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Christopher Gumto from Jackson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in exercise science (K-12 teaching licensure).

Callie Manwarren from Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in business (financial decision making track).

Carissa Meyer from Spirit Lake graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in organizational leadership (business track).

Kaetlyn Warburton from Spencer graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education.

Mason Wickett from Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in educational studies.



Monthly Movie Matinee on February 18

The Jackson Library adult monthly movie matinee will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, February 18. Come see a film on our big projector screen while enjoying freshly popped popcorn. The February movie, a romantic comedy, stars Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds and includes Betty White.

Showtimes will be at 1:00pm on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Jackson Library and Lakefield Library, and on the 4th Friday at the Heron Lake Library.

Program plans are subject to change. Please call your local library for more information or visit us at www.jclmn.org/events.

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Mammoths Split on the Road

The Boji Mammoth High School Hockey team traveled south for a pair of non-league games against the Omaha Knights 16U Saturday.

Omaha 16U Game 1
The Boji Mammoths (22-6-4) arrived at Ralston Arena (Home of the USHL Omaha Lancers) just in time to catch the Lancers in a pre-game skate. Getting to see the speed, strength and size of these top tier 16-20 year olds was a treat for the Mammoths. The Mammoths would strike first at 5:16 with a goal by Junior Blake Danielson assisted by Freshman McClain Robinson & Sophomore Nathan Murray. The lead was short lived as Omaha would score twice 59 seconds apart at 4:36 and 3:37 to take a 2-1 lead into the 2nd period. Boji would score 19 seconds into the 2nd with a goal by Junior Captain Cale Quiring assisted by Junior Dillon Ferguson and Junior Pierce Hetland. Quiring would add a second goal at 8:14 assisted by Hetland for a 3-2 lead after two. Hetland would add an insurance goal at 11:21 in the 3rd assisted by Ferguson and Danielson. Danielson would seal it with an open net goal with 30 seconds remaining assisted by Senior Max Ditsworth. Sophomore Brody Madagan made 21 saves for the win. Coach Hetland's take, "It is always exciting getting to play in these high-end facilities where the next level plays. The guys were pumped getting to see the Lancers skate before our game and they took that energy to the ice and played a nice game. Lots of back and forth. The guys had to work for their opportunities and were rewarded for that effort".



Boji Blizzard Bantams Receive Sportsmanship Award

The Boji Blizzard bantams traveled to River Falls, Wisconsin, over the weekend to play in the River Falls Bantam Classic. They ended up winning their last game 4-3 in an overtime shootout over the West Madison Bulldogs. Cael Cornell scored the lone goal in the shootout while goalie Luke Frerichs stopped all 3 shots faced in the shootout. The Boji Bantams were also presented with the sportsmanship award for their respect on and off the ice at the tournament. Way to go Boji Blizzard Bantams!

Front row: Kaz Menough, Hallie Gray, Luke Frerichs and Grady Olson. Second row: Jackson Bradham, Alex Schaub, Cael Cornell, Riley Worrell, Reid Johnson, Cade Worrell and Karter Wulf. Head coach- Brad Shumway. Assistant coach- Dan Menough. Missing from picture, Aiden Hintermeister.

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Tyler Alger's practice focuses on a variety of matters, both civil and criminal. He provides counsel for personal injury claims, suits for breach of contract, and other civil litigation matters, as well as criminal defense and estate planning.

Prior to joining Sandy Law Firm, Tyler clerked for the district court judges in District 3A in Dickinson County, Iowa. While clerking, he spent extensive time researching and briefing a variety of legal issues presented to the Court. Tyler is a 2021 graduate of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, graduating cum laude, where he received the Dean's Excellence award in Criminal Procedure. In 2018, Tyler earned his Bachelor of Arts degrees from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. When not in the office or the courtroom, you can find Tyler on the golf course or spending time with his wife Teagan.



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FFA Celebrating National FFA Week

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Hedstrom Named To Honors List

Isaac Hedstrom, of Lakefield, Minnesota, has been named to the Concordia University Wisconsin's Fall Honors List for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

Area Students Named to Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Brian Martensen.

Among 3,655 students, a total of 1,054 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,601 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Congratulations to the following area students:

- Estherville* - Karmen Hazen, high honor list.
- Heron Lake, Minnesota* - Jessalyn Broesder, high honor list and Claire Rasche, honor list.
- Jackson, Minnesota* - Carter Olson, honor list and Jordan Rogotzke, honor list.
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- Spirit Lake* - Emily Alger, honor list and Ally Morreim, honor list.

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by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Another week. Another unique event in Okoboji. 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 such a great place to live and visit.



This week I joined a group of friends for a drink at the Spirit Lake VFW followed by the History Lives Speaker Series at the Dickinson County Museum. It was a night of firsts for many of us, but fun that we look forward to trying again soon!

We started our evening with a drink at the VFW in Spirit Lake because it was close to the museum. It was a perfect spot to catch up with friends. The friendliness of the staff and fellow customers along with the regular activities hosted there made us eager to return again in the near future.

We then ventured to the Dickinson County Museum for their monthly History Lives Speaker Series. Jim Ladegaard gave an interesting presentation about the Raebel Murder in 1944 based on years of research that he has done. This was a piece of local history none of us knew anything about. It felt a little like we were the live audience of a murder mystery podcast! We weren't the only ones intrigued by this history. It was a packed house, and they streamed it live on Facebook!

The Dickinson County Museum will host a History Lives event each month, and the VFW has a wide variety of activities every week! Our community does a great job hosting events that not only attract and entertain visitors, but also entertain and educate us! Make sure you get out and enjoy them! Learn more about upcoming events at www.VacationOkoboji.com.

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MML will also be having two interactive monthly programs in March and April. Read Across America will be celebrated throughout March with a Reading BINGO sheet. At the end of March and beginning of April, there will be an Easter Coloring Contest for four different age groups. Both the BINGO and coloring sheets will be sent to the Okoboji Elementary School, or you are welcome to pick them up at MML. There will be prizes for both programs.

95th Birthday Announcement

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Iowa Lakes Announces Softball Camps

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The "Youth Camp" will take place on Saturday, February 26, and will run from 1:00-3:00pm (K-3) and 3:30-5:30pm (4-6). The camp will focus on offense and defense, where young athletes will learn skills and drills from the Laker Softball Team.

The "Elite Camp" will take place on Sunday, February 27, and will run from 12:00-1:30pm (outfield), 1:30-3:00pm (hitting), 3:00-4:30pm (infield), and 4:30-5:30 (pitching and catching). Players can choose to sign up for individual sessions or a bundle package.

For more information or to register for camps, please go to www.iowalakesathletics.com. Then, head to the "Softball" page, click the "more" tab, followed by "camps" to review camp information.

For any further questions, contact Courtney Calkins at ccalkins@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-8398.

Parker Museum Tea Party

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce a program an event called "Parker Museum Tea Party" that will be held on Saturday, February 26th at the Parker Museum in Spencer, Iowa. Guests are invited to join us for afternoon tea to learn about the history of tea parties in America. Funds from this event will help support the mission of Clay County Heritage "to collect, preserve, and interpret local Clay County history for the education and enjoyment of the public."

This event begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:00pm. Clay County Heritage Members can purchase tickets for \$10 per person and Nonmember tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets are necessary as space is limited.

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In an unprecedented move last week, Clay County Fair CEO Jeremy Parsons used the Spencer Chamber of Commerce's Thursday night Business After Hours to announce all the Grandstand entertainment for the 2022 Clay County Fair, sponsored by Spencer Municipal Utilities. Parsons said he was announcing the schedule for all nine nights "to give our enthusiastic fairgoers more time to plan their entire Fair visit. Plus, it gives us all something to look forward to while we still 'enjoy' winter." The Fair will run from September 10th to September 18th, with event tickets expected to go on sale "in the weeks ahead," Parsons said.

Russell Dickerson, with special guest Adam Sanders, will be the opening entertainment on Saturday, September 10th. Dickerson is a multi-platinum Nashville-based singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. In 2017, his gold-certified full-length debut, *Yours*, bowed at Number 5 on the *Billboard* Top Country Albums Chart. The album yielded three consecutive #1 smashes, including the double-platinum, *Yours*, the platinum *Blue Tacoma*, and *Every Little Thing*.

Nominations followed at the Academy of Country Music Awards, CMT Music Awards, and iHeartRadio Music Awards. This year he has already released his second full-length album, *Southern Symphony*, led by the singles *Love You Like I Used To*, *Home Sweet*, and *Never Gets Old*.

CeCe Winans, with special guest Riley Clemmons will perform on Sunday night, September 11th. The best-selling and most-awarded female Gospel artist of all time, Winans has influenced a generation of Gospel and secular vocalists over the course of her astonishing career. Her mantle today holds a staggering 12 Grammy Awards, 20 Dove Awards and 7 Stellar Awards. She has sold in excess of 5 million albums in the U.S., topping the Gospel charts repeatedly while crossing over with smashes like *Count on Me*, her duet with Whitney Houston from the multi-platinum *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack, which sold 2 million copies, and cracked the Top 10 on the Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts. Clemmons is one of Contemporary Christian music's newest stars. Her first single, *Broken Prayers*, took flight in 2017 and racked up 30 million-plus streams. In support of her 2018 self-titled debut album, she hit the road for the first time with Lauren Wells and grew into a powerhouse presence on stage. Her second album, *Godsend*, was released in 2020 with her fastest growing single to date, *Keep on Hoping*, which has quickly climbed the *Billboard* and radio airplay charts.

The only Monday night of the Fair, September 12th, will see *The Leroy Van Dyke Country Gold Tour* featuring *Leroy Van Dyke*, *Jimmy Fortune*, *T.G. Sheppard*, *T. Graham Brown*, *The Malpass Brothers* and *Mandy Barnett*. This evening will feature renowned classic country music performers who have topped the charts. They'll all perform the celebrated Nashville sound that took their music around the world including hits like *Auctioneer*, *Walk on By*, *Elizabeth*, *My Only Love, I Loved 'Em Every One*, and more. Joining them will be several Public Television favorites.

The racing season begins on Tuesday, the 13th, when the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series returns after a successful debut in 2021, and will be joined again by the Tri-State Late Models, IMCA Blue Ribbon Showdown - Wednesday, September 14th, with Hot Laps at 7:00. The 2022 racing season at the Clay County Fair Speedway winds down with an IMCA showdown that includes Hobby Stocks, Sports Mods, Modifieds, Stock Cars and Sports Compact.

Vanilla Ice and special guest *The Ying Yang Twins* are set for Thursday, September 15th. The iconic Robert Van Winkle, aka *Vanilla Ice*, exploded on the Rap/Pop music scene in 1990, selling 10 million albums in four months and topping the *Billboard* charts with the Top single, *Ice Ice Baby*, and the Number 1 album. With worldwide album sales of more than 15 million, *Vanilla Ice* has won two MTV Awards, a People's Choice Award, and was nominated for a Grammy. He has toured consistently throughout his career since 1990 performing all over the world, as well as appearing in movies, TV shows, and stage productions. *The Ying Yang Twins* are an American Hip Hop duo that debuted in 2000 and rose to mainstream popularity in 2003 collaborating with *Britney Spears* on her album *In the Zone* and with *Lil Jon* on *Get Low*. In 2004 and 2005, *The Twins* debuted (*The Whisper Song*), *Shake and Badd*.

Dwight Yoakam with special guest *Runaway June* will perform on Friday, September 16, 7:30pm. Country superstar *Dwight Yoakam* has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide, and he is a 21-time nominated, multiple Grammy Award winner. He has 12 gold albums and 9 platinum or multi-platinum albums, with five of those albums topping *Billboard*'s Country Albums chart. Nearly 40 of his singles have charted on *Billboard*, with 14 peaking in the Top 10. In 2016, Yoakam released his bluegrass album *Swimmin' Pools*, *Movie Stars*, which reflects the love for bluegrass music that he developed at an early age in Kentucky. Proclaimed by *Billboard* as the "next hot trend in country music," *Runaway June* is comprised of Naomi Cooke (lead vocals/guitar), Natalie Stovall (vocals/fiddle/guitar), and Jennifer Wayne (vocals/guitar). Their single *Buy My Own Drinks* peaked at Number 5 on the Mediabase Country Chart, the highest charting song by a female group since *The Chicks* in 2003. Their debut album *Blue Roses* (2019) received critical acclaim and was included on *Rolling Stone's* best albums of the year lists. *Grand Funk Railroad* and *Blue Oyster Cult* perform Saturday, September 17, 7:30pm. Originating from Flint, Michigan in 1969, this top-selling American rock group of the '70s is "comin' to your town to help you party it down." Internationally acclaimed, *Grand Funk Railroad's* widespread appeal is evident in its prestigious recording achievements. Over their career, *Grand Funk* has had 19 charted singles, eight Top 40 hits and two #1 singles ("*We're an American Band*" and "*Locomotion*"). The group has now accumulated 13 gold and 10 platinum records with record sales in excess of 25 million copies sold worldwide. Since its debut album in 1972, *Blue Oyster Cult* has occupied a unique place in rock history because it's one of very few hard rock/heavy metal bands to earn both genuine mainstream critical acclaim as well as commercial success. The band is often cited as a major influence by other acts such as *Metallica*, and *BOC* was listed in VH1's countdown of the greatest hard rock bands of all time. *BOC's* canon includes three stone-cold classic songs: (Don't Fear) *The Reaper*, *Godzilla*, and *Burnin' for You*.

The Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pull will run from 1-5:30, Sunday, September 18th. For the third time, the Fair will conclude with the season championships of the Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pullers Association featuring two thunderous sessions of pulling action. All music performances begin at 7:30...

With all the early activity about the Fair entertainment, just wait, there's more going on downtown -- at the Spencer Community Theatre, where two shows are underway. The first, *The Savannah Sipping Society*, is described as a "Laugh minute comedy," will open for three performances during each of the last two weekends in February.

Check the website: SCTPLAYHOUSE.COM for details about *Savannah Sipping Society* and *Gypsy* -- arguably one of the best Broadway shows of all time -- coming to the SCT in May. The audition schedule is also on the website with roles for thespians of all ages...

The SCT Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 11am-5:30pm; and Saturdays, February 19th and 26th, from 11am-2pm...

Little Swan Lake Winery, which is now promoting entertainment every Sunday afternoon, has scheduled *Sounds Fishy* to take the stage in the barn Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00...

Research director RD is working in one deep freeze in Minnesota and writing about a man born in another -- Buffalo, New York. The man is composer Harold Arlen, born on February 15, 1905. Working even harder than usual, RD found not just a song, but several albums of Arlen's compositions that tie into the birthday of a great singer, Nancy Wilson, who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio -- a more moderate climate -- on February 20, 1937. Check *YouTube* or any other of your favorite sources to find Nancy's voice with Arlen's music from Broadway songs like *Stormy Weather*, *Old Black Magic*, and hundreds more...

Wednesday is Do A Grouch A Favor Day, where RD thinks a Jimmy Durante song is appropriate. It was in 1944 that JD wrote and recorded *You Gotta Start Off Each Day with a Song* -- which, as RD notes, is probably good advice for anyone, anytime...

It was February 17, 1941 that Gene Pitney was born in Hartford, Connecticut -- not far from Rockville, which became his hometown and the base of his nickname, *The Rockville Rocket*. Pitney's two biggest hits (which he didn't write) were *Only Love Can Break a Heart*, (1962) and *It Hurts To Be In Love* (1964). Ironically, his most famous top ten compositions were a success for other artists. *Rubber Ball* was a hit for Bobby Vee, and *Hello, Mary Lou*, one of Ricky Nelson's biggest songs...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To The Editor:
Stacy Abrams and Hillary Clinton have been complaining about how their elections were stolen for years, but it's not ok for Trump to complain. Yes, Trump lost the election and should have just accepted the defeat and moved on. However, anyone who believes that what happened on January 6, 2021, was an attempt to overthrow the United States government is a fool or just plain stupid. A few hundred unarmed individuals aren't going to overthrow anything. What they did by breaking into the Capitol Building was definitely wrong, but an attempt to overthrow our government, not going to happen. These Democrats also keep yapping about how Republicans are trying to suppress voting rights, yet they never explain exactly how they are doing that. It's easier to vote now than at any time in our history. I can remember when the only day you could vote was on election day itself. As far as absentee ballots, you couldn't even get one unless you had a valid reason, like being in the Military. Now you have early voting, some places as far out as 30 days, and as for absentee ballots you don't even have to request one in some states, they just mail them out to everyone. When the Baseball All-star game was moved from Georgia to Colorado over voting laws, Colorado actually has stricter voting laws than Georgia. Now, in some places they are even letting non-citizens vote in local elections and that is not ok. Mr. Yams ends his letter talking about American democracy and that we better wake up before we find we have lost the valuable rights our Founding Fathers established for us. As far as living under authoritarian rule, during Biden's first year as President, he has signed 78 executive orders, 57 presidential memoranda, 200 proclamations and 36 notices. He has mandated shots and wearing masks or you can't get a job or even go out to eat. Oil is now over \$90 a barrel for the first time since, you guessed it, Obama was president and Biden was vice-president. Inflation is through the roof due to Biden's policies. He's more worried about Ukraine's border than our own. Regardless of political affiliations, I don't understand how anyone thinks the direction we are headed right now is OK. Oh, and as far as living under governmental structures like Russia, China or North Korea I would say Biden, Schumer and Pelosi are the ones trying to make that happen. Was Trump an ass and not very "Presidential" sometimes, yes sir, but I will take his America first policies over Biden's policies all day long.

Don Origer, Milford, Iowa
A portion of this letter was paid for by the author.

95th Birthday Announcement

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, Delaine (Dee) Olson turned 95 years young. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Birthday wishes can be sent to her at Accura Healthcare, 1912 Zenith Ave Room 131, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Huskers Named to Deans' List

More than 6,700 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

Congratulations to the following area students.
Milford: Laci Hilpipre, freshman, Dean's List, College of Business, accounting.

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Spencer: Derek Huss, freshman, Dean's List, College of Business, accounting.

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The Legislative Committee of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone that the second Eggs and Issue Legislative Forum will be Saturday, February 19, 2022. The forum is a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and Northwest Iowa.

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

The Second Session of Eggs and Issues is Saturday, February 19, 2022; the Council doors will open at 8:30am to the public with the live session starting at 9:00 to 10:30am - please mark your calendars to attend! Clay County Farm Bureau will graciously provide bottled water during all of the sessions. There will be no food provided due to the COVID variants that are still around. However, travel mugs with lids will be allowed along with the bottled water in the Council Chambers.


The session will be live on SMU Channel 3 and taped by Mediacom Cable TV with both stations replaying the session; the session will start live at 9:00 to 10:30am. SMU will also post this to their YouTube link.

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

"Eggs & Issues" will be Issues only this year due to the COVID guidelines - there will be no free breakfast.

"Eggs & Issues" are a question/answer format session.

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OHS January Students of the Month

The student of the month program allows faculty members to recognize students for outstanding performance in one or more of the following: Academic excellence, special effort in the classroom activities, concern for learning, positive citizenship, hard work and/or other personal behavior which enhances the general school and classroom atmosphere.

Congratulations to all these students – keep up the good work! Ag Education - Haley Dodge; Art - Joey Batman; Business Education/Technology - Tyler Sehman; English - Lilly Benke; Family and Consumer Sciences - Kelsey Peck; Foreign Language - Megan Titterton; Industrial Technology - Josh Stoeber; Math - Owen McCoy; Music - Sam Hoggard; Physical Education/Health - Caroline Farrar; Science - Lauren Early; Social Studies - Cambrie Kleckner; No Boundaries - Syndni Powell. Overall Student of the Month: Caroline Farrar.

Iowa Lakes Corridor Region Featured in Fresh Pickings Magazine

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Region was recently featured in the Winter 2022 edition of Fresh Pickings Magazine. The article highlights area businesses including Cherry Lane Farm and Ruthven Meat Processing, as well as activities, museums, and restaurants in the region for readers to explore.



The article describes the Corridor region as "...a quintessential reflection of the masterful way Iowans balance ingenuity and quality of life with rural roots and big-city amenities." It also shares the stories of Calvin and Krissy Thiessen who began Cherry Lane Farm in 2016 and Chris and Suzie Kraft of Ruthven Meat Processing.

"It's wonderful to see the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region and its entrepreneurs promoted through this Fresh Pickings publication," said Alyssa Petersen, Coordinator of Administration & Communication at the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor). "There are so many opportunities in our region for business and recreation alike, and this article captures just a few of these amenities and encourages readers to learn more and explore what this beautiful area has to offer."

Fresh Pickings magazine is published by the Iowa Food & Family Project. Its purpose is to inspire readers to explore how their food is grown and raised across the state and meet the farmers who make it happen. It is a quarterly publication that distributes free print copies through Iowa-based Earl May Nursery & Garden Centers, Iowa Food & Family Project events, or through a mailed subscription.



LRH Recognized as a 2022 Top 100 Rural and Community Hospital

Lakes Regional Healthcare has been named one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States for the fourth year in a row by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX®.

Lakes Regional Healthcare President and CEO Jason Harrington said, "Top 100 status is a real indicator of how proactive we've been regarding performance improvement in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, market share, and finance. We're proud of this and other achievements we've received in recent years."

Over the course of the last 12 years, the INDEX has grown to become the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Based entirely on public data and utilizing 36 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses rural hospitals across eight pillars of performance, including market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency. The INDEX framework is widely used across the nation by independent rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints and state offices of rural health, which provide access to INDEX analytics through grant-funded initiatives.

"The Top 100 program continues to illuminate strategies and innovation for delivering higher quality care and better outcomes within rural communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "We are delighted to be able to spotlight the efforts of these facilities through the INDEX framework."

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Milford Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents Day. We will be open on Tuesday, February 22, at 9:30 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday, February 22, 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>.

Pick up your Blind Date with a Book! Let your intuition be your guide. The titles and descriptions are hidden. You will only know the book's genre. Blind Date with a Book goes until Monday, February 28. Make sure to fill out the Blind Date with a Book bookmark and return for a chance to win a drawing on Tuesday, March 1.

MML's Young Adult Subscription Box: You've Got the Beat will get Young Adults moving until Friday, February 18. Fourth through twelfth graders will be making a CD Clock and a DIY Phone Amplifier. This subscription box is free, but does require registration. Young Adults may register by calling 712-338-4643 or online at <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ya-subscription-box-registration.html>. Subscription Boxes can be picked up at the library.

Milford Memorial has 2021 tax resources. Go to www.milford.lib.ia.us. In the blue side column, click the heading "Tax Forms and Information". This will bring up a page with links to printable tax forms and links to the Iowa Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service website.

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Obituaries

A funeral service for Verne Hansen of Milford was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford. Burial was at Milford Cemetery.

Verne LeRoy Hansen, 101 & 4 months, was born October 6, 1920, in Royal, Iowa, to Jens Christian Hansen & Metha Marie (Christensen) Hansen. Verne was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal, Iowa, and then confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer.



As a young boy he would spend early mornings trapping on his way to school. He attended rural schools in Clay County. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1941. He enjoyed playing football and was the kicker all four years. He will always be remembered as the man with the educated toe. In state track he threw the javelin for a school record that still stands today. He was active in FFA and 4-H during his high school years.

Verne joined the Navy the day after Pearl Harbor. He served three years in Trinidad. He was a machinist first class and worked on small crafts in the harbor that carried depth charges. He ended his service in Okinawa in 1945 when the war ended.

He married the Love of His Life, Kathryn Marie Martin on December 26th, 1945. In the Spring of 1946 he started farming and enjoyed farming for 37 years. He liked to compete in county yield contests. He liked having FFA corn yield plots on his farm comparing the yields of the different varieties of corn. He was a Pioneer Seeds salesman where he enjoyed visiting with the neighbors.

Verne enjoyed league bowling many years. He started bowling in Milford where they had pin setters. He had the first 300 game bowled at the 20th Century Lanes in Spencer, Iowa. He was president of the 300 League at the 20th Century Lanes in Spencer many years. He bowled 34 times in State and National tournaments. He also enjoyed golfing many courses with 3 hole in ones. The last one at age 91.

He was very dedicated to his faith. He helped pay for the stained glass windows at both First Lutheran & Harbor of Joy. He and Kate made quilts for the Lutheran Camp Okoboji Quilt Auction many years. He remembered attending the camp in the same location as today at the age of 8.

Verne & Kate moved to Wahpeton on West Lake Okoboji after retiring from the farm and spent many winters at Tropic Star Park in Pharr, Tx where they enjoyed square dancing, bowling & golf.

He Loved His family! Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He looked forward to spending time with them playing games and doing crafts. It was fun for him to know the great grandchildren. He cross stitched each great grandchild a wall hanging with their birth information along with many pictures of Jesus for the other family members.

Verne passed away peacefully February 7, 2022, at the Accura Care Center in Milford.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Kathryn "Kate" Martin Hansen, mother Metha Christensen Hansen, father Jens Hansen, grandfather Paul Christensen, grandmother Anna Christensen, infant grandson, Corey Hansen, daughter-in-law Shirley Hansen, sister Anne Nitzsche & brother-in-law Floyd Nitzsche.

Verne was survived by his children, Nancy Zink (Charles) of Brookings, South Dakota; Gary Hansen of Spirit Lake, and Kenneth Hansen (Julie) of Milford; 7 grandchildren, Tamara Even (Todd), Pamela Crain (Jeff) Melanie Lunn (Cory), Jennifer Ryker (Jacob), Jamie Nalos (Sheldon), Brian Hansen (Rebecca), and Kristin Dennis (Jonathan); 22 great grandchildren, 5 step great grandchildren, nieces and many friends.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Caregivers Support Group

Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or Lee Nation at 712-330-1270.



Hawks Soaring, Cyclones Crashing

It's the dog days of February for college basketball teams where conference play can begin to be a grind as teams battle for post season positioning. This past week saw our two in-state Power 5 teams take two different paths as Iowa went 3-0 with three convincing wins while Iowa State went 0-2 with a crushing home loss on Saturday to Kansas State. Both teams entered the week in good shape regarding the NCAA Tournament, while the Hawks bolstered their NCAA chances, the Cyclones chances took a major hit and it's now desperation time for ISU.

Iowa now sits at 17-7 with an impressive 7-6 B1G Conference record. Iowa saw its offense explode in their last two wins, scoring 110 points in their 110-87 win at Maryland behind Jordan Bohannon's school-record 10 three-pointers, and then put up 98 in a 23-point win over Fred Hoiberg's hapless Huskers on Sunday behind a career-high 37 points from Keegan Murray. Iowa's offense has been elite for most of the season and it appears recently their defense has picked up a level, which has made the Hawks a very dangerous team. Iowa has put themselves in a position where three more wins probably gets them in the tournament, and if they can keep playing with the confidence they showed last week, that should not be an issue. Their schedule does get tougher this week with games at home vs Michigan and then at Ohio State, but one has to like Iowa's chances at this point of the season.

Iowa State was picked last in the Big 12, and after their disappointing 75-69 overtime loss at home to Kansas State on Saturday, in which the Cyclones blew a 15-point second half lead, last place is exactly where the Cyclones are at 3-9 in Big 12 play. The Cyclones undefeated non-conference season is the only reason the Cyclones are still in contention for the NCAA Tournament as they do still sit 16-9 overall. Most experts think that ISU needs to finish 7-11 in the Big 12, and with that loss at home to 13-11 Kansas State, those chances to get four more wins just became that much harder. I try to remind myself of the low expectations and how bad ISU was the last two seasons when getting frustrated with their recent losses. The bottom line is this team is very limited with nine scholarship players and not a lot of offensive fire-power. For the Cyclones to win games in the Big 12 they have to be nearly perfect with their effort and execution, and recently that has not happened as too many live-ball turnovers have led to easy baskets for their opponents that ISU just can't overcome. While not giving up completely on ISU's NCAA Tournament hopes, they are dimming by the moment and I'm not very confident they can find four more wins.

United Community Bank Offers Tips for Good Credit Habits

United Community Bank is encouraging consumers to plan for their financial future by establishing and maintaining good credit habits to create a blueprint for financial wellness and prosperity in the New Year. "Good credit is essential to a strong financial foundation, so it's important to build and maintain responsible credit practices that demonstrate sound money management principles to help you achieve your short and long-term financial goals," said Seth Vogel, Vice President at United Community Bank, pictured right. It's much easier to build a credit score than repair a damaged one. United Community Bank is here to help as you embark on your credit journey and help you avoid costly missteps.



United Community Bank offers the following tips to help consumers build and maintain good credit.

- Use debit and credit cards for convenience and safety. Be careful not to overspend and avoid missed or late payments, which can damage your credit and hurt your credit score.
- Develop a good mix of credit (such as a revolving credit line and an installment loan) to boost your credit score and demonstrate that you can manage different types of credit.
- Show stability in the three to six months before a major purchase. Avoid opening or closing accounts or moving large amounts of money around.
- Build an emergency fund equal to at least six months of living expenses. Establishing a financial cushion to help absorb unexpected expenses and avoid penalties and fees for missed or late payments.
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Thurs., Feb. 24 – 10:00 AM – 160 Acres at Auction in Osceola Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Sat., Feb. 26 – 9:00 AM – Collectible Auction in Estherville, IA. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-362-4844. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com

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 Ag Education - Nathan Hinshaw; Art - Brook Ortman; Business Education/Technology - Caleb Postma; English - Rylan Runkle; Family and Consumer Sciences - Emma Bonnstetter; Foreign Language - Dante Menting; Industrial Technology - Cody Beck; Math - Shelby Bentley; Music - Chloe Prentice; Physical Education/Health - Bryce Sehman; Science - Ryan Pyle; Social Studies - Lexi Duffy; No Boundaries - Jazmine Hallow.
 Overall Student of the Month: Chloe Prentice.



Mobile Food Pantry in Milford

A new mobile food distribution will be launching Thursday, February 17, in Milford, at the Downtown Church parking lot, 2105 N Avenue, from 4:30 to 6:30pm. This new distribution is sponsored by First Lutheran Church in Milford and the Dickinson County Hunger Coalition.

How it works: The Food Bank of Iowa trucks deliver a customized load of food to the mobile pantry site. Local volunteers place food boxes or bags in the vehicles of those being served. Some of the food items include macaroni and cheese, soup, peanut butter, assorted canned fruit, raisins, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, potatoes, smoked turkey breast, pork loin roasts and fresh eggs. Mobile pantries help feed food insecure Iowans who may not have access to a food pantry in a permanent location.

300,000 Iowans don't know where they'll get their next meal. In Dickinson County alone, 8.8% of residents, or 1,510 individuals, are food insecure. Nearly a third of them (430) are children. These are the latest (2021) numbers from Feeding America. Please help spread the word about this free food distribution and the need so many of our neighbors have.

WEL-Life Receives 2022 Customer Experience Award

WEL-Life at Spirit Lake, a provider of assisted living care, is proud to announce that they are the recipient of Pinnacle Quality Insight's 2022 Customer Experience Award.™ Qualifying for the award in the categories of Variety of Food/Menu Choices, Activities and Move-in Process, WEL-Life displays a continued dedication to providing Best in Class senior healthcare services.



Kathleen Johnson, Executive Director of WEL-Life, describes receiving the award as an honor. "We sincerely appreciate all of the feedback we receive from our residents through the Pinnacle survey process," she said. "It's gratifying to know that we are providing good food and activities for them to enjoy while living here."

Transitioning from independent living can be a daunting process. "We really strive to make the move as easy as possible," Johnson said. "We welcome new residents and are happy to provide tours so people can see for themselves what we have to offer and how we can help them join our community."

Throughout its history of serving the community, WEL-Life at Spirit Lake has placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that the individual needs of every resident are met. Over the course of 2021, a sampling of WEL-Life's customers and their families have participated in monthly telephone interviews that include open-ended questions, as well as the opportunity to rate WEL-Life in specific categories.

Every month, WEL-Life has gathered its real-time survey results to gain a better understanding of the residents' needs and make improvements when necessary.

By qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award,™ WEL-Life has satisfied the rigorous demand of scoring in the top 15% of the nation across a 12-month average. Clients have the opportunity to achieve this Best-in-Class distinction on a monthly basis in many categories designed to accurately reflect each resident's experience.

A customer satisfaction measurement firm with 26 years of experience in post-acute healthcare, Pinnacle conducts over 150,000 phone surveys each year and works with more than 2,500 care providers in all 50 US states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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Iowa Lakes Partners With Iowa Wesleyan University

Iowa Lakes Community College and Iowa Wesleyan University (IW) signed an articulation agreement on January 27, 2022.



The agreement formalizes a credit transfer program allowing Iowa Lakes students to qualify for coordinated transfer options for IW online bachelor's degree programs.

"The partnership between Iowa Wesleyan University and Iowa Lakes Community College focuses on students having opportunities to succeed with more tools and options to build a stronger future. Our graduates will be able to transition easily toward a four-year institution where they can complete advanced degrees online," explained Robert Leifeld, Iowa Lakes' Vice President of Administration.

The new articulation agreement will allow Iowa Lakes students graduating with an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree to transfer with junior class standing into Bachelor degree programs in IW's highly ranked and rigorous online programs without leaving their jobs or moving. In addition, Iowa Lakes and IW are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, making transferring credits seamless.

Students graduating with an Associate in Applied Science degree or transferring before completing a degree at Iowa Lakes will have coursework evaluated individually to determine class placement at IW.

IW will also be offering a ten percent discount to students who have completed an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Applied Science degree at Iowa Lakes and transfer into one of IW's online bachelor's degree programs.

"I am constantly impressed with the high quality and rigor we see in our Iowa Community Colleges. Few states have the commitment to their community college system as Iowa. Iowa Lakes is one of the outstanding community colleges that shows tremendous dedication to their student body and the region they serve. Iowa Wesleyan is proud to work with Iowa Lakes on this online partnership as both institutions have strong synergy in their programs resulting in a seamless transition," said DeWayne P. Frazier, Ph.D., University Provost at IW.

This partnership is yet another way that Iowa Lakes goes above and beyond to support students and their future.

Iowa Wesleyan University is a transformational learning community whose passion is to educate, empower and inspire students to lead meaningful lives and careers. Located in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan University is considered Southeast Iowa's regional comprehensive university. For more information, please visit online.iw.edu.

Iowa Lakes Community College, a nonprofit, public community college accredited through the Higher Learning Commission, offers more than 60 nationally recognized degrees, certifications, and pre-professional programs.

Located in the beautiful Iowa Great Lakes Region, Iowa Lakes Community College serves a five-county area with campuses in Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer, and Spirit Lake. For more information, please visit iowalakes.edu.

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A Change to the State's Elderly Credit Program

Last session the Iowa legislature expanded property tax assistance to those Iowans who are 70 or older as of December 31, 2021 with a 2021 household income less than 250% of the federal poverty level. "Property tax credits were established by the state legislature many years ago to help low-income elderly property owners, totally disabled property owners and low income mobile home owners pay their property tax bills," says Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley.

"Those eligible under the new law can sign up to create a property tax freeze based on the amounts paid next September 2022 and March 2023. Any increase in property taxes from this established base amount will be paid through a property tax credit going forward. Eligible individuals must file a claim with the county treasurer's office before June 1, 2022, to establish the base for future property tax credits under this new law. If you have already submitted an Elderly and Disabled tax claim for this year, it will be considered for both programs and your baseline will be established if you are 70 or older and meet the income guidelines."

The claim forms are available through the county treasurer's office or on the county's website at <https://dickinsoncountyiowa.gov/treasurer> on the treasurer page. Eligibility for the Elderly, Disabled and Mobile Home tax credit programs are as follows:

65 or older as of December 31, 2021 with a total household income of less than \$24,354.00.
18 or older and totally disabled as of December 31, 2021, with a total household income of less than \$24,354.00.

23 or older with a total household income of less than \$24,354.00 as of December 31, 2021 for mobile/manufactured/modular home tax credits.

70 or older with total household incomes below 250% of the federal poverty levels.

The treasurer's office may require proof of income and/or proof of disability.

"Essentially the Iowa legislature created a property tax freeze for claimants who are 70 and older who qualify," says Rowley. "A claimant aged 70 or older must file a claim for the credit each year with the county treasurer's office in order to receive the maximum benefits of the new credit calculation for each year forward. In future years, the eligible claimant will receive either the original Elderly Tax Credit or the difference between the actual property taxes due in a future year less the actual property taxes due during the first year the claimant filed a claim establishing the base year - whichever is greater. The federal poverty level schedule changes each year."

To establish the tax freeze that will become available with the September 2022/March 2023 property taxes, a claimant must have been 70 or older by December 31, 2021 with a maximum household income in 2021 of less than 250% of the federal poverty levels listed per below by number of persons in the family/household.

Number of persons in family/household	Total household income is less than or equal to
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2	\$43,550.00
3	\$54,900.00
4	\$66,250.00
5	\$77,600.00
6	\$88,950.00
7	\$100,300.00
8	\$111,650.00

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$11,350 for each additional person.

For more information regarding property taxes or credit claim forms, contact the Treasurer's Office at 712-336-6333. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2022.

Seasons Center to Begin Offering a Foster/Adoptive Support Group

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health will begin offering a Foster, Adoptive, Kinship support group at their Family Support Center. The first support group opportunity will take place on Monday, February 21, 2022, from 7:00 - 8:30pm. The Family Support Center is located at 147 S Main in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Foster, Adoptive, Kinship support group will be an informal get together with time for questions, conversations and new connections. The support group will be hosted by the Family Support Center's Permanency Support Specialist, Sherri Huizenga, LBSW, CADC and Family Support Therapist, Jennifer Kooiker, LMSW.

"We are hopeful that families will take advantage of the support group as another resource in their foster/adoptive journey," said Sherri Huizenga. "It will be a great opportunity for families to connect with other families who have like experiences, share/learn about resources, or gain CEU's needed for licensure requirements."

The Family Support Center specializes in foster and adoptive family services. It is a place for families to come for both formal services as well as to connect with others, check out resources and attend support groups in a family friendly environment that is open and inclusive to all yet respectful of the diverse and unique families they serve.

USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Signups for 2022

Agricultural producers and landowners can sign up soon for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a cornerstone conservation program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a key tool in the Biden-Harris Administration effort to address climate change and achieve other natural resource benefits. The General CRP signup will run from January 31 to March 11, and the Grassland CRP signup will run from April 4 to May 13.

"We highly encourage farmers, ranchers and private landowners to consider the enrollment options available through CRP," said Iowa Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Director Matt Russell. "Last year, we rolled out a better, bolder program, and we highly encourage you to consider its higher payment rates and other incentives. CRP is another way that we're putting producers and landowners at the center of climate-smart solutions that generate revenue and benefit our planet."

Producers and landowners enrolled 4.6 million acres into CRP signups in 2021, including 2.5 million acres in the largest Grassland CRP signup in history. There are currently 22.1 million acres enrolled, and FSA is aiming to reach the 25.5-million-acre cap statutorily set for fiscal year 2022.

CRP Signups

General CRP helps producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

Meanwhile, Grassland CRP is a working lands program, helping landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations and provides important carbon sequestration benefits to deliver lasting climate outcomes.

Alongside these programs, producers and landowners can enroll acres in Continuous CRP under the ongoing sign up, which includes projects available through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE).

Climate Benefits

Last year, FSA enacted a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for CRP General and Continuous signups, to better target CRP on addressing climate change. This incentive aims to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CRP's climate-smart practices include establishment of trees and permanent grasses, development of wildlife habitat and wetland restoration. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is annual, and the amount is based on the benefits of each practice type.

Additionally, in order to better target the program toward climate outcomes, USDA invested \$10 million last year in the CRP Monitoring, Assessment and Evaluation (MAE) program to measure and monitor the soil carbon and climate resilience impacts of conservation practices over the life of new CRP contracts. This will enable the agency to further refine the program and practices to provide producers tools for increased climate resilience.

More Information on CRP

Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program - for General CRP before the March 11 deadline, and for Grassland CRP before the May 13 deadline. Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Due to the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Additionally, fact sheets and other resources are available at fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits.

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Pioneers Win Championship

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2022 NW Regional K of C Spelling Bee Contest Results

The 1st and 2nd Place winners of the Knights of Columbus NW Region will compete in State Competition in Ames on February 27th.

Every year the Iowa Knights of Columbus sponsor a Spelling Bee Contest. Local Councils with the local schools are continuing this youth activity again this year. The educational growth and development of our youth is one of many activities the Knights of each Council are active in. The Councils want to team up with the schools (public, private, parochial, and home school) in the promotion of this educational activity. It was open to any 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grade youth of the area.

There were 22 youth advancing from local competition to Regional this year which St Joseph Council of Milford hosted. There were participants entered in each grade level. There were over 80 people in attendance for the competition. Participants were: 4th Grade – Ilsa Gruys, Jeremiah Frank, Logan Christensen, Helen Murphy, Nicole Gibbins, Leo Schmitt and Amber Garrett. 5th Grade – Christopher Samuels, Kestin Briggs, Lili Sandoval, Levi Lindgren, Sawyer Puhmann, Annabell Gyi and Blessing Matsiko. 6th Grade – Ray Lindgren, Jack Olsen, Emiliano Rosas-Trujillo, Vennora Eliwise and Marc Maina. 7th Grade – Elliana Antoine, Jayden Hegebarth and Kyle Europa. Regional Participants were from: Milford, Emmetsburg, Sheldon, Fonda, Spirit Lake, Newell, Arnolds Park and Storm Lake.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal respectively, acknowledging their placement of achievement. The 1st and 2nd place achievers advance to the State Competition at Ames which is Sunday, February 27th. The 3rd Place achiever serves as Alternate for the State Competition.

Much credit and thanks goes out to our Local Councils and School staff for their cooperation and encouragement in the promotion of this educational activity. Also, a thanks to the Moms and Dads, Grandpas and Grandmas that attended and showed their support, encouragement and promotion for this type of educational activity.

The Knights of Columbus is an International Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The original intent was to provide welfare and security for families, during times of sickness and death, has grown so that last year, Knights donated more than 73 million hours of volunteer time and \$175 million to charity. Our local Councils continue this Mission here at home as well with State, National and World Wide projects of Charity and Service.

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Lip-Smacking Corn Muffins

~ Serves 4-6

1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup, plus 1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon kosher salt

3/4 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 cups buttermilk

1/2 cup whole milk

2 eggs, beaten

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup fresh corn kernels

3 tablespoons chopped scallions

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1/2 teaspoon hot sauce

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Butter a muffin tin and dust it with flour. Thoroughly combine the first six ingredients in the bowl of a stand mixer or a large mixing bowl, if using a hand mixer. Combine and mix the remaining ingredients in a separate mixing bowl. Slowly add the wet mix to the dry, while blending on low speed. Continue blending until entirely incorporated. Fill each muffin tin three-quarters full of the batter. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until light golden brown on top. Remove the muffin tins from the oven and allow to cool for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve slightly warm.

Recipe Courtesy of: Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press)

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Resources for Veterans and Families

It has been a few months since our office has put an article in the paper with information for Veterans and families. Many of these resources are for everyone. During the winter months, sometimes depression, grief, suicidal ideation, homelessness, drug and other addictions, divorce, financial problems, have a way of coming to the forefront in our lives.

We have put together a list of resources that may be of help to you. Cut it out, put it on the refrigerator, or take a couple minutes and put some of these numbers in your cell phone for yourself or for a loved one.

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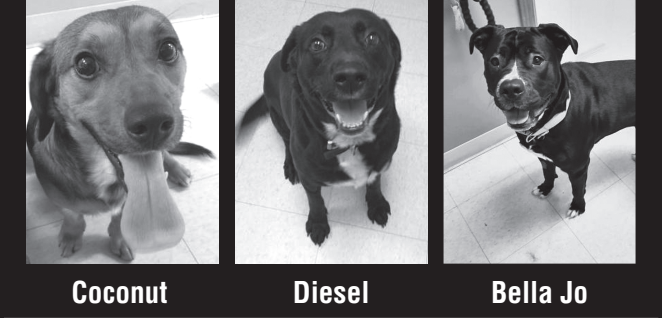
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