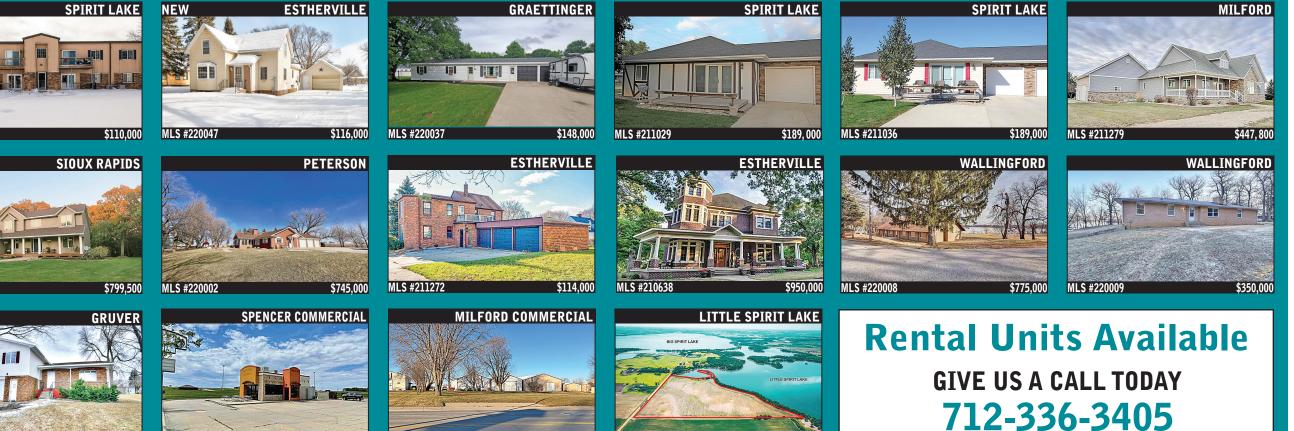
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### **Students Named to Dean's List**

Buena Vista University congratulates the following area students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List:

Milford - Dylan Anderson, Joanna Bennett, Kaylee Hinshaw and Kiaya Pernick.

Spirit Lake - Jana Christians, Carissa Meyer, Sierra Sullivan and Catherine Waltz.

Estherville - Trevor Friesner, Lorie Irwin and Claire Knutson. Spencer - Jeanette Govern, Parker Hays, Abigail Johnson, Callie Manwarren, Jarett Rodriguez, Haley Schwenneker and

Kaetlyn Warburton. Jackson, Minnesota - Christopher Gumto.

Ochevedan - Paige Hout.

grade point average or higher for the semester.



# Humane Society BINGO Fundraiser

The Humane Society of Northwest Iowa invites you to come play BINGO on Thursday, February 13, at the Spirit Lake Expo Center. A lunch of chili starts at 11:30 a.m. 20 games of BINGO The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 start at 1:00 p.m.

This date has been changed from the Winter Games weekend calendar so the event could be moved to a larger facility to accommodate more people. With a new date and bigger venue it'll be more fun than ever before!



On Friday, January 28, Okoboji Booster Club had their Pioneers vs Cancer Fundraiser. We have two school families who have been impacted by cancer that we are supporting. Wendy Tuttle, the mother of OHS students Olivia and Elliot, recently passed away as a result of brain cancer. Okoboji PE teacher and head football coach, Nick Plueger, and his wife Karli, recently learned of their youngest son Kwinton's diagnosis of leukemia. Athletes and fans were sporting the colors orange and gray, representing the support colors for leukemia and brain cancer. Amazingly, the Central Lyon teams and fans also were sporting these colors. We are blessed to live in such a caring community especially in challenging times like this. There was a freewill donation tailgate put on by some Okoboji school staff and friends of the families. The Bend also did a fundraiser by selling their cupcakes. We passed around buckets at halftimes in which people were very generous in their giving. We had a wonderful silent auction as well. Thank you to the following people and businesses for their donations to the auction: The Three Sons, Mike Sandvig, Rocky Thompson Photography, Coach

Ryan Stumbo, Minnesota Timberwolves, Coach Sam Emrich (Dance), Whitney Nichole Photography, The Studio Yoga & Barre (Amanda Jorgensen), Erin Frerichs for mystery cash, Todd & Mary Abrahamson for Cyclone and Hawkeye gear, Smith's RV, Lucas Lorenzen for basketball workout, Melissa & Jeremy Helmers for Buffalo Wild Wings, Throwing Post, AKA Woodworking (Daniel Clements),

Consignment Corner, Okoboji Motor Company, Coach John Adams, Great Plains Fundraising, Iowa Wild Hockey, Amy's Sign Design, Cutting Edge Sales & Service (Wittrock's). We raised a total of \$6800 which will be split between the two families. Pictures with the families will be in the near future. Thank you so much for everyone's generosity!

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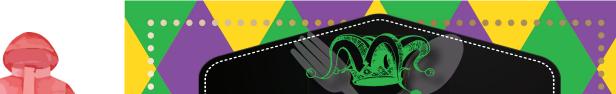
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6/21	DAVE ROWLEY & FRIENDS	An Okoboji Favorite	\$20/30
6/29	RAY ANTHONY'S JUKEBOX ROCK		\$25/35
7/12	THE EVERLY SET MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 2/8-2/14	Everly Brothers Cover	\$25/35
7/13	FOREVER SIMON & GARFUNKEL	Simon & Garfunkel Cover	\$25/35
7/20	THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 2/15-2/21	60's & 70's Rock/Pop	\$35/45
7/26		Country	\$10/15
8/2 8/3	MARILYN MAYE MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 3/15-3/21	Jazz/Cabaret	\$55/65
8/10	GARY LEWIS AND THE PLAYBOYS	60's & 70's Rock/Pop	\$35/45
8/17	THE BUCKINGHAMS	60's & 70's Pop	\$35/45
8/24	CRAZY FOR PATSY CLINE MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 3/8-3/14	Patsy Cline Cover	\$30/40
8/30 8/31	HOTEL CALIFORNIA MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 3/15-3/21	A Salute to the Eagles	\$35/45

#### **MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALES** Call 712-332-7029 to purchase tickets.

Sales begin at 10am- please have credit card information ready. \*After the members-only pre-sale, tickets will be available to everyone online and by phone.

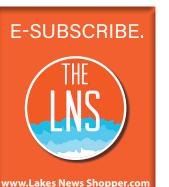
Performances without pre-sale dates will be available to purchase February 15th.

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# APPETIZER

**French Quarter Cakes** crawfish & shrimp, trinity, roasted pepper coulis, creole mustard, dressed greens 15

# ENTREES

ADD a Petit Calvados Salad +4

Shrimp & Grits

garlic, scallion, bacon, fresh herbs, tasso cheddar grits, cajun gastrique 19

#### **Steak Frites**

crusted sirloin coulotte, cajun dusted fries, bourbon pepper demi, horseradish cream 20

#### Jambalaya

blackened chicken & shrimp, tasso ham, andouille sausage, trinity, cajun cream 22

# DESSERT

#### **Bananas Foster**

dark rum, banana liquor, pan caramel, cinnamon, ice cream 8



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**MARILYN STRICKLAND** Broker - Associate Hoien Realty 712-336-2790 or 712-320-7070





# 50th Anniversary Announcement

Dean and Sue Schoning will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Wednesday, February 12, 2022. Family would like to honor them with a card shower. You can send your warm wishes to: 1106 16th Street Milford, Iowa 51351.

### Lakes Regional Healthcare and Spencer Hospital Initiate Formal Relationship with Northwest Iowa Surgeons

The Boards of Trustees of Lakes Regional Healthcare and Spencer Hospital recently approved a collaborative business relationship with Northwest Iowa Surgeons, P.C.

Both hospitals shared that they have appreciated a collegial relationship with the professionals of Northwest Iowa Surgeons for many years. The establishment of a formal professional services agreement will enhance long-term planning, service integration, business efficiency and physician recruitment.

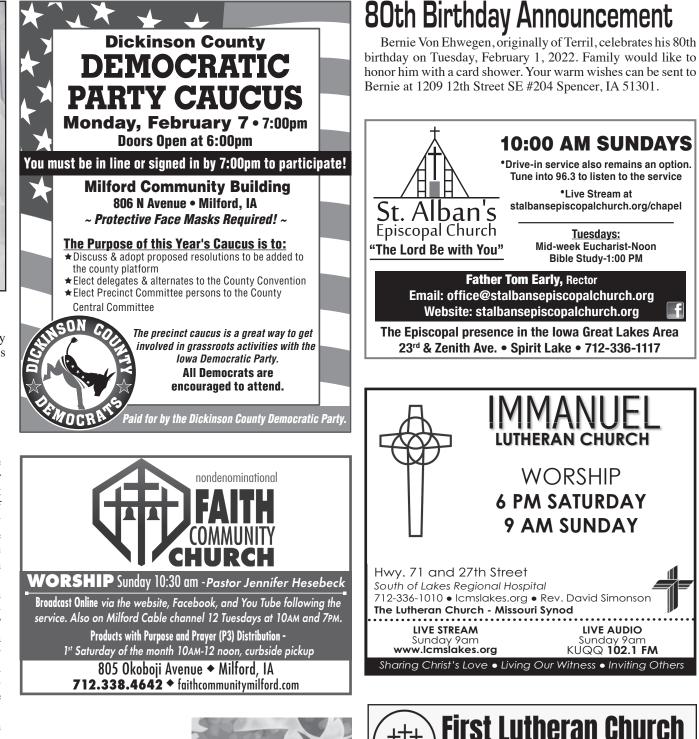
Bill Bumgarner, President of Spencer Hospital and Jason Harrington, President & CEO of Lakes Regional Healthcare jointly shared, "Healthcare has changed significantly and will continue to do so. This collaborative initiative allows our mutually successful organizations to more effectively manage future business and care system opportunities and challenges.'

Lakes Regional Healthcare and Spencer Hospital have collaborated on other similar business arrangements with medical practices in the past.

Northwest Iowa Surgeons will continue to manage its day-to-day clinic operations in its Spencer and Spirit Lake locations, and also coordinate outreach clinics and services provided at other hospitals in the region. In addition to its primary locations in Spencer and Spirit Lake, the group provides satellite clinics in Emmetsburg, Estherville and Pocahontas. The clinic will maintain its current name, office locations, telephone number and appointment process.

members of Lakes Regional Healthcare and Spencer Hospital's medical staffs for many years. As a long-time independent practice group, it has developed one of the most successful rural general surgery practices in the State of Iowa. Its practice partners are Dr. Patrick Slattery, Dr. Jeffre Helmink, Dr. Jason Keonin and Dr. Jaren Ricker.

"Our physicians and healthcare team are excited to further advance our relationship with both of these fine hospitals," said Dr. Jason Keonin, Northwest Iowa Surgeon's managing partner."We are fully invested in providing exceptional general surgery services, including state-of-theart care processes, to the patients we serve throughout northwest Iowa.'





### 12 NIGHTS TO ROCK THE ROOF ... OST reveals 2022 season

The just-released 2022 edition of the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce Vacation Okoboji magazine lists just about anything anyone could think of for summer fun in the Iowa Great Lakes -- the Campus of the University of Okoboji, this summer. And the details show quite a variety for "kids" of all ages.

While we didn't keep a close tally, it appears that Stagerat Stan more than earned his keep by keeping his ear to the ground in Columbia, Missouri, where the powers that be were putting the final touches on Okoboji



Summer Theatre's 64th season. Stan noted here last week that the first show would probably be a Comedy -- Ken Ludwig's A Comedy of Tenors, we learned this weekend. Comedy ... will open on June 28th, and run through July 3rd. The second curtain will see Musical Pump Boys and Dinettes running July 5th 'til July

10th. The third show will be the Mystery, An Inspector Calls, running July12th til the 17th. A very Country Musical, *Purely Patsy*, Opens July 19th, to run through the 24th. *Bright Star, A new Musical* with book by Steve Martin (of *Saturday Night* Live, fame) and music and lyrics by Martin and Edie Brickell, The play Painting Churches (which is a play on words and billed as "a Heartwarming Comedy") is to run from August 2nd to August 7th.

And, the Musical Legally Blonde will close the 2022 season on August 14th

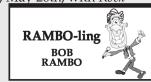
after opening on August 9th ...

Managing director Ruth Ann Burke explained after Saturday morning's Omelet breakfast that she was very pleased to have more than 250 guests enjoying the Summer Theatre Association's omelet breakfast to benefit student scholarships. Burke also noted that patrons may get more information on tickets by emailing BoxOffice@OkobojiSummerTheatre.Org

More information on the Association's Discount Voucher Booklets can be obtained by emailing OSTAVoucherbooklet@GMail.Com

The Roof Garden Ballroom will be the site of an even dozen Rock The

Roof sessions this summer, starting on Thursday night, May 26th, with Rock a la Carte. Richie Lee will take the stage on June 2nd, followed by Surfin" Safari, on June 9th. Denny & the DC Drifters, on June 30th; Interstate Cruisers, on July 7th; Mogen's Heroes, July 14th; Kevin & Shane's Gang, a tribute to Shane von Holdt, on August 4th. Starfire



The Nebraska All Stars, on the 25th. Expressions will close the season on September 1st... Each show will begin at 6:00, presented by The Iowa Rock 'n'Roll Music Association...

#### On this first day of February, 2022, research director RD is recalling the ra-

dio days when we used a theme song to salute the start of each month -- in this case, RD notes that listeners to Class 105 should remember February Fiesta, from Kenny Carter's Aspects album -- a collection of songs written especially for each month of the year. To put it more simply, it was Carter's "Calendar" Album, The original LP was released in 1959, then reissued as a CD several years later. Fiesta was written by Carter's pianist, Hal Schaefer...

The second day of the month comes on Wednesday, which has somehow become designated as Tater Tot Day, and for which RD somehow found a fun song that Louis recorded in 1927, with his Hot Seven. It was Potato Head Blues. Professor A. Good Outlook started laughing when he heard the song -- which caused him to remember a young singer from Sioux Falls whose family had a summer place on West Lake. Last we knew, in 2002, Mary Ellen Doyle had become Mary Ellen Spann, and was heard to be working her act in Vegas, singing about one of the favorite dishes her mother cooked up. You guessed it -- A Tater Tot Casserole!

'Strange how the year above matches the year on the next in RD's list. We celebrate Stanley Gayetzski's birthday on Thursday. Known better as Stan Getz, the jazz saxophonist who was born in 1927, came into prominence in the late 1940s with Woody Herman's Big Band; but he was most successful in the 1960s. Known as Stan Getz, he came to prominence in the late 1940s with *Woody* Herman's Big Band, but enjoyed his most successful years in the 1960s when the 1962 Grammy Award for Best Jazz Performance went to his instrumental, Desifinado, and The Girl from Ipanema was named record of the year, two years later...

Looking further ahead, you should be able to see that Valentine's Day is

less than two weeks hence. You would probably do well to remember that -- if not with music, at least a card. Or, if you live or work near one of the Iowa Lakes Community College campuses, you could call Brett Fuelberth to have a couple of his students (Guys or Gals) serenade your sweetest friend on Valentine's. For just \$25.00, Brett's chorusters

will let you select two songs, for "delivery" along with a flower! on any Iowa Lakes College campus community . It's easy and fun. Get hold of Brett at 712-362-7963. He will return your call if he is not in his office...

#### ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

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

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29. Metric units of measure

30. More coherent

32. Make uninteresting

#### 33. Changes color **CLUES DOWN**

13. Omission

20. Select

23. Utilize

25. Got up

26. Sank in

30. Retail

31. Giants

32. Most bald

14. The white poplar

19. Used to chop

21. Volcanic craters

22. Consumer price index

15. They become butterflies

- 1. Get back
- 2. Pass or go by
- 3. Having a sharp taste 4. Midway between east and
- southeast
- 5. Cairo Regional Airport
- 6. Peace officer 7. Brings to life
- 8. Automotive vehicles
- 9. One point south of due east
- 10. Football position
- 11. Goes by
- 12. Most attractive
- 16. Road divisions
- 17. Not the sea
- 18. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cabbage 25. Least frequent
- 27. Change slightly
- 28. A country in NE Africa

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35. Institution of Oceanography 36. Of little value 37. Hindu model of the ideal man 42. Brutal 48. Saturate 51. The woman

34. Nausea

38. Biblical exclamation 40. You throw it at a board 41. Be about to happen 43. Opened one's mouth widely 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet 52. Someone who is highly skilled 53. A way to launch an attack on 54. Where golfers begin 56. Atomic number 58

24. "True Blood" actress Paquin



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

#### Letter To The Editor: **Distressing & Disquieting**

Recent letters to editors by pro-Trump advocates minimize the January 6th insurrection as a minor event of exaggerated political hype and make light of definition for it claiming far more damage and personal injury occurred during BLM protests. Additionally, one parrots the same filibuster misinformation



# Birthday Announcement Mary Ellen Inbody will be celebrating her 88th birthday on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Family would like to honor her by surprising her with a card shower. Your warm withes can reach her at Accura Healthcare of Milford, Room 212, 1600 13th Street, Milford, Iowa, 51351. Davis a December 2021 Graduate Iowa Wesleyan University is very proud of all of its graduates

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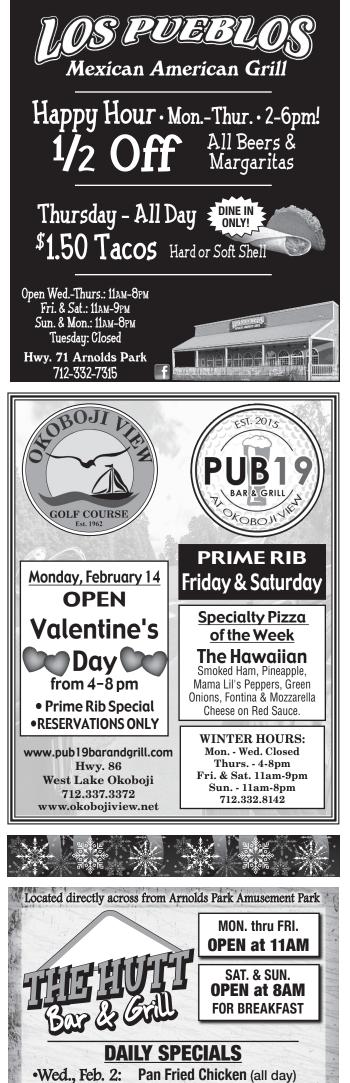
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# Clay County Fair & Events Center Spends \$1.9 Million in Local Economy, Benefits Local Non-Profits In 2021

2020, the Clay County Fair Association nesses and residents in 2021.

bounced back in a big way in 2021 by creating a significant impact on the local economy, educating thousands of youth, and providing a boost to other

non-profit organizations.

"The Clay County Fair Association plays an important role in our community as a tourist attraction and destination," said Fair & Events Center CEO Jeremy Parsons. "More than that, however, as a private non-profit organization that has been around for 105 years, the Clay County Fair Association is committed to making Spencer and Clay County a better place to live."

In 2021, the Clay County Fair Association positively impacted the community in the following areas:

· The Clay County Fair & Events Center employed 13 full-time, 54 part-time/ seasonal, and 381 Fair-time employees.

· The Fair Association directly spent

After surviving the "no Fair" year of \$1,997,687.41 with Clay County busi- Events Center in 2021, attending either

 $\cdot$  At the 2021 Fair, CLAY COUNTY 13 local non-profit organizations raised a total of \$545,816.48 through their food and **& EVENTS CENTER** beverage concessions, bingo, and shuttles

to support their local philanthropic activities. Those organizations included Clay County Cattlemen, Clay County Pork Producers, Clay County Extension, Daybreakers Kiwanis, Hy Noon Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus Bingo, Peterson Lions, Royal Lions, Spencer Area Shrine, Spencer Area Shrine ATV, Spencer Family YMCA, Spencer Jaycees and the Spencer Women of Today.

·7674-H/FFA youth from 42 counties in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska exhibited in livestock and human science events at the 2021 Fair, while 1,300 third and fourth graders from 16 regional schools participated in ISU Extension Clay County's field trip programs at the Fair.

311,588 people visited the Fair &

### Find Heart in Alex the Artist

Arts on Grand is pleased to announce the next gallery exhibit exciting new art media. Alex the Artist. Exhibit opens Wednesday, February 2, 2022, with Artist Reception from 4:00-7:00 pm. Alex Schlueter is a special

young man who loves to create striking artwork and sharing his art with others. Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at age 3, Alex has grown into a loving, fun and happy young man who has inspired his family, friends and the angels on this earth who have helped him on his journey through school, life-skills training - and art. Alex began structured art training when he was 13, and he has produced a range of pieces in watercolor, pencils and acrylic paint. He loves his

lessons with his current teacher Deb Burow in Northwest Iowa, where he is learning new techniques in color, composition and



Alex also has a special place in his heart for Tri-

the Fair or one of the other 265 events

hosted throughout the year. Non-Fair

non-profit groups and charities in 2021

by providing \$6,417 worth of merchan-

dise, concert/event tickets, and admission

tickets for their fundraising events (auc-

tions, golf outings, etc.) or by serving as a

sponsor and/or host. Some of these groups

included Reins of Hope, Relay for Life,

Spencer Jaycees Haunted House, Abben

Cancer Golf Classic, and Spencer Fine

and Events Center is a year-round facility that

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# Applicants Sought for Healthcare Scholarships & Loan Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholarship, and the Cornwall Loan Program. All programs are designed to help area students pursue healthcare careers.

The Shine Scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons who have completed at least one semester of a nursing or allied health program, such as radiology, therapy programs (respiratory care, speech, physical or occupational), medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, pharmacy, etc. These programs are not intended to fund individuals pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant or veterinary science. The Corwall Loan Program is similarly designed to help local students in a healthcare field, by providing low-interest loans.

The Adam J. Anderson scholarship fund annually awards funds to persons pursuing education & training to become certified EMS provider (EMT through Paramedic).

Ben Shine was a long-time trustee of the Spencer Hospital Board. His wife, Ernestine Shine, was active in the hospital auxiliary and served as president of that organization. The Shines recognized the importance of quality health care for their community and were actively involved in maintaining a quality and progressive hospital. One effort toward achieving this goal was the establishment of the Shine Scholarship.

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program was created by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who had received quality hospital care and later home care from Spencer Hospital during an extended illness. The Cornwall family wished to help local people interested in receiving healthcare education. To accomplish this, a low-interest loan program was created. Since 1977, 118 loans have been granted. During that time, over \$124,825 has been loaned to area people involved in health education programs.

The Adam J. Anderson Scholarship was created by Duane Anderson and Marcia Anderson Taylor in memory of their son Adam who died in January 2001 of cancer. Adam had worked as a volunteer on the Terril ambulance crew after graduating from Iowa Lakes Community College and later took a job as an EMT for Spencer Hospital. Adam's goal was to obtain his paramedic certification and he had been accepted into paramedic school in August 2000; however, his illness had progressed so much he was unable to attend. The scholarship is intended to honor Adam's memory and his spirit, and to enable others to fulfill the dream to be of service to others as paramedics.

The application deadline for both the Shine Scholarship, the Adam J. Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2022. Recipients will be notified of their award in May. Students interested in applying for the scholarship or loan program should contact Danelle Stumbo, Human Resource Development Director at Spencer Hospital, 712-264-6623.

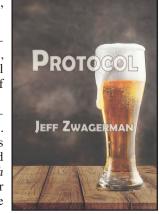
Area Author Has His 7th Book Published

Jeff Zwagerman, who lives on East Lake Okoboji in Iowa and winters on Sanibel, has his new mystery/thriller published by

Black Rose Writers titled Protocol. There are seven in the "Zander" series so far.

Jeff Zwagerman is a former educator who taught Speech, Theatre, and English. He was a high school principal and Superintendent of schools.

· His first novel, Always A Kicker was the first in the Zander series. A Full Bubble Off Plumb continues the saga of the broken and damaged character. The third book, South Of Sideways, finds the character drawn to the Florida Keys. The fourth book in the Zander series



is called Tin Roof Rusted and is set in Southwest Florida, the Everglades, and Sanibel. The Skinny is the fifth in the series and involves Zander's sometime hippie friend, Fats. The sixth novel, Beyond Contempt, brings Zander back to Florida unwillingly. There he has to try and balance the women in his life without causing more disaster. The seventh in the series, Protocol, takes Zander back to his mountain home to try and start over.

The books are available from Amazon, all other on line sources, and Black Rose writing.com.

A short synopsis of *Protocol*: Recovering Aubrey from the clutches of the state department and taking her back to his mountain home in Colorado seemed harmless enough. No one knew that Kevin Grienne had been watching her and unwittingly was going to insert himself into Zander's life. Kevin's darkness had gone unchecked for most of his life, and he always got what he wanted. This time it was Aubrey, but now she would be called Aubrey Woods in an effort to hide her from the government. Life in Frisco was a pleasant experience when Zander and Aubrey arrived. Their business partnership gave them both something to do, but that turned into another close call for them and their circle of friends. Zander was so busy trying to juggle his relationship, that he put his newborn daughter on hold. It might be his biggest mistake to date.

# Hope Haven Announces New VBS Program, "Agent Hope"

Hope Haven International Ministries (HHIM) has announced a new program "Agent Hope", created for Vacation Bible School (VBS) groups. The program is designed to complement existing VBS curriculum, providing a dynamic experience for the offering component of their week. "Agent Hope" is designed for a variety of VBS aged school children.

The program has five themes, one theme for each day of a VBS week. On each day, children will join Agent Hope to meet a new friend from a different part of the world, learn about wheelchairs, dive into God's word, and enjoy some fun together. Each lesson is short, easy to explain and fun. Participants can use every activity for a particular theme or just choose the ones that meet their groups' needs.

Churches and interested VBS groups can learn more and sign up at hopehavenvbs.com. The new program is available at no cost, and delivered straight to your inbox in a PDF format, along with an instructional video.

HHIM collects wheelchairs and mobility equipment nationwide, and restores donations to nearly new condition at several volunteer facilities, including the South Dakota State Penitentiary. HHIM then ships these mobility devices to developing countries where they are adapted for the recipients' needs, and given free of cost to those in need of mobility. For more information, contact Rich Koele (rkoele@hopehaven.org or 712-476-3117).





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#### Slow Cooker Orange Chicken

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts Grease a slow cooker and place chicken breasts inside. In a 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth medium bowl, combine chicken broth, orange juice, brown sugar,

1/4 cup orange juice 2 tablespoons brown sugar, packed 2 tablespoons honey 1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic 1/2 tablespoon grated orange zest 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper 2 tablespoons cornstarch 2 stalks green onions, sliced

1 cup brown rice or jasmine rice

honey, rice vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, orange zest, pepper flakes, ginger and black pepper. Pour over chicken, cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours or HIGH for 2 hours. Remove chicken breasts to a cutting board and set aside. In



~ Serves 4

a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and 1-2 tablespoons water. Whisk into slow cooker, cover and cook on HIGH until thickened, about 20–30 minutes. Shred or chop chicken and stir into sauce. Cook for 5 minutes more, until heated through. Cook rice according to package directions. Spray a large skillet with nonstick spray and heat over medium-high heat. Add frozen stir fry vegetables and cook, stirring occasionally, until hot, about 10 minutes. Serve chicken and vegetables over rice.

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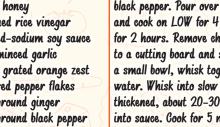
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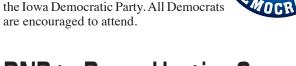
### Iowa Democratic Party Caucus

The Dickinson County Iowa Democratic Party Caucus will be held Monday, February 7, at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) at the Milford Community Building (806 N Avenue, Milford). You must be in line or signed in by 7:00pm to participate. Protective face masks required.

The Purpose of this Year's Caucus is to:

- Discuss & adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform
- Elect delegates & alternates to the County Convention
- Elect Precinct Committee persons to the County Central Committee

The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party. All Democrats



# DNR to Recap Hunting Seasons, Discuss Possible Rule Changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road, in Okoboji, on February 22. The meeting begins at 6:00pm.

"We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Any person attending the public meeting who has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.



High school students competing in the Iowa Lakes Community College Jazz Band Contest held on January 20 and 21. Photo provided by Dave Petrick, CPP

### **Results From 2022 Jazz Band Contest Released**

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department is proud to announce the 2022 Jazz Band Contest winners from the event held on January 20 and 21 at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center. Many local high school bands performed jazz classics throughout the competition.

Judges scored the jazz bands based on ensemble playing, rhythm section, style comprehension, solos, improvisation, and programming.

For the Class 2A division, first place went to West Lyon, directed by Drew Balta, second place to Okoboji, directed by James Kunz, and third place to Central Lyon, directed by Sherwin Langholdt.

The top 3 bands in the Class 3A division were Spirit Lake, directed by Tyler Pedersen, in first place; MOC-Floyd Valley, directed by Matthew Honken, in second place; and Lemars, directed by Michael Pritchard, in third place.

For the Class 4A division, Storm Lake, directed by Corbet Butler, took first place and Dakota Valley, directed by Daryl Jessen, received second place.

Additionally, many individual performers won Outstanding Soloist Awards.

For more information about the Iowa Lakes Music Department, please visit iowalakes.edu/music.

# Loveall Named To Dean's List

Emma Loveall, of Spirit Lake, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2021 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

# Mobile Food Pantry Distribution February 3 in Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, February 3, from 4:30 - 6:30pm, at

the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. Offering free food in the parking lot only. Please remain in your vehicle, registration will take place at your vehicle, and we will bring the food to your car already bagged up. Do not arrive before 3:30pm, do not line up at the

door, the building will be closed, and distribution will not start before 4:30pm. Questions? Call James Kessler at 712-330-1738.

# Marriage Retreat at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps is hosting a Marriage

Retreat. Featured speakers Mark and Jody Stevenson will offer biblical teaching during the sessions helping couples take further steps towards a healthy, happy marriage. Optional activities include a banquet meal, breakfast café, evening entertainment, free couples photo shoot and more. The Marriage Retreat is a great opportunity to carve out time together, without kids, without housework, without projects, and enjoy each other's compa-

ny. Everyone is invited to regis-Mark and Jody Stevensor ter and learn more by visiting www.okoboji.org/marriage-retreat or by calling 1-800-OKOBOJI.

Marriage Retreat: February 11th registration begins at 7:30pm, February 13th retreat ends at 12:00pm. Registration \$209 (or \$119 without housing). The Registration cost includes meals, lodging and programming.



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# 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 back yard too! Join me each week as I explore some of the experiences that make our area so fun.

This week I enjoyed the 42nd Annual Univer-

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sity of Okoboji Winter Games! This annual event is one of my favorites in the area because it offers a little something for everyone and brings the entire community together. It's always a memory making weekend filled with smiles.

By last Wednesday afternoon I had completed my detailed itinerary for my Winter Games weekend. I sent this color-coded schedule to friends so they knew how to find me all weekend, and printed copies for my company coming to town. I was prepared to take in as much as possible throughout the weekend, and while my itinerary became the running joke of the weekend, I stuck to it. By the end of the weekend, my company even thanked me for making such a great schedule!

So what did I do? Not nearly everything. There are too many events to do it all, but my goal was to embrace as much as I could while seeing friends and having fun. I saw the kites, listened to live music, watched sporting events on ice, dined out, and celebrated the burning of the greens followed by fireworks. I had the best Winter Games weekend ever, and I'm already counting down the days until I can do it all over again next year!

Make sure you create great memories during the Winter Games in 2023. Whether you try to do it all, or just take in one event, this is an event worth enjoying! Our community does a great job hosting events that not only attract and entertain visitors, but so make Okoboji really fun! Make sure you get out and enjoy them! Learn more about upcoming events at www.VacationOkoboji. com. If you want to hear more about my fun at the University of Okoboji Winter Games, listen to the Vacation Okoboji podcast.

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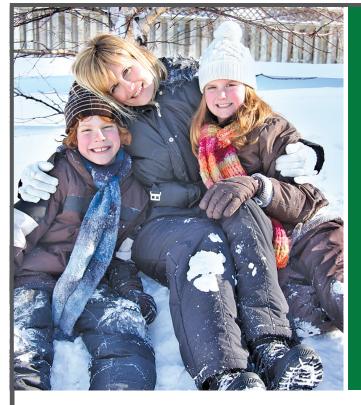
#### Cyclones Back on Track, For Now

Iowa State picked up a couple of big wins this past week after losing two in a row the week before. The Cyclones won a huge game on Wednesday at Oklahoma State, taking down the Cowboys 84-81 in overtime and followed that up with a thumping of former Big 8/12 rival Missouri 67-50 in Hilton Coliseum on Saturday.

The win in Stillwater was much-needed after ISU played their worst game of the year in a home 59-44 loss to TCU on January 22nd. The 44 points were the fewest ever scored by the Cyclones in a game at Hilton Coliseum as ISU went an abysmal 3-26 from the 3-point line. The Cyclone offense flowed much better in this game with crisper ball movement and better shot selection, ISU went 12-28 from the 3-point line and shot 53% from the field for the game. This game was back and forth and reminded me of the Chiefs/Bills AFC Playoff game from last Sunday as each team kept making big plays. Fortunately for Cyclone fans, Izaiah Brockington made more of them, including some huge patented pull-up jumpers on his way to 26 points. This was a team effort for ISU with Tyrese Hunter playing a great game with 18 points and 4 assists, bit man George Conditt had one of his best games as a Cyclone with 10 points and 8 rebounds, Tre Jackson hit two huge free throws, his first two attempts on the year and Caleb Grill had a great night from downtown with five three-pointers.

On Saturday ISU hosted Missouri in the Big 12/SEC Challenge. This was another must win game for Iowa State as Missouri came in with an 8-11 record, although they were playing much better of late, having beaten Alabama and just losing on Tuesday 55-54 to #1 Auburn. The Cyclones started sluggish on offense in this game and led just 32-29 at halftime but they would get their offense flowing in the second half and keep up their defensive pressure, starting the half with a 15-0 run to take control of the game. Brockington had another stellar game with 15 points and 6 rebounds, Hunter had perhaps his best game as a Cyclone with 14 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 0 turnovers, and Jaz Kunc broke out of his scoring funk with 11 points. While Missouri isn't a great team, it was nice to see the Cyclones bury a team in the second half like this and build some momentum heading back into Big 12 play.

Iowa State now sits at 16-5 and will probably crack the Top 20 when polls are released later on Monday. Things don't get any easier for the Cyclones as they host #5 Kansas on Tuesday with the Jayhawks smarting from an 80-62 drubbing at home from Kentucky. Bill Self's teams rarely lose two games in a row and will come into Hilton Coliseum with a chip on their shoulder. On Saturday the Cyclones travel to Texas to play a 16-5 Longhorn team who will probably be in the Top 25 after their win over #18 Tennessee on Saturday. The Big 12 is an absolute meat grinder this year, with 8 of the 9 eligible (Oklahoma State is on NCAA probation) currently being in the NCAA Tournament field. The Cyclones have put themselves in a great position to make the Tournament, now they need to continue to play tenacious defense and have the continuity and flow on offense that they had at Oklahoma State and in the second half against Missouri. After last year's 2-22 season, isn't it fun to even be talking about the NCAA Tournament at the beginning of February?



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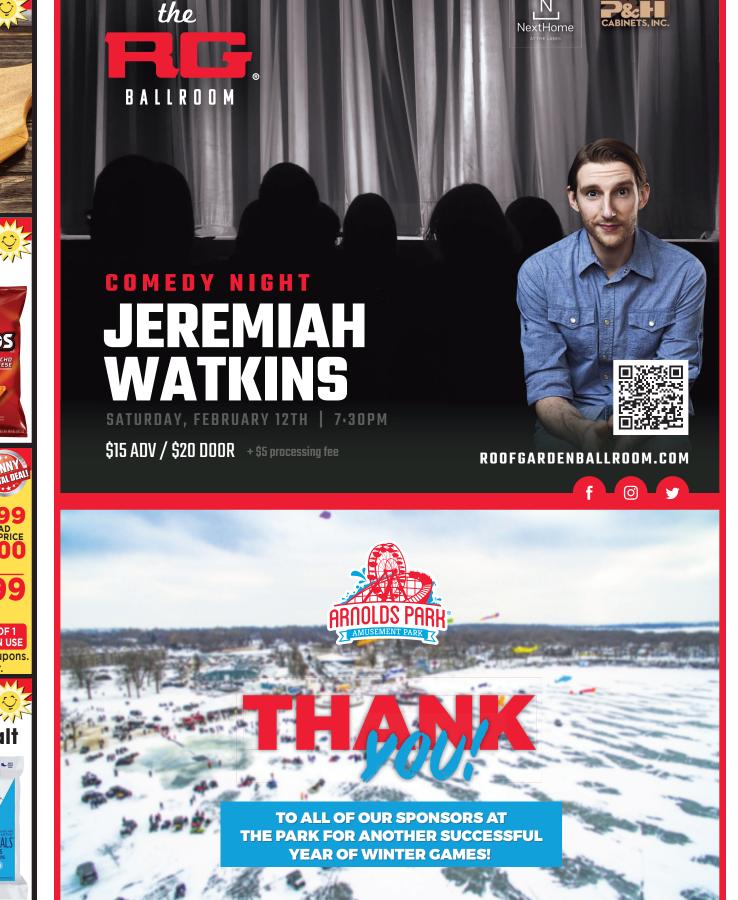
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 

#### To the Editor:

The Red Cross Blood Drive was held on January 24 and in spite of staff and donor illnesses, it was a successful drive. We had limited staff as some were ill so several appointments were canceled.

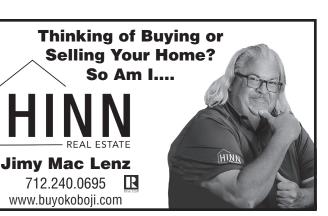
We had 32 presenting donors with a total of 37 units and 8 double reds for a total of 37 units. We had 3 deferrals, 4 walk-ins and 10 no shows (some of those were asked not to come because of staffing shortage) We were steady all afternoon in spite of the very cold temps and wind chill and we are so pleased with those that came and gave their time and blood.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I wish to express my deep appreciation and say "Thank You" to all the volunteers and donors. Those volunteering were, Cheryl Petersen, Judy Jensen, Grace Gerdes, and Leah Streeter. I am so thankful for the donors as well as all the volunteers who so graciously give of their time willingly.

Our blood banks are dangerously low (lowest It has ever been) and we cannot manufacture blood, it is so important to do what we can to increase our supply. Another benefit is when you are a donor, you are tested for Covid-19 antibodies.

You all made a difference in someone's life and your generosity is most appreciated by those needing transfusions in trauma situations and for on-going treatment of chronic life-threatening illnesses.

Mark your calendar for May 16, 2022, when we will have a blood drive again. Hopefully by then Omicron will be behind us and the weather will be beautiful. Please go on the Red Cross Blood Service Web Site, RedCrossBlood.org and enter SPIRIT-LAKEIA or call 800-733-2767 and make an appointment. Let's all pull together and make the May blood drive a real blow out! Karen Dokken chairman.





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# Mobile Food Pantry in Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4:00-6:00pm, Thursday, February 3, in

the Good News Estherville Church parking lot. Recipients are asked

Plenty of local activities made for sparse competition, but the winner followed the rules impeccably and showed strong confidence.

Ilsa Gruys took the honors in the 4th Grade Bracket with perfect spelling. Her parents are Greta and Nate Gruys of Spirit Lake.

Participants could study a list of words beforehand. First and second place winners may compete in the regional competition February 13 in Milford at St. Joseph Church. First and second place winners there can then advance to the state competition



4th Grade division Spelling Bee Champion Ilsa Gruys of Spirit Lake with attending Knights of Columbus Paul Katzfey and Jed Skogerboe.

# K of C Awards Spelling Bee Champion

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# **Current Volunteer Hired as New** Clay County RSVP Coordinator

The Northwest Iowa RSVP program has hired Mary Schomaker as the new Clay County Coordinator starting January 25,

2022, on the Spencer campus of Iowa Lakes Community College. Schomaker will be in the RSVP office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Since 1996, Schomaker has lived and worked in the Spencer

New Clay County RSVP Coordinator Mary area. She brings a long Schomaker visits with her RSVP Pen Pal history of volunteer from Lincoln Elementary at Spencer service to her posi-

tion, including Meals on Wheels, Relay for Life, assisting with Medicare annual enrollment, serving on church committees and as a regional leader for Girl Scouts of America leaders. Prior to retirement, Schomaker was an Administrative Secretary at Seasons Center, Spencer.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be the Clay County RSVP Coordinator and look forward to getting acquainted with all the RSVP volunteers, fellow county coordinators, and business leaders in this area," shares Schomaker. "I began as an RSVP volunteer in Clay County in 2009. I truly enjoy my Pen Pals and Food Pantry involvement with RSVP as a volunteer and look forward to helping others find their service fit."

Schomaker will coordinate current RSVP volunteers, recruit new volunteers, work with partner volunteer host sites, and oversee the RSVP Literacy Partners program with all area schools.

"We welcome Mary to the Northwest Iowa RSVP team. Her extensive volunteer service and organizational skills are well suited to her role as RSVP Coordinator," says Dawn Bernhard, Director of Northwest Iowa RSVP. "Mary's happy demeanor, understanding of the Clay County RSVP programs, and commitment to the community will complement her new position."

RSVP is a national AmeriCorps Seniors program that matches volunteers with service opportunities to meet community needs. Although RSVP volunteers must be 55 or older, they can serve people of all ages. RSVP has been sponsored in Northwest Iowa by Iowa Lakes Community College since 1977.

AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps Senior volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to improving communities and helping make service to others a cornerstone of national culture.

To learn more about RSVP volunteer opportunities in Clay County, contact Schomaker at 712-262-8858 or mschomaker@ iowalakes.edu.

in Ames in March.

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 Children's Coat Drive. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations, and the Food Drive for Upper Des Moines Opportunity.

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.

# **NW Iowa Area** Singles Dance

The Northwest Iowa Area Singles will be having their dance Saturday, February 5, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa. The doors are open at 6:30, the dance is from 7:30pm -11:00pm.

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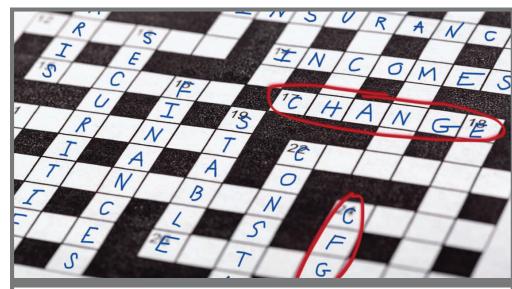
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