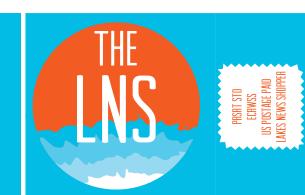
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Corey Langner, top right, along with Laurie and Brad Simington of Farmers Savings Bank, present Amy Martin (Okoboji FFA) and Will Anderson (Okoboji Boys Basketball) with checks following the "Knock out the Banker" competition.

#### "Knockout the Banker" Winners

Farmers Savings Bank sponsored their 10th annual "Knockout the Banker" competition during halftime of the Okoboji vs. MOC varsity basketball games on January 6th, 2023. Each person in the competition represented a different organization or group from Okoboji School. The winner of the competition won \$50 for their respective organization.

During halftime of the girls' game, Will Anderson won the competition sending \$50 to the Okoboji Boys Basketball team. During halftime of the boys' game, Amy Martin won the competition, which sent \$50 to the Okoboji FFA. Another \$100 was donated to the Okoboji Booster Club. The Farmers Savings Bank team also enjoyed serving in the concession stand.

"We are a proud supporter of the Okoboji School District and greatly enjoy being involved in school activities," said Brad Simington, President of Farmers Savings Bank. Brad went on to say, "The students at Okoboji School District represent this area very well, from our sporting activities to our Fine Art programs. FSB looks forward to supporting these programs and students

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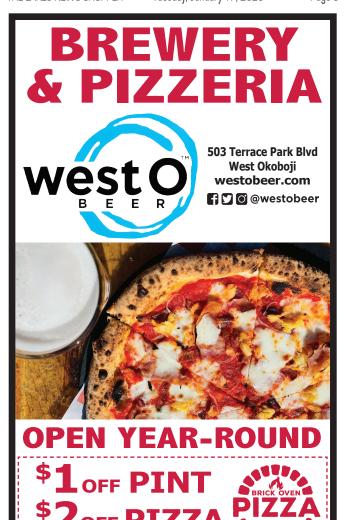
The Okoboji Foundation, the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes, announces the opening of their 2023 grant application processes.

Area nonprofits are encouraged to apply with capital project requests that seek to impact the quality of life in the lakes region in the areas of arts & culture, outdoor experiences & recreation, lake quality & environment, or economic development. Applications are due March 1st, 2023.

"When reviewing applications," commented Mindy Gress, Foundation president, "our committee looks at the overall impact the project has on the region – the number of individuals that will benefit from the service, the cost compared to the return on the investment, community support, and project longevity, to name a few."

Since 1988, the Okoboji Foundation has addressed important community needs with over \$4.82 million in grants to a wide variety of nonprofit capital projects.

Organizations are encouraged to reach out to foundation staff with questions pertaining to the grant process by phone 712-332-7177 or email *info@okobojifoundation.org*. All applications must be submitted online at *https://okobojifoundation.org/grant-application/* by 11:59pm on March 1st, 2023.



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Hanaina Bar Competition

Johnny Holm Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage 8pm 7pm-12am Crown Royal Safe Ride Bus shuttle available with wristband

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Boats on Ice Boat Show

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Winter Games Photo Wall

Hanging Bar Competition

Muff Wadder Tap Truck in The Boat House 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

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

Lonesome Losers on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

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

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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

2:30pm Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Exile Brewing Co. in the Boat House Rylan Fowler Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage 3:30pm

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

8pm Pop Rocks on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

**SUNDAY | JANUARY 29TH** 

THURSDAY | JANUARY 26TH West Boutique is Open 8am-5pm

The Fish House is Open!

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

O'Farrell Sisters is open. Serving all day breakfast and lunch @ 11am The Fish House at Okoboji Boat Works is open in Smith's Bay on West Lake West Boutique is open with New Winter Fashions and up to 75% off select 8am-5pm

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**SATURDAY | JANUARY 28TH** O'Farrell Sisters is open. Serving all day breakfast and lunch @ 11am

The Fish House Open 8am

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9am-5pm West Boutique is open Karaoke & dance tunes with Big Nacho 12-7pm

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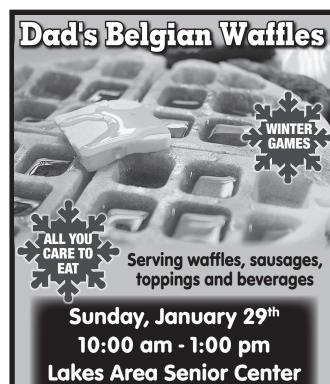
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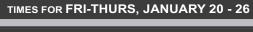
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#### Calvary Church Winter Games Service

In celebration of the 2023 University of Okoboji Winter Games Weekend, the members of Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park will host a Sled In/Drive in Sunday morning service in the parking lot of the church. Snowmobilers, ATVers, snow shoers, skiers and everyone in cars are invited to worship outdoors at 9:00am, on January 29. Pastor Chris will conduct the service. Cinnamon rolls, hot chocolate and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

"We want everyone to be able to take time to worship with us on that fun-filled weekend here in the Lakes Region," said Pastor Chris. "Outdoor worship seemed the logical way to celebrate with everyone."

Calvary Church is located on Highway 71 across from Emerald Hills Golf Course.



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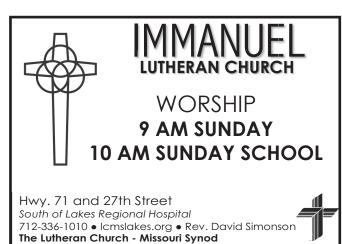
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# Kiwanis Soup and Pie Luncheon with an Okoboji Jazz Performance

Okoboji Jazz Performance and Soup and Pie Luncheon to be Milford Kiwanis is held on Sunday, January Pleased to Announce 29, 2023. Soup and pie served from 10:30am to Okoboji Jazz Performance and 12:30pm, at the Okoboji Soup and Pie Luncheon Middle School. Jazz SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 Performance begins at 11:15. Order of per-Soup and Pie served from formances: OMS Jazz 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Band, OHS Jazz Choir and OHS Jazz Band. Order of performances

Performance only costs \$5 per person; performance and meal costs \$10 for adults, school age children costs \$5. Additional pie

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#### Ostovic Named to President's List

Tiffany Sanderson, Lake Area Technical College President announced that Isabella Ostovic, of Spirit Lake, has been named to the current President's List. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.

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Games Bridge

Tournament

Doors will open at 11:00am. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served promptly at 11:30am, with party bridge to begin by 12 noon or so. Afternoon refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost will be \$13 per

Reservations by Wednesday, January 25, are required so an accurate count for food and bridge can be obtained. Make reservations by calling Susan at 712-338-2274 or e-mailing her at sreiser@milfordcable. net. Singles or couples are encouraged to participate.

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#### **Iowa Department Of Cultural Affairs Invests in Building Creative Places**

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs today announced it has awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants to leverage local infrastructure projects and engaging programs that build culturally vibrant communities across the state.

The \$1,573,997 in grants come from the department's Iowa Great Places, Strengthening Communities, School Arts Experience, Artist Catalyst, Creative Places Project, Folk Arts Learning and Humanities Collaboration programs.

"Across Iowa, these projects are connecting Iowans to arts, culture and heritage programming and their local communities' authentic character," Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer said. "They represent the quality of life people value today when choosing culturally vibrant places to live, work and raise their families.'

The department also awarded \$250,000 in Strengthening Communities grants, which will benefit three Iowa communities: Burlington, Mason City, and Spirit Lake.

Strengthening Communities grants support facility renovation and construction projects that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility in communities with fewer than 28,000 residents. The grants are made possible by an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature through the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund.

Local recipients included Camp Foster YMCA. Camp Foster YMCA grant funding will construct a new building that will serve as a visitor center and repurpose an existing building into a health lodge that will better serve campers, visitors, and staff. Grant Award: \$78,476





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#### Family Services Resource Guide

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

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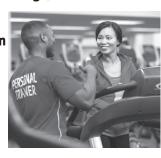
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10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the

Okoboji Middle School

Jazz Performance begins at 11:15.

**Order of performances: OMS Jazz Band** 

> **OHS Jazz Choir OHS Jazz Band**

> > **Admission:**

Performance only: \$5 / person

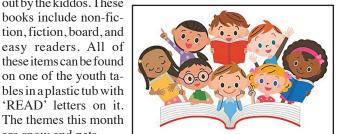
Performance and Meal: \$10 / adult, School Age: \$5

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**Youth Corner** Throughout each month at Milford Memorial Library, there will be an extra collection of themed books that can be checked

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are snow and pets. Besides library storytimes and after school activity, Miss Becca also works with the local community. She is involved with four daycares and elementary students, specifically Head Start through Second Grade. Each group gets to see and listen to some stories, move around, and have access to a coloring/ activity page. Daycares also get monthly storytime kits.

# Iowa Lakes Opens Registration for 2023 Jazz Band Contest

An exciting opportunity for high school jazz bands to perform in person and obtain feedback from experienced judges is returning to Iowa Lakes Community College in January. The Iowa Lakes Music Department has opened registration for the 2023 Jazz Band Contest on January 19 and 20.

"The Jazz Band Contest is fun to host and has become a favorite stop for hundreds of high-school students. The students gain more experience through performing and the valuable feedback our talented judges provide," explained Carol Ayres, Instrumental Music Professor at Iowa Lakes.

The festival will be on the Estherville campus in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center at 300 South 18th Street. Divisions 1A and 2A will be on January 19, and Divisions 3A and 4A will be on January 20.

Please register online for the 2023 Band Contest at iowalakes. edu/campus-life/music/camps-contests-festivals/ or contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712-330-3647 or cayres@ iowalakes.edu.



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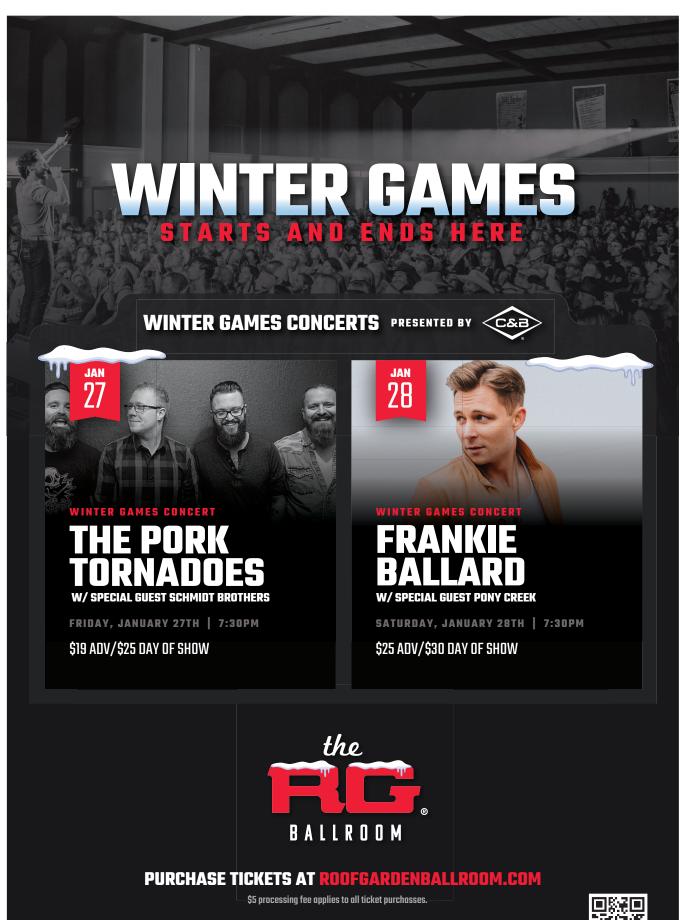


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and the following three won the tiebreakers: second place is Linda Ruble, of Milford, winning \$75; Kathy Hein, of West Okoboji, came in third place winning \$50; fourth place is Jeffrey Taylor, of Roseau, Minnesota, winning \$25. The Lakes News Shopper would like to thank all of the sponsors of the College Bowl Challenge this year: Advanced Door Systems, Blink Marketing, Boji Boat Brokers, BooneDock's, Business Today, Carstens Financial Group, Consumers Lumber, Dickinson County Snowhawks Snowmobile Club, Fareway Meat & Grocery, Hy-Vee, Interior Sewing by Lisa, Jimy Mac Lenz with Hinn Real Estate, Kazarelli's, Lakes Laser Engraving & Cutting, Milford Motor Company, Okoboji Barn, Okoboji Mattress Co., Overhead Door Sales & Service, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Pizza Ranch, Sportsman's/Venue, Sunshine Foods, Superior Grill and The Tobacco Shop. It would not be possible to do these exciting promotions without our great advertisers! Thank you as well to everyone who played this fall and winter; we look forward to doing this again next year and will do a Super Bowl Challenge in February and our March Madness promotion with the NCAA Tournament!

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Okoboji! Okoboji High School and the Okoboji Fine Arts (OFA) booster club is hosting the District Individual Speech Contest on Saturday, February 25 and we need you.

We have over 130 slots to fill so we need lots of volunteers. Volunteer all day and get lunch for free. Some shifts

are half days while others are just for 1-2 hours. OFA needs: room chairs, timers, door monitors, lots of concession help and food donations

There are over 430 student entries for this contest, and while some students have two entries, there will still be HUNDREDS of people in our building as coaches, parents, grandparents and more come to watch these students compete for a chance to go to State Speech and ultimately All-State Speech. Come see some of the best speech in northwest Iowa.

If you can help, please scan the QR code with your phone's camera, or visit the website or social media pages for Okoboji Fine Arts. https://okobojifinearts.wixsite.com/arts/speechcontest

Allan Saugstad will preside over the January 22 Iowa Lakes

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. His message

Saugstad to Speak at ILUUF

is entitled "Broken Windows, Broken

Lives, Losing Opportunity, Finding

For those comfortable meeting in

person, the service will be held in the

Bay Hill Room at Arrowwood Resort

and Conference Center. Coffee begins

at 10:30am, with the service beginning

at 11:00am. After the service everyone

is invited to join the Lunch Bunch for

lunch at a local restaurant. Visitors

are always welcome and those who

wish to attend via Zoom can request

an invitation with the Contact Us link

and one great grandchild.

on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

Allan grew up on a farm in the Sioux Falls area and received

his education from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and

Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a recent convert

to Unitarian Universalism, a Reiki practitioner and is deeply

concerned about prison reform and Native American relations.

He has experience as a parish pastor, hospital and hospice

chaplain, financial advisor and sales rep. He is happily married

to Janine and their family includes 9 children, 16 grandchildren

is a member of the Unitarian/Universalist Association. ILUUF

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Recovery--a Personal Story".

#### the social hour and a live auction during the entrees portion of the evening. Tickets are \$150 each, \$20 of which is tax deductible, and can be purchased by visiting https://grapeescape. ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list or by calling 712-336-8791. Those **OKOBOJI SPEECH CONTEST** unable to attend the Grape Escape but interested in supporting Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation can contact Foundation Executive Director Sonja Hamm at 712-336-8791 or sonja.

This year's Grape Escape will address the shortage of professionals in the healthcare industry by providing scholarships for people in northwest Iowa. According to Hamm, the United States is experiencing a shortage of healthcare professionals

LRH Foundation's "Grape Escape" February 10

This year Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation will hold

their 11th annual fundraiser called the Grape Escape to cele-

brate the advancements in healthcare in the Iowa Great Lakes

and to raise funds toward future projects. Proceeds from this

year's event will support the Scholarship Endowment Fund. The

event will be held on Friday, February 10, at the Roof Garden

Ballroom. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and wine and bourbon tasting upon arrival, followed by two courses and

a dessert prepared by the Hi-Lo Supper Club and Catering,

paired with select wines. There will be a silent auction during

physicians, nurses, and technologists - because a greater percentage of them are nearing retirement and fewer people are entering the healthcare industry as a career. "We are working to increase the supply of healthcare professionals in northwest Iowa by focusing on people who have grown up here, in anticipation that they will come back in time and provide care to patients at Lakes Regional Healthcare and directly benefit people in our service area," said Hamm. "We want to help those interested in pursuing careers in healthcare by removing as many obstacles as possible. Our Scholarship Endowment Fund provides for annual scholarships for Dickinson County high school seniors, Dickinson County residents in an undergraduate program, LRH employees including employee student debt repayment for the job categories of Registered Nurse, Registered Respiratory Therapist, Medical Technician, and Paramedic. Our desire is to grow the fund to be able to support debt repayment and increase both the number of scholarships we can award and the dollar amounts of those scholarships.

Hamm added, "The Grape Escape wouldn't be possible without the support of sponsors. Please consider a sponsorship this year!"

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February 16 | 5:30-7:30pm | \$80/\$100

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This workshop will explore encaustic painting to create layered, textured surfaces with molten beeswax on a wooden substrate. A brief history and description of encaustic painting will be discussed as well as basic supplies, tools, safety and application techniques. All supplies including encaustic medium, boards, and brushes to use are provided. Register by 2/8.

#### **CULINARY** CLASSES

#### **Charcuterie Boards** With Amy of Lakeside Charcuterie

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### Okoboji High School has 10 at Honor Band Concert

Congratulations to the 10 Okoboji High School students who performed at the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters High School Honor Band Festival on Saturday, January 7, at 7:00pm, in Eppley Auditorium at the Morningside College Campus in Sioux City.

Approximately 190 high school musicians from 46 area high schools were chosen through auditions held November 5, in Sioux Center, from among approximately 350 entries.

OHS Students: Ellie Albertoni - flute, Anna Petersen - clarinet, Hailey Schneider - clarinet, Chloe Prentice - bass clarinet, Cole Becker - saxophone, Hunter Hallengren - trombone, Trigg Heimdal - trombone, Morgan Riphagen - bass trombone, Michael Gonnerman - euphonium, Emily Quanbeck - percussion,

Seniors Anna Petersen and Ellie Albertoni were recognized for achieving Honor Band all 4 years of high school, which is a remarkable feat.

OHS Band Director Mr. James Kunz was honored by receiving the Martin Crandell Excellence in Education Award. Mr. Kunz is also the current president of the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters

#### View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

#### Vikings Luck Runs Out

Minnesota entered the NFL Playoffs with an amazing 11-0 record this season in one-possession games, with many of those victories coming with late-game heroics. Sadly, for the Vikings and their fans, this good fortune of winning close games ran out on Sunday as the New York Giants ended Minnesota's season with a 31-24 victory at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Unfortunately for the Vikings, may of the warts that their close victories hid this season were exposed on Sunday by a good, but not great, Giants team. Minnesota's offensive and defensive lines were below average all season, and both struggled mightily against New York. Minnesota's defense also struggled for most of the season and did so again on Sunday, allowing 431 total yards and 28 first downs to the Giants while forcing only two punts. The Viking offense played decent, but had a hard time establishing Dalvin Cook and the running game, gaining only 61 yards for the game, and they also had a hard time getting the ball to their best player, Justin Jefferson, who was held to just 47 yards on seven catches. The Giants did a good job of having two defenders around Jefferson for most of the game, but the Vikings had to know that was coming, as teams had started to do that at the end of the season, and for some reason they could not find a way to get him the ball. While tight end TJ Hockenson did have a big game with openings from the Jefferson double-teams with 10 catches for 129 yards, Minnesota still needed some big plays from JJ and really didn't try to get him the ball much, especially in the second half. The last play on offense for Minnesota was a fitting end to the frustrating game, with Kirk Cousins throwing a four-yard crossing route to Hockenson on a 4th and 8 play, and he was immediately tackled well short of the first down marker. Hawkeye and Cyclone fans have seen way too many of these short crossing routes on 3rd and 4th down and long plays this season, and this just brought back those bad memories!

It was still a very fun season for the Vikings and their fans, with an NFC North championship and an impressive 13-5 record, including many of those exciting, late-game victories; however, 99 Acres at Auction in Sanborn, it was frustrating to lose a home Playoff game to a team that, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land in my opinion, you should beat at home. Minnesota has the Management.712-262-3110.www. pieces to have a strong franchise for years to come, but they have to get help on both the offensive and defensive lines, and they also need to get younger on defense, as they are starting to show their age and appear to be a step slow, which is a very bad thing in the NFL. As a life-long Minnesota sports fan, the loss vesterday certainly didn't surprise me but it did disappoint me; sadly, as us Viking and Twins fans are used to saying, "there's always next year!'





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

Sun., Jan. 22 - 11:30 AM -Rescheduled Household Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www. nattressauctions.com

Thurs., Jan. 26 – 10:00 AM –

160 Acres & 40 Acres at Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Peterson & Sikora. 712-262-3529. Wed., Feb. 1 - 10:00 AM -

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Complex in Spencer, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110.www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

### **SWCD Meeting**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District will be held Friday, January 20, 2023, beginning at 9:00am, in the District Office. A tentative agenda will include approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report, and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments, and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting.

If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by January 19th by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.





Drew Hage, Haley Tuttle and Michaela Arneson from Northwest Bank present donations to Bonnie Umscheid (left) and Mardell Starr (right) representing the Okoboji Backpack Program.

# Northwest Bank Gives \$1,000 to Area Backpack Programs

Northwest Bank locations in Milford, Arnolds Park and Spirit Lake organized efforts to raise money and gather food items for the Okoboji and Spirit Lake Schools Backpack Programs. These programs help supply food to youth and families in need.

Northwest Bank matched funds up to \$500 for each program. We are happy to announce that the goal was exceeded, thanks to caring and giving individuals and businesses in our communities! In addition to monetary donations, a generous supply of food items was also collected for both programs.

Northwest Bank employees from Arnolds Park and Milford presented \$2,515.00 to benefit the Okoboji Backpack Program and Northwest Bank employees from Spirit Lake presented \$2,619.00 to benefit the Spirit Lake Backpack program.

Northwest Bank employees are proud to be involved with this incredible ministry and we would like to sincerely thank everyone in the community for their support and generosity.

Northwest Bank is a \$2.2 billion community bank that offers a full line of business, agricultural, mortgage, consumer deposit and lending services as well as wealth management and insurance services. Northwest Bank has offices located in Algona, Ames, Arnolds Park, Ankeny, Estherville, Fort Dodge, Humboldt, Le Mars, Milford, Sioux Center, Sioux City, Spencer, Spirit Lake, West Des Moines, Iowa and Omaha and La Vista, Nebraska. Member FDIC



Jed Jensen, Heather Summa and Angie Peterson from Northwest Bank present donations to Spirit Lake School members, (middle) Lori Thompson, Elementary School Guidance Counselor, and Jill Dielschneider (right) Middle School Guidance Counselor.



You are invited to a weekly social gathering every Wednesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm at the American Legion in Milford. Coffee will be provided. They hope to see you there!



#### The Senders to Perform at VFW

The Senders will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Wednesday, January 18, from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is only \$5, come and listen to your favorite songs.









Francis "Frank" Edward Kennedy, 87, of Spirit Lake, passed away peacefully at his residence on January 12

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30am, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will be held from 9:00am, up until the service time at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be held at a later date in the St. Andrews Cemetery in Sibley, Arrangements are under

the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www. spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Frank, the son of Judge Edward F. & Gwendolyn (Coy) Kennedy, was born on June 14, 1935, in Sibley, IA. Frank attended and graduated from Sibley High School in 1953. From here he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. During this time he attended night school at George Washington University and graduated from American University in D.C.

On January 28, 1956, he was united in marriage to Roberta Collins in Washington D.C. They made their home in D.C. until moving to Des Moines, IA while Frank attended and graduated from Drake University Law School in 1961.

He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and after completion of active duty he was employed by Employers Mutual Casualty Co. as a claim adjuster. They resided in Sioux City while he entered private law practice in Remsen, IA. Frank then took over his father's law practice and the couple moved to Sibley, IA. Frank and Roberta made Sibley their home while raising their two daughters Maureen and Erin. In January 1984, his wife and first love, Roberta passed away.

On October 5, 1985, he was united in marriage to Jeanette Mary Mulder at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ashton, IA. They made their home in Sibley until June 1998 when they moved to Arnolds Park, IA. Frank continued to practice law in Sibley with his nephew and law partner, Joe Feller. They moved to Keelson Harbour assisted living in Spirit Lake in February 2022.

Frank was one of the founding fathers of "Off Off Broadway" theater in Ashton where he enjoyed participating in plays at the Cedar Cabin supper club. Frank enjoyed golfing, fishing, and especially traveling in his red Sunbird convertible through the mountains in Colorado. He was a 50 year member of the Iowa Bar Association, Sibley & Milford Kiwanis Clubs member where he was a past president of the Sibley club, and member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford. Frank also helped organize the original Kiwanis Kapers productions and the Osceola County Passion play.

Frank leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Jean Kennedy of Spirit Lake, two daughters Maureen Bensman of Erlanger, KY; Erin (Ben) Bendlin of Royal, IA. Stepchildren, Dan (Dawn) Mulder of Orange City, IA; Tom (Sue) Mulder of Moline, IL; Dave Mulder of Jefferson, IA and Mick Mulder of Spencer, IA. Also left to cherish his memory are his siblings: Pat Kennedy (special friend Theresa Robinson) of Spirit Lake, IA; Peggy (Jerry) Price of Jupiter, FL; Kathy Billings of Riverview, FL; Joe (Monika) Kennedy of Concord, MA.; Dick (Norine) Kennedy of West Des Moines, IA; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Roberta Kennedy, father Judge Edward F. Kennedy, mother Gwendolyn Kennedy, brother Tom Kennedy & sister-in -law Kay Kennedy, sister Joan (Kennedy) Weighner & brother-in-law Henry Feller, and stepdaughter Beth Mulder.

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A Memorial Service for Byron Thelen, age 85, of Milford, was held Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji.

Cemetery at a later date. Byron Carl Thelen, the son of Carl and Ardyce (Waterman) Thelen, was born on January 30, 1937, in Milford, Iowa. Growing up, Byron attended school and earned his high school diploma at Milford Community School.

Inurnment will be in the Milford

On December 7, 1958, Byron was united in marriage to Jo Ann (Schnider) Thelen in Milford.

Through his life, Byron and Jo Ann owned Jo and By's Lounge for 22 years. He also held jobs at Spencer Packing Company, Whittenburg Distributing and Okoboji Schools, as a bus driver.

Byron was a member of First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji, Milford American Legion, and served on the Milford Fire Department from 1967-1994.

Inhisfreetime, Byronenjoyedgolfing, bowling, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, riding bicycle, and Sunday night happy hour. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and friends. Byron passed away on January 6, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jo (Schnider) Thelen; daughters, Katy Sporrer (Tom) and Lori Young (Tony); sons, Paul Thelen (Julie) and Jason Thelen (Tiffany); grandchildren: David Young (Sara), Kimberly Etienne (Nick), Kylen Thelen, Blayne Thelen (Brittany); 9 great-grandchildren; nephew, Bob Reason (Andra) and their family; sisters-in-law: Mavis Applegate, Norma Jans (Marvin), Carol Steely (Roger); brother-in-law, Steven Schnieder (Deb); as well as extended family and friends.

Byron was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ardyce Thelen; sister, Pat Reason; and nephew, Kelly Reason; sisters-in-law: Joyce Schnider, Marlene Freeburg, Arlene Nichols; brother-in-law, Alvin Schnider.

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#### at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 25, at the American legion building, 1709 Okoboji Avenue, Milford (across from Northwest Bank). The pre-

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attend for information following a veteran's passing, including multiple recently updated benefits. Walk-ins are welcome, no reservations required.

There will also be information on the VA Community Care Network, the Spirit Lake VA Clinic, disability and health benefits and the correct path to proceed as well as who is eligible

We will have a box to drop questions in. Spring will then reach out to each person individually.

### Homeschool Ed-ventures at the **Dickinson County Nature Center**

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites all families to join us for Homeschool Ed-ventures: Endangered Species. What

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traits would make an animal at risk? Find out more about endangered species in your area, learn about factors that cause an animal to become endangered, and discover what you can do to help. Join us on Thursday, January 19, at 10:30am!

"We will become animal detectives and solve riddles about

at-risk animals and those that are endangered." said Naturalist, Britney Snell.

Homeschool Ed-ventures is a free program hosted by the Dickinson County Nature Center. This program is intended for homeschooled children of all ages. This program occurs on the 3rd Thursday of the month during the school year from 10:30am to 11:30ish. Please register in advance online at www. dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Registration for all DCNC programs is open 8 weeks out and closes 2 days before the event.

The Nature Center is located at 22785 Nature Center Rd, Okoboji, IA 51355. We are open Tuesday-Saturday from

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.

### Veterans Informational Meeting 2023 Battle of The Chili Pots

The planning stages are complete and the date is set for the The American legion is having an informational meeting "2023 Battle of The Chili Pot's" put on by the area county fire de-

partments and rescue squads. This year marks the 5th annual tasting and judging contest for some of the best chili recipes that the area departments can brew up. The event is scheduled for January 21st, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, and will be hosted and served at the Arnolds Park Fire Station in Arnolds Park. The way it works is, each participating department will brew up the best pot of their hot or spicy chili and their best pot of a mild chili. The public is invited to come to the contest and judge which

department has the best chili. A free will donation will be taken at the event in which those funds will be split equally between all of the departments for use of updating equipment. Mark your calendars for this great event and come out to cheer on your hometown department.



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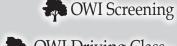
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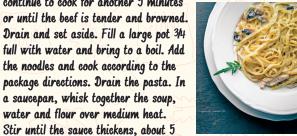
1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 pound boneless beef round steak, cut 3/4-inch thick, all fat removed 4 cups uncooked yolkless egg noodles 1/2 can fat-free cream of mushroom

soup (undiluted) 1/2 cup water 1 tablespoon all-purpose (plain) flour

1/2 teaspoon paprika 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream

In a nonstick frying pan, saute the onions over medium heat until they're translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the beef and continue to cook for another 5 minutes

or until the beef is tender and browned. Drain and set aside. Fill a large pot 3/4 full with water and bring to a boil. Add the noodles and cook according to the package directions. Drain the pasta. In a saucepan, whisk together the soup, water and flour over medium heat.



minutes. Add the soup mixture and paprika to the beef in the frying pan. Over medium heat, stir the mixture until warmed through. Remove from heat and add the sour cream. Stir until combined. To serve, divide the pasta among the plates. Top with the beef mixture and serve immediately.

Recipe Courtesy of: The Mayo Clinic's Diabetes Meal Plan Recipes.



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### Tops Meetings

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







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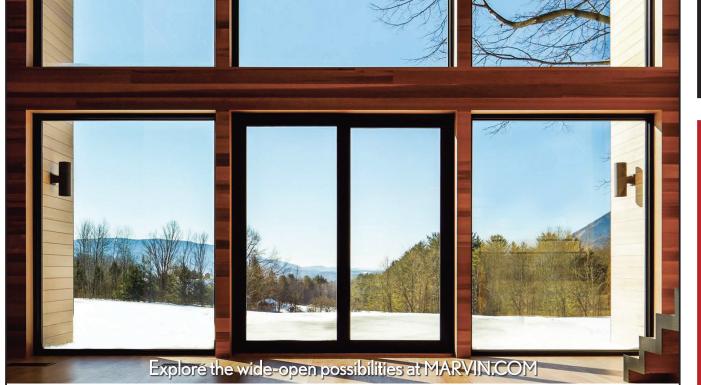
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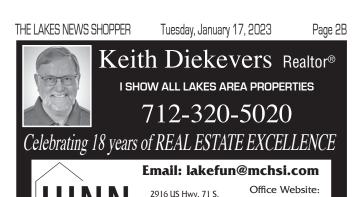












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"By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will discover a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas," said Council 5043 Grand Knight Brian Nokleby.

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The contest was conducted locally with YoYo's winning as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday.

5043 is one of the most active

in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish

House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, as well as to local family, community and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Children's Coat Drive. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations, and the Food Drive for Upper Des Moines Opportunity.

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The first getaway will be held Friday, February 10, through Saturday, February 11, at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Dubuque. The second getaway will be held Friday, March 3, through Saturday, March 4, at the Cobblestone Inn & Suites in Holstein.

The getaways run from 12:30pm on the first day to 3:15pm on the second day. There is no cost to attend the program as food, lodging and other expenses are covered by sponsorships. However, there is a \$50 per couple deposit to hold each reservation, refundable on the second day of the event.

Past getaways have proven to be beneficial for farm families. "They are a very productive and delightful time to discuss items of importance to help farms and families be successful," said Larry Tranel, dairy specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Each getaway will consist of 10 farm couples and the extension facilitators.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 10 couples per event.

Registrations are due two weeks prior to each session. Dairy specialist Fred Hall is taking registrations at 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu.

The "Farm Couple Getaways" statewide gold sponsor is the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, with other local sponsors recognized at the local events. Brochures with registration forms are available.

#### Schedule Released for Show and Jazz Choir Festival

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department announces the performance schedule for the 2023 Jazz Choir and Show Choir Festival. The event is open to the public to watch free of charge and will be held January 24, 25, and 26, 2023, at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus.

The Jazz Choir and Show Choir Festival is purely for educational purposes, but two outstanding clinicians will be on deck to help the choirs. Clay Blackman (Omaha, Neb.), the show choir clinician, and Dr. Kurt Runestad (Crete, Neb.), the Jazz choir clinician, will help the choirs prepare for upcoming competitions and performances by providing on-stage feedback.

Please visit the Iowa Lakes Music Department Facebook page for the most up-to-date schedule, as last minute changes do occur occasionally. For more information, please contact Brett Fuelberth, Vocal Music Professor, at 712-330-1145 or bfuelberth@iowalakes.edu.

#### **Iowa Lakes Corridor Welcomes** New Board Members In 2023

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) recently welcomed four new board members for 2023:

Matt Beaver, Owner at KILR Radio; Mike Koenecke, Owner/Farm Manager at Cotton Grave Farm Management; Michelle Nicoson, Human Resource Manager at movee-



ro, Inc.; and Ebony Rahe, President and Managing Partner at Williams & Company.

Koenecke, Nicoson and Rahe were voted by membership to new three-year terms on the board starting January 1, 2023. Beaver was appointed by the board to fulfill the remainder of former board member Roger Jacobson's term. The new members will add their leadership experience and guidance to the Board of Directors as the Corridor continues to help the region's businesses thrive and to ensure its residents enjoy an active and rewarding quality of life.

'We are excited to welcome the new members to the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation's Board of Directors," said Corridor President & CEO Shannon Landauer. "We welcome their expertise as they bring additional talent to the priority areas of work of the Corridor!"

Voted by members to return for a second three-year term was Brad Beck, President of Beck Engineering. He will also serve as the 2023 Board Chair.

Other returning board members include: Past Chair Doug Benjamin, Northwest Bank; Vice Chair Dr. Brian Lenzmeier, Buena Vista University; Treasurer Timothy McCollough, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; Scott Berglund, Safco Products; Walter DeBock, Tyson Foods; Keith Deitering, Bank Midwest; Tim Fairchild, Dickinson County Board of Supervisors; John Pluth, Emmet County Board of Supervisors; Mike Porsch, City of Storm Lake; Nate Wittmaack, Ranco Fertiservice, Inc.; and Donavon Wunschel, City of Spencer.

Roger Jacobson, Burlin Matthews and Susan Zulk ended their terms on December 31, 2022. Jacobson had served on the board two years, and Matthews and Zulk both served for six years.

The Corridor Board of Directors consists of four Corridor member representatives from each of the four counties in the region, Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, and Emmet. Board members serve three-year terms and are eligible for up to two consecutive terms.

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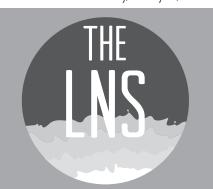
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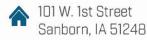
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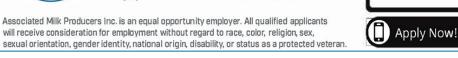


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#### **Iowa State Honors Graduates**

Nearly 1,800 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University in December. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 16-17 at Hilton Coliseum.

Beate Schmittmann, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, spoke at the graduate ceremony. Alumnus Suku Radia, who retired in 2017 as chief executive officer (CEO) of Bankers Trust and currently serves as an executive-in-residence in the Ivy College of Business, gave the undergraduate address. Congratulations to the following area graduates:

Everly - Joseph Langner.

Jackson, Minnesota - Cheyenne Minniss (magna cum laude). Omaha, Nebraska - Kristin Nelson, (cum laude). Sibley - Ryan Nasers (cum laude).

Spencer - Joseph Ellsworth (magna cum laude), Keeley Petzenhauser and Katherine Rasch.

Spirit Lake - Anna Ellefson (cum laude). Wallingford - Chloe Bauler (cum laude).

#### South Dakota State Dean's List

The following area students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the fall 2022 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this report includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement.

Estherville - Hailey Hanson and Rachel Lambert. Everly - Haley Berends and Zachary Schoelerman \*.

Lake Park - Ava Rasche of, Iowa, in SDSU's College of Nursing Milford - Kylan Green, Kendal Green\*, Elli Hanson, Nathan Kollasch, and Kyle Thompson \*.

Ocheyedan - Tristen Bremer and Lauren Van Diepen. Spencer - Sean Connor \*, Jacob Doran, Katelyn Halverson \*,

Kaylee Hansen\*, Janae Hassman\*, Kiersten Hogge\*, Nadine Johnson, Sadie Nelson, Samuel Rabenberg, Marissa Salton, Megan Schauer\*, Jacie Staedtler, and Ashley Vreeman\*.

Spirit Lake - Daniel Browning\*, Cameron Dau\*, Brooklynn Erickson, Benjamin Heitritter, Kaitlyn Kelly\*, Kyla Mercer, Brianna Pratt\*, and Elizabeth Stucker\*.

Jackson, Minnesota - Bryn Anderson, Mackenzie Henning\* Meta Tewes, Jocelyn Tillman\*, Haley Tvinnereim, and Emma

# Christmas Tree Drop-off Points for Burning of the Greens

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 Okoboji 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

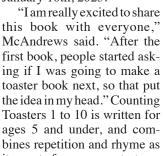
We'll announce the winners from the various events, the 8 cheerleaders will show you what they're made of, then those same 8 people will ceremoniously 'LIGHT! THAT! FIRE!'. Stay to watch the fireworks display, enjoy the night kite show, and celebrate all of the fun from the weekend's festivities.

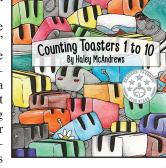
We hope to see you at the 43rd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by Grape Tree Medical Staffing January 26-29, 2023. For more information on getting involved in the Winter Games fun, please visit www.uofowintergames.com or Facebook.com/UofOWinterGames for updates.

#### **Local Author Earns Second 5-Star** Review From Reader's Favorite

Local author/illustrator Haley McAndrews of Denison, Iowa, recently earned a 5-Star book review from Reader's Favorite for her second children's picture book, Counting Toasters 1 to 10.

The book officially released on January 10th, 2023. "I am really excited to share





it counts from one up to ten and then back down to one again. The illustrations feature adorable little toasters playing games, racing around, and just plain living their best lives!

Reader's Favorite features international book reviews and contests, as well as a searchable database of over 10,000 of their reviews in over 150 genres of books. On their website, they only feature reviews that earn 4 and 5 stars, in order to keep the books high-quality.

The review reads: "Haley McAndrews' Counting Toasters 1 to 10 has all the elements of a great picture book. The story is imaginative and funny, and the language is simple. The flow is logical, and the rhyme and rhythm relaxing. An award-winning artist, Haley McAndrews' illustrations successfully set the tone, focusing mainly on the toasters and their activities. It's a reminder that sometimes less can be more. This story is not only intended to teach and entertain but also to inspire the imagination of young readers... Highly recommended!"

McAndrews' first book, If Only I Had, was self-published in November of 2020 and also earned a 5-Star book review from Reader's Favorite. She sells her books and artwork locally at Books and Bakery in Carroll, as well as at various events throughout the year.

McAndrews is the wife of former Denison Fareway Meat Manager, Jon McAndrews. She is the daughter of James Van Horn (St. Cloud, MN) and Carolyn Pohlman (Lakefield, MN). She graduated from Jackson County Central High School in 2004, Minnesota West Technical College (2006), and St. Cloud State University in 2009. She currently works for United Bank of Iowa, in Ida Grove.

For updates on events, classes, and new artwork, follow Haley McAndrews on social media @RedStoneArtStudio.

### Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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

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





#### Knights of Columbus to Hold Spelling Bee

Area boys and girls in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 are welcome to compete in the 2023 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. St Joseph Council 7284 Knights of Columbus of Milford is sponsoring the always-entertaining contest Thursday, January 26, at Okoboji Middle School Media Center. Forms are available at Okoboji Elementary Office, Middle School Office, St Joseph Parish Office or from Don Breuker, Knights of Columbus representative. Registration deadline is at noon on January 25th to allow time to prepare certificates, but they will accept last minute registrations at the door the day of competition. Free on-site registration - requiring a parent's signature - will begin at 3:20pm. The contest will begin shortly after 3:30pm.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated more than 76.7 million volunteer hours and \$185 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

For more information, contact Don Breuker at 712-336-4855,712-461-1321 or bfsdonb@msn.com.

#### Iowa Lakes Announces Bystander Awareness with Tim Collins Convocation

Iowa Lakes offers convocations to bring culturally diverse events to campus and the community. The next convocation will

be Bystander Awareness with Tim Collins on Tuesday, February 7, at 10:00am, on the Estherville Campus in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center and 2:00pm, on the Emmetsburg Campus in the Smith Wellness Center gymnasium.

and the public is welcome to attend. The event will also be webcast to the

Algona, Spencer, and Spirit Lake Campuses, as well as to online students during the Estherville presentation. During the Bystander Awareness presentation, Tim Collins, an

actor, writer, and educator, will perform "THE SCRIPT," which  $examines \ the \ media, language, and \ attitudes \ that \ may \ encourage$ violence in our communities and relationships.

"THE SCRIPT" inspires audience members to identify ways individuals can prevent violence, strengthen connections with friends and peers, and make their school or campus communities safer and more inclusive.

Collins has been performing solo shows since 2000, partnering with numerous violence prevention agencies across the country to perform his violence prevention shows at schools, colleges, and military bases.



**Merlin Desktop Electronic Magnifier** by Jill Jennings

The Spirit Lake Public Library was recently gifted a likenew Merlin Desktop Electronic Magnifier. This useful tool was given by the Mary Newton

Family of Okoboji. The library would like to thank the Newton Family for such a welcome donation!



the screen for your most comfortable viewing position. Merlin's screen easily pivots vertically and/or horizontally to better accommodate peripheral or eccentric viewing. It lets people with low vision, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, glaucoma and cataracts read, write, and regain their visual independence.

With its low vision electronic magnifiers, many color select options are available for increased contrast. Depending on your eye condition, certain text and background color combinations allow for ease of reading. One of the color select options is black and white. It will convert anything you are viewing to a black and white image for increased contrast.

The Merlin can also be used to magnify other things besides books: mail, maps, needlework, crafts, crossword puzzles, photographs, recipes, coins, etc. The possibilities are almost endless! Please stop by the library Monday through Thursday 9:00am – 6:00pm, Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm or Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm, and try out this new addition at the SLPL!

**Upcoming Events** • Wednesday, January 25, 9:30am, Past Times with the Dickinson Co. Museum

• Wednesday, January 25, 10:00am, ISU Extension Cooking Class for One or Two (sign-up required)

Thursday, January 26, 10:30am, Story Time

### Family Nature Night

Can you name animals that are wide awake in winter? Join us on Friday, January 27, at 5:00pm, for Family Nature Night: Animals

Wide Awake in Winter. Here is a fun, FAMILY NATURE family opportunity for free NICHT at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Kenue Park! With this program you can expect a hands-on exploration of

ANIMALS WIDE AWAKE IN WINTER animal adap-

tations and a winter hike to investigate which animals are awake

Naturalist Britney Snell said, "I want to remind families to bundle up for this program as we will be outside on our beautiful winter landscape for a portion of the evening."

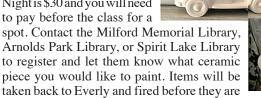
Family Nature Night is held on the 4th Friday monthly at 5 p.m. for families with children of all ages with a new theme

Elements of Family Nature Night can be indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress appropriately. Preregistration is necessary for all Family Nature Night programs. All registrations are available 2 months in advance but do close 2 days prior to the event. Please call, 712-336-6352, if you have any questions. Pre-register for this program online at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can expect this program to last one hour.



Join us for a special Paint Night at the Library on Tuesday, January 24, at 7:00pm, at the Arnolds Park Library. D & L Ce-

ramics from Everly will be leading us through painting a ceramic gnome or truck with a tree. The cost for this Paint Night is \$30 and you will need to pay before the class for a



returned to the library for participants to pick up. MML's Young Adult Create a Graphic Novel Challenge Box is now available until Friday, January 20. Fourth through twelfth graders are encouraged to create a new graphic novel. With permission, completed graphic novels will be available for patrons to read. This is a free activity, but does require registration. To register call 712-338-4643 or online at http://milfordlibrary. weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html.

With snow days, late starts, and early outs your student might be needing a little refresher. HelpNow by Brainfuse is a great resource for homework help and skill building. This free resource can be found on our webpage, milford.lib.ia.us, under the "Use Our Library" and the "Helpful Resources" tabs. This resource provides live online tutoring, editing papers, personalized study program, and games to help your student study. HelpNow is for students elementary through collegiate.

It is that time of year again... to be thinking about taxes. Milford Memorial Library has 2022 tax resources. Go to www. milford.lib.ia.us. In the blue side column, click the heading "Tax Forms and Information". This will bring up a page with links to printable tax forms, links to the Iowa Department of Revenue, and the Internal Revenue Service website.

### Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

Last week's adventure reminded me that it's been a while since last went ice fishing. Almost 2 years to be exact! There have been so many people

visiting the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy the ice fishing our area has to offer that I knew I had to get back out there and try it again. Thanks for joining me each week as I become a tourist in our backyard to explore a few of the spots that make the Iowa Great

Lakes special! We've got great fishing guides and bait shops to enhance the fishing experience in the Iowa Great Lakes Area. If you're like me and you haven't gotten out on the ice in a while, I'd recom-



mend reaching out to the experts. I contacted my friend Darrin Jones from Big Fin Guide Service to see if he had the patience to take me back out on the ice after last time. I promised not to suggest dropping fish food down the hole or call "here fishy, fishy." I learned my lesson last time. He got a good chuckle and we set a time to go fishing.

I was very thankful to have the opportunity to work with Darrin again. He had the tent and everything set up and ready to fish when I arrived. He even picked me up at the ramp, so I didn't have to walk out on the ice. There was more snow on the ice than the last time we went fishing, but we made it to the fishing tent. I settled in easily this time and Darrin reviewed the basics for me. After we (Darrin) baited my hook, I dropped the line in the hole and worked on my cadence to attract the fish. I had forgotten how mesmerizing it is to stare into the clear waters of West Lake Okoboji and watch fish swimming by. It didn't take long, and I got my first bite! I set the hook and reeled up a lovely blue gill. It was fun! Darrin helped me unhook the fish and I dropped it back into the water.

I might not be ready to fish on my own just yet, but I completely understand why so many fish houses pop up across our lakes each winter. It is an incredibly fun way to pass a few hours, and the fishing is really good this winter! If you haven't gotten out on the ice to go fishing lately, you need to! We're so lucky to have this opportunity right in our backyard. Get out and enjoy it! Hire a guide or visit one of our area bait shops. They're very knowledgeable and will help you get set up for a

fun and successful time on the ice. Let me know if you need to borrow my lucky hat when you go out fishing. It hasn't let me down yet, but that could just be the quality of fishing we have in our lakes. I hope you use this winter to get out on the ice and enjoy the recreational opportunities available to us. You can find more information about area fishing guides and bait shops at www.VacationOkoboii. com. We've got a special filter under the "Things to Do" tab dedicated to fishing!