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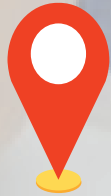
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World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be at Faith Community Church in Milford on Friday, March 4th, at 9:30am. Theme by the ladies of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be “I know the plans I have for you” based on Jeremiah 29:11. A short program “The deck of cards” will be presented by the ladies with refreshments following. All residents of the area are invited to attend.

Spring Shop Hop Returns

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of their Spring Shop Hop Campaign. This community shopping event is designed to promote local Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber member businesses and encourage shoppers to visit during the shoulder season.



Throughout the month of March, shoppers will be able to purchase and redeem Scratch n' Save tickets from the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber and 20 participating business locations for free. Three (3) discount offers will be available: 5% Off, 10% Off or 15% Off. Once the discount is revealed, the discount can be applied one time at each of the 20 participating businesses. Discounts cannot be combined and some exclusions may apply, so shoppers are encouraged to reach out directly to the participating business once their discount is revealed.

The Spring Shop Hop will officially begin March 1st and run through March 31st. Twenty local businesses have signed on to participate and include everything from restaurants, gift shops, golf courses and more!

To learn more about The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber's Spring Shop Hop, and to see a list of participating businesses, visit www.okobojichamber.com and be sure to follow along on Facebook and Instagram at [okobojichamber](https://www.facebook.com/okobojichamber).



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The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association to present a St. Patrick's Day "Rock the Pavilion" Concert March 17

Event will feature the music of the Itty Bitty Boji Band

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association will host a St. Patrick's "Rock the Pavilion" concert on Thursday, March 17, at the Majestic Pavilion in Arnolds Park Amusement Park.

The dance will feature the music of the Itty Bitty Boji Band. Doors will open at 5:00pm with the concert from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening. The show is co-sponsored by 2021 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Spirit Award Winner Connie Valens and by Jason Grinnen of Exit Realty Midwest and B-N-J Karaoke. Grinnen will serve as guest MC for the evening.

"Connie and I, as Northwest Regional Consultants to the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Board, wanted to get the summer season of outstanding music off to an early start, and what better time to celebrate great mu-

sic and warm up those dance muscles than on St. Patrick's Day," said co-event coordinator Doris Welle.

"We just want everyone to come, have a great time after the cold winter and gear up for spring," Valens added. "So, dig out your green attire, dust off those dancing shoes and let's have some fun!"

Admission is \$10 and new 2022, as well as 2021, season punch cards will be honored for this spring event. The 2022 season punch cards (12 events for the price of 10) will be available for purchase for the upcoming season at the event.

The concert is presented by the Iowa



Rock 'n' Roll Music Association and Museum. The museum, located adjacent to the Iowa Welcome Center and Maritime Museum in Arnolds Park Amusement Park, is open year-round.

For details visit www.iowarocknroll.com.

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West Swan Lake Renovation Project Topic of March 10 Open House

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a come-and-go open house style public meeting to discuss the upcoming renovation project at West Swan Lake, in Emmet County, at 6:00pm, March 10, in the SERT Building at the Iowa Lakes Community College, 2421 7th Ave. South, in Estherville.

The Iowa DNR produced a video on the history of West Swan Lake, the challenges to maintaining shallow lakes in a healthy state, and the renovation project and timeline. The video is available for online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SqIw-sfQkQ>, and staff encourage those planning to attend to watch it prior to the March 10 meeting.

Staff with the Iowa DNR will be on hand to discuss the project and accept comments from the public. For those unable to attend, comments may be sent via email to fisheries@dnr.iowa.gov or via U.S. mail to Mike Hawkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 122 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360.

Any person attending the public meeting that 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.



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Channing Tatum Q'orianka Kilcher
FRI: 3:30, 6:20, 8:50
SAT: 1:10, 3:30, 6:20, 8:50
SUN: 1:40, 4:00, 6:50
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HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 4: TRANSFORMANIA PG
Voices of: Andy Samberg Selena Gomez
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SAT: 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:00
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Voices of: Matthew McConaughey Reese Witherspoon
FRI: 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
SAT: 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
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Thurs., March 17–10:00AM–
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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:
Patriotism Defiled; Democracy Defamed

The Ukraine war has shone Americans how dangerous the world can quickly become. The unabashed brutal and naked aggression against Ukraine by autocratically controlled Russia is a reminder of Hitler's actions in the 1930s. Based upon Putin's recent comments, the aggression will not stop at the Ukrainian borders. Free-world democracies must take heed and act. The United States has taken the initial, appropriate steps as orchestrated by President Biden. Given the global economic status, our leadership will face difficulties; Americans and the American economy will experience some pains. However, history has shown it takes patriotic action to stand up to dictators. Make no mistake, Putin and other autocrats are a constant threat to freedom loving persons worldwide by counting on their ability to divide and conquer democracies. That is why it is dispiriting and disgusting to hear public comments from a former US President, former Secretary of State and host of a major "news" outlet lauding Putin's intelligence and savviness and denigrating Biden's actions, thus providing PR for Russian broadcast! This defiles American patriotism and defames our democratic ideals. The results of their coddling of Putin and other dictators and debasing NATO should now be evident. Their false leadership needs to be rejected by all Americans and true Republicans need to step up to make sure these persons never represent their party again. All Americans should commit to sacrifices required to thwart Russia's aggression now by supporting the toughest sanctions to isolate Russia and its allies, arm NATO to its fullest extent, supply arms to Ukraine to resist Russian aggression, be proactive to cyber initiatives, utilize all media outlets exposing truth to the Russian public and stand behind our leaders who espouse to the world our solidarity in support of democratic government ideals. We cannot allow Putin's goal of rebuilding the antiquated USSR and potentially drawing Europe and free-world democracies into WWII! Pay the price now; stand up for American leadership and ideals.

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Tommy James and The Shondells Concert Cancelled at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort®

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We are disappointed about the cancellation of the Tommy James and the Shondells concert, but our thoughts go out to him and his family. For guests still looking for quality entertainment, we have many great acts coming up including Air Supply and the Tribute to the Kings concert, as well as live acts every weekend on our Center Stage that are free for all guests to enjoy.

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Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.

Family Services Resource Guide

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

Open House & Ribbon Cutting Event

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome two new businesses to the Iowa Great Lakes Area business community on Friday, March 4th at 6:30pm. Join us in welcoming Shawn Soucie with A+ Services and Amber Mortenson with Elite Salon at 610 Okoboji Avenue in Milford for a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house event.

A+ Services and Elite Salon are teaming up to bring you the new standard for service in the Iowa Great Lakes Area! Stop by, enjoy some small bites, beverages, and get to know these two individuals!

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Obituaries

Delaine Bell Olson (née KINDWALL) went to be with the Lord, February 21st, 2022, in Spirit Lake, at the age of 95. "Dee", as she was known by her friends, was born February 10, 1927, in Alta, Buena Vista County, Iowa, at the Alta Hospital. She grew up with her sister Barbara amidst many early (and several related) farming families from Buena Vista County on the family homestead, just a few miles west and a little north of Alta. The Kindwall family farm, now a Century Farm, has been in the family since 1880. She was the daughter of Elmer Chester KINDWALL and Clara Minnie BELL and was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert Vernon "Bob" OLSON, several brother and sisters-in-law, and her sister Barbara Ruth Sunner Hull.



Delaine graduated from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls (now the University of Northern Iowa) in 1948 and worked as a Home Economics teacher, for over half her professional career, in a variety of school districts, including Orange City, Milford, Sulphur Springs, Peterson, and Terril. But Milford was that special place where she met the love of her life, Bob, in front of the Milford Theatre. Later, she transitioned to a role as Adult Education Specialist, working in both Estherville and the Iowa Great Lakes area with Iowa Lakes Community College. She particularly loved working with the Elder Hostel group for many years. She retired from it all in the early 1990s after almost 40 years of public service in Iowa.

But formal education wasn't her only trade. She and husband Bob ran the day-to-day operation of the Cottonwood Cottages Resort on the southeast shore of Big Spirit Lake from 1960 into the mid 1980s. Running the cottages was a full family adventure and a guaranteed recipe for learning all about work for her three daughters, the informal education of life itself, and Delaine and Bob were both teachers here, too. There were always sheets and towels to wash, floors to mop, rooms to clean, lawns to mow, supplies to replenish, visitors to register and emerging family friendships to be fostered.

Grandma Dee's signature brownies (with a cold glass of milk) were a requirement on every visit by the grandkids. And if one big batch wasn't enough to satisfy the demand she would just "whip up" another. Inner tubes in the lake were also standard equipment for everyone willing to get into the lake, but only after waiting an hour after lunch. Grandma Dee would also partake with the rest of the family, always trying to keep her hair from getting too wet, particularly since she was NOT a good swimmer herself. And many a family member learned about collecting "beach glass" and "seashells" with Grandma Dee.

She was a member of several local groups, many of which she became more active in during retirement. She participated in the Okoboji Women's Club; AAUW; Questers; Lakes Regional Hospital Auxiliary; United Methodist Women; Retired Teachers Association; Delta Kappa Gamma; Friendship Club; and Ladies of the Old School and occasionally hosted the local "Book Club" but more often she simply attended that event which was put on by other friends within the Lakes region. We always wondered about what books she was really reading. She also participated in the local "MUGS" group (Microcomputer Users Group) to help keep up with her grandkids as the use of electronic gadgets came into our world. She had her own computer and maintained her own FACEBOOK page long before it was all the rage.

Her "Home Economics" background made her an "Early Adopter" in the kitchen, even to the point where she acquired one of the earliest microwave ovens in the area, in spite of her husband Bob's doubts. But he too was soon offering the family personal instruction on how to use this new device to warm their coffee. Jell-O was certainly known to be her favorite dessert; red, green, and orange were often the choices, but not usually at the same time. And, most varieties, regardless of color or flavor, needed fruit of one type or another inserted. "Meat and potatoes" were standard supper cuisine.

During her lifetime, she and Bob made at least 35 trips around the United States, including travel to Sweden in 1975, to visit family there with Bob's father (who was born in Sweden) and later ventured in a 32 ft 5th wheel travel trailer from Iowa to Alaska and back on a trip of a life-time. Included were trips to California, Hawaii, Florida, Texas, and Arizona for portions of the winter and to Colorado and southern Iowa to frequently visit kids and grandkids.

She loved her family with all her heart and always made it a special point to tell everyone how important family was to her. We never doubted her sincerity. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her daughters, Jolene (Shawn) Fechter, Marsha (John) Smeltzer, and Sandra Olson; six grandchildren, Lt. Col. Matthew Fechter (LeAnn), Sara Clark (KeKoa), David Smeltzer, Tim Fechter (Kelsie), Brent Fechter (Kari), Katie O'Day (Kyle); eight great-grandchildren, Eric and Liam Fechter, Keilana and Kanae Clark, Kaden and Harper Fechter, Gunnar, and Garrett O'Day; many nieces and nephews; and brother-in-law, Paul Olson.

Schuchert-Lenz funeral home is in charge of arrangements. The funeral was Friday, February 25, 2022, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritleakefuneralhome.com.

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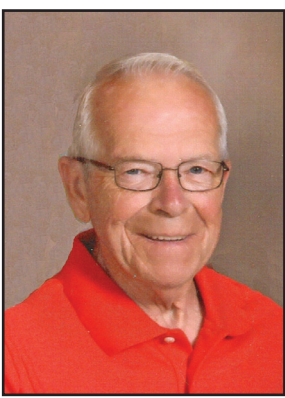
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Obituaries

Gerald B. "Jerry" McGuire, 83, of Sioux City, Iowa, formerly Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away peacefully February 18, 2022. A funeral mass was held Saturday, February 26 at Mater Dei Parish-Immaculate Conception Church with Father Bradley Pelzel officiating. Visitation was Friday at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel. Online condolences may be made to www.meyerbroscapels.com.



Jerry was born on January 26, 1939, in Algona, Iowa, to Bernard and Marietta (Gilbertson) McGuire. He grew up in Titonka, Iowa and graduated from Titonka High School in 1956. He served in the United States Navy from 1961-1964. He was united in marriage to Patricia "Patty" Hauptert on June 10, 1967 in Bancroft, Iowa. To this union, 3 children were born, Tony, Susan, and Mary. Jerry worked as a grocer for more than 60 years, beginning at Rollie's Food Center in Titonka and Randall's Super-Valu in Boone, and later at Hy-Vee (Spirit Lake) for 30 years and Fareway (Mason City and Sioux City) for 20 years. His hard work ethic kept him busy even after retiring. Jerry joined the Knights of Columbus in 1970 in Boone, Iowa. He was a 50-year member of the KC's attaining the 3rd Degree. While in Spirit Lake in the 1980's, he was Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. During that time he received the Top Proposer Award for 4 years and received the first-ever State of Iowa Grand Knight of the Year award in 1988. Throughout his involvement with the KC's, Jerry volunteered at numerous events including soup & pie suppers, BINGO, free-throw contests, graduation brunch, omelet breakfasts, and Tootsie Roll Drives. He served as a Eucharistic Minister, usher, and CCD teacher and volunteered at Center For Siouxland's food pantry. Above all, Jerry enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a Little League Coach and Boy/Cub Scout Leader. He enjoyed woodworking and helped Tony with his Pinewood Derby cars and the girls with many 4-H projects. He loved bowling, playing cards, and dancing, everything from waltzes and polkas to two-steps and the jitterbug. Jerry was a very kind, friendly man with an infectious smile and an easy-going spirit that not even Alzheimer's Disease could dim. This was evident when he was voted Valentine's King by the staff at Casa de Paz on February 14, 2022.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife of nearly 55 years Patty; children: Tony (Melodie) McGuire, Susan McGuire, Mary McGuire, and Jonette Spurlock, all of Sioux City; siblings: Patrick (Carol) McGuire, Richard (Nancy) McGuire, and Janice Guggisberg; in-laws: Dolores Inman, Shorty Mertz, Don (Mary) Hauptert, Marilyn (Chuck) Bjstrom, Marge Drown, and Darlene (Cyril) Thilges; step-granddaughter Kristen Richey (Will Scott) and their children Opal and Richey; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and parents-in-law John and Mildred Hauptert; siblings: Donald McGuire, Michael McGuire, and Joyce Elsbecker; in-laws: Richard Elsbecker, Phil Inman, Joan Mertz, Jim Hauptert, and Russell Drown.

We love you and miss you, Jerry/Dad. Keep smiling and save a dance for us in Heaven!

Obituaries

A memorial service for Irel Bruns, age 90, of Spirit Lake, will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 11:00am, at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will take place prior to the service, from 10:00-11:00am, at the funeral home.



In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Croix Hospice at 1015 S Grand Avenue, Spencer, IA 51301. **Irel Don Bruns**, the son of Joe and Nina (Zesiger) Bruns, was born on June 20, 1931, in rural Dickinson County. Irel graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1949. He was the first president of the FFA at Spirit Lake High School.

A few years after high school, Irel enlisted in the United States Navy on January 10, 1952. During his time in the Navy, Irel earned the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. Irel was honorably discharged on January 1, 1956.

On August 28, 1952, Irel was united in marriage to June Rose (Trojahn) Bruns in Milford.

During his working career, Irel farmed with his dad and brother, Richard. Irel and June also had a farrow to finish hog operation.

In his free time, Irel enjoyed reading, oil painting, puzzles, cards, fishing with the grandkids, watching sports, and with his dry sense of humor, always picking on his grandkids in a teasing way. He and June also loved square dancing and tending to their garden as they were vendors at the Lakes Area Farmer's Market for 27 years. Irel was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, Dickinson County Pork Producers, Spirit Lake American Legion, Republican Party of Dickinson County Chairman, President of Southwest Minnesota District Square Dancing Group, and was a volunteer for the Superior Fire Department for 20 years.

Irel has lived in Spirit Lake since March of 1967 and moved to Keelson Harbour in November of 2017. He passed on February 23, 2022, at Keelson Harbour.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of almost 70 years, June Bruns; daughters, Roxanne (Gary) Roan and Elizabeth (Troy) Graves; brother, Richard (Sonja) Bruns; sisters, Sandy (Phil) Ross and Janice (Robert); five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and many friends met along the way.

Irel was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; sister, Sharon (Thorn); son, Bruce Bruns; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries

Christopher Leonard Anson of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, was born on September 11, 1963, in Presque Isle, Maine, to Geoffrey Rupert Anson of Ascot, England; and Verna Hall Anson of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. He died at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at 2:10pm, on Monday, February 21, 2022.



A funeral service for close family only was held on Friday, February 25, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. A memorial service for friends will be announced at a later date.

Christopher was educated at Johnson Elementary School in Spencer, Iowa, Spencer Junior High School, and Spencer High School, graduating in 1981. He graduated from The University of Iowa in 1985, with a BA degree in Financial Management. He obtained a CPA license in Phoenix, Arizona, and a MBA from the University of Phoenix in 2000.

He worked as a financial controller for The American Red Cross for many years in Washington DC, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. His last employer was Cobham International in Davenport, Iowa.

He married Lisa Laree Raymond of Chatsworth, California, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glendale, California, on October 22, 2005.

He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. He enjoyed fishing, singing, gardening, cooking, traveling and sports (especially football!) and being with his family and beloved dog, Madjik.

He was predeceased by his father, Geoffrey Rupert Anson, in June 1997; his brother, Edward Peter, in October 1982.

He is survived by his wife Lisa, and their daughter, Alexandra Nicole; his mother, Verna Grace Anson of Williamsport, MD; his brother, George Rupert Anson of Weedon, Buckinghamshire, England; his sister, Jennifer Marion Poss, of Milford IA; one niece, two nephews, and one great-niece.

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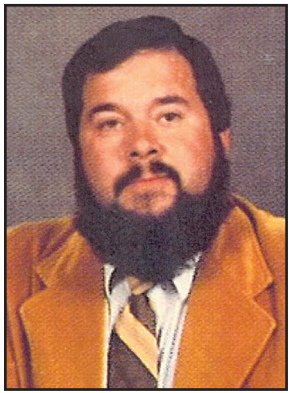
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Obituaries

A funeral service for Steven Shuberg, age 73, of Spirit Lake, was held Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Burial was at Willow Creek Cemetery in Royal.



Steven Howard Shuberg, the son of Clarence Shuberg and Viola (Anderson) Hagedorn, was born on November 26, 1948, in Spencer, Iowa. Steven grew up in Arnolds Park where he attended school. He was a graduate of Arnolds Park High School.

After high school, Steven got a job working for the railroad before enlisting in the United States Navy. During Steven's time of service, he served in Vietnam and earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with one star), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (with device), Meritorious Unit Commendation (with one star), Good Conduct Medal, and the SERVPAC Battle Efficiency Award. Steven was honorably discharged on July 13, 1972. He was a member of the Spirit Lake VFW. After returning home, Steven worked numerous odd jobs. In his younger years, he enjoyed being an outdoorsman including hunting, fishing, and trapping. In his later years, he enjoyed going to auctions, watching wildlife on the acreage, and driving his 86 Silverado with a 454 motor.

Steven passed on February 16, 2022, at Aspire Nursing Home in Lake Park.

Those left to cherish his memory include his mom, Viola Hagedorn of Spirit Lake, Iowa; aunt, Luella Lindt of Kingman, Kansas; numerous cousins, extended family, and friends.

Steven was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Shuberg; stepfather, Forrest Hagedorn; stepbrother, Danny Hagedorn; and grandparents.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Herbert Hackbarth, age 92, of Spirit Lake, and formerly of Lotts Creek, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Aspire of Estherville. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lotts Creek. Burial will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Lotts Creek. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 4, from 4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lotts Creek. Lentz Funeral Home of Algona is assisting the family. www.lentzfuneralhome.com.



Herbert (Herb) Louis Hackbarth, the son of Louis Albert Ferdinand and Rosa Anna Maria (Meine) Hackbarth was born November 4, 1929, on the family's farm in Lotts Creek Township, Kossuth County, Iowa. Herb was baptized November 28, 1929, and confirmed April 18, 1943, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lotts Creek. Herb was a faithful member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lotts Creek all his life.

As a youth, Herb attended country school and Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School. He graduated from Fenton High School in 1947. He was a good athlete, and lettered three years in basketball and eight years in baseball, spring and fall. Before starting his career in farming, he attended college at Luther College in Decorah.

Herb was married to Joanne Lee Meyer on August 31, 1954, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burt, Iowa. The couple happily celebrated 67 years of marriage in 2021. During their life together they often worked side-by-side, making their living grain farming and raised chickens and dogs. They were especially proud of and blessed with three children: Dirk, Denise, and Bruce, and raised their family while farming.

In his younger years, Herb enjoyed hunting, baseball, softball, boat fishing, and ice fishing. His greatest joy, however, was his family, and he and Joanne loved following their granddaughters' high school and college sporting events. Herb was a caring man. He volunteered time in his church as a trustee and elder and visited shut-ins with tape ministry program. He and Joanne had offered much comfort to others over the past years as volunteers of the Compassionate Friends support group, following the death of their son, Dirk. Herb also volunteered for bike trail patrol for ten years in the lakes area.

After many years of farming, Herb and Joanne very much enjoyed their retirement; continuing to spend time with family, taking bus trips, fishing, playing cards with neighbors, relaxing and living at their lake home on Spirit Lake.

Herbert passed away peacefully on February 24, 2022, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dirk Steven Hackbarth in July 1976; his granddaughter, Megan Chrishilles in February 1981; his siblings: Ralph Hackbarth, Kenneth Hackbarth, and Ann Laabs; and brother-in-law, Ray Laabs.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Joanne; two children and their spouses: Denise (Eugene) Chrishilles of Armstrong, IA; Bruce (Jennifer) Hackbarth of Algona, IA; five granddaughters: Jamie (Darren) Struck of Marshall, MN; Tricia (Kelly) Matheson of Fairmont, MN; Jessica (Tyler) Gustafson of Deephaven, MN; Melanie (Drew) Moss of Spearfish, SD; and Natalie (Michael) Wickham of Omaha, NE; and 12 great-grandchildren: Caleb and Parker Struck; Lillyan, Lainea, and Leigha Matheson; Will, James, and Magdalen Gustafson; Henrik, Maren, and Elise Moss; and #12 baby Wickham due any day.

Blessed be the memory of Herbert (Herb) Louis Hackbarth.

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Words of congratulations are once again in order for the Spirit Lake High School Jazz Band. Director Tyler Pedersen explained over the weekend that the Band had an outstanding competition season, noting that the group earned 1st Place in Class 3A at the Iowa Lakes Community College Jazz Contest, as well as a Division I Rating at the Iowa High School Jazz Band Contest back in January. More recently, the band placed 1st in Class 3A at the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association's District Jazz Festival in LeMars. That first place finish at the District level earned band members a place at the Iowa Jazz Championships, which will take place in Ames on April 5th.

We wish them not only Congratulations, but Good Luck in the competition, too! Maybe we should note here that most professional musicians got their start in late grade school or high school bands!

The week ahead will see *Duo Republic* performing on the stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake Winery, from 6-6:00, Sunday afternoon. Reservations are suggested...

While we're back to a bit of the winter season, an ad in one of the Sundays newspapers highlighted *The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra* performing in Des Moines, at Hoyt Sherman Place, on Sunday, June 26th, starting at 3:00 that afternoon. While this may seem to be planning wayyyyy in advance, the venue seats relatively few -- about 1,252, if you're counting.

We're betting the GMO might be performing on campus, again, in the not-too-distant future, you will probably not need snow tires to get to Des Moines or the annual *Glenn Miller Festival* in Clarinda, in June! And if you cannot wait 'til June, BAT will be returning to the Pearson Lakes Art Center to perform in Pomerantz Hall (again!) on May 31st -- a few weeks before *Dave Rowley & Friends* will take the stage in the Lauridsen Performing Arts Center on June 21st...

Research director RD found a lot to celebrate this week, starting today with Frances Rose 'Dinah' Shore's birthdate, in 1917. The Tennessee-born Shore made the most of many entertainment genres, including radio, television, and records, where she was not just a great personality, but a top-charting female vocalist from the 1940s through the 1960s. And, RD notes that Shore's earliest releases line up perfectly with this week's wacky holidays, starting with today being Compliments Day, too, for which Dinah kindly said in 1943, and even to this day, on recordings, *You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To...*

Friday is Grammar Day, for which the always well-spoken Ms. Shore sang Duke Ellington's, *I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good*, (in 1941).

The song, *My Girl*, reached the top of the charts on March 6th, 1965. It was written by Smokey Robinson and Ronald White, and became the first Number One song for *The Temptations*, which recorded on the Motown label. The song was selected in 2017 for preservation in the National Recording Registry in The Library of Congress.

Sunday, March 6th, is the day Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in 1806. One of the most famous English poets of the Victorian Era's most famous compositions is *How Do I Love Thee; Let Me Count the Ways*, (Sonnet 43), written in 1850. It was 90 years later that Pop Singer Connie Stevens' 16 reasons *Why I Love You* was written by Bill and Doree Post, and released on the Warner Brothers label, where it peaked at Number 3...

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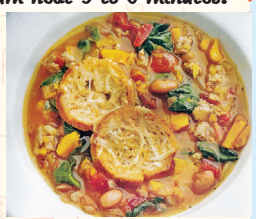
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Hearty Tuscan Soup

~ Serves 8

2 15-ounce cans pinto beans
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 8 ounces Italian turkey sausage
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
 4 garlic cloves
 4 cups chicken broth
 1 1/4 oz. can fire-roasted diced tomatoes, undrained
 1 tablespoon Rosemary Herb Seasoning (such as Pampered Chef™)
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 1 package fresh baby spinach leaves
 16 melba toast rounds
 3 tablespoons shredded Italian cheese blend

Drain and rinse pinto beans. Put half of the beans in a food processor; process until almost smooth. Set aside. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes. Cook sausage 4 to 6 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles. Cut sweet potato into dice. Add onion, sweet potato and garlic to Dutch oven; cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until onion is softened. Stir all beans, chicken stock, tomatoes, seasoning mix, and pepper into Dutch oven. Cover; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium; simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Preheat broiler. Remove Dutch oven from heat; add spinach. Cover; let stand 2 to 3 minutes or until spinach is wilted. Top soup with melba rounds; sprinkle with cheese. Place Dutch oven 2 to 4 inches from heating element. Broil 2 to 4 minutes until cheese is lightly browned. Ladle soup and croutons into bowls.



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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

March Madness Starts Early

If the last weekend of February college basketball is any indication of what the NCAA Tournaments are going to be like this year, bring on the madness! For the first time in Division I history, the top 6 teams in the Associated Press Poll all lost on Saturday, with 8 of the 10 losing games throughout the week. On Saturday #1 Gonzaga lost at #23 St. Mary's, #2 Arizona lost at Colorado, #3 Auburn lost at Tennessee, #4 Purdue lost at Michigan State, #5 Kansas lost at Baylor, #6 Kentucky lost at Arkansas, #9 Texas Tech lost at TCU and earlier in the week #8 Villanova lost at Connecticut. Sense a theme here? All of those games were on the road, which is an incredible coincidence that all these teams would play on the road on the same day, and it shows just how hard it is to win away from home in college basketball.

The State of Iowa had a fantastic weekend with college basketball. #25 Iowa started it off on Friday night by taking down Hoiberg's hapless Huskers 88-78 in Lincoln to improve to 20-3 overall and more importantly 10-7 in the BIG, which moves them into fifth place. Iowa State kept their winning streak going with a huge 74-73 win at Kansas State in which they almost blew a late 10-point lead but were able to hang on for the victory. The Cyclones improved to 20-9 on the season and 7-9 in the Big 12 just a ½ game out of fifth place. Drake picked up a big 62-60 win over Southern Illinois to earn a tie for second place in the Missouri Valley Conference and improve to 22-9 overall. The

as a reason for our decline. The game had an the drama you could ascribe to as the Panthers pulled out a thrilling 102-96 overtime victory behind AJ Green, Noah Carter and Bowen Born, who combined for 76 points and hit big shots after big shots. UNI earned the #1 seed in the upcoming Arch Madness Tournament and, along with Drake, has a great chance at claiming the championship in St. Louis next weekend.

Not to be outdone by the men in the State, the women at Iowa State and Iowa also had huge weekends. #9 Iowa State beat Texas Tech 71-55 in Hilton Coliseum on Saturday to improve to 24-4 in the Big 12 and set up a conference championship game with Baylor on Monday night where the winner clinches no worse than a tie for the Big 12 title. On Sunday, the #21 Iowa women clinched a Co-Big 12 Championship by drubbing #6 Michigan 104-80 in front of a sold-out crowd at Carver Hawkeye Arena. Caitlyn Clark, who is a transcending player and should be the NCAA Player of the Year, put on one of the best shows of her young career, which is saying a lot as she's a constant triple-double threat. Clark scored 38 points, handed out 11 assists and grabbed 6 rebounds in helping the Hawks destroy the Wolverines. Iowa showed they are much more than a one-woman team however, as Monika Czinano added 19 points and Gabbie Marshall chipped in with 14 points.

We are definitely spoiled this year with not only these outstanding basketball teams, but we also have Iowa and Iowa State in the Top 5 of the NCAA Wrestling rankings; not bad for a state that is ranked 31st in total population in the USA. Let's hope these teams can keep this momentum going and create some March Madness to help us Iowans get through this last part of winter!

Mammoths Claim Inaugural Iowa High School Hockey Alliance Championship

The Boji Mammoth High School Hockey team traveled to Des Moines as the number 1 seed securing a first-round bye Friday and would begin their run at the title February 26.

12:15pm Saturday Semifinal versus Des Moines Thunder - the Boji Mammoths (25-7-4) would come out with speed early and control much of the play in the first period. Junior Cale Quiring would get Boji on the board at 4:51 in the first with assist from Junior line mate Pierce Hetland for a 1-0 lead after period 1. The Mammoths would add two more in the 2nd at 10:35 Hetland from Junior Blake Danielson and Freshman Ethan Jerge shorthanded and again at 3:26 Quiring from Junior Dillon Ferguson and Danielson for a 3-0 lead with one period to play. Cale Quiring would add his third of the game for a hat trick at 10:15 and Junior Camdon Cardwell ripped a snapshot over the goalie's glove with 5 seconds remaining to secure the 5-0 victory and send the Mammoths to the Championship game. Brody Madagan made 12 saves for the win. Coach Hetland's take "So excited for these guys. I had no seen the team so prepared to hit the ice all season. They were focused and ready which led to us controlling much of the play with a lot of puck possession and quality scoring opportunities. Another key for us was the ability to kill off a 5-3 shorthanded situation in the 2nd period, even scoring a shorthy, which added to our momentum. All around great team effort". Final 5-0 Win and off to the Championship Game!

12:15pm Sunday Championship versus Quad Cities Ice Eagles - the Mammoths (26-7-4) would set the tone early in the championship game scoring on the 2nd shift at 13:10 with a goal by Junior Camdon Cardwell assisted by Junior Regan Crichton. Three minutes later Junior Blake Danielson would add his first assisted by Juniors Dillon Ferguson and Cale Quiring. Danielson would strike again at 6:57 assisted by Quiring and would complete his natural hat trick at 2:25 unassisted. Josh Wavra would finish the first period scoring for Boji with a goal at :40 assisted by Cardwell and Freshman Ethan Jerge for a comfortable 5-0 lead after one. Wavra would add another at 12:10 of the 2nd assisted by Crichton and Ferguson. Quad Cities would break the shutout at 8:30 capitalizing on a turnover to make it 6-1 however Boji would add a 7th at 6:37 Jerge unassisted. There would be no scoring in the 3rd and the Mammoths would take home the hardware in convincing fashion 7-1. Madagan made 11 saves for the victory. "So proud of the preparation and effort level of our entire lineup. They completed the vision we had set back in October and couldn't be happier for this group. Hockey is a long season and these guys have been busting their tails on and off the ice for nearly 5 months. To have the season culminate with this victory is priceless and something they can cherish forever". Final 7-1 Championship Victory!



A group of hockey players in blue and white jerseys are gathered around a trophy, celebrating their victory. One player is holding the trophy high, and others are cheering and hugging. The background shows an outdoor ice rink with a crowd of spectators in the stands.

The image is a vertical collage of three distinct advertisements.

The top advertisement is set against a black and white photograph of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a striped polo shirt and dark pants, carrying a young girl in his arms. The girl is also wearing a striped shirt. They are outdoors in what appears to be a park or residential area with trees in the background. Overlaid on the left side of the image is the word "inogen" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the words "FREEDOM. TO BE YOU." are written in large, bold, uppercase letters. At the bottom left, there is a paragraph of text: "If you think oxygen therapy means slowing down, it's time for a welcome breath of fresh air." followed by the phone number "1-844-716-2411". In the bottom right corner of the image, the code "MKT-P0253" is visible.

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Say Yes to a Dress

The Say Yes to a Dress prom dress give-away will be held Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00pm until April 9, 2022, at the Grand Avenue Community Outreach (605 Grand Avenue, across from the Pizza Ranch in Spencer). For questions, call or text Judy Taylor at 712-260-7221.



Good Samaritan Society Named One of America's Best Employers

Forbes magazine has named The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society one of America's Best Midsize Employers for 2022. One of the nation's largest not-for-profit providers of senior care and services, the Good Samaritan Society is the only senior care provider to make the prestigious list.



According to Forbes, 60,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees were surveyed by market research firm Statista to compile the list. Participants were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family, and to nominate organizations other than their own. The final list ranks the 500 midsize employers that received the most recommendations.

Headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Good Samaritan Society employs 15,000 people across more than 300 locations in 22 states. The organization integrated with Sanford Health in 2019, one of the nation's largest health systems.

"We have better tools to recruit skilled workers, better strategies for retaining employees and we are more competitive as it relates to benefits and pay," said Nate Schema, Good Samaritan Society president and CEO. "Our employees have reported satisfaction with the changes we've been able to make as a combined organization. We've been able to offer a new bonus structure, provide regular increases and expedite the hiring process - it's why we're stronger together," added Schema.

At the start of the pandemic, the Good Samaritan Society invested in its people. Non-exempt hourly employees received a one-time bonus payment, three months of paid health premiums and PTO flexibility. In 2021, the organization invested millions into direct care pay.

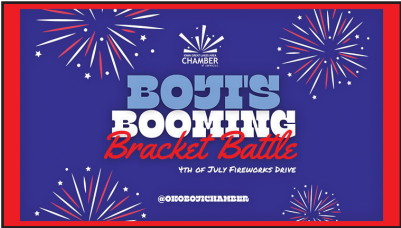
"For 100 years, we have been dedicated to sharing God's love through the work of health, healing and comfort and I could not be more proud of our healthcare heroes," said Schema. "Our staff across the country have built a legacy of care, compassion and quality. We are excited to welcome people who want to make a difference in seniors' lives every day," Schema added.

The Good Samaritan Society was one of the first senior care providers in the nation to announce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all employees.

"This level of protection brings with it some peace of mind and less uncertainty about being exposed, bringing COVID home to your family or to work," said Schema. "After the challenging couple of years, this is having a positive impact on employee's mental health and well-being. We know the pandemic continues to be a concern people have when making employment decisions, and we want our employees to know we are making decisions with their safety as our top priority."

Introducing Boji's Booming Bracket Battle.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to introduce a brand new fundraising event to the Iowa Great Lakes Area. This March Madness inspired bracket battle will help ignite the night this fourth of July and end with a pie in the face of one lucky community member.



On Monday, February 28, at 9:00am, nominations opened and will close Friday, March 4, at 12:00 noon. Who do you want to see pied in the face? All are able to compete in this FUNdraiser for the 4th of July Fireworks celebration - it is up to *you* to decide who. Check out our weekly email, Facebook, and Instagram next Monday, February 28, for the online nomination link.

After nominations will be the elimination round to vote for the Sparkling Sixteen with a photo album on Facebook. Nominees will then be matched up and compete in Boji's Booming Bracket Battle throughout the month of March. Rounds will be held each week in March to narrow down competitors until we reach one final winner. Rounds include: Sparkling Sixteen, Explosive Eight, Fiery Four, Grand Finale Duo

Fundraising begins during the Sparkling Sixteen round when nominees go head-to-head against each other. Donate any amount to help the individual of your choice move on to the next round. Each round eliminates a group of contenders. The final winner will receive a pie in the face. Each round eliminates participants, so make sure to donate for who you'd like to see in the final round. Donations reset after each round.

Let's ignite the night this 4th of July with a booming fireworks display over West Lake Okoboji. Have some fun and help fundraise for this unforgettable show through Boji's Booming Bracket Battle, a "March Madness" themed fundraiser with head-to-head match-ups of community members competing for the ultimate prize of a pie in the face.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated by generations who continue to enjoy this Okoboji tradition. For more information, contact the IGL Chamber at 712-332-2107.

Roses Just Because To Benefit Emergency Services

Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation announces its annual fundraiser, Roses Just Because, has begun. They have teamed up with Ferguson's Floral and Garden Center again to host the fundraiser. Individuals may purchase a dozen long-stemmed roses for only \$25 and help support the purchase of an Emergency Power Ranger at the same time. A selection of colors will be available; however, orders for specific colors are not available.

This year they've also added the option to purchase a bottle of The Lake Awaits wine, which is a limited edition, custom-blend red wine from Round Lake Vineyards & Winery. For an additional \$25 (\$50 total), you can get a dozen long-stemmed roses and a bottle of wine.

For more information and to place orders, please visit: <https://www.averafoundationevents.org/donate-with-search> and select "Other" for Avera Facility and then type in "Lakes Regional Healthcare." Then be sure to specify an amount of \$25 per dozen and put "Roses" in the "Type your fund, program, or event" in the "Select Your Area of Support" section. If you want the bottle of wine added to your order, specify an amount of \$50 and put "Roses and Wine" in the "Type your fund, program, or event" in the "Select Your Area of Support" section, or

Contact Lakes Regional Healthcare Vice President of Human and Foundation Resources Sonja Hamm at 712-336-8791 or sonja_hamm@lakeshealth.org, or

Message Lakes Regional Healthcare through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lakesregionalhealthcare.

All orders must be placed and prepaid by noon on Monday, March 14. Roses will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 13, from 11:00am until 2:00pm at Ferguson's Floral and Garden Center. A variety of colors will be available on a first come/first choice basis.



Mobile Food Pantry in Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, March 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.



Milford Library News

On Wednesday, March 9, at 5:30pm, an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

MML's Young Adult Subscription Box: Avengers: Some Assembly Required will be available on Tuesday, March 8. Fourth through twelfth graders will be assembling a DIY Tesseract, an Infinity Stone Keychain and have a recipe to make Hulk Tacos. Register for this free subscription box by calling 712-338-4643 or online at <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ya-subscription-box-registration.html>.

MML's book club, the Open Book Discussion Group, invites any interested individuals to come and discuss the featured book, Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, on Tuesday, March 15, at 1:00pm. Copies can be found at the library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

MML's Spring Egg Hunt will begin on Monday, March 28. This scavenger hunt is for 4th graders up to adults. Stop by the front desk to get a piece of paper featuring 12 different eggs with pictures from around our library. First you will need to find where each picture was taken. Then you will write down what the object is and where in the library the object was found. Finally, turn in your completed paper for a chance to win a prize. The hunt is over on Friday, April 8.

In a print shop, on equipment once owned by Benjamin Franklin, the first publication of The Saturday Evening Post was on August 4, 1821, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. What started out as a four-page weekly newspaper would turn into a nationally recognized magazine. This publication has informed its readers of the events of the Civil War to Covid-19. As their mission states, "Celebrating America, Past, Present, and Future", they will continue to report what good is happening around us. Come check out this legendary magazine at MML.

Small Grain Silage for Beef Cattle Conference March 17

Livestock producers may view a live showing of the popular Silage for Beef Cattle Conference on Thursday, March 17 at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Sioux County office in Orange City.

The conference focus is how to reduce costs and improve the feed quality of small grain silages. It is hosted collaboratively by ISU Extension and Outreach, Nebraska Extension, and Lallemand Animal Nutrition.

Topics include agronomic management, when to harvest, sorghum silage, fermentation analysis, fundamentals of harvesting, inoculants, and the economics of small grain silage in growing and finishing beef rations.

"The conference is being offered in three ways - in-person at Mead, Neb.; via livestream at the viewer's home; or the downlink live webinar showing at the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office," said Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

To view the conference in person at Mead or online from home, preregister by March 2 at <https://go.unl.edu/silageforbeef2022>.

To view the downlink at the Extension office in Orange City, preregister to Doran at 712-737-4230 by March 14. There is no charge for the program in Orange City, except the cost of lunch. The program runs from 8:30am to 3:45pm, but attendees may come and go, as needed.

For more information, contact Beth Doran at doranb@iastate.edu or call 712-737-4230.

Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the activities and attractions our area has to offer. Join me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore a few of the spots that make the Iowa Great Lakes special!

This week I went line dancing at the Okoboji Barn. A large group gathers on the upper level of the Barn each Thursday evening to dance, and newcomers are always welcome! They also welcome all skill levels, and teach a new dance each week. The goal of the evening is to have fun!

I have no experience line dancing, so I met a few of the dancers a little early to go over some of the basic steps.

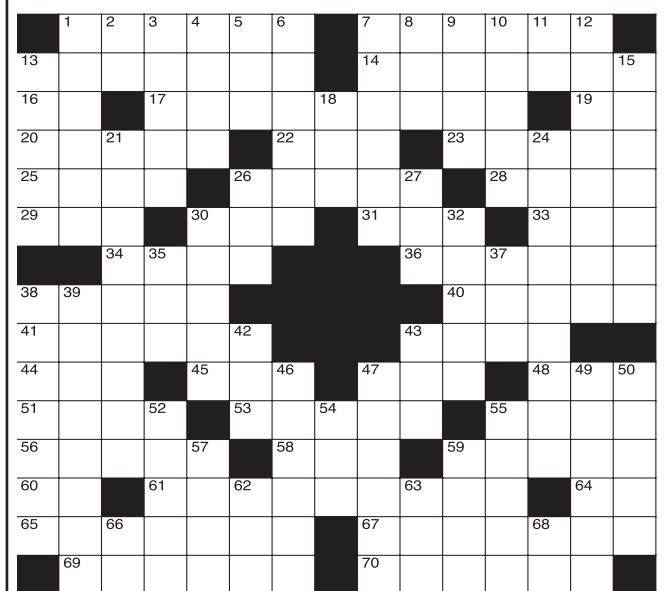
They were very patient with me and reminded me not to worry if I missed a step, it would soon repeat! Dancing starts each week at 7:00pm and there were quite a few "newcomers" this week. The more experienced line dancers made sure to spread out so the newcomers would have someone to follow with each turn. They did a great job of welcoming all skill levels and guiding the new dancers so everyone had fun!

I was thankful I dressed in layers because line dancing can work up quite a sweat! I danced along with a few songs, took a break, and then got back out on the dance floor to dance some more. It was such a fun evening! I learned a lot, laughed a lot, and made new friends. I can't wait to go back and try it again, because I definitely need some more practice on all of the dances. I just hope I remember the steps I learned next time I hit the floor!

The Okoboji Barn is a fun place to grab a drink or bite to eat most days of the week, but make sure you wear your boots on Thursday nights. This is a fun spot in our own back yard to gather with friends and join the fun! Learn more about line dancing and other upcoming event at the Okoboji Barn at www.VacationOkoboji.com.



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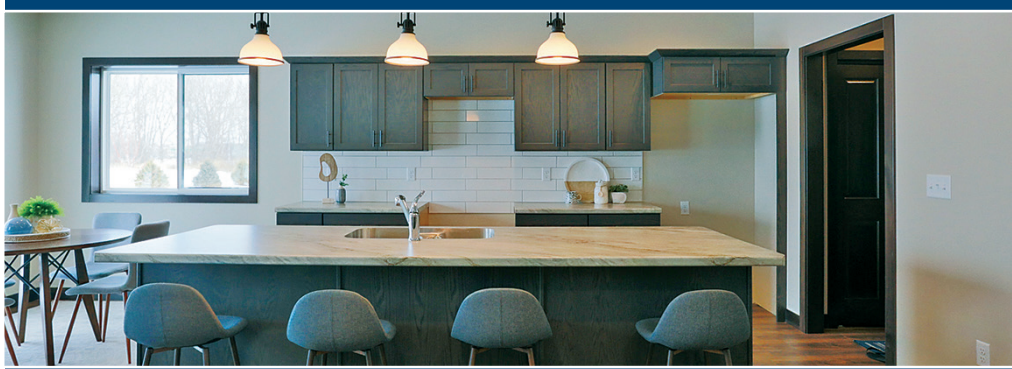


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9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Linear accelerator
11. One quintillion bytes
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Box
14. Cheese dish
15. Make a mistake
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17. Circumference
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21. Independent member of a clan
22. Type of garment
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33. Type of wrap
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37. Molding
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CLUES DOWN

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Salentiny Named to Dean's List

Cedarville University student Rachel Salentiny of Lakefield, Minnesota, majoring in Social Work, was named to the Dean's Honor List for Fall 2021. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.



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Vander Sluis Graduates from MSU

Missouri State University awarded Karrie Vander Sluis of Arnolds Park a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies in fall 2021. The commencement ceremonies took place December 17, 2021, at JQH Arena in Springfield.

Iowa Finance Authority Names Northwest Bank as a Top Mortgage Lender in 2021

Northwest Bank is named a Top Mortgage Lender in 2021. The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) recently announced its 2021 top mortgage lenders. The awards were given to the lending institutions and loan originators who assisted the most homebuyers through IFA programs in 2021.

The Iowa Finance Authority offers mortgage and down payment assistance programs through a network of more than 400 lenders throughout the state. These partnerships allow Iowans both the convenience of working with their local lender and access to down payment assistance programs available exclusively through IFA Participating Lenders.

In 2021, local lenders assisted more than 2,800 Iowans in purchasing a home using IFA programs.

"Homeownership helps families build wealth and achieve financial stability, and I commend our lending partners for assisting thousands of Iowans in achieving this milestone each year," said IFA Executive Director Debi Durham.

"We are happy to partner with the Iowa Finance Authority which allows Iowans in a wide-range of areas access to their affordable mortgage and down payment assistance programs," said Sara Frerichs, Director of Credit Administration, EVP at Northwest Bank. "I could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication each of our team members demonstrated during this past year, working hard to get Iowans into their new home is very gratifying. We are excited to continue to help Iowans obtain their homeownership goals this year."

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing, water quality and agricultural development programs.

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Sydney Hunt, Aiden Holdorf, Zac Fisher

SL Group Improvisation Earns High Honor

The Spirit Lake High School Large Group Speech Team had three groups named as Outstanding Performers for the 2022 season. While the Readers' Theatre and Ensemble groups received this special recognition, the "Comedic Relief" improvisation group earned the additional honor of performing at the All-State Festival on February 19th at The Iowa State Center in Ames. Only 24 groups from across the state of Iowa performed in the Group Improvisation category at the festival. Out of those 24, one is chosen by a professional in this field, as the top performer in the State of Iowa for 2022. Congratulations to "Comedic Relief", of the Spirit Lake Speech Team, for being named as the recipient of the Critic's Choice Award in Group Improvisation for 2022.

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, March 3, in the Good News Estherville Church parking lot. Recipients are asked not to arrive before 4:00pm and to remain in their vehicles — do not line up at the door, because the building will be closed.

If you have questions, call the Food Bank of Iowa at 515-564-0330.



Milford Library News

Youth Corner

March is here, which means Milford Memorial Library has another round of new youth programs. Throughout the entire month, kids in Preschool-4th Grade are welcome to complete a Read Across America BINGO card in different ways. Then starting on March 28, Preschool-4th Grade kids can also complete a Spring Coloring Contest sheet. Both items will be sent to the Okoboji Elementary School and will be available at MML. Prizes will be awarded for both programs.

MML will also have Afterschool Activity and Building Bookworms in March. Afterschool Activity will be at 3:30pm on Thursday, March 10, with the activity being Lego building. Building Bookworms will be at 10:30am on Mondays, March 14 and 28. The first one's theme will be St. Patrick's Day with the craft being a thumbprint pot of gold. The second one's theme will be Pete the Cat with the craft being a paper cat in a shoe.



Cutting Edge Recognized Among Top 50 Walker Dealers

Joe and Jodi Wittrock, center, of Cutting Edge Sales and Services had a wonderful trip to Marco Island, Florida, to be recognized among the top 50 Walker dealers in the world. They would like to thank Walker Mfg. and Walker Mid America for this getaway and their customers for choosing Cutting Edge and Walker mowers. They are pictured with Ted, Dean, Bob and Ryan Walker of Walker Manufacturing.

Free HIV and Hepatitis C Testing Clinic on March 8

Representatives from Siouxland Community Health will be providing free, confidential HIV and Hepatitis C testing at Lakes Regional Healthcare's Community Health Center at 1003 21st Street in Milford on Tuesday, March 8, between 3:30 and 6:00 pm. The blood test involves one finger poke and the HIV test results will be provided within 1-2 minutes. The Hepatitis C test results will be provided in about 25 minutes. Educational materials will be provided, and each person that gets tested will also receive a \$5 Walmart gift card while supplies last.



Most people who have contracted either HIV or Hepatitis C have no symptoms at first. In fact, approximately 13% of people living with HIV in the United States do not know it. Early detection and treatment are crucial to improving health outcomes and preventing the spread of infection so it is important to test. Fortunately, there are medications available to live a normal, healthy life. Everyone aged 13-64 should be tested at least once, and those in high-risk categories are encouraged to test at least annually. Those at highest risk for contracting the diseases are those who have:

- Taken IV drugs
 - Engaged in sex work
 - Been raped
 - Had tattoos or piercings at places not certified or practicing hygiene standards
 - Are male and have had sex with another male
- No appointment is necessary to receive these tests. Anyone can get tested for HIV. It is important to note, however, that it takes three months for a positive HIV test to show up after an encounter that may increase a person's risk of contracting HIV. Those interested in getting tested for Hepatitis C must meet at least one of the qualifications below:

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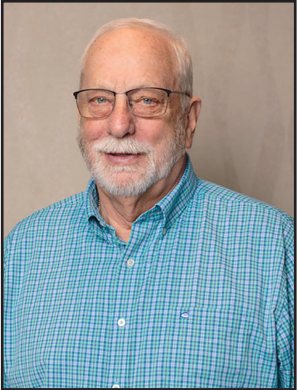
Imagine Iowa Great Lakes Organization

Imagine Iowa Great Lakes (IIGL) would like to thank Robyn Hubbard for her years of service on the Board of Directors for Imagine Iowa Great Lakes. Robyn contributed to the organization in many ways, but, one of the most notable was the development of the arches on the promenade in Arnolds Park Preservation Plaza. It was her vision and experience that moved this project forward and we now have this beautiful nature walk to thank her for. This summer, you will see this plaque on the trail, this is our way to thank Robyn for her contributions. Among other things, Robyn was also very passionate about the Minnie Queen and its interactive play features. We attribute the success of East Lake Park to Robyn's vision and seeing the details through.

In addition, we are happy to announce the appointment of Michele Goodenow to the board of directors. Michele will be stepping down as the Executive Director of IIGL. Larry Arndt, pictured, was hired as the Project Manager and Supervisor last fall and he will be the first point of contact for Imagine Iowa Great Lakes moving forward. He is responsible for overseeing projects and coordinating maintenance work. Larry reports directly to the board. "He has been a perfect fit and a great addition to the Imagine team," said John Franken, Board Chairman.

A little bit about Larry. In 1994, Larry and his wife, Mary, moved from Wall Lake to Spirit Lake. They had 2 children move with them and they both worked at several businesses at the lakes during the summer. Ben and his wife Sara live in Sioux Falls and have 2 children, Fletcher and Finley. Their daughter Dr. Sarah Arndt Von Harz lives in Iowa City with her 3 children Maddie, Ethan and Liam. Larry and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Larry has been in agriculture his whole life and when they moved to the Lakes, Mary started her own business called the Finish Line and was remarkably successful with quality paint and wallpapering jobs with many of the great people in the Lakes area.

They enjoyed helping in so many ways at Wall Lake, with the city, schools and church where they lived for 19 years before moving to their current residence at the lakes. "Working with the Imagine Iowa Great Lakes group affords me a chance to get involved here in the Lakes community and I get to help keep our communities beautiful with all the great work of Imagine. I believe that I have the time and experience to achieve the goals with the board of Imagine IGL and I will be happy to field any calls that anyone may have in the future," said Larry Arndt, Project Manager.



Pioneers Win Tournament

OYBA 6th grade won the SESD Bball Winter Frenzy Tourney on February 26th by going 3-0 vs Minnesota-Lincoln, Sioux Falls Sanford Power and the Brookings Bobcats.

Above are the Pioneers: (row 1) Rhyker Wright, Lincoln Wolf, Adam Berglund (row 2) Hudson Berning, Kaeden Schilling, (row 3) Colton Johnson, Jake Neuharth, (row 4) Grayson Groeneweg, Dexter Peters. Coached by Shane Neuharth and Scott Berglund.

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Feroni Named to Dean's List

South Central College (SCC) announced that Kaitlen Feroni, of Lakefield, Minnesota, has been named to their Dean's List for the 2021 Fall Semester, which ran from August - December, 2021. The Dean's List includes students who have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher and completed at least 12 credits that semester. Because the President's and Dean's Lists have different criteria, students may be named to both in the same semester.

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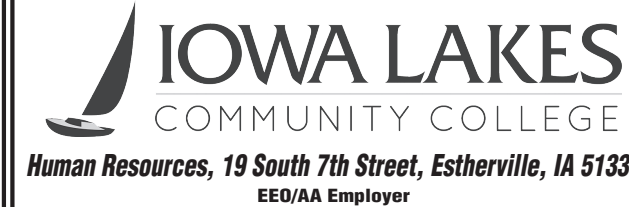
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The clinic provides care for people from children through adults who are experiencing common, everyday illnesses. It also provides work, school, and sports physicals. When labs or x-rays are needed, most are available at no cost to the patient. The clinic also assists with the cost of prescriptions. Generally speaking the clinic does not provide care for chronic illnesses or orthopedic issues; nor does it provide maternity care.

While the clinic is located in Estherville it is not limited to people living in Estherville or Emmet County. It is open to anyone who has a need the clinic can serve and who is uninsured or unable to use their health insurance.

The clinic, located at 205 N 7th Street, is open one night a month, usually on the second Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm. Due to COVID restrictions it is now by appointment only. Appointments can be made beginning the Thursday prior to the clinic date until noon the day of the clinic by calling 712-209-1213. This means that for the March 2022 clinic session, currently scheduled for March 8, appointments can be made by calling from 10:00am to 8:00pm March 3 through 7 and from 10:00am to noon on March 8. The clinic is scheduling 6 appointments per session.

The clinic is served by a licensed physician and nurse practitioner, nurses, and support staff. Since its beginning the clinic has logged over 2,000 patient visits. The clinic is affiliated with the Free Clinics of Iowa, which is a network of free clinics in Iowa. It also participates in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program run by the Iowa Department of Public Health and is a part of Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. a community action agency serving a twelve county area in northwest Iowa.

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Ice Fishing Tournament Reeled in \$12,193 in Camp Scholarships

Sutherland, Iowa – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Camp Autumn hosted their 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser at Camp Autumn on Saturday, February 12, 2022. One-hundred and fifty anglers participated in the event along with twenty-six sponsors. In total, \$12,193 was raised for Camp Autumn's scholarship program and \$5,000 worth of in-kind donations were handed out as tournament prizes, kids' giveaways and to help feed all participants.

The tournament held categories for bass, crappie, and other pan fish. Many attendees caught at least one fish, with some catching a dozen or more. In the Kid's Single Biggest Fish category, there were two winners, both catching 14-inch crappie. The Snook's Ice Hole Challenge winner caught a 13.25-inch crappie.

"Even though it was a chilly day, we truly appreciate all those who participated in and donated to this event," said Dan Ries, CEO and President of Seasons Center. "The support we received this year was remarkable! It was great seeing so many people wanting to help make a difference for our kids. These funds will provide many scholarships for children to attend camp this summer."

The event was supported by the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club which coordinated and judged the tournament, as well as provided ice shacks, poles, and gear for individuals or families who did not have ice fishing equipment. Other event sponsors included: Stan's Bait & Tackle, Oak Hill Outdoor, No Limits-Spencer, Snook's of Okoboji, Great Lakes Guide Service, Mud On Main Coffee House & Roastery, Hy-Vee, Everly Lions Club, Royal Lions Club, Northwest Bank, Northwest Wealth Management, Johnston Autostores, Vander Haag's Inc., AgState, Pella Windows and Doors, Community State Bank, Rembrandt Foods, Evertek, Inc., Valero Renewable Fuels, Demco - Dethmers Mfg. Company, Nolin Milling, Inc., Security State Bank, Catch of the Day - Handmade fishing lures & jewelry, Shuck's Lures and Hopkins Insurance, Inc.

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Free Virtual Training for Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents

Seasons Center and the Family Support Center will host a free virtual training for Foster, Adoptive & Kinship families on Saturday, April 23rd, from 9:00 – 11:00am. The training will be led by Shari Simmons, MSW, LCSW.

As an author and motivational speaker, Shari Simmons' passion and expertise leaves families inspired and equipped with tools to manage trauma, stress and relationships.

She has been a foster parent herself, and works with many foster/adoptive parents in her private practice. During this training, Shari will discuss topics such as: tools & strategies for parenting foster/adoptive youth, how the limbic brain operates in children, and how to identify the need beneath behaviors.

"I saw Shari Simmons speak last year, said Sherri Huizenga, Family Support Center Permanency Support Specialist and foster and adoptive mother. "She is a wonderful speaker with a powerful message. We are thrilled to have Shari share her expertise, experiences and inspirational message with the foster/adoptive community."

The training will occur virtually via Zoom. Online registration for the training is available at <https://bit.ly/34Vdn08>. Registration links can also be found on the Events page of the Seasons Center website (www.seasonscenter.org) or on the Seasons Center Facebook Events page.

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Iowa Lakes Announces Cast for Spring Musical: Mamma Mia!

The Music Department at Iowa Lakes Community College has announced the cast for the upcoming community production of Mamma Mia! The show will feature more than forty actors and actresses, including Iowa Lakes Community College students and adults and children from northwest Iowa and Minnesota. In addition, the performance will feature a complete pit orchestra comprised of Iowa Lakes Community College students and community members providing live music.

"The cast is a wonderful mix of seasoned performers as well as brand new talent taking the stage for the first time," said Carol Ayres, Iowa Lakes Professor of Music. "We had many talented singers and actors audition for this musical. We are fortunate to live in an area that has such a wealth of incredible performers!" Mamma Mia!, a musical based on songs by the Swedish pop group ABBA, has been seen by over 65 million people worldwide in more than 440 major cities. The legendary musical features upbeat music centered on love in the modern age, which can sometimes be complicated.

Set on a small Greek island, Sophie Sheridan, played by Iowa Lakes student Isabel Nichols of Graettinger, is getting married soon. Her dream is to have her father walk her down the aisle. The problem? Sophie does not know who her father is! Her mother, Donna Sheridan, played by Iowa Lakes alumni Serena Lynch of Estherville, is the former lead singer of a 1970s group, "Donna and the Dynamos," and refuses to talk about her past.

Finding her mother's diary, Sophie discovers she has three possible fathers: Sam, performed by Iowa Lakes alumni Nick Steinkle of Estherville; Harry, played by Iowa Lakes Spanish Professor Michael Nichols of Graettinger; and Bill, represented by Iowa Lakes alumni Doug Stueven of Spirit Lake. She secretly invites them all to the wedding, convinced she will know her father when she meets him.

Also invited to the wedding are bridesmaids, Ali, played by Iowa Lakes student Haley Hallengren of Milford, and Lisa, performed by Iowa Lakes student Vanessa Reardon of Spencer. And of course, the other Dynamos singers are invited: Tanya, played by Iowa Lakes alumni Mindy Truong of Spirit Lake, and Rosie, performed by Iowa Lakes alumni Lorie Irwin of Estherville.

Sky, the groom, is played by Iowa Lakes student Will Block of Spirit Lake. The groomsmen are Pepper, played by Iowa Lakes student Kaleb Burbridge of Spirit Lake, and Eddie, performed by Iowa Lakes student Cole Danner of Estherville. Other friends of Sky's, involved in the wedding festivities, are played by Iowa Lakes students from Estherville, Camden McKenney, Marcus Dykstra, John Tiller, Blake Bixby, and Cullen Bixby.

Other noteworthy cast members are Liz Bixby, Ebba Bjornstad, Reagan Clabaugh, Natalie Henriksen, Josephine Kapinga, Vanessa Moww, Aila Nowlin, Zane Poss, Hailey Schneider, Jessica Strom, Lily Strom, Madalen Strom, David Swanson, and Katy Wilson.

Mamma Mia! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI at www.mtishows.com.

Mamma Mia! will be performed on April 7, 8, & 9 in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus at 7:30pm. To purchase tickets for the performances, visit iowa-lakes.ticketleap.com.

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Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy Discussed at ILCC Trustee Meeting

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees met Tuesday afternoon for their regularly scheduled board meeting.

During Tuesday's meeting, Robert Leifeld, Vice President of Administration, presented on the Career Academy Incentive Fund Grant for the new Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy.

"The Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy will increase access to career and technical programming options in high-demand fields for the Estherville Lincoln Central, Harris-Lake Park, Okoboji, and Spirit Lake school districts," said Leifeld.

Iowa Lakes Community College and the partnering school districts worked collaboratively to determine the program offerings and additional STEM-related courses available at the Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy beginning in the Fall of 2022.

During Leifeld's presentation, Iowa Lakes Trustees viewed new and modern design elements and proposed renovations to the Spirit Lake Campus, including high-technology laboratories, fully interactive and student-centered classrooms, and state-of-the-art, advanced simulation software.

"In addition to partnerships formed with the participating school districts, Iowa Lakes has secured partnerships with businesses who have committed to supporting the Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy through work-based learning opportunities," said Leifeld.

Leifeld also noted, "Additional school districts have the opportunity to partner with Iowa Lakes to take advantage of the programming options offered through the Spirit Lake Campus Regional Career Academy. Interested school districts should contact Kari Hampe, Director of High School Partnership for Iowa Lakes Community College."

Jolene Rogers, Executive Director of Community and Business Relations, presented new 260E job training preliminary agreements. The Board accepted the agreements.

Rogers also shared that Iowa Lakes Community College has received its fourth Employer Innovation Grant Award of \$46,000. The new grant award will fund certificate opportunities for twenty high school or high school equivalency students to complete the Global Wind Organization Basic Safety Training.

Beth Elman, Executive Director of Marketing, presented a recap of student events and activities on the campuses of Iowa Lakes during the spring term.

A public hearing was then held for the FY 2023 Published Budget. Following the hearing, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2023 Published Budget and the FY 2023 Campus Housing and Meal Plan contracts and rates. The Board also approved a resolution to authorize the redemption of the 2016 general obligation bonds.

The next meeting of the Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at the SERT Facility, Snap-on Conference Room, 2421 7th Avenue South, Estherville, Iowa, at 4:30pm.

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