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The Burning of the Greens is one of the many favorite traditions of Winter Games, and we need your help to make it happen! Once you've had the chance to fully enjoy your holiday decorations, we would love to take your Christmas tree and other live greenery off your hands! Drop your natural Christmas tree, wreath, or any other greenery (without any lights or decorations) off to the trailer in the main Arnolds Park Amusement Park parking lot or at the Dickinson County Expo Building parking lot in Spirit Lake. Special thank you to Diamond Concrete for donating the storage containers!

In just a few weeks, we'll transform your holiday greenery into one amazing bonfire during the University of Okobojo Winter Games Burning of the Greens & Fireworks Extravaganza, sponsored by Bank Midwest, to be held on Preservation Plaza at Arnolds Park Amusement Park on Saturday, January 28, at 6:30pm.

We'll announce the winners from the various events, the 8 cheerleaders will show you what they're made of, then those same 8 people will ceremoniously 'LIGHT! THAT! FIRE!'. Stay to watch the fireworks display, enjoy the night kite show, and celebrate all of the fun from the weekend's festivities.

We hope to see you at the 43rd Annual University of Okobojo Winter Games presented by GrapeTree Medical Staffing January 26-29, 2023. For more information on getting involved in the Winter Games fun, please visit www.uofowintergames.com or [Facebook.com/UofOWinterGames](https://www.facebook.com/UofOWinterGames) for updates.



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MARINA DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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THURSDAY | JANUARY 26th

5pm Locals "Pre-Games" Party with Winter Games Cheerleaders - NO COVER!

6-7pm The Barefoot Bar's 10th Annual Charity Battle of the Bartenders sponsored by Red Bull hosted by Parks Marina and The Barefoot Bar featuring Crown Royal, Captain Morgan, Smirnoff and 21 Seeds Tequila

6:30pm Good for Gary on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

8:30-11:30pm Crown Royal Safe Ride Bus shuttle available - FREE

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show

11am Snappers Turtle Bay Cafe Open

2pm Boat House Bars open | Muff Wader Tap Truck open

5pm Tristan Marquardt on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

8pm Johnny Holm Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

7pm-12am Crown Royal Safe Ride Bus shuttle available with wristband

SATURDAY | JANUARY 28TH

ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show

Helicopter Rides

Barefoot Blowout Clothing Sale - up to 75% off!

Winter Games Photo Wall

Hanging Bar Competition

Muff Wader Tap Truck in The Boat House

8am The Barefoot Bar & Boat House bars open

Flag Football on the pond sponsored by Parks Marina

10am Red Bull Ice Scramble Hot Laps

Quad/Motorcycle Studded Ice Race Shootout presented by Parks Marina

Snappers Open

Food Truck, Trackside Bar & Red Bull Ice Bar open at Barefoot

11am Lonesome Losers on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

DJ Aveni at The Barefoot Bar with Red Bull DJ Truck

Red Bull Ice Bar and Shot Ball

11am-12am Crown Royal Safe Ride bus shuttle available with wristband

11am-1pm Kid's Fun Zone:

Great Plain Zoomobile sponsored by Tot Spot Daycare

Cy meet and greet sponsored by A&M Laundry

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11am-5pm Inflatables and Trike Obstacle Course sponsored by First Premier Bank

Mini Golf Course sponsored by Liberty National Bank

Casting Contest by Pure Fishing. All age participation - win prizes!

Bean Bag Toss and Tubing Hill

Red Bull Winter Bar and DJ at The Barefoot

Human Dogsled Races sponsored by Parks Marina and Doll Distributing.

1pm The Fishheads on the Volvo Penta Boat Club Stage

2pm Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Exile Brewing Co. in the Boat House

2:30pm Rylan Fowler Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

4pm Arm Wrestling Competition in the Boat House sponsored by Bousquet Construction

8pm Pop Rocks on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

SUNDAY | JANUARY 29TH

Snappers Open

THURSDAY | JANUARY 26TH

8am-5pm West Boutique is Open

Noon The Fish House is Open!

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

7am-2pm O'Farrell Sisters is open. Serving all day breakfast and lunch @ 11am

Noon The Fish House at Okobojo Boat Works is open in Smith's Bay on West Lake

8am-5pm West Boutique is open with New Winter Fashions and up to 75% off select summer fashions perfect for winter vacays!

7pm Josh Quirin in The Fish House

SATURDAY | JANUARY 28TH

7am-2pm O'Farrell Sisters is open. Serving all day breakfast and lunch @ 11am

8am The Fish House Open

C-Store open with food by Buffy (spaghetti tacos & pulled pork)

Broomball Tournament in Smith's Bay

9am-5pm West Boutique is open

12-7pm Karaoke & dance tunes with Big Nacho

11-12:30pm "Strut Your Mutt" Dog Show sponsored by the Humane Society & Arnolds Barkery

1-2:30pm Smooching Races sponsored by Exit Realty - consists of teams of three, all wearing a pair of shoes attached to a set of two 2x4s. Sign up proceeds donated to Hope Rolls

SUNDAY | JANUARY 29TH

7am-2pm O'Farrell Sisters is open. Serving all day breakfast and lunch @ 11am

11am The Fish House is open! Sunday Funday, all drinks half price, ALL DAY!

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FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

11am Gardens is open

9:30pm Music with the Rylan Fowler Band

SATURDAY | JANUARY 28TH

9am Gardens is open

Deckside Ice Bar sponsored by McCormack

Noon Music with The Sheet

1pm Bean Bag Tournament sponsored by The Gardens

4pm Keg Toss - sponsored by Doll Distributing and The Gardens.

5pm Music with The Jeremy DeWall Band

SUNDAY | JANUARY 29TH

11am Gardens is Open! Sunday Funday, all drinks half price, ALL DAY!

2-6pm Music with Sounds Fishy

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PIONEERS WIN OKOBOJI CHALLENGE - The Okoboji 7th Grade OYBA team won the Okoboji Challenge this past Saturday. The Pioneers went 3-0 on the day to claim the title with wins over Harris-Lake Park, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn and then beat Pocahontas in an overtime thriller in the championship game. 7th Grade team: (front) JD Gravert, Cooper Boone, Adam Berglund, Lincoln Wolf, Grayson Groeneweg; (back) Kaeden Schillinger, Colton Johnson, Dexter Peters, Rhyker Wright, Jake Neuharth. Coaches (not shown): Shane Neuharth, Scott Berglund.

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Dance In Brewster

Janene and the Machine will be playing for a dance at the Brewster Legion in Brewster, Minnesota, on Saturday, January 14, from 7:30-11:00pm. Couples and singles welcome. Hope to see you and your friends.

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 Auction Calendar

Sat., Jan. 14 - 9:00 AM - Large Coin Auction in Windom, MN. Auctioneers: Gravelly Auction Service. 507-822-0403. www.auctions-go.com.

Sat., Jan. 14 - 12:00 PM - Household Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Wed., Jan. 18 - 10:00 AM - 80 Acres at Auction in Laurens, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Thurs., Jan. 26 - 10:00 AM - 160 Acres & 40 Acres at Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Peterson & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

Wed., Feb. 1 - 10:00 AM - 99 Acres at Auction in Sanborn, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Bidding Ends Thurs., Feb. 2 - Online Only Auction of Apartment Complex in Spencer, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

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Baby Shower Announcement

A Baby Shower for Scarlett Ann Stellish, daughter of Kailee Herman and Jackson Stellish will be held Saturday, January 14, from 1:00-3:00pm, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Kailee is the daughter of Faith Garcia of Milford. Great-grandparents are Loretta Halbur (John) and Bill and Lynnette Cook of Milford. Great-great-grandparents are Jack and Ginny Yore.

AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Weekly Social Gathering

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Horsman to Perform at VFW

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Patricia "Patty" (Haupt) McGuire of Sioux City, formerly of Spirit Lake, will celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Cards may be sent to 2724 Oleander Ct., Sioux City, IA 51106. Patricia Haupt was born on January 11, 1943. She grew up on the family farm near Burt, IA. Patty married Jerry McGuire on June 10, 1967. She retired from the Spirit Lake Public Library in 2012. Following retirement, Patty and Jerry moved to Sioux City to be closer to family. Patty's children are Tony (Melodie) McGuire, Susan McGuire, and Mary McGuire and bonus daughter Jonette Spurlock, all of Sioux City. Patty has 1 step granddaughter and 2 step great-grandchildren.

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The best ways to stay up to date with MML youth happenings is through our website (milford.lib.ia.us), Facebook page (@[milfordlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/milfordlibrary)), and stopping by the library to grab a monthly calendar (1009 9th Street in Milford).

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Dean's List Honors

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. The following local students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college: Trevon Zeman of Jackson, Minnesota; Regan Farmer of Lakefield, Minnesota; Madison Barringer of Ocheyedan; Cole Brumley of Spirit Lake.

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Small Named to President's List

The honor roll lists for Graceland University's 2022 fall term have been announced, and Breanna Small of Spencer, Iowa, has been named to the president's list. Graceland University students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the president's list. Congratulations Breanna! Graceland commends you on your academic success.

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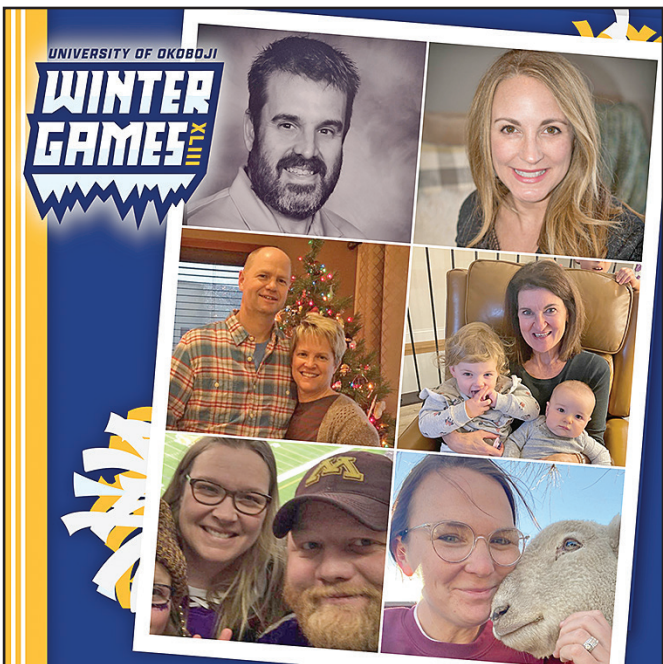
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Winter Games Cheerleaders: The Votes Are In!

After collecting nominations for all of December and holding a community-wide voting on January 4th and 5th, the Winter Games Committee has officially tallied up the votes! We now present to you the 2023 University of Okoboji Winter Games Cheerleaders!

Scott Nolte
 "Scott is the Sports director for KUOO, he is at all area athletic events supporting the kids, he's very passionate about his job and no matter how tired he is he always has a smile on his face and is very enthusiastic to talk about and showcase our area athletes. Scott also loves supporting other events around the area from broadcasting in the cruiser for 4th of July to Winter Games, he's always up to the job and never complains about weather or anything else that may be challenging. He loves supporting the arts as well, doing a weekly interview with OST and going to as many of the shows as he has time for. Scott goes above and beyond for the community as well, spreading the word over the air waves about events and fundraisers, for meaningful causes, encouraging everyone to get involved! Scott is incredibly humble and goes out of his way to help anyone he can. Scott is a strong, positive role model!"



Sheree Sanderson
 "Sheree is never without a smile, helping hand, or a positive word to share. She's a community business owner and highly active in the real estate industry. Sheree would be a fantastic fit for the U of O Winter Games Cheerleading Squad with her high energy, love for the Lakes, and by being a local native. To know her is to love and be loved by her!"

Laurie and Brad Simington
 "Laurie and Brad are just one of those couples that give of their time and their talents for the betterment of the community! They are almost always in attendance at any community fundraiser or function. They love the Iowa Great Lakes and the people that make up this special place."

Cathy Thee
 "Cathy Thee is one of those people that everyone knows and loves. She can walk into a room and know almost everyone. When she opened her Med spa Be Radiant in 2015, her goal was to make people feel confident about themselves. She has definitely been successful at that. She plays a huge part in the community by owning a local business and supporting other businesses in the area. Cathy Thee is the definition of a cheerleader!"

Brad and Susan Travis
 "These two are great leaders in our community. Susan has developed the Lake Life magazine, while also making fundraising for schools/organizations easier with her liketwearitrocket.com website. Brad is a dedicated teacher at Spirit Lake who won the 2A Track Meet this spring and was selected as the 2A Overall Track and Field Coach of the Year."

Alyssa Umscheid
 "Alyssa is the most kind, compassionate, loving cheerleader you will ever meet! She has a heart of gold both at work and home. Alyssa is an integration special education teacher at Okoboji Middle School. She also has a self proclaimed "funny farm" where she loves all her fur babies and raises antibiotic free, nurtured and non-confined pork. She is forever putting herself last and will jump through fire for her family, friends and students."

West O Beer Announces "Blue Taps = Blue Water"

West O Beer, Okoboji's premier craft brewery, announces "Blue Taps = Blue Water," their new commitment to protecting waterways in the Lakes area and beyond.

In collaboration with Doll Distributing, "Blue Taps = Blue Water" will connect craft beer drinkers across West O Beer's distribution map with water quality efforts in their region—raising money with every keg sold to bars, restaurants, and other venues.



"Blue Taps = Blue Water" will feature new, water-inspired blue coated tap handles signaling to patrons that West O Beer enjoyed anywhere those blue handles are found is directly impacting and protecting "their" water." owner Matt Matthiesen said. A portion of the proceeds from those kegs sold will go to identified water quality efforts, and will be matched by Doll Distributing. Blue Taps = Blue Water will begin with Northwest Iowa bars and restaurants, and proceeds will go to Keep Okoboji Blue.

Since opening in 2013, West O Beer's main mission has been to work hand in hand with local and regional clean water groups, to connect their beer directly with efforts protecting that vital resource. Their long-standing partnership with Keep Okoboji Blue has included annual cleanups, an environmental symposium and a collaborative beer that raises money for and awareness of Keep Okoboji Blue's efforts. With organizational partnerships to be announced in Central and Eastern Iowa in the coming months, "Blue Taps = Blue Water" is a chance for West O Beer to take that blueprint and do more.

"Our beer starts with our water, and the uniquely soft blue water of West Okoboji Lake." Matt said. "It always comes back to water. Awesome Water = Awesome Beer has always been a kind of slogan for us. And if West O Beer can connect our beer with water quality initiatives protecting water wherever our beer is sold, poured, and enjoyed, that just makes for even more awesome water, and more awesome beer."

Blue Taps rollout will begin in Northwest Iowa this month. Any patron or establishment looking to participate in the program should contact their Doll Distributing sales representative.

For any and all inquiries, please contact glenn@westobeer.com. For more information on West O Taproots, please visit <https://westobeer.com/taproots>.



THE SPIRIT LAKE 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM won the championship at the South O'Brien tournament on Saturday, January 7th. The team beat Rock Valley 19-11, South O'Brien 20-9, and Sheldon 26-7 on their way to the championship.

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Morningside University Dean's List

Morningside University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chris Spicer, announced the 471 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-." Students that achieved a 4.0-grade point average are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Congratulations to the following area students: Armstrong - Chloe Lofstrom*, Estherville - Kendall Evans, Sibley - Rocky Bushby*, Spencer - Madelynn Morony* and Isaac Pingel*, Spirit Lake - Owen Coburn, Taryn Davidson, Anna Fuelberth* and Benedict Steffens*.

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Category 5 Culture Working for Cyclones

The Iowa State basketball team was supposed to take a step back this season following last year's improbable run to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 after losing leading scorer IZiah Brockington to graduation and then having star freshman PG Tyrese Hunter transfer to Texas. One thing we are learning about this TJ Otzelberger led program, however, is to not underestimate them, ever! "Otz" as he's often referred to by Cyclone Nation, led one of the greatest turnarounds in NCAA history with last year's 22-13 season coming off one of the worst seasons in school history during Steve Prohm's last year, where the Cyclones finished with a 2-22 mark, including an 0-18 Big 12 record. After last Saturday's thrilling 69-67 win at #17 TCU on Gabe Kalschur's 3-pointer with :01.6 left, Iowa State is sitting atop the Big 12 with Kansas and Kansas State with a 3-0 league mark and overall record of 12-2.

I had the opportunity to watch this team practice this fall with my basketball staff and was absolutely blown away by the positive energy that every member of the team and staff had during the entire practice. You can tell when energy and enthusiasm is "fake" and I can 100% guarantee that this ISU team has not one ounce of "fake" in them. Just watch the reaction of the bench when a big play happens, they celebrate for their teammates more than they do themselves, and this all starts at the top with Otz, and the culture he has brought into the Cyclone program. ISU's culture is built on a C5C motto, which means Category 5 Culture; those five categories are Gratitude, Enthusiasm, Toughness, Unity and Integrity. Many programs have mottos and sayings that they claim to live by, but this ISU program under Otz truly is living out these five categories daily, and that is evident with how together they are. Even after their worst performance of the year in their 75-56 loss at Iowa earlier this year, there was no finger pointing, no panicking, just a mindset of we have to get better and we have to do it together. This team has no superstar, they are a misfit group of transfers and high school recruits that are showing the world that you don't need superstars to win at this level. There are no five-star recruits on this year's team, just guys who buy into their role of doing whatever it takes for the team to succeed. One night it might be Caleb Grill going off for 31 points in an upset of then #1 North Carolina, or another night it's Kalschur scoring 23 points in last weekend's upset of #12 Baylor, or maybe it's Jaren Holmes, who leads the team with 13 points per game while just consistently scoring 10-17 points in each game.

I don't know how far this team will go this season, or if they can duplicate last year's NCAA Tournament run. The Big 12 is definitely the best conference in college basketball, and ISU's 3-0 record could quickly be flipped with a losing streak. I do believe that Otz has built this team with toughness and a defensive mindset, that they will be able to compete night in and night out, and also believe that they are better offensively than they were last season when they set several Hilton Coliseum records for fewest points scored in several games. This Category 5 Culture Otz has implemented is definitely working in Ames, as he has signed a Top 10 recruiting class for 2023 and has commitments for a 2024 class that is also Top 10 nationally. It appears that ISU is Otz's dream job, and the way he has things rolling, let's hope he keeps his Category 5 Culture in Ames for a very long time as his dream job is a dream come true for Cyclone Nation!



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Obituaries

Stanley Rodney Thomsen (Rod), aged 92, of Everly, Iowa, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family members, on Tuesday, January 3, at Community Memorial Health Center, in Hartley, Iowa. Rod was born on November 13, 1930, in Hartley. He was the only child of Fred and Jennie Thomsen. He was raised on the family farmsouth of Moneta, where he attended country school until the 8th grade. He went to Moneta High School, where he met his wife-to-be, Janet, and graduated in 1948.



After graduating from high school, Rod lived on the family farm until 1952 when he entered the Army. After basic training and communication school, he was sent to Korea where he served with the 40th Infantry Division, 981st Field Artillery Battalion in the Korean War. He attained the rank of Sergeant 1st Class. Rodney was able to return home from Korea in 1954. He was extremely proud of his military service to our country, though he spoke infrequently about those difficult times.

Upon returning from Korea, he married Janet Jean Bobolz on October 24, 1954. Rod and Janet had four children from this union: Terry, Dan, Pat and Lori. Rod loved his family beyond words. Growing up an only child, he always wanted brothers and sisters. He was blessed to have a big family including four kids, seven grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. There wasn't a ball game or school activity missed by Rod or Janet. They were involved and committed to watching their children do things they loved and made them happy. This love and involvement will truly be missed by his family.

Rodney, a farmer at heart, lived and worked on the family farm until 1979. After ending his farming career, he went to work for Harms Implement until 1983 to serve the farmers of the area with their implement needs. In 1983 he transitioned to his role as an ag loan officer at the Everly State Bank where he worked until 1995 when he retired from his professional life. In his retirement he worked as a crop adjuster and had many hobbies such as fishing and carpentry work. He continued to make time for his family by working for Terry on the farm, taking fishing trips with the family and vacationing with Janet.

Rod served his church and his community during his life. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Everly where he held the office of President and Trustee twice. He was a member of the Everly School Board when his kids went through the system. He was also a member of the Everly Lions Club and the American Legion.

When Rod's family thinks about him now that he is no longer here, they will always remember the abundant love and pride that he had for all of them. He would drop everything to be by their side if they needed him. Whether it was working on the farm, helping them through troubled times, or rushing through a snowstorm to be there when his stillborn granddaughter was born, Rod was there. He will be remembered as a very hard and determined worker. Rod's many years of physical labor took a toll on him as he struggled with arthritis throughout his body in his later years. Rod never met a challenge that he could not or would not face. If Rod put his mind to do something, you better be sure he would do it. He will be remembered for his love of wood working, farming, fishing, his animals, advice, and friendship.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 68 years, Janet, son Terry (Pat) Thomsen of Hartley, IA; daughter, Pat Thomsen of Milford, IA; son, Dan (Paula) Thomsen of Ankeny Iowa; and daughter, Lori (Neill) Johnson of Plymouth, MN. Grandchildren, Leah Malmstrom (Lee), Ben Thomsen (Katy), Jake Thomsen (Mollie), Kyle Thomsen (Rachel), Emily Chisholm (Brian), Erin Thomsen and Charlie Johnson. Great-grandchildren Tyler, Jenna, Beau, Jace, Reece, Grant, Kaycie, Desiree, Teagan, Zachary, Alex and Evelyn. Many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Jennie Thomsen; granddaughter, Hope Johnson; Janet's parents, Ernest and Lucy Bobolz; brothers-in-law, Leon and Curt Bobolz, Dale Lux, and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Bobolz.



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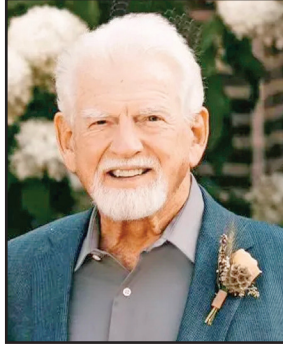
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Obituaries

Arlon J. Sandbulte (84) of Marco Island, FL, and Sioux Center, IA, passed away in the early morning hours on Thursday, December twenty-second, at Sanford Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, with his family surrounding him. Arlon suffered severe injuries following a vehicle accident in early November and was diagnosed with Covid in late November. Ultimately this combination was too much for his body to overcome.



Arlon was born at his family farm east of Sioux Center, Iowa, on September 14, 1938, to Joe and Johanna (TerHorst) Sandbulte. Arlon's mother Johanna passed away when he was six. His father Joe later married Alice (Vande Berg) Sandbulte. He attended high school at Sioux Center Community School graduating in 1956. Arlon married Mary (VanWechel) Sandbulte when he was twenty and they had four wonderful boys, Joe, Jeff, Tim and Tom. In March of 1998, Arlon married Joyce (Sperl - Frye) Sandbulte and was a proud stepfather to her children, Jay and Julie.

Arlon began working with his father's excavating business, Sandbulte Excavating, in 1948, at the age of sixteen. At nineteen, he began working at his father's Sioux Center Ready Mix, which became Joe's Ready Mix two years later. Following the passing of his father Joe in 1962, Arlon assumed management and part ownership of the business. In 1975, Arlon became the sole owner and president of Joe's Ready Mix. One of Arlon's biggest joys was having his four sons work alongside him in their family business. Together the family grew the business to six plants and over 100 employees in the Northwest Iowa Region. In 2005, Joe's Ready Mix was able to double in capacity by merging with another local ready-mix company and creating Alliance Concrete. In 2008, Alliance Concrete was sold to GCC; which still owns and operates the business today.

When not in Sioux Center, Arlon cherished time with his wife Joyce at Okoboji, IA, and Marco Island, Florida. An avid conversationalist, Arlon enjoyed sharing a beverage with customers, employees, and fellow businessmen, as well as friends of the couple. From time with the "Friday Night Bunch" to various steak fries or Wednesday night Mexican at the Ridge, Arlon could always be counted on for a smile and good conversation.

In addition to the ready-mix business, Arlon also owned Crossroads Supper Club in Maurice, Iowa, and The Holland House Restaurant, which later became Sandora's Steak House in Sioux Center.

Arlon is survived by his wife of nearly twenty – five years, Joyce Sandbulte. He leaves behind his four sons and their families: Joel Sandbulte of Sioux Center, IA; Jeff (Irene) Sandbulte, Sun City Center, FL; Tim Sandbulte, Sioux Center, IA; and Tom (Jen) Sandbulte of Sioux Center, IA, as well as stepson Jay (Danielle) Frye of Zionsville, IN; and stepdaughter Julie Frye of Roswell, GA. Celebrating his memory are his 12 grandchildren - Josh (Ann) Kleinhesselink, Joey (Felicja) Sandbulte, Jennifer Sandbulte, JT Sandbulte, Elicia Sandbulte, Kendra Sandbulte (Kris Baatz), Matt (Kendra) Sandbulte, Carter Sandbulte, Caleb Sandbulte and Emma Sandbulte as well as Addy Frye and Emmy Frye. He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren.

In addition, Arlon is survived by his step-brother Rob (Diane) Sandbulte of Sioux Center, IA and half-sister Julie Van Arkle of Gardnerville, NV and sister-in-law Mary Sandbulte (Napa, CA).

He was preceded in death by his mother, Johanna Sandbulte (1944), his father, Joe Sandbulte (1962) and stepmother Alice Sandbulte (2001), as well as two brothers, Gerald Sandbulte (2002) and Mick Sandbulte (1993) and sister, Darlene Franken (2001).

There will be no funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to HOME Ministry, PO BOX 16, Sioux Center, IA 51250. A Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 1:00-5:00pm, at The Ridge Golf Club 2595 Ridge Rd. Sioux Center, IA. <https://www.mthonline.com/obituary/arlon-sandbulte>

First Baby of 2023 Wins Three-Way Expectant Mom Race

Early New Year's Day was quiet in Spencer Hospital's Birth Center; however, experienced obstetric nurses know that typically once the "quiet" word is used, things often change rapidly. So, when Jill Viedenkamp arrived late Sunday afternoon, she was the first to alter the "quiet" atmosphere to a bit more "lively."



By early Monday morning, January 2, the birth center team was caring for three expectant moms all in active labor. At 9:14 a.m., little Baker Dean Viedenkamp made his arrival, earning him the honors of being Spencer Hospital's first baby of 2023. Baby Number Two arrived about an hour later, and Baby Three entered the world a couple hours after Baby Two.

"It was a fun and busy morning for our Birth Center team and the babies' families," commented Ann Polaschek, Birth Center director. "We were as excited as the parents to see who would be our first delivery of 2023."

Blake and Jill Viedenkamp of Spencer were expecting their baby boy to arrive close to his January 14 due date; however, if he were to come early, the couple thought it would be fun if he'd surprise them on their New Year's Eve anniversary. Instead, Baker held off another day and a half to earn the distinction of Spencer Hospital's first baby of 2023. He also shares a "2" birthday with his brother Maddox, as Maddox was born October 2, 2020, and Baker arrived on January 2.

"We know we were in good hands from our previous experience with Maddox," Jill remarked. "This time, the New Year made it a little more fun. I think the doctors had fun with it too."

In addition to his immediate family, Baker is welcomed by grandparents Doug and Joleen Wittrock and Mark and Lynda Viedenkamp, all of Spencer; and great-grandmothers Shirley Wittrock of Milford, GA and Larry Wegner of Spencer, and June Heinrichs of Carroll, Iowa.

Dr. David Keith of Avera Medical Group Spencer delivered Baker, who at birth weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

In honor of having Spencer Hospital's first baby of 2023, the Viedenkamp family received a gift basket filled with baby items donated by the Spencer Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop volunteers.

Obituaries

Clifford Dale "Cliff" Phipps, 90, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.



A memorial service for Cliff will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Military Honors will follow the service at the church presented by the American Legion Post Timpe Post #23 and the VFW John W. Kidd Post #4514. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Clifford Dale Phipps was born March 12, 1932, to Ruth (Weaver) and Ernest Phipps in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Sioux Rapids High School in 1950 and attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion for one year. In 1952, he was united in marriage to Martha Dengler at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa, where he was also baptized and confirmed.

Cliff was drafted into the Army in 1952 where he received training in Explosive Ordinance in Aberdeen, MD and then served in Salzburg, Austria, for one year. After his discharge from the Army in 1954, he was engaged in farming in the Sioux Rapids area where he belonged to the First Lutheran Church being active in teaching Sunday school and sponsoring Luther League.

In 1964, Cliff enrolled in Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, IA, graduating with a bachelor's degree and honors in 1966.

Following one year of teaching, he and Martha moved to Bloomington, Minnesota, to accept an accounting position with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota until his retirement in 1994.

Cliff enjoyed the hobbies of antique cars, woodcarving, reading and playing cards. He also enjoyed watching football and golf on T.V. He volunteered at Lakes Regional Healthcare for 17 years, delivering meals-on-wheels and represented the American Legion at military funerals.

Cliff held many positions, both locally and nationally in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). He was an active judge for many years and attended several tours, driving his 1957 Chevrolet, 1931 Pontiac or his 1982 Chevrolet - meeting many wonderful people and seeing many interesting and beautiful parts of the U.S. His 1914 Model T Roadster is on display at the Michigan State Museum in Lansing. Cliff was an honorary member of the MN Region AACA, and a member of the Iowa Great Lakes Region ACAA.

In 2019, Cliff was gifted with the privilege of going on the Veteran's Honor Flight to Washington D.C. - an awesome experience of seeing military memorials and other sites in the area.

In 1996 Cliff and Martha moved back to NW Iowa, settling in Spirit Lake where he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and American Legion Tempe Post No. 23.

Cliff passed on January, 4th 2023, at the Lakes Regional Hospital in Spirit Lake and was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two nieces. He is survived by his wife, Martha; one sister, Avis Davis of Spirit Lake; one niece, Sheila Phipps of Mankato, MN; two nephews, Frank (Debbie) Phipps of Everly, IA and Dan (Deb) Davis of Spirit Lake, one relative and friends.

Blessed be his memory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church, Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospital, Lakes Regional Hospice or to the charity of your choice.

Obituaries

On January 2, 2023, **Mary L. McBreen Newton**, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and special friend to many, passed away at the age of 99. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.



Mary was born on June 1, 1923, on a farm south of Superior, Iowa, to John Joseph McBreen and Mazie Gem Gilbert McBreen. Mary grew up with her parents and six siblings on the family farm, tending to the many responsibilities of farming. Mary loved school and graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1941. After graduating from high school, she wanted more than anything to become a nurse. She attended Saint Joseph Mercy College of Nursing and graduated with an RN degree in 1944.

On Labor Day 1944, Mary McBreen met Grover "Bud" Newton at a dance at the Roof Garden in Arnolds Park, Iowa. The stars aligned for Mary and Bud. After a short and sweet courtship between Sioux City and St. Olaf College, where Bud was in the US Navy attending flight school, Mary and Bud were married. The ceremony took place on the St. Olaf campus at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, presided over by Father James O'Hara on December 28, 1944.

After Bud was discharged from the Navy, Bud and Mary farmed for twelve years in the Spirit Lake area. They then moved to Tucson, Arizona, for three years to spend time with Mary's father, Joe McBreen. In 1961, they moved back to Spirit Lake and farmed for six more years. Mary always loved living on the farm. Country life meant a lot to her. According to Mary, "It is so peaceful on the farm and in the country."

Of course, Mary loved nursing, too. As a dedicated and caring nurse, Mary's nursing career spanned over 40 years. She worked in hospitals from Northfield, Minnesota, to Athens, Georgia, to Atlantic City, NJ, to Marcus Snyder Memorial in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Tucson Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, and finally to Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Her very favorite role as a nurse was in maternity, labor, and delivery.

Once Mary and Bud retired, they spent 30 joyful years being snowbirds in Tucson, Arizona and living in Lake Okoboji in the summer months. Mary and Bud spent many years enjoying golfing with their friends and hosting golf parties. One of Mary's many passions during retirement was keeping up to date with computer technology...she was a whiz using the internet. She loved keeping up with friends through email and making creative birthday cards for all of her family and friends far and wide.

Left to cherish her memory are two sons and two daughters and their spouses - Mike and Kathy Newton, Kate and David Dickson, John and Darla Newton, JoAnne and Ben McCullough; eight grandchildren - Tim and Elizabeth Newton, David Newton, Jeni Thompson, Mark Newton, Mollie Harris, Rose Dickson, and Kelly Rose McCullough; and eight great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Bud; infant daughter, Kelly Anne; parents, Joe and Maize Gem McBreen; five brothers - George, Wendell, John, James, and William; and sister, Patricia McBreen Grimm.

Mary's love transformed the lives of her family, friends, and everyone she encountered. She brought a bounty of love to everything she did...with her optimism, smile and unbounded curiosity. She had a remarkable ability to connect with people, share herself and inspire that same spirit of love in each person she knew.

There was a Celebration of Life, visitation and a Catholic Mass on Friday, January 6, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 2 COUPON USES

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SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Frozen Waffles
12.3 oz. COMPARE TO EGGO!

\$1.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Jimmy Dean Breakfast Bowls
7-9 oz.

2/\$5

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Pearl Milling Co. Pancake Syrup
24 oz.

\$3.99

Pearl Milling Co. Pancake Mix 2 lb. box **\$3.49**

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Malt-O-Meal Cereal
Twice as Much! BIG 21-30 oz.

3.99 AD PRICE
-1.00
\$2.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Honey Nut Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Multi-Grain Cheerios, or Cookie Crisp Cereals 9-10.8 oz.

\$2.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Kellogg's Mini Wheats 18 oz., Frosted Flakes 13.5 oz., or Froot Loops 10.1 oz.

2/6 AD PRICE
-1.00
2/\$5

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SUNNY DEAL!

Quaker Oats
18 oz., Quick or Old Fashion

\$3.99

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Kellogg's Pop Tarts 8 count

2/\$6 AD PRICE
-1.00
2/\$5

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

California Halo Mandarins
3 lb. bag

\$4.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

California Navel Oranges
4 lb. bag

\$4.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Red or Green Seedless Grapes
per lb.

\$2.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Fresh Grape Tomatoes
10 oz. package

\$1.99

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Sabra Hummus
17 oz.

4.99 AD PRICE
-1.00
\$3.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 2 COUPON USES

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SUNNY DEAL!

Stacy's Pita or Bagel Chips
6.75-7.33 oz.

\$3.29

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Pork Chops
USDA Inspected, Bone in assorted, per lb.

\$1.79

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Sunshine's Own 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef Family Pack, per lb.

\$3.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Chili or Kidney Beans; or Diced Tomatoes 10.15 oz.

99¢

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Velveta Skillet Dinners
11.5-13.6 oz.

\$2.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Mr. Dell's Premium Frozen Hashbrowns
24-32 oz.

\$3.29

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SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice AuGratin or Scalloped Potatoes 4.7 oz., varieties

2/\$3

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Doritos Chips
6-10.5 oz.

2/\$7

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Old Dutch Ripples Chips
Pre-priced \$4.99

2/7 AD PRICE
-1.00
2/\$6

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 5 COUPON USES

Must use digital app to get digital coupons. Limit 5 coupon use per customer.

DIGITAL DEAL!

Nabisco Snack Crackers, Ritz, BelVita Biscuits, or Chips Ahoy! Cookies 3.5-13.7 oz.

3.49 AD PRICE
-50¢
\$2.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Little Debbie Sunbelt Bakery Granola Bars
8-11 oz.

2/\$5.50

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SUNNY DEAL!

Banquet Classic Meals
7.4-11.88 oz.

\$1.49

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Florida Natural Premium Orange Juice 52 oz.

3/11 AD PRICE
-1.00
3/\$10

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Chobani Premium Yogurts 5.3 oz., varieties

3/\$3.33

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

Must use digital app to get digital coupons. Limit 1 coupon use per customer.

DIGITAL DEAL!

Best Choice Cheese Cubes BIG 2 lb., var.

8.99 AD PRICE
-2.00
\$6.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Bellatoria Garlic Bread or Sunday Brunch Pizza or Lottza Mottza Brew Pub Pizza 9"

2/\$8.88

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Campbell's Chunky Soups 15.25-19 oz. can

\$1.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Kleenex Facial Tissues BIG 4 pack

\$7.77

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SUNNY DEAL!

Coke Products
24 pack cans, plus deposit

\$10.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Dr. Pepper or 7up 2 L. bottles, plus deposit

3/\$5

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SUNNY DEAL!

Dasani 24 pk., 16.9 oz., **Gold Peak** 6 pk. .5L, **Powerade** 8 pk. 20 oz., or **Smartwater** 6 pack, .5 L

2/\$11

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Land O Lakes Chocolate Milk
64 oz.

\$2.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Silk Milk 59-64 oz., Soy, Oat or Coconut

\$3.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Cafe Valley Muffins
4 ct., Blueberry or Banana Nut

3.99 AD PRICE
-50¢
\$3.49

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SUNNY DEAL!

M&M Candy 7.4-10.7 oz., stand up bags

\$3.99

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SUNNY DEAL!

Crystal Sugar 4 lb., granulated

\$2.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Best Choice Supreme Diapers 21-44 ct.

4.99 AD PRICE
-1.00
\$3.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Diamond Crystal Water Softener Salt
40 lb. Solar Crystals

2/\$11

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Best Choice Baby Wipes 64-72 ct., Scented or Unscented

1.99 AD PRICE
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Horseshoe Bend Tubing Hill

The Dickinson County Conservation Board invites all families to join us out at Horseshoe Bend, Saturdays and Sundays this winter. The Horseshoe Bend tubing hill is open and ready for action as weather conditions are at a prime this season!

"What a beautiful place to bring the family," said Community Relations Coordinator, Jackie Jerge, "I see so many smiles when I am out there!"

You will get a fun outdoor experience when you visit the tubing hill. Admission fee is \$10, cash or check. Admission includes the tube rental, access to the tow rope up the hill, the warming house with concessions, and so much fun! Only tubes are allowed on the hill, no outside sleds, please. A liability waiver will be required to sign at admittance.

Horseshoe Bend tubing hill is located at 1924 240th St southwest of Milford. Hours of operation are Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting, from 11:00am - 5:00pm. Opening/closing information can be found in several ways. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram, our website, <https://dickinsoncounty-conservationboard.com/horseshoe-bend-tubing-hill>, or call the information number, 712-338-2581.

For more information on all Dickinson County programs, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can also keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook and Instagram.



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THE LNS Recipe Corner

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Egg in a Bagel Hole - Serves 8

4 whole wheat bagels, halved
8 large eggs
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 cup baby spinach, thinly sliced, divided
Salt & black pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon capers, rinsed
1/2 cup jarred roasted red peppers, finely chopped
Chopped parsley (optional garnish)
Lemon zest (optional garnish)
Lemon juice (optional garnish)

Preheat oven to 375 F and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Use a 2 or 2 1/2" round cookie or biscuit cutter to create a larger hole (it should be just big enough for an egg to fit). Spread mayonnaise over cut sides of bagel halves and press firmly, mayo side down, onto the baking sheet. Stuff a little spinach in the bottom of each hole (this will help hold the egg in) then crack an egg into each center. Season with salt and pepper then top each egg with remaining spinach, capers and roasted red peppers. Bake until egg whites are set and yolk is cooked to preferred doneness, about 12 to 15 minutes. For optional garnish: Toss parsley with lemon zest and lemon juice in a small bowl. Use as a garnish just before serving. Note: Save bagel cutouts and toast to enjoy alongside bagels

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Autumn Blaze Maple(5/bdl.)	2-3 ft. \$150/bdl.	Late Bloom Lilac	2-3 ft. \$30/bdl.
		Amur Maple	2-3 ft. \$28/bdl.
		Cranberry Bush	2-3 ft. \$28/bdl.
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Hybrid Willow (Austree)	2-3 ft. \$70/bdl.		
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Redosier Dogwood	2-3 ft. \$60/bdl.	Black Hills Spruce	24-30 in. \$26 ea.
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Order before February 25th

A minimum deposit of 50% of your order is required to process it.
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Lakes Area Farmers Market News

Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds
15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

While it is cold and there is lots of snow on the ground is the time to plan what you will plant this spring. Seed catalogs are abundant and seed packages will be appearing in stores soon. Purchase early so you will find the varieties you want before they are gone. Lakes Area Farmers Market is also planning for the summer season. Many vendors return each year, but there is usually room for a few new ones. If you plan to grow extra this year and are looking for a place to sell it, think about joining the market. Call 712-336-4430 and leave a message, we'll get back to you with more information. While we have a Facebook page, we do not accept vendors on Facebook. People who like to bake or make candy are also encouraged to apply. Summer still seems far away, but it is good to get an early start with plans. Lakes Area Farmers Market is located on the Dickinson County fairgrounds in Spirit Lake. See you soon.

Spirit Lake Library News

World Languages & Travel
by Jill Jennings

Have you had enough of winter yet? Ready to learn a new language and travel to somewhere new? We can help you with that! There are a couple of great resources on our website that are funded by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library: A to Z World Travel and Transparent Language. They are provided in memory of Sr. Cliff Hinderman, who was a beloved Spirit Lake High School Spanish teacher for many years, and a great traveler.

Let's start with A to Z World Travel. To access this digital resource, follow these steps:

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 16, 1:00pm, No School Snow-Themed Craft Day
- Wednesday, January 18, 9:30am, Past Times with the Dickinson Co. Museum
- Wednesday, January 18, 10:30am, Book Club, Oona Out of Order by Montimore
- Thursday, January 19, 10:00 - 11:30am, Block Party

Milford Library News

MML's Young Adult Create a Graphic Novel Challenge Box is now available. Fourth through twelfth graders will be creating a new graphic novel. With permission, completed graphic novels will be displayed for patrons read. This is a free activity, but registration required. To register call 712-338-4643 or online at <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html>.

Join MML's Book Club on Tuesday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. The featured book, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, can be found in our library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

MML's Adult Craft Series will be making a Live Winter Centerpiece on Wednesday, January 18, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This craft will also be available in a kit and will include greenery, decorations, wet foam, a small container, 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>.

MML's Top 5 Check Outs of 2022!

- Adult Fiction:**
1. Run Rose Run by Dolly Parton and James Patterson
 2. Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson and J.D. Barker
 3. Steal by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
 4. Sparring Partners by John Grisham
 5. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

- Adult Non-Fiction:**
1. Unmasked by Emily Mendenhall
 2. Remember by Lisa Genova
 3. The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line by Major General Mari K. Eder
 4. A Beginner's Guide to Quilting by Christine Mann
 5. Diana, William, and Harry by James Patterson and Chris Mooney

- Children's:**
1. Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas by Aaron Blabey
 2. Lucky Ducklings by Eva Moore
 3. Smart Cookie by Jory John
 4. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.
 5. When a Dragon Moves In by Jodi Moore

- Chapter Books:**
1. The Case of the Lost Boy by Dori Hillestad Butler
 2. Big Shot by Jeff Kinney
 3. The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
 4. Rodrick Rules by Jeff Kinney
 5. Eva's Campfire Adventure by Rebecca Elliott

- Young Adult:**
1. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
 2. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
 3. The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
 4. The Hawthorne Legacy by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
 5. What I Carry by Jennifer Longo

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HOUSEHOLD: Black oblong table, 5 upholstered chairs & 1 leaf* Oak dining table w/6 high back chairs* Oak King headboard w/ matching dresser w/oval mirror*Pineapple post maple bed set w/ chest & double drawer dresser w/mirror* 2 pc French Provincial (full) bedroom set* Brass Twin bed* Pictures* Lane cedar chest* Dr. green loveseat/davenport* Glass top coffee & end tables w/Queen Anne legs* Pedestal oval table*Gray/white tweed recliner* Lg. brown recliner*DK. Blue leather couch & loveseat w/kick up ends* Round & oblong coffee tables* 2- mission style nightstands* Roll top desk* 2- 3 drawer sm. chest* Office chair* Bakers block* Bookshelf* Bird cage* Baskets* Many WWII books & Magazines* Games* Puzzles* Tonka & other old toys* Jewelry* Pelona humidifier* Modern record player* Aiwa stereo w/speakers* Area & runner rugs* Bedding & Towels* Sm. appliances, Bake & cookware* Knitting machine* Sewing supplies* Folding sewing upholstered rocker* Yarn* Cook books* Hiawatha Valley elec. housings*Brass pcs.*

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Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

I'm back! After a few weeks of spending time with family and friends to enjoy the holidays, and embrace traditions, I'm excited to get back out in the community and explore everything this great community has to offer our visitors and us! Each year thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the activities and amenities our area has to offer. Join me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore the amenities that make the Iowa Great Lakes special!

This week I went winter boating with my dad! The term "winter boating" was lovingly coined by some Okoboji friends who sadly put their boat away each fall and then waited patiently until the ice was thick enough to bring out their UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) to navigate the lakes once again! Thus, their UTV became their winter boat, and "winter boating" became a favorite term to use.

My parents have a Polaris General UTV. While they normally spend their winters in Arizona and don't get to enjoy winter boating (or cleaning snow from the driveway), this winter is different and their UTV is quickly becoming a favorite toy in the garage. Saturday my dad called me to see if I had time to explore the lakes with him. Heck yes! The laundry I was folding could wait!

We hopped on the lake at The Ritz and drove around East Lake for a while. There was a village of fishing tents. My dad asked if I knew anyone fishing at the time that we should stop by and say hello to. I did not. We mainly navigated between The Ritz and Chalstrom Beach Condominium area of the lake where we could see tracks and other UTVs navigating.

We then made our way through the tunnel under Hwy 71 to reach West Lake. Our first stop was Okoboji Boat Works to visit with a group of snowmobilers who were on a fun run around the county. Then we continued our exploration, but mostly stayed within Smith's Bay. There were a lot of people out on the lakes fishing, ice skating, and winter boating. It was a perfect day to enjoy the recreational opportunities the lakes offer in the winter! It was also fun spending some time with my dad!

I hope you get out and explore our lakes this winter! If you do, remember – no ice is safe ice. Use caution and talk to others to learn of areas you should avoid. You want your winter boating experience to be a fun one, not a wet one! You can learn more about winter recreation in the Iowa Great Lakes Area at www.VacationOkoboji.com.



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.

Letter To The Editor:

Active Shooter Training on MLK Day
The Spirit Lake Community School District is hosting Last Resort Firearms training on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 16. MLK was a man who stood for peace, equality and justice. A man who was shot and killed by a gun toting assassin. This is heartbreaking and mind boggling that ANYONE would find this appropriate, let alone educational leaders.

Please visit Last Resort Firearms Facebook and the personal page of owner, Ed Monk. You'll discover many disturbing, tasteless and crass posts and images, including a photo of Monk with Kyle Rittenhouse, the Wisconsin teen who gunned down 3 people. Monk also posted a photo of a trick or treat basket with guns with the caption "one per child". Another post has Easter eggs filled with ammunition. Why is he being allowed to set foot on school grounds?

Rather than offering THIS to the general public, I implore the Spirit Lake School District and school board to offer the Be Smart Training- a conversation about kids, guns & safety. Each year in the US nearly 350 kids 17 and younger gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Every year, nearly 700 kids 17 and younger die by suicide with a gun.

The Be Smart campaign was launched to raise awareness that secure gun storage can save lives. In around 74% of school shooting incidents, the firearm used was obtained from the student's home or from that of a friend or relative.

In order to effectively address violence in our schools, we must first acknowledge that school violence is, in part, a gun violence problem. Many "comprehensive" school safety plans have been proposed over the last 20 years. Few have thoroughly addressed the issue common in all school shootings: easy access to guns for those at risk of committing harm. Everytown, the AFT, and the NEA firmly believe that any effective school safety plan must involve an effort to enact gun safety policies that enable intervention before a prospective shooter can get their hands on a gun. These policies work hand in hand with school-based interventions to create safer school climates and to intervene before a student becomes a shooter.

I applaud the district for many facets of the safety plan, including enhanced mental health resources for at-risk students. The problem is access to guns. Having gun owners in every community secure their weapons is imperative. The Be Smart Plan could be included in school registration each year as a reminder to families to secure their weapons.

FYI, here is the board policy re: use of facilities: <http://spirit-lake.isfns.net.../10051-community-use...>

Iowa Code section 297.9 authorizes the school board to determine use of facilities, and then it looks like the SL Board policy places ALL of that discretion with the Superintendent Smith. The Constitution prohibits public funds from being used for private gain. If the school is paying for the Last Resort Firearms presentation. As of Monday, January 9, the school administration had not answered who is sponsoring Last Resort Firearms. There is speculation that the Iowa Firearms Coalition may be the sponsor. We should NOT have to speculate. The SL admin. should be transparent. It is also distasteful that this training will take place on a teacher inservice day in our Sami Center, a venue dedicated to the celebration of both arts and education in our district. I sincerely hope Superintendent David Smith will not force our faculty to attend. All they've been told is that there is a "special speaker" in the morning.

As a Spirit Lake grad with 3 children in the district I am appalled at the actions of David Smith. This November 3 board members must run for reelection. Please consider running for the SL School Board. The faculty and students desperately need someone who puts education first & has the courage to stand up to and question David Smith.

Respectfully,
Jen Johnson-Ross, Estherville, Iowa
* A portion of the letter was paid for by the author.



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