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**Tues., March 22 - 10:00AM -**  
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**Wed., April 6 - 10:00 AM -**  
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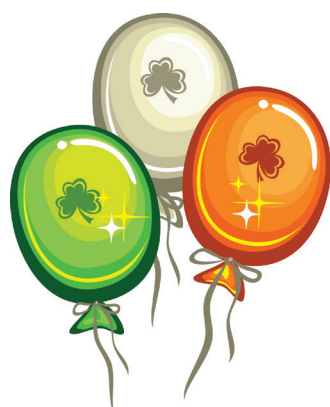
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**Respite Angels**

The Respite Angels fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022, at the Masonic Lodge in Estherville, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Quarts of homemade soup to take and heat will be available for \$9 a quart. Baked goods and other assorted items will be available for purchase.

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## Melissa Etheridge to Headline Okobojo Blue Water Festival Concert

by Steve Weisman, Okobojo Blue Water Festival Publicity Director  
Another exciting piece of the puzzle for the 2022 Okobojo Blue Water Festival is now in place with the announcement of Melissa Etheridge as the headliner for the Saturday, August 13 evening concert. Recognized as one of rock's most enduring and favorite female singer-songwriters, Etheridge, whose raspy, smoky voice continues to make her one of America's favorite performers, will continue the Festival's reputation for drawing big name acts to the concert stage.



"We are proud to bring Melissa Etheridge to Okobojo to culminate our event," said festival co-chair Greg Drees. "She has sustained a more than three-decade career of excellence." The Festival, which is an all-day family event to raise public awareness of water quality issues in the Iowa Great Lakes, is always highlighted by an evening of musical celebration. Etheridge will perform with her band on the new stage in Preservation Plaza at the Arnolds Park Amusement Park. "The concert is our way of wrapping up the day of water quality education," added festival co-chair Julie Peterson.

Just a month earlier, Drees and Peterson announced Chad Pregracke as the 2022 Okobojo Blue Water Festival keynote speaker. At the time, Drees noted that Pregracke is "truly one of the country's most dynamic speakers on the environment, and we know he will present a strong message for people to take home with them. His enthusiasm is contagious and his work ethic unparalleled. He will have festival patrons on the edge of their seats."

Meet Melissa Etheridge - Etheridge is an artist of conviction and the author of confessional lyrics, reflecting on her experiences as a breast cancer survivor and the architect of the Melissa Etheridge Foundation, which dedicates monies for research into opioid addiction.

Etheridge's early career blossomed quickly with the release of her self-titled first album in 1988. She accomplished memorable songwriting achievements, such as "Ain't It Heavy," which won her a Grammy Award in 1992. The following year, she won artistic and commercial critical acclaim with her fourth album, "Yes I Am." That collection included "Come to My Window," the searing song of longing that won her a second Grammy for Best Female Rock Performance.

Etheridge's career remained vibrantly relevant into the next millennium, and in 2007 she won the "Best Song" category at the Academy Awards for "I Need to Wake Up," written for a noted documentary on global warming, An Inconvenient Truth. Three more albums, "This is M.E." in 2014, "Memphis Rock & Soul" in 2016 and "The Medicine Show" in 2019, her 15th studio recording, solidified Etheridge's standing in the industry as a steadfast and creative artist. Never one to sit on her laurels, Etheridge released "One Way Out" in 2021, a collection of songs she wrote in the 80's and 90's that never made the cut. But they have now, and Etheridge fans can take a journey back in time to get a glimpse of her past.

According to Drees, "The Okobojo Blue Water Festival welcomes Melissa Etheridge to the concert stage on August 13, 2022! Music lovers of all ages are invited to this free event to showcase one of rock's best-loved performers."



## 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 the Pizza Ranch in Spencer). For questions, call or text Judy Taylor at 712-260-7221.

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**UNCHARTED** [PG-13] Tom Holland Mark Wahlberg  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**Dear Editor,**

The world suffers in empathy for the innocent lives lost in Ukraine due to the Russian invasion. Additional and more personal suffering looms in the U.S. and the free world as the conflict threatens global energy supplies, markets and our pocket books: Russia holds Europe in an energy bind as the supplier of nearly 40% of its gas supplies and uses this European energy dependence as a weapon to subjugate Ukraine and other former Soviet republics.

Fortunately a group of Republicans lead by H.R. McMaster, senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Center and former US National Security Advisor under Trump, and Republican Senator Kevin Cramer propose a solution: a joint US/Europe carbon border fee on polluting Russian goods. Such fees - also referred to as border carbon adjustments - would levy a tax on high carbon polluting goods such as aluminum and cement from Russia as well as China. These fees would incentivize Europe to import lower-carbon goods made in the U.S. with higher environmental standards, including U.S. liquefied natural gas, cleaner than Russian gas. This policy would undermine Russian President Putin's power to coerce Europe amidst the unfolding Ukraine crisis. And it would also be good for our climate as it aligns well with a border adjusted carbon fee and dividend (HR 2307) endorsed by most economists to address that crisis.

**Jane Shuttleworth  
Okoboji, Iowa**

## Abbie Gardner Sharp Collection Open House



In recognition of the 165th anniversary of the Spirit Lake Conflict, the Dickinson County Museum is hosting an informal Open House highlighting artifacts and archives related to Abbie Gardner Sharp Thursday, March 10, from 9:00 - noon. At 10:00, there will be an opportunity for story sharing about Gardner and the Abbie Gardner Cabin and a showing of some of the objects from the collection. Many of the items in the Museum's collection were gifted by the Iowa State Historical Society when renovation work was done on the Gardner Cabin in 1974. Items in the collection also came from Gardner's great-grandson, Albert Lea Gardner III.

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"Each day our healthcare team is committed to achieving the very best outcomes for our patients and community," said Bill Bumgarner, Spencer Hospital president. "The recognition is appreciated, but even more valued is the dedication of our healthcare team, medical staff, volunteers and other members of our local healthcare community. They perform the work and extend the caring that has resulted in achieving this level of excellence."

The nation's top 100 mid-sized rural hospitals are recognized annually by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's respected designations of performance excellence for mid-sized hospitals, the annual Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® developed by iVantage Health Analytics. The Top 20 designation is offered by the National Rural Health Association based on the iVantage analysis.

"Being among such a small group of mid-sized hospitals nationally to perform at this high level year-over-year clearly shows that patients throughout northwest Iowa can place their trust in Spencer Hospital," said Bumgarner.

iVantage identifies top performing hospitals by aggregating hospital-specific data for over 36 service and outcome variables across eight pillars of performance, resulting in an overall hospital strength index. The majority of data used in the study is derived from public sources. Areas in which top hospitals particularly distinguish themselves include quality and outcomes; patient satisfaction; costs and charges; market share; and financial stability.

"By earning special national recognition for seven consecutive years, it demonstrates the consistency of commitment and performance by Spencer Hospital's healthcare team," Bumgarner said.



## 80th Birthday Announcement

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**To The Editor:**

It's amazing how Mr. Yarns and his fellow Democratic geniuses are still blaming the previous administration for all of the problems going on in the world today. These problems are self-inflicted wounds created by Biden and the current leadership. They blame oil prices on Covid-19 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The average cost of a barrel of oil over the year in 2018 was \$65.23, in 2019 it was \$56.99, and in 2020 it was \$39.68. In January 2021, when Biden took office, oil was \$47.62 and due to his policies has just continued to rise. As of March 1, 2022 that cost is \$103 per barrel. Today I put 13 gallons of gas in my vehicle for \$43, one year ago that cost was \$24.69. I can only imagine the cost to fill a semi these days. In 2020 the United States exported more oil than it imported, making the United States a net annual petroleum exporter for the first time since 1949. In 2020 the United States produced an average of 18.4 million barrels of oil per day. Today, thanks to Biden's energy killing policies, we are only producing 11.8 million barrels per day. Biden cut off the supply and demand has not gone down. That is why the cost is out of control, not the pandemic, not the Russian invasion. With the stroke of a pen Biden killed the supply of oil and with the stroke of a pen he could fix the supply of oil and bring the prices down. During the last year we have been importing oil from Russia and Putin has been making billions of dollars, money he is now using to invade Ukraine. Over the last few days Biden has been imposing sanctions on Russia, yet as of today, March 1, 2022, the United States is still importing 540,000 barrels of oil per day from Russia. How do you sanction Putin yet continue to buy his oil? I ask you, who's in Putin's pocket? We could be energy independent and suppling the world with oil and natural gas instead of Putin. I would agree that as a country we need to start looking at alternative options for our energy consumption. However, we can't even keep our energy grid going without rolling blackouts even with the use of fossil fuels. How about getting our energy infrastructure fixed before we start winding down the use of fossil fuels? During his SOTU speech Biden had a chance to pivot, but instead just continued down the same road of more spending is needed. We can't spend our way out of this mess. Huge government spending is what is contributing to these high inflation rates. Even Democrats have been commenting on what a jumbled mess the SOTU speech was. Governor Reynolds gave a great rebuttal speech laying out ways to turn things around. Mid-term elections can't come soon enough. Biden is a total buffoon and the Democrats can see the writing on the wall. So far 31 Democrats in congress have announced they will not be running for re-election and 2 others running for re-election as Republicans.

**Don Origer  
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**St Patrick's Day will Rock**

The Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association will be hosting a St. Patrick's Rock the Pavilion concert featuring the music of The Itty Bitty Boji Band, on Thursday, March 17, at the Majestic Pavilion in Arnolds Park Amusement Park. Doors will open at 5:00, with the concert from 6-8:00.

The show is co-sponsored by 2021 Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Spirit Award winner Connie Valens; Jason Grinnen of Exit Realty Midwest; and B-N-J Karaoke. Grinnen will serve as guest emcee for the evening. The show is presented by the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association and Museum, located adjacent to the Iowa Welcome Center at Arnolds Park, and is open year-round. More details are available @ IowaRockNRoll.com

The St. Pat's fun is just the beginning for what could be one of the best tourist seasons in several years. Dick Bauman Big Band leader Greg Forney let us know over the weekend that the DBBB will be returning to the Pearson Lakes Art Center's Pomerantz Hall, on Memorial Day, to perform every Monday night through the summer months, except the 4th of July. The DBBB has been playing each summer since 1997. Forney said he expects the band membership will be very similar to last year...

**Emmetsburg's Mainstreet Community Theatre** is also announcing its cast for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, which will be staged March 25th, 26th, and 27th, and April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The cast will include Jacob Neff as Chip Torrentino; Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniene (Schwartz), as Paige Schuller; Leaf Coneybear, by Andy Stolley; William Barfee, by Rich Hall; Marcy Park by Livie Gordon; Olive Ostrovsky by Courtney Cook; Rona Lisa Peretti by Jamie Neff; Douglas Panch, by Kirk Haack, and Mitch Mahoney by Jen Meyer. Comfort Counselors include Lauren Thomas, Gina Cowden, and Cynthia Berkland. Longtime director Jackie Van Oosbree noted that she is "excited to welcome these new and returning actors to the MSCT stage," adding that Neff starred in the one-man show, *That Wonderful Life*, just before Christmas. She cited Haack as "Our Go-To Tenor" and added that Courtney Cooke did her first show with the MSCT 22 years ago. She also praised Co-Director Denise Hack as "having performed or directed more plays than I can remember." Show dates are March 25-27 and April 1-3, with curtain at 7:00 each evening...

Research director RD usually comes up with a unique item or two each week for your edification and pleasure. This week is no exception. Today is Unique Names Day, and RD has done her job well for this holiday, noting a Virginia-born jazz and pop singer was born with the name Dorothy Jacqueline Keely, who you probably remember better as Keely Smith. In 1959, she and then-husband Louie Prima qualified for a Grammy Award with their hit, *That Old Black Magic*, that remained on the charts for 18 weeks. Incidentally, Wednesday would mark the 94th anniversary of Keely's birth... Saturday, March 12th was the day in 1959 that *By the Time I Get to Phoenix*, by Glen Campbell, won a Grammy not only for the Best Record of the year, but also Best Album, in the 10th Annual Grammy Awards. Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) logged the song as being the most performed song in the half-decade between 1940 and 1990. Some of the other versions included the work of Toots Thielemans (1968), Bobby Goldsboro (1968,) and Susannah McCorkle, on her 1985 album, *How Do You Keep the Music Playing?* Daylight savings time begins on Sunday. RD says that should happen with the song, *When the Sun Comes Out*. (And, of course, she is always right!) The song was written by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehler, and first released by Helen O'Connell in 1941. Through the decades it has been covered over one hundred times by artists such as Jeri Southern (1958), Julie London (1966) and most recently, by Nikki Parrott on her 2012 CD, *Summertime*. Now how's that for timing? This public service announcement is brought to you as a reminder to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn out the lights on Saturday night. Otherwise you'll be late for whatever you have planned for Sunday and maybe even Monday!

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The Ying Yang Twins are an American hip hop duo consisting of Kaine (born Eric Jackson) and D-Roc (born Deangelo Holmes). The group 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, Ying Yang Twins became more popular with party singles "Salt Shaker", "Wait (The Whisper Song)", "Shake" and "Badd."

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# Doege to Preside at ILUUF

Reverend Lisa M Doege will be presiding over the March 13 service of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. As Lent begins for our Christian friends, family and neighbors and as the vernal equinox approaches, her sermon "Out of Sync" will talk about balance and rhythm and the urge to sync our lives (or not) with the season, with our culture, with our own heart and spirit.



Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am with the service beginning at 11:00am. Visitors are always welcome and can request a Zoom invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website [www.uuokoboji.com](http://www.uuokoboji.com).

Rev. Doege grew up attending Unity Church Unitarian in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the congregation that ordained her in 1994. She holds degrees from Hamlin University and Harvard Divinity school and has served UU congregations in Texas, Indiana, and Minnesota.

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

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# Obituaries

**Darryl K. Halling** passed away Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Sibley Community Hospital.

Darryl was born August 17, 1938, in Storm Lake, Iowa. His parents were John Ernst Halling and Sybil Dokken Halling.

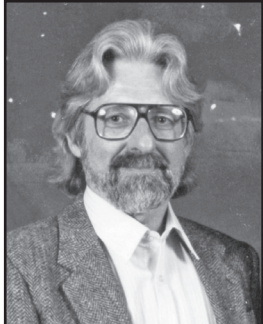
Darryl spent his growing up years in Storm Lake with his two brothers, Wayne and Gene, enjoying all activities surrounding all things with the lake.

Darryl graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1956. From there he earned a degree in Geology at The University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Having known of The World School System through The Department of Defense, he passed this goal teaching two years at Charles City, Iowa. After his two years, he obtained a teaching position in Ethiopia, Africa, where he hunted wild boar; from there onto the Philippines, Japan, Turkey, Germany and England. He was later offered a position with his office in London. He was the science and outdoor education coordinator for nine countries in the Atlantic Region, which were our Army and Air Force based schools. In that time, he became active in one of the first "Outward Bound" programs. They educated the troubled youth through camping, hiking, outdoor survival and mountain climbing. This changed their mindset away from their problems. Being a very charismatic guy, he enjoyed meeting many dignitaries from all over the world. He enjoyed conversations about his job and his travels. During that time he earned two more degrees relating to his field.

He married Amy Ralston in Madagascar in 1991. They settled near London where he continued his profession. After retiring in 1994, he returned to Iowa where he enjoyed hunting and fishing with brother Gene. Darryl was active in many causes here at the Lakes including Lakeside Lab and water quality control. He was an avid hunter, loved the outdoors and he really preferred bow hunting. Darryl was preceded in death by both parents and an older brother, Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Ralston, younger brother Gene, as well as nieces Stacey Halling Caskey and Julie Halling Hoefling of Spencer.



# Obituaries

**Marjorie "Marge" Wollner** April 17, 1928 - March 1, 2022

Marjorie Ann "Marge" Wollner died on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at Accura Health Care of Milford Accura Health Care of Milford, of complications of a stroke and declining health.

Marge was born on her mother's birthday on April 17, 1928, in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to Hugh and Gertrude (Connors) Mehan. She was raised in Catholic schools and graduated from Emmetsburg Catholic High School. Upon graduation, she worked as a bookkeeper at a local implement business until marrying Ed Wollner on January 17, 1950, at which point she became a homemaker and helped manage the farm's operations.

Ed and Marge were married for over 70 years. Theirs was a special love story and their children can't remember a single argument. They farmed very successfully in the Terril area for 45 years. Despite not being from a farm background she became the ultimate farm wife working actively on the farm. Upon retirement, Ed and Marge moved to Milford where they enjoyed many happy years while still remaining close to the Terril community and their many friends there.

Marge was active in many organizations. They included the Terril American Legion Auxiliary; the Semper Fidelis club; her kids' school activities; and her church circle. She especially enjoyed her 60 plus year bridge club with her good friends.

Marge was a very kind and caring person. She was a very loving and supportive wife and a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She is survived by her son John and daughter Joan (Jeff) Williams. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Nick (Aly) Williams, Natalie (Steve) Kakaty, Ed and Derek Wollner; her great-grandchildren, Beau, Nolan, and Conley Williams and Olivia Marjorie Kakaty; sisters-in-law Tootie Mehan and Julie Wollner; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ed; her parents, Hugh and Gertie Mehan; her in-laws, John and Della Wollner; her daughter-in-law, Ginger Wollner; her brother, Bill Mehan and sister and brother-in-law Marilyn and Dick Carpenter; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Margaret and Kenny Kenyon, Josephine and Norv Elbert, Mike Wollner, and Lois and Joe Wollner; her niece, Ann Wollner and her nephew, Bob Mehan.

Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home [martinmatticefuneralhome.com](http://martinmatticefuneralhome.com)



# Obituaries

**Timothy Edward Kelly** September 3, 1956 - January 20, 2022

Timothy Edward Kelly was born to Margaret (Maine) Kelly and Patrick Kelly of Estherville and Spirit Lake, Iowa, along with seven siblings. He passed away while in hospice in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Tim had a diverse work history throughout his life and was proud to call several places home. After graduating from City High in Iowa City, Iowa, he worked as a welder and carpenter in New Orleans, Louisiana, and lived in Spirit Lake, Iowa, for over ten years where he had numerous friends who affectionately called him "Rocky."

Tim later lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Honolulu, Hawaii; California, Florida and New Mexico. Though a gifted cabinet maker and accomplished in many fields, he attained degrees in Information Technology (IT) from New Mexico State University and IT Management from Polk State College, Florida. Tim's work history includes long-term positions at Xerox, AT&T, Queen's Medical Center and many nonprofit and service positions including Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Clark's House - a ministry serving homeless Veterans. Tim's final position in Albuquerque was as a Senior-level Engineer for IDEMIA - a law enforcement identity system for the State of New Mexico. He was also a long-time member of the Blazing Fire Church in California.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas Maine (Uncle), Sheila (sister), and Kevin and Sean (brothers). He is survived by his brother Patrick Kelly of Costa Mesa, CA; sister Theresa Kelly (Randal Hamana) of Honolulu, HI; brother Brian Kelly (Heather) and family of Springfield and his sister, Bridget Ann Kelly of Albuquerque.

Tim loved outdoor physical activities including running, tennis and hiking. His exacting yet gentle sense of humor was best experienced when he was sharing his collection of classic films and television. He was a deeply kind and generous man to his final days. God was integral in Tim's life, and it showed in his personal interactions with others as well as in his love for nature. He took a sunset walk nearly every evening, enjoyed frequent excursions to remote parts of the Southwest and enjoyed the care and feeding of local hummingbirds.

Tim was a dedicated worker, loving brother, loyal friend, and devoted Christian who supported a number of charities world-wide. In keeping with his generous spirit, Tim donated his body to the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in hopes that his experience with Uveal Melanoma can benefit the lives of others. It was a gift to have known and loved Tim and our love for him will remain in our hearts forever. A celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date.



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## Cowboy Cookies

~ Makes 50 to 52 cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt. Stir in the oats and set aside. In the bowl of a mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans until incorporated. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, spoon the cookie dough onto baking sheets, leaving room between each one. Gently press each ball down to slightly flatten. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.



Recipe Courtesy of: "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye

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There are still many more chances to win. The promotion will run until April 6, 2022, or until all prizes are claimed. Prizes will total over \$2,300. The complete set of rules are published on our website: [LakesNewsShopper.com](http://LakesNewsShopper.com).




### MTN Dew® Outdoor Grant Awarded to New Local Non-Profit for OkoboTree Project

Spirit of Okoboji is excited to announce it is a recipient of a MTN DEW® Outdoor Grant. The local non-profit will use MTN DEW® Outdoor Grants funding to focus on getting the OkoboTree project off the ground – a project intended to extend the longevity and beauty of trees in the area through visual art and preservation.

As part of the MTN DEW® Outdoor Grants program, MTN DEW® recently awarded forty \$5,000 grants (\$200,000 in total) to nonprofit organizations that champion the great American outdoors. The goal of the MTN DEW® Outdoor Grants program is to support community nonprofits in need of funding by giving back to organizations like Spirit of Okoboji that help protect and preserve the spaces where outdoor enthusiasts pursue their passions.

Spirit of Okoboji is launching OkoboTree this spring. The project will kick off with the commissioning of an Iowa-based visual artist to create sculptures from expired trees in the area. Trees are currently being identified and will be located in public areas for the community to enjoy. An announcement regarding the artist and specific tree locations will be made by early April.

With a heritage steeped in the great outdoors, MTN DEW has long committed to protecting the lands we love and has contributed over \$1.25 million in donations to date. MTN DEW® congratulates the 40 winners of the 2021 MTN DEW® Outdoor Grants Program, including Spirit of Okoboji and OkoboTree!

Spirit of Okoboji is a local nonprofit based in Spirit Lake, Iowa, that seeks to enhance life and the spaces in the community with new innovative ideas and out-of-the-box ways of doing things. Their mission is to make lives better by creating and fostering opportunities in the Iowa Great Lakes region to offer to residents.

Shown above with the MTN DEW® Outdoor Grants check is Spirit of Okoboji President Tim Kinnetz along with OkoboTree committee members Ed Purdy and Kathy Fahy.

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The cost of the tournament is \$30 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those aged 15 and younger. The Extended Contest is only an additional \$20 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to catch a fish worth thousands this summer!

In addition to the tagged walleye, there are also fantastic prizes for the heaviest stringer of 3 walleye, heaviest northern pike, heaviest stringer of 5 panfish, and heaviest stringer of 10 bullhead. Well over \$3,500 in prizes for the largest fish contests will be available.

Walleye Weekend officially begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 7th, and concludes at noon on Sunday, May 8th. Visit [www.okobojichamber.com](http://www.okobojichamber.com) to get registered today. Registration forms will also be available at local bait shops leading up to the tournament.

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Vanessa Treviso is in the area sharing a message we need to effectively navigate through life during these challenging times of uncertainty and purposelessness. The Jackson County libraries welcomed local author and speaker Vanessa Treviso to bless the community with her book, *God Has a Purpose For You*, and to talk about the most important discovery in life – the discovery of purpose. Individuals, families, parents and children, students, all are welcome. The first event is a business leadership session to empower you to capture ideas and produce what your generation needs, whether it's an invention, art, books, or a business. The other events are for all ages, giving special attention to children and young readers age 7 and up.



Vanessa's academy and talks provide education and encouragement to train and transform followers into leaders through the study and application of God's principles.

His purpose, His nature, and His precepts. Vanessa started putting those principles in books to lead young people to discover the reason for their birth and develop self-belief, self-concept, self-worth, and high self-estimation. She believes we are responsible for what happens here and the next generation needs knowledge and the security of understanding who they are, why they are and what they can do.

*God Has a Purpose For You* is the first book in a series designed to help readers find their purpose and to activate the hidden ability within them. Available in English and Spanish – check them out at the library or buy them at Lisa's Bake Shop (Spirit Lake), the Barn Swallow (Okobojo), or RegentKings.com. Pictures used in the books are on display at the libraries. Refreshments will be served at all events. Register with the host library.

**Jackson**  
• Everything Begins as an Idea - Tuesday, March 15, 5:30pm, Jackson County Library (Jackson, MN). Hostess: MacKenzie Schley. Come meet Vanessa and be inspired to change your life and shift from your job to your life's work. Vanessa will talk about the power of ideas and share her experience writing and starting a global publishing company. Bring a pen and notebook. Sign-up at the library or call 507-847-4748.

• The Wealthiest Spot on Earth - Saturday, March 19, 10:30am, Jackson County Library (Jackson, MN). Hostess: MacKenzie Schley. For everybody with a focus on children and young readers. Join us at the library to make kids art and read the book with Vanessa. Sign-up at the library or call 507-847-4748.

**Heron Lake**  
• Discover Your Life's Purpose - Wednesday, March 23, 5:30pm, at the Heron Lake Library (Heron Lake, MN). Hostess: Sunny Osland. For everybody with a focus on children and young readers. The discovery of your purpose is the discovery of you. It's about discovering who you really are and becoming all you were born to be. Join us to learn about purpose and read with the author Vanessa Treviso (previously Gade). Sign-up at the library or call 507-793-2641.

**Lakefield**  
• The Power of Purpose - Thursday, March 24, 5:30pm, at the Lakefield Library (Lakefield, MN) Hostess: Kathy Wegner. For everybody with a focus on children and young readers. Everything in life has a purpose. Nothing exists without a reason. Join us to learn the most important question in life and read with Vanessa. Sign-up at the library or call 507-662-5782.

Listen to the Morning Juice with Mathew Grisham KKOJ— 97.7 FM / 1190 AM to hear Vanessa talk about Purpose and Destiny. Listen online at [www.kkoj.com/search/keywords:vanessa.treviso](http://www.kkoj.com/search/keywords:vanessa.treviso). For more wisdom to effectively navigate through life: [Facebook.com/VanessaJeanTreviso](https://www.facebook.com/VanessaJeanTreviso), [Youtube.com/KingdomLifeClass](https://www.youtube.com/KingdomLifeClass)

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## Milford Library News

Milford Memorial Library would like to congratulate our Blind Date with a Book Winners. Our youth winner was Landon and our adult winner was Doug. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this event.

Join MML for our Adult Craft Series as we make an Embroidery Hoop Bunny on Wednesday, March 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Milford Memorial Library. This craft also comes in kit form. The kit will include a wood embroidery hoop, fabric, yarn and instructions. The cost for this craft is \$5.00 and registration is required. You can register by contacting the Milford Memorial Library or online by going to <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>.

Fourth through twelfth graders are welcome to join us at Arnolds Park Public Library on Tuesday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for Y.A.D.O., Young Adults' Day Off. Young Adults will be creating glow-in-the-dark clings, eating pizza, and watching the movie Ghostbusters: Afterlife. Cost is \$5.00 for materials. Register by calling Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or Arnolds Park Public Library at 712-332-2033. Registration is required.

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 1:00 p.m. Copies can be found at the library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

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>.

Monday, March 28, through Friday, April 8, MML's Spring Egg Hunt will be taking place. Fourth graders through adults are encouraged to come look around the library and locate objects from the Spring Egg Hunt sheet. Once completed and turned in at the library's front desk, names will be entered into a drawing.

On Wednesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.



## Preservation Effort Launches in Conjunction with 165th Anniversary of Spirit Lake Conflict

March 8, 2022, marks the 165th anniversary of the 1857 Spirit Lake Conflict. A newly created 501(c)3 non-profit has formed with the intent to preserve the landmark where the significant events took place. Friends of the Abbie Gardner Cabin Historic Site intend to lead a preservation effort in Arnolds Park, Iowa.



"Our goal is to preserve for posterity the sacred site and meaningfulness of this significant story," says President, Anita Bomgaars. "This date marks the 165th anniversary of the clash of cultures, consequences and conciliation that turned a tragic event into a magnificent commemoration of pioneer history. We need to keep that story alive." The newly formed group is coordinating efforts with the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, who manages the cabin owned by the State of Iowa. The original Gardner cabin, standing in its historic location, is one of Iowa's most historically consequential attractions, and is in need of restoration. Mrs. Abigail Gardner Sharp bought the deteriorating cabin in 1891, attempting to preserve the cabin for future generations. She operated it as a museum for the next 29 years, sharing the dramatic story of her capture and captivity by the Dakota leader, Inkpaduta.

In addition to the kickoff of preservation efforts, State of Iowa Archeologist, Dr. John F. Doershuk, is planning an on-site dig at the site this summer. Various opportunities will be available for the community to participate in the dig and learn about artifacts connected to the site and its history.

The Friends of the Abbie Gardner Cabin Historic Site are undergoing fundraising to preserve the cabin and enhance the museum with additional interpretative features. To learn more or to donate, please visit the group's website [AbbieCabin.com](http://AbbieCabin.com) or search Facebook for Abbie Gardner Cabin where you can follow developments and watch for updates.

For questions about this press release or additional information, please contact Anita Bomgaars at 712-441-2889.

## Way to go Boji Blizzard Bantams!

The Boji Blizzard Bantams traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, over the weekend to play in the Omaha Stampede Tournament. They came out with a 2-2 record to win the 3rd place trophy, with a 5-2 win against the Hyland Hills Jaguars, 1-3 loss to the Yankton Miracle, 0-6 loss to Iowa City Jr. Heartlanders, and a 6-0 win against the Fremont Flyers.

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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:**  
I would like to set the record straight regarding some of the comments made in a previous Letter to the Editor about a Carbon Dioxide sequestration pipeline proposed to go through northwest Iowa. Summit Carbon Solutions has proposed capturing carbon from industries which expel carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. A statement was made that "energy should stay or be generated in, not out of Iowa. I would agree with that statement as Iowa has numerous ethanol and bioenergy plants which use corn or soybeans grown by Iowa farmers. Those industries, many which are Iowa investor owned, are adding to the GDP of Iowa. What are the risks of the pipeline? The pipeline being proposed would be mostly 16 inches in diameter. The trench for the pipe will be one and a half times that diameter, thus disturbing less ground. Disruption of the soil will be minimal, but any reduction in yield will be paid for through the first 3 years and any tile will be first located before even having a trencher touch the soil. Any CO2 sequestration pipeline will go under tile lines. Any claim that the CO2 is being used for extracting oil is false. The geological formations relevant to CO2 storage are located 150 miles from primary Bakken oil fields to the northeast of the Summit Carbon storage facility. Let's keep energy plants in Iowa going to provide better markets for farmers who this year face input costs nearly twice as much as last year. No farmers - no food, fuel and fiber.  
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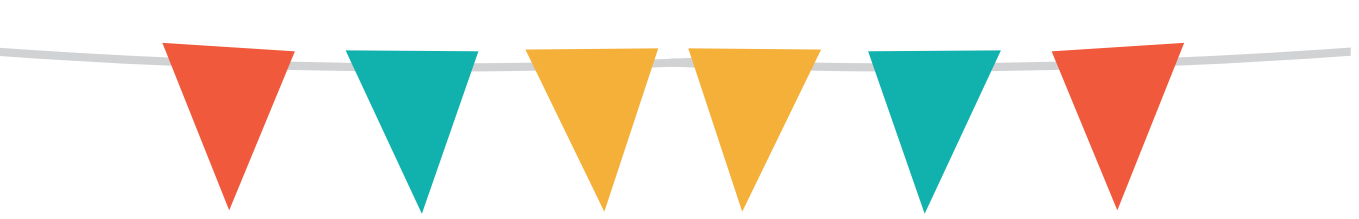
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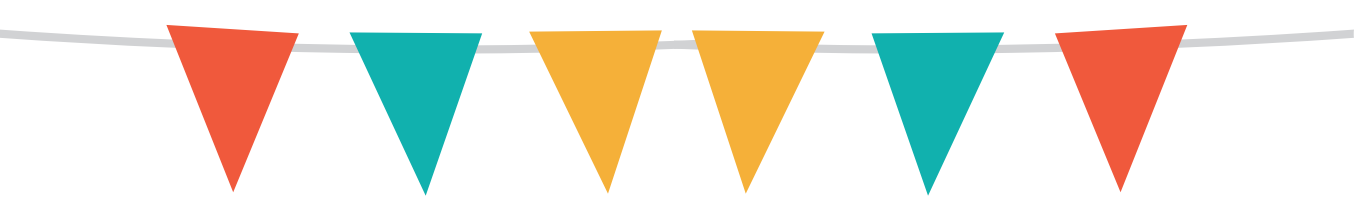
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**Winter Games 2022 Bean Bag Tournament Check Presented**

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber presented a check for \$1,000 to the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club last Thursday, February 24th. Funds were raised during the 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games Bean Bag Tournament held on Saturday, January 29, 2022, on West Lake Okoboji in front of The Gardens. Sixty-four 2-person teams competed in this fun-filled tournament raising funds for the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club and their annual projects focused on helping families and youth in our community. Thank you to Tom Noah, John Hight, and the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club for their leadership during this year's tournament.

The 43rd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games are scheduled for January 26-29, 2023. Mark your calendars and be sure to visit [www.uofowintergames.com](http://www.uofowintergames.com) for updates and information on how you can get involved in the annual frigid family fun.

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 First row: Katie Beth Clements, Janik Varner, Oliver Schaub, Croix Howard, Harrison Keonin, and Aiden Hanson.  
 Second row: Ayden Myers, Harvey Joe Olson, Emelynn Toft, Tyson Kullman, Hayden Baker, Ryder Erdmann, Addison Raveling, Joe Grimmus, Zaiden Swanson and Caleb Bradham.  
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## Parks Marina Charitable Donation Events Surpass \$50,000 Following Winter Games Weekend

Each year, locals and tourists head to the frozen lakes to celebrate Winter Games, a unique weekend full of wintry festivities. At this year's 42nd annual Winter Games, Parks Marina beat many of its charitable records, with the Battle of the Bartenders event, held January 27, raising over \$18,500 in one hour alone—doubling the amount raised in 2020.

"We were blown away by the outpouring of support this year," Debbie Parks, Marina District director of marketing, said. "It's an event that continues to bring us together as a community and supports great causes at the same time."

Attracting over 20 bars and restaurants and thousands of attendees at Parks Marina, the Battle of the Bartenders pitted the area's best mixologists in a head-to-head, best drink competition. Attendees were encouraged to sample the cocktail creations and tip for their favorites.

The Marina was proud to present 3 checks to charities and causes selected by the winning teams— The Hutt Bar and Grill in Arnolds Park in first place, Johnny's Pub of Lake Park in second and The Ritz in Okoboji in third — who split the total amount raised. Fifty percent of the proceeds went to the Plueger Family, 30 percent to Awakening Grace in Spencer, Iowa, and 20 percent to The CASA Women's Shelter. Over \$50,000 has been given to selected charities since the event began in 2013.

Other Winter Games fundraising activities at Parks Marina, the Barefoot Bar, the Gardens and Okoboji Boat Works were nothing short of successful, with over \$3,000 going to charities and organizations, amounts varying. Selections this year include the University of Iowa Stead Children's Hospital, the Pure Fishing Foundation, Lakes Community Animal Welfare, Hope Rolls and the Northwest Iowa Humane Society.

While Winter Games is one of its largest charity events, opportunities for giving are year-round at the Marina.

"We make it a priority to host multiple fundraising initiatives throughout the year as well as support most gift requests we receive," Parks said.

In October, Parks Marina announced a donation to the Spencer Hospital Abben Cancer Center in Spencer, Iowa, as part of its doubled-up fundraising effort between the sales of a limited edition Barefoot Bar t-shirt and a featured "Booby Drink" at Snappers Turtle Bay Cafe. With the combined proceeds of these sales plus a generous donation of \$2,500 from Titos, Parks was able to donate \$3,300.

Two months later, the Marina wrapped up its much-anticipated Boatload of Toys fundraising event, which has since 2008 accumulated over \$45,000 worth of toys donated to families during the holiday season. Beginning in November every year, Parks encourages community members to bring in new, unwrapped toys to Marina District locations, all of which are distributed through Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) as Christmas gifts. This year, Parks received over \$4,700 in donated toys.

In addition to event-focused fundraising, Parks Marina pledged \$12,500 to the Bedell Family YMCA, which was generously matched plus an additional \$1,933 by Bill and Kristin Fenech, Barletta Pontoon founders, resulting in \$26,933 as a total donation.

To stay updated on future fundraising efforts, go to Parks Marina's Facebook Page. To learn more about how you can contribute to future events, email [marketing@parksmarina.com](mailto:marketing@parksmarina.com).



## Spirit Lake to Host Contest

The Spirit Lake Music Department will be hosting the Iowa High School Music Association's Solo/Ensemble Contest on March 26 at Spirit Lake High School. Vocal and Instrumental Students will travel from across NW Iowa to perform for adjudication. Music Directors Luke Miller (Vocal) and Tyler Pedersen (Instrumental) are looking for community members that would be interested in volunteering for part of the day to assist with the festival. Interested parties should email: [lmiller@spiritlakesd.org](mailto:lmiller@spiritlakesd.org) or [tpedersen@spiritlakesd.org](mailto:tpedersen@spiritlakesd.org) for more information.

## Northwest Financial Corp Earns Top Workplace USA

Northwest Financial Corp. has been awarded a 2022 Top Workplaces USA! This award celebrates nationally recognized companies that make the world a better place to work together by prioritizing a people-centered culture and giving employees a voice. The Top Workplaces USA award is based entirely on feedback from an employee engagement survey completed by employees of participating workplaces.

"Companies need to authentically represent their brand to job-seekers," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "The employee experience needs to be on the mission-critical list. Leaders who embrace a people-first culture will benefit greatly. By giving employees a voice and showcasing your authentic culture through employer branding, organizations can attract those job seekers who complement their culture. Culture drives performance."

Greg Post, President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp. commented, "Receiving a Top Workplaces USA award is the ultimate compliment for our organization. At Northwest Financial Corp. we pride ourselves in hiring people who want to be part of an engaging and innovative team. We believe our team is what creates a great company. I am proud to share that our organization is filled with talented employees who are given the opportunity to grow and develop their skills, encouraged to share ideas for process improvement, continually provide first class service and go out of their way to support and improve the communities in which we serve and live in. Our management's focus on attracting and retaining the best people to work for our company results in becoming an Employer of Choice. We ask ourselves; how can we add value to our employees and what do we do as a company that is unique? We look for people who are team-oriented, engaged and community focused, and who are interested in growing personally and professionally."

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**An open letter to Governor Reynolds**  
On March 1, 2022, I watched your State of the Union response. I agreed with a lot of what you had to say, but when you made the statement that, "You should not have to wake up every morning and worry about the next thing the government is going to do to you, your business or your children," it hit my heart.

In September 2021, we received certified letters from Summit Carbon Solutions that either we voluntarily sign a forever easement for access to our farmland or it will be taken by Eminent Domain. We were in total disbelief that this could happen to us. As you said in your speech, "It seems like everything is backward." I agree. Six months ago, CO2 pipelines and fighting for our right to our own land were the farthest thing in our minds. Now it is everyday-all day that Iowa farmers worry about the special interest groups taking our farms with Eminent Domain and destroying our rich Iowa soils.

You also said the Iowa state motto is, "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." Does this not pertain to the hundreds of farmers and landowners of Iowa? We have the right to own private property and not have it taken from us.

Another quote from you, "Americans are tired of a political class trying to remake the country into a place where an elite few tell everyone else what they can or cannot say, what they can and cannot believe." Does this not apply to the farmers and landowners?

This boondoggle pipeline project is proposed by a private company and being paid for by elite political influencers, including Bruce Rastetter, Terry Branstad, Jess Vilsack (Tom's son) and now the biggest oil driller in North Dakota, Harold Hamm, to name just a few.

After the February 16th pulling of SF2160, it seems this big money game has gotten to most of Iowa's lawmakers. You too, Governor Reynolds. Who are you working for? The landowners of Iowa, or big Money?

One last quote from you, "I've put faith in Iowans and they haven't let me down." Now the question is, are you letting us down?

You pride yourself on being an Iowan, so stand up for the farms of Iowa and do the right thing. Stop eminent domain for private gain and stop the CO2 Pipelines.

**Vickie Beck**  
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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**Letter to the Editor:**  
I would bring back energy independence. Our economy depends on our energy. You cannot run an economy without fossil fuels. We are now spending a billion dollars a day for oil from Russia. Our dollars are helping to fund the atrocities that are happening in the Ukraine. Rather than exporting it, we are paying huge money to import it.

I filled my car a couple days ago and gas was \$3.49 a gallon, two days later it was \$3.69. This increase will not stop. Our nation's security and our own economy depend on our independent fuel supply. If president Biden had a brain, he would begin our own independent fuel supply again. It would solve many of our problems.

I would get to the bottom of the Durham investigation that has proof that Hillary was the mastermind behind the Trump-Russian debacle. Spying on a president is a serious crime. You do remember Watergate, don't you? Stand up Justice.

I would support our Law enforcement so that cities could get back to normal and have some crime control. The Border Control would be just that. Control. We would not have thousands of illegals, crime intent, diseased, infected people coming across our borders when you and I are mandated to use masks and prove a vaccination. Is that consideration for our own citizens? I don't think so. It doesn't take too much of a brain to figure that out.

I would take the time and decent consideration to meet with the citizens who have a viable issue like the truckers who are responsible for transporting all the goods that we need daily. Are they important? They sure are, but Canada doesn't see it that way. It doesn't take rocket science to figure this out. It takes someone who is willing to use their brain. It is about time that we use ours and vote for people who care about the good people of this country before the voting voice of individuals is void. We have been content and asleep way too long. We are paying the price of our indifference. The adage: Take control of your life or someone else will, has come to pass. I admonish you, if you care about this nation of ours, listen to something other than the network news to get a balance on things. There is such a thing as Fake News you know.

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by Bill Brandt, owner and operator of Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC

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- The following are the CSA share choices:
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- We intend to deliver 20 weeks/times for your enjoyment of our boxed produce half or full share but wish to have an understanding that our growing season can be unpredictable and have included the 17 week minimum. Deadline to purchase a CSA share is May 1, 2022.
- The following fruits and vegetables will be available sometime during the 2022 growing season in the CSA box share: apples, asparagus, beans-green, beets-red or golden, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage-green or

red, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chard, cucumbers-slicers-burpless-pickling, eggplant, \*garlic, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce-leaf green-red-romaine, onions-red-yellow-white, peas-sugar snap, peppers-sweet bell-hot, pie pumpkins, potatoes-red-white-Yukon, rhubarb, radishes, \*raspberries, rutabagas, scallions, shallots, summer squash-yellow, sweet corn, tomatoes, winter squash- 10 varieties, and zucchini.

Our business is offering our community members another choice/ means of accessing good food. Good food does two simple things. Good food tastes better and good food nourishes our body. Nothing is better than the first taste of a vine ripened tomato or that first ear of fresh sweet corn or for that matter, anything grown in the garden after a long cold winter!

Just as important as these two simple things is the idea of knowing exactly where your CSA box share of food was grown.

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The following will be our delivery schedule for the 2022 growing season: Windom on Tuesdays, Spirit Lake, Milford, and Spencer on Wednesdays, Jackson on Thursdays, and Worthington on Fridays. Farm pick-up is also an option.

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## ISU Extension and Outreach Offers Teacher License Renewal

Reality TV often features contestants demonstrating skills as they live in the woods, race through an obstacle course, or compete in challenges on an island. However, in the reality of everyday living, financial literacy skills are far more important for survival and are now required for high school graduation, says Carol Ehlers, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

That is why Ehlers encourages K-12 teachers to register for the upcoming "Small Change: Building Financial Security for Educators" online course starting Wednesday, March 30, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

The course content is embedded in the financial literacy standards of the Iowa Core 21st Century Skills and Social Studies, and connects participants with curricula, resources, and school-based programs for elementary, middle, and high school levels. Educators can earn one Iowa License renewal credit.


"Financial literacy skills are important at any age, but the younger you develop the skills, the more time you have to reap the benefits. When we teach youth personal financial skills, they gain a solid foundation for a lifetime of financial independence and decision-making," said Ehlers, who specializes in family wellbeing.

The online course supports the effort to increase Iowa students' financial literacy, as the state added a personal finance course as a graduation requirement beginning with the graduating class of 2021.

The educator course focuses on making more informed decisions about financial management and building greater confidence to make small changes that can make a difference. Thanks to a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, Iowa teachers partner with Extension and Outreach to complete the course. Participants explore lessons that are timely and relevant to themselves personally and to their classroom.

Lesson topics include:

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  - Complete at least 4 of 12 gamified online lessons covering financial topics.
  - Complete assignments to promote financial literacy and connect with resources.
- "Educators explore research-based resources that look at strategies for handling and managing debt, how to use various financial services, how to create a personal insurance plan, ways to examine how choice of career and lifestyle will affect personal financial planning, and much more," Ehlers said.
- The "Small Change: Building Financial Security" course features vetted curriculum and resources. It is offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach with seed funding support from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.
- The course fee is \$25 to ISEA members and non-members. Those who do not need license renewal credit may register and audit the course for a \$10 fee.
- Register online by March 25 at <https://event.me/wyxGAE> or search for Small Change Online at <https://isea.org/course/>. Space is limited.
- For more information, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humanities/small-change>.



## Human Resources

Be a part of the excitement at Historic Arnolds Park! For over 130 years, Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. (HAPI) has been a place for families to create memories. We are seeking to build our leadership team with individuals who are focused on achieving the highest standard in guest experience. If you love to put smiles on people's faces, please apply today.

The Human Resources Coordinator plans and executes the staffing, training, and employee relations and development of Historic Arnolds Park. You will work directly with department heads to staff both our seasonal and year round needs of the business. A commitment to providing a high level of guest experience will be required as you will be assisting in establishing training and monitoring performance expectations for team members, along with assisting the organization with various administrative activities that include complying with all federal, state, and local employment laws and regulations. Qualified applicants will have a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 2 years' experience in Human Resources or an equivalent combination of experience and education. Strong written and verbal communication skills along with problem solving and critical thinking skills are a must. If you are organized, friendly, able to work under pressure, and enjoy delivering a quality guest experience please apply today.

**Qualified applicants, please send resume and references to [bobbie@arnoldspark.com](mailto:bobbie@arnoldspark.com).**

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## Pioneers Win Rock Valley Tourney

The OYBA 6th grade boys were the Rock Valley Tournament Champions on Saturday, March 5th, defeating Rock Valley Orange, Boyden-Hull and Rock Valley Black.

Front: Grayson Groneweg, Lincoln Wolf, Adam Berglund, Mason Hoffman.  
Back: Coach Scott Berglund, Colton Johnson, Dexter Peters, Kaeden Schillinger, Rhyker Wright, Jake Neuharth, JD Gravert, Coach Shane Neuharth.



## Okoboji wins RV Tournament

The Okoboji 7th Grade OYBA Team won the Rock Valley Chamber Tournament on Saturday, March 5th. The Pioneers defeated Sioux Center, Rock Valley and Western Christian to earn the title.

Winning team: Dillon Lindgren, Miles Wasson, Camden Vonk, Trey Vander Pol, Kade Nissen, Asa Jacobsen and Dalton Vinke.

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## Cosmetology License Recertification Course

Iowa Lakes Community College will offer a cosmetology license recertification course called "Styling Your Way to Greatness" on Sunday, March 20, 2022, on the Spencer Campus. The series includes a four-hour styling class and a two-hour law and sanitation course.

"Stacy Besch, a successful salon and spa business owner for 20 years, will be instructing the classes. Besch has taught continuing education for cosmetologists for over 15 years. Her passion has been to motivate others in her industry. She has captured audiences with motivational and inspiring presentations that have them organizing their lives, taking more risks, and making a difference in the lives of others," said Teresa Ball, Career & Pathway Navigator at Iowa Lakes Community College.

The "Styling Your Way to Greatness" course will focus on new styling techniques for everyday looks to the latest and greatest wedding styles, geared to educate stylists at any level. This four-hour styling class will be held from 8 am to noon and costs \$90 using course number 5889.

The two-hour "Cosmetology Recertification: Iowa Law and Sanitation" class will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 pm, for \$55, using course number 5888. Participants will learn sanitation rules and Iowa cosmetology laws through a fun game show format while meeting the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences requirements for two hours of Iowa Law and Sanitation continuing education.

The fun-filled classes "Styling Your Way to Greatness" and "Cosmetology Recertification: Iowa Law and Sanitation" are available separately or as a package deal. The package deal costs \$135 using course number 5890 includes a catered lunch.

To register, visit [iowalakes.edu/ce](http://iowalakes.edu/ce) or call 800-252-5664. The deadline to register is March 15.

## Iowa Lakes Corridor to host Quarterly Investor Meeting

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) will host its first 2022 Quarterly Investor Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 4:00-5:00pm, at the Spencer Golf & Country Club. The event will feature speaker Aaron Brossoit, CEO of Golden Shovel Agency.


Brossoit is a founding member of Golden Shovel Agency (GSA). He began as the Vice President of Business Development and filled the COO position prior to becoming the CEO. After earning his Bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University, Brossoit co-founded a digital marketing agency in central Minnesota – a company he ran for ten years before joining GSA.

The Corridor will host Brossoit for its first Quarterly Investor Meeting of 2022 to discuss current marketing trends, the future of marketing and what that means for economic development in our region.

"It is exciting to bring Aaron to the region to discuss economic development marketing," said Corridor President & CEO Shannon Landauer. "As we consider our competition as a region, it is important to know what our competitors are doing and how the industry is evolving using technology. Telling the story of opportunity in the Corridor for both businesses and talent is key to our success!"

"The marketing industry is constantly changing," shared Corridor Coordinator of Administration & Communication Alyssa Petersen. "Aaron will give us a glimpse of what is coming and how we can best utilize the current tools and trends to benefit the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region."

The Quarterly Investor Meeting is free to attend for all Corridor Investors, but RSVPs are required. Please contact the Corridor office at 712-264-3474 or [info@lakescorridor.com](mailto:info@lakescorridor.com) to reserve your spot.

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