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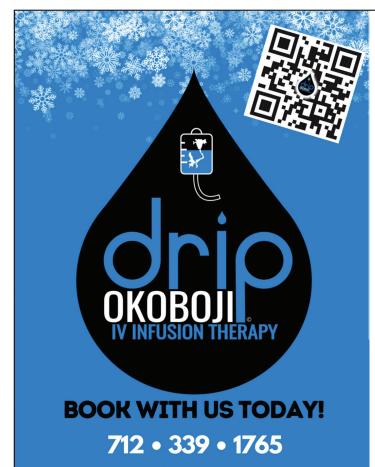
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Winter Games Bridge Tournament

Calling all bridge players! It's time to register for the Annual Winter Games Bridge Tournament that will be held Friday, January 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford.

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 person.

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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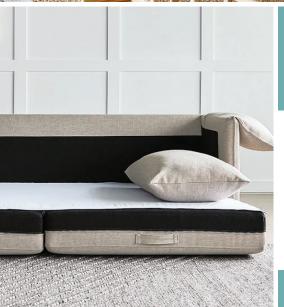
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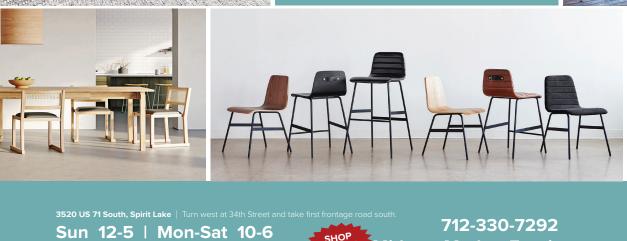
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Winter Games Are Here!

It has definitely been a long winter already around the Iowa Great Lakes and the rest of the midwest, with numerous storms causing postponements and cancellations. The weather has wreaked havoc with everyone's plans and schedules, and has definitely been the worst that I can remember in all of my years of coaching high school basketball, as we are currently in the middle of a five-game stretch in seven days, with four of them being on the road due to numerous postponements from earlier in the season. However, this weekend we finally get a chance to celebrate all that is great about winter with the 43rd annual University of Okoboji Winter Games being held January 26-29 all around the Iowa Great Lakes.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and countless volunteers and businesses do a fantastic job of providing events for kids and adults of all ages and all different entertainment preferences. Winter Games offers something for everyone with broomball, flag football, softball, bags tournament, numerous fundraising meals, the Chili Cook-Off, the Chocolate Classic, the Polar Plunge, live music, bingo, fireworks, the burning of the greens, and much, much more. The Winter Games are also a huge boost to our local economy in the dead of winter, bringing in thousands of visitors to our area during a time of the year when it's normally pretty slow. It's great to see people enjoying all that our area has to offer, and it brings a summer feel to our area in the dead of winter. This week's Lakes News Shopper is full of ads and articles with all that is going on with the 43rd Winter Games, be sure to check it out from cover to cover, and get out and enjoy the good that winter actually has to offer!



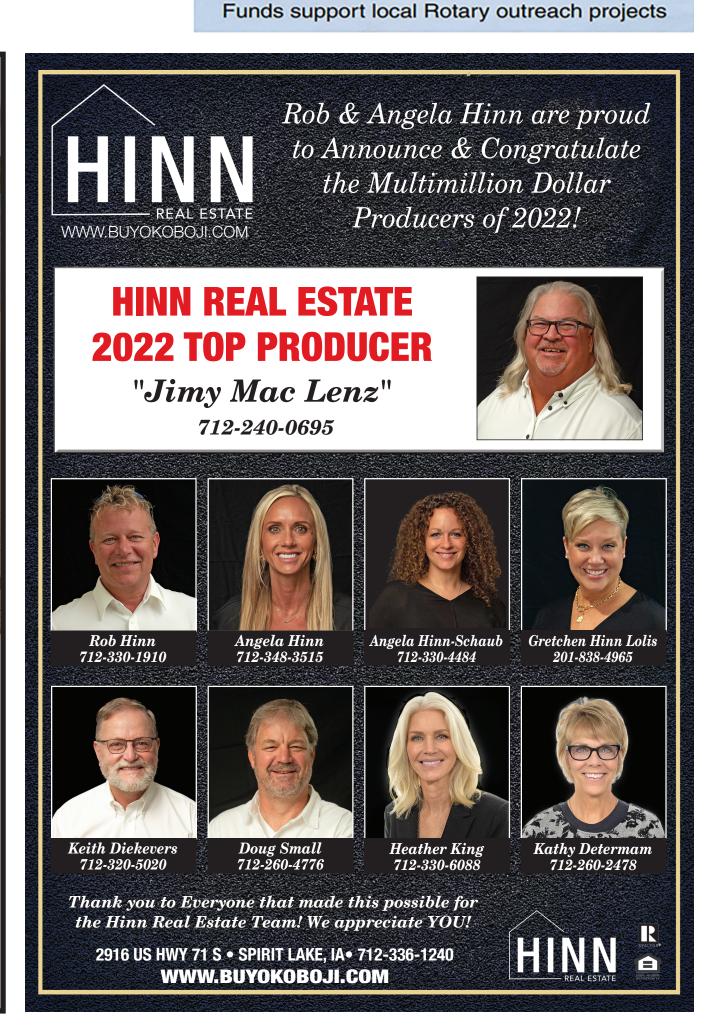
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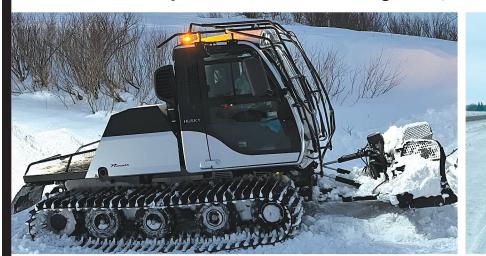




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Kroll Earns Honors

Natalie Kroll, of Spencer, was named to the Nebraska Wesleyan University's fall semester academic honors list. Students earning at least a 3.75 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) while completing a full-time course load of at least 12 credit hours of graded work (pass/fail courses are not included) are eligible.





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Mulhern Named Dean's List

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce among those named to the Dean's List was Molly Mulhern, from Spirit Lake. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student.

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MARINA SCHEDULE OF

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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

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

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

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show llam Snappers Turtle Bay Café Open

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

Tristan Marquardt on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage 5pm

Hanging Bar Competition

Johnny Holm Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage 8pm 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

Ice Bar & Shot Luge from Red Bull & Drip Okoboji

The Barefoot Bar & Boat House bars open 8am

Flag Football on the pond sponsored by Parks Marina

Red Bull Ice Scramble Hot Laps

Quad/Motorcycle Studded Ice Race Shootout presented by Parks Marina

Snappers Open Food Truck by Buffy, Trackside Bar & Red Bull Ice Bar open at Barefoot

Lonesome Losers on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

llam DJ Aventi at The Barefoot Bar with Red Bull DJ Truck

Red Bull Ice Bar and Shot Bell, Drip Okoboji Shot Luge

11am-1pm Casting Contest by Pure Fishing. All age participation - win prizes!

Mini Golf Course sponsored by Liberty National Bank Kid's Fun Zone:

Great Plain Zoomobile sponsored by Tot Spot Daycare

Cy meet and greet sponsored by A&M Laundry Herky meet and greet sponsored by Clary Lake Service

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

Bean Bag Toss and Tubing Hill Red Bull Winter Bar and DJ at The Barefoot

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

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

3:30pm Rylan Fowler Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

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

Pop Rocks on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage 8pm **SUNDAY | JANUARY 29TH**

Snappers Open llam

THURSDAY | JANUARY 26TH

West Boutique is Open 8am-5pm Noon The Fish House is Open!

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27TH

Ice Bars & Shot Luges by Redbull and Drip Okoboji ALL DAY 7am-2pm 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 Noon West Boutique is open with New Winter Fashions and up to 75% off select 8am-5pm

summer fashions perfect for winter vacays!

Josh Quirin in The Fish House 7pm

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The Fish House Open 8am

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

Broomball Tournament in Smith's Bay 8am-4pm

West Boutique is open 9am-5pm

12-7pm Karaoke & dance tunes with Big Nacho

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

Smooshing Races sponsored by Exit Realty - consists of teams of three, 1-2:30pm

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SATURDAY | JANUARY 28TH Gardens is open 9am

Deskside Ice Bar by McCormack

Music with The Sheet Noon

Bean Bag Tournament sponsored by The Gardens 1pm

Keg Toss - sponsored by Doll Distributing and The Gardens 4pm Music with The Jeremy DeWall Band 5pm

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President's List Honoree

The following area students at the University of Iowa were named to the president's list for the 2022 fall semester. University of Iowa undergraduates who achieve a grade point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) of 4.0 in 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework and who have no "I" marks (incompletes) or "O" marks (no grade reported) on their records for two consecutive semesters (excluding summer session) are recognized by inclusion on the president's list.

Congratulations to Brandon Nolin and Delaney Weeks of Spencer, and David Wagner of Spirit Lake.



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The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Announces 2023 Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees

The Class of 2023 will be inducted Labor Day Weekend in Arnolds Park

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2023 that will be honored during the Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular on Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 3.

Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Association stated "I'm looking forward to celebrating the talent of the inductees who have made an incredible difference in all our lives. This Class of 2023 Hall of Fame inductees are testament to caliber of the talent in Iowa and also the talent of inductees from around the world that have enriched our lives.'

Executive Director Clay Norris added, "We're so excited to present this incredible class of inductees and award winners. It's always like a big family when we get together. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Arnolds Park during the induction celebration planned for Labor Day weekend."

The festival kicks off with a Rock the Roof Concert on Thursday evening, August 31. Friday evening features a special concert to be held in the Roof Garden with 1964 - The Tribute, who are being inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame. 1964 – The Tribute is a band that according to the Rolling Stone magazine is: "Best Beatles tribute on Earth." The Opening Ceremony and Guitar Marching Band, Autograph

Party, Iowa Rocks Talent Contest and Inductee Meet & Greet will all be on Saturday, September 2. The weekend culminates with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Induction Ceremony and Concert on Sunday, September 3.

2023 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Inductees: • Band Category: House of Large Sizes, Mercurys, The Rathbones, Renegade, Rushmore,

- Border Band Category: Denny & The D.C. Drifters
- Out of State Band Category: The Beatles, The Young Raiders, 1964 The Tribute
- Promoter Category: John Murren, Brent Stockton
- Individual Category: Bobby Berge, Andy Blumenthal, Christopher Jon Furman, Kevin Hanick, Ed Hart, Sam Irish Sr., Andy Krayer, Craig MacGregor, Ron Smith
- Women Who Rock Category: Rebecca Braun, Melanie Rosales-Underbrink
- DJ Category: Jamie Grout
- Radio Station Category: KNOD, Harlan
- Support Person Category: Kent Hertz, Donald Higgins, Kirk West
- Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award: Jimmy Ryan
- Matousek Lifetime Achievement Award: Tony Valdez
- 2023 Special Achievement Awards:
- Spirit Award: Lone Tree Horns
- John Senn Legacy Award: Steve Daly

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation in 1997, more than 500 entities and over 1,900 individuals have had the honor of being inducted or awarded. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in the music industry.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through the website www. iowarocknroll.com. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 2023 will be considered for the Induction Class of 2024.

Details on the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular Weekend schedule and ticket information will be forthcoming at www.iowarocknroll.com.

Terry Klein to Perform at VFW

Terry Klein will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Wednesday, January 25, from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is only \$5, come and listen to your favorite songs.





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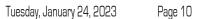


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Saturday, January 28 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Okoboji Bible Conference - Arnolds Park (look for signs)

Omelet, cheesy hash browns, cinnamon roll, coffee, orange juice \$11.00 per person | \$6.00 - Kids 6 and under

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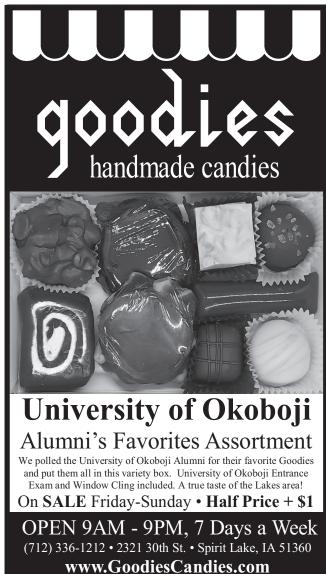


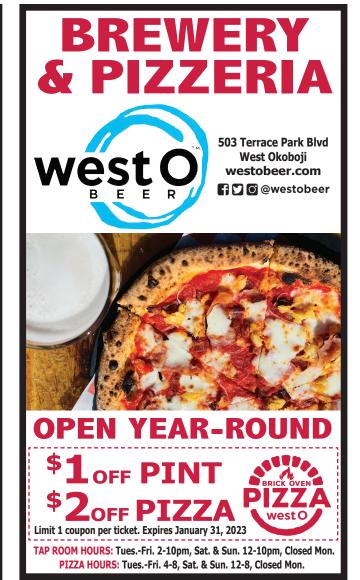
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Family Services Resource Guide

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/county-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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The University of Iowa awarded the following area undergraduate, graduate and professional students degrees at the close of the 2022 fall semester: Sophia Endly, Macade Matuska and Elisabeth Petersen of Spirit Lake; John Greer and Delaney Weeks of Spencer; Allison Koerselman and Emily Naatjes of Milford.



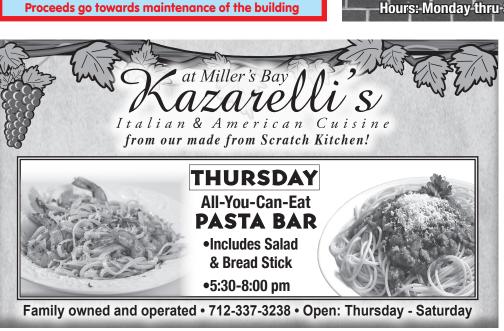


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Okoboji Middle School Jazz Performance begins at 11:15. **Order of performances:**

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Milford Library News

Youth Corner

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hand side until CHECK THIS OUT! you reach 'Use Our Library. Thenhighlight

over to 'Students,' and click on a specific school. On the 'Elementary School' tab, there are numerous links to read, research, and have fun. Also, the 'Youth' page under 'Use Our Library' has many informational items for families.

Lastly, please make Milford Memorial Library a stop on your way home throughout the week. We have lots of books to check out, puzzles and toys to play with, and an inviting spot to get some one-on-one time with your kiddos. Remember, you can use your library card from any of the local libraries here at MML.

Omelet Brunch at Winter Games Supports Summer Theatre Student Scholarships

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association will be having their annual Omelet Brunch at the Okoboji Winter Games on Saturday, January 28, 8:00am-12:30pm at the Okoboji Bible Conference (Arnolds Park). Proceeds from the brunch go towards Stephens College student scholarships so that students can participate in the 65th season of the Okoboji Summer Theatre. Available will be an omelet, cheesy hash browns, cinnamon roll, coffee, and orange juice. Prices will be \$11.00 for persons ages 7 and up and \$6.00 for kids 6 and under. The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association has been supporting summer theatre in the lakes area since 1953 by encouraging attendance, providing scholarships to Stephens College students, and sponsoring one show each season. For membership information about OSTA, contact president Mike McKim, 712-330-7467. OSTA is a non-profit









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Two from Okoboji at **All-State Music Concert**

Congratulations to Okoboji Seniors Ellie Albertoni and Anna Petersen as they performed at the Iowa High School Music Association All-State concert on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at Iowa State University in Ames.

Anna Petersen was chosen as Bb Clarinet 1 for the All-State Orchestra. This is her 2nd time being chosen as last fall she was named Bb Clarinet 1 for All-State Band.

Ellie Albertoni was chosen Flute 1 for All-State Band. Being chosen for All-State is the highest honor in Iowa music, so this is a tremendous honor! The IHSMA All-State Festival concert was broadcast on Thanksgiving evening on Iowa Public Television and can be accessed through that station for additional viewing. The OHS instrumental director is Mr. James Kunz.



BVU's Fall 2022 Dean's List

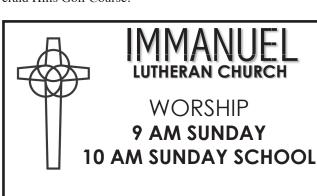
Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. Congratulations to the following area students: Ana Alonso, Lorie Irwin, Claire Knutson and Hannah Olson of Estherville; Kelsie Baccam and Riley Hansen, Jarett Rodriguez, Haley Schwenneker and Katie Woodworth of Spencer; Ashley Hout and Paige Hout of Ocheyedan; Kiaya Pernick of Milford; Allison Roberts of Spirit Lake; Jenna Syverson of Lake Park; Christian Voss of Everly.

Calvary Church Winter Games Church 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."

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The following ares undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester.: Spirit Lake - Tim Ascherl , David Greiner, Bryce Olsen, Elisabeth Petersen, Jordyn Sorenson, Ashley Thorn and David

Spencer - Lauren Bare, Jade Barnes, Mallorie Erb, John Greer, Grace Hamilton and Ethan Schmidt.

Milford - Jack Batman and Hannah Johnson. Estherville - Isaac Creech, Logan Newhouse, Elizabeth Reardon and Emily Shryock.

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Lake Park - Grace Elser, McKenzie Heikens and Cheyenne

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Briar Cliff University Dean's List UNIVERSITY OF OKOBOJI

Briar Cliff University is pleased to announce the following area students have been named to the Dean's List for fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Full-time students who have a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater and part-time students who complete six or more credits in a semester with a GPA of at least 3.5 are eligible for the Dean's List. An asterisk following a student's name denotes a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations to *Jamison Helmers of Milford and Maddy



Local youth showed off their free throw skills in the Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship January 8 at Bedell Family YMCA in Spirit Lake. The competitors posed with members of the local Knights of Columbus, which is based at St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake.

Spirit Lake K of C Crown Youth Free Throw Champions

Area girls and boys ages 9 to 14 participated in the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship this month, and eight earned the right to compete at the district level. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake and Paul Katzfey, EXIT Realty Midwest, sponsored the local competition at Bedell Family YMCA, drawing kids from the Lakes area to enjoy positive and healthy competition with other youth.

Henrik Gruys was the 9-year-old boys' champion and Sam Graves won the bracket for the 10-year-olds. Claire Kruger championed the 11-year-old girls' division and Luke Turner won for the 11-year-old boys. For the 12-year-olds Kaitlyn Trautman took honors for the girls and Cole Donnenworth won for the boys. Finishing out the local competition were winners Max Graves in the 13-year-old boys' bracket and Jack Graves, 14.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts for the council level championship, with winners progressing through district, regional and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based on scores from the state-level

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 130,000 sharpshooters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions. Each competitor receives a participation certificate, with winners taking home a plaque in

the local championship, or medal in the district championship. The highest-scoring state winner receives the International Championship Crystal Trophy.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 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, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family, community and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Coats for Kids and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with more than 2 million members in over 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights around the world donated nearly 48 million service hours and nearly \$154 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families.









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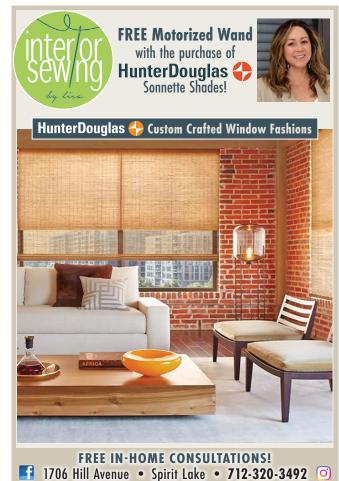
The Okoboji 7th grade team won two tournaments this past weekend. On Saturday, Okoboji won the Spirit Lake basketball tournament. The Pioneers went 3-0 against Estherville-Lincoln Central, Spirit Lake and then Boyden Hull in the championship game.

Okoboji followed that up and again went 3-0 on Sunday in the GTRA Basketball Tournament. The Pioneers defeated Estherville Lincoln-Central, Algona and then North Iowa in the championship game.

Shown below is as follows: (front) Adam Berglund, Lincoln Wolf, Grayson Groeneweg, Rhyker Wright; (back) Colton Johnson, Kaeden Schillinger, JD Gravert, Jake Neuharth, Cooper Boone, Dexter Peters. Coached by Shane Neuharth and Scott Berglund

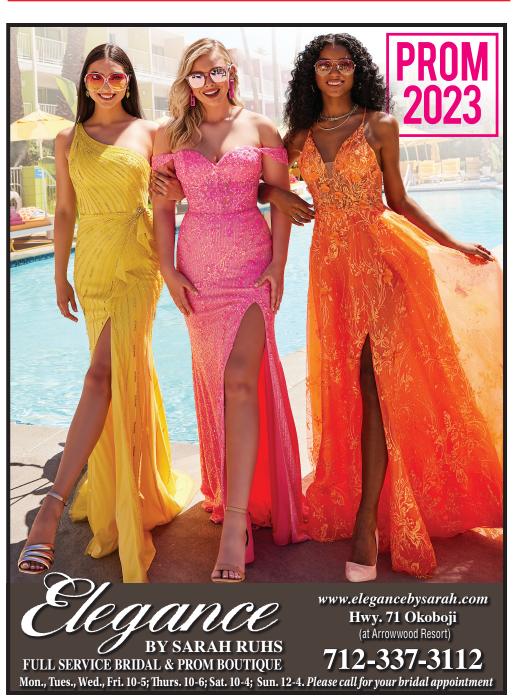














 $\textbf{OKOBOJI MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE BAND} \ was \ honored \ to \ have \ 10 \ students \ selected$ to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City. This year's festival was held on January 16. The day featured two bands of equal ability, with guest directors Jason Rygg and Jeana Larson Selected students were: Back Row: Wayne Cochran-Tuba, Taylor Kasch-Clarinet, Ava Wasson-Trombone, Brynley Wipf-Flute, Braxton Dean-Tuba, & Aiden Schable-Trumpet. Front Row: Caden Swenson-Clarinet, Claire Sanbulte-F Horn, Hudson Downing-Trumpet, & Cruz Nitchals-Trumpet. The Middle School Instrumental Director is Jody Ingwersen.



2023 Grant Funding for Nonprofits Serving the Iowa Great Lakes

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.





75th Anniversary Announcement

Lawrence and Jolene Hansen will be celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Their family would like to honor them with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach them at 2970 260th Avenue, Spencer Iowa, 51301.

Spirit of Harmony Chili Cook-Off Dessert Bar

The Spirit of Harmony Chorus will again be offering a dessert bar at the Chili Cook-Off on Friday, January 27, from 5:00-7:00pm at the Expo Center.

As in past years they will be selling pies, dessert cakes, cheese cakes, and frosted brownies. All proceeds are used to fund various activities of the chorus. Again they will be selling whole pies. Now, in addition to enjoying a great slice of pie at the chili cook-off, you can take home a whole pie to enjoy with your family the next day. Proceeds from the whole pie sales will go into a fund for the chorus' international competition next October in Louisville, Kentucky. Spirit of Harmony Chorus is an awarding winning member of Sweet

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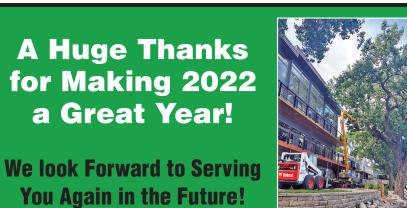
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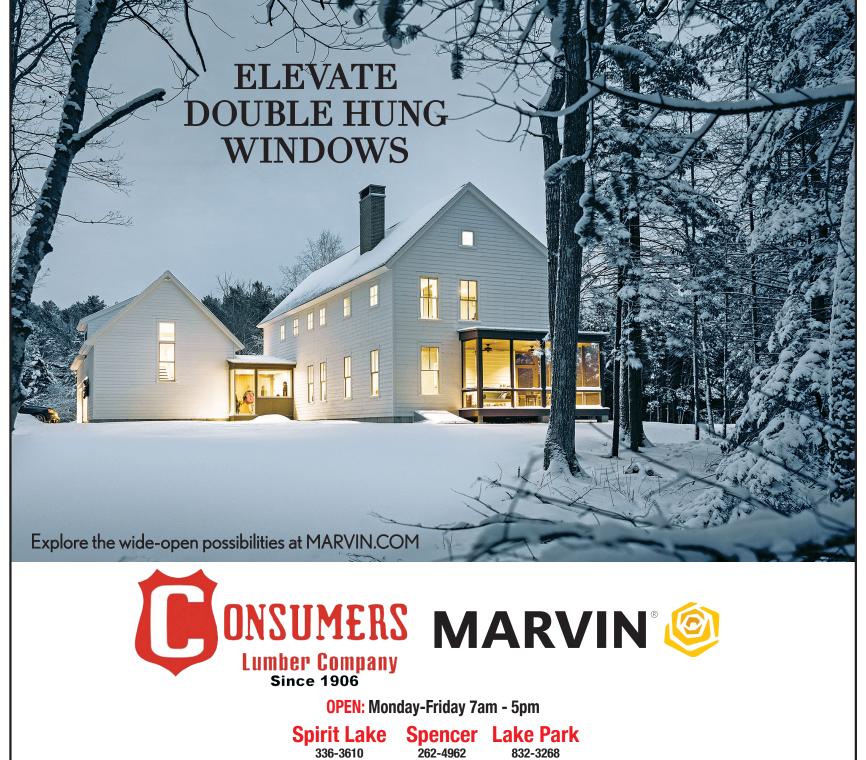




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There are over 430 student entries for this contest, and while some students have two entries, there will still be HUNDREDS of people in our building as coaches, parents, grandparents and more come to watch these students compete for a chance to go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

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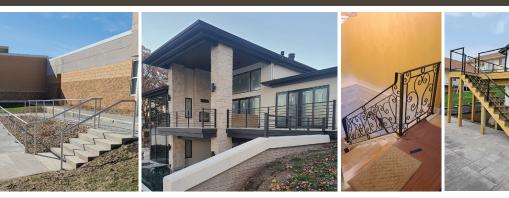
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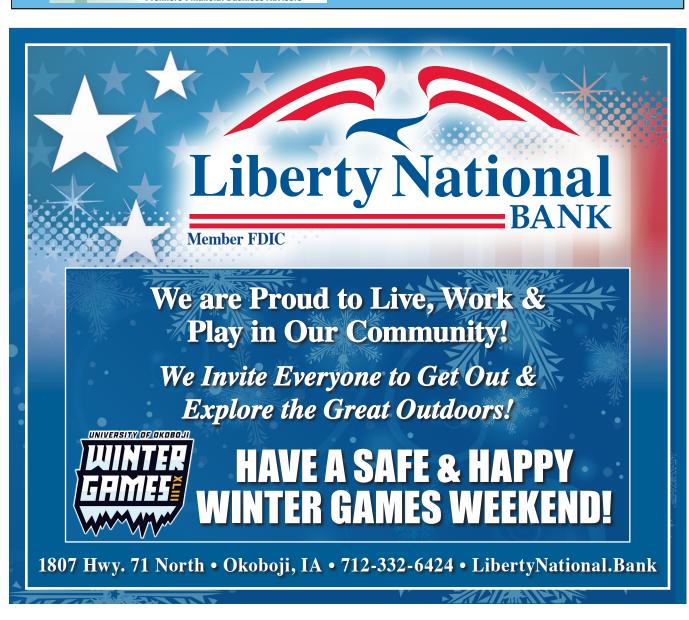
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A funeral service for Margaret "Peggy" Gunderson, 81, of Lake Park, was held Monday, January 23, 2023, at the United Methodist Church in Lake

Lake Cemetery in Lake Park. Margaret "Peggy" Gunderson, the daughter of Carl and Evelyn Benna, was born April 5, 1941 in Storm Lake Iowa and raised on a farm near Albert City, Iowa. After graduating from Albert City High school, she completed her education degree from University of Northern Iowa, and began her teaching career for one year in Spirit Lake, IA and then in Minneapolis, MN.



During her time in Minneapolis, Peggy came down to Sioux Valley Log Cabin with one of her friends to go dancing. This is where Peggy met a handsome farmer from Lake Park and began her lifelong journey as a devoted farm wife and mother. On August 4, 1967, Peggy was married to Jon Gunderson at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. This past August, they celebrated their 55th wedding

Peggy found great joy in sharing time with her family and dear friends throughout all stages of her life. She delighted in going to ball games and other school activities of her children and grandchildren, spending time at the lake cabin with family and dear friends, going to Rock the Roof, eating out and conversation with lifelong friends, putting puzzles together, doing crosswords, visiting her grown children and their families, devotions and bible studies. In recent years, Peggy looked forward to her weekly Thursday routine going to the hairdresser and out to eat with Jon. She always had time for her family and so enjoyed visiting with every grandchild. The Lord blessed her with a listening ear, a compassionate heart, and unconditional love for each one. Additionally, throughout her life, Peggy shared her love for teaching and children in the field of special education within many school districts: Spencer, Sioux Valley, Harris-Lake Park, Spirit Lake, and Okoboji.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lake Park, Iowa and her walk with the Lord was very precious to her. Peggy passed away with her family at her side on January 11, 2023.

Peggy's life and memory are loved and honored by her family which include her husband Jon Gunderson of Lake Park, IA: daughter Ann Wulf (Duane) of Tucson, AZ and their children, Cassidy, Axel, Zachariah, Garret, Marshall, and Victoria; daughter Joni Tschetter (Ron) of Sioux Falls, SD and their children, Isaiah, Mikah, and Misha; son Tim Gunderson (Jody) of Lake Park, IA and their children, Lilliana, Gracie, and Jackson; one sister Bernie Schleusener (Mick); one brother Burton Benna (Marcia); in-laws Bob and Jeanine Gunderson and Ed and Deanne McCollum; nieces; nephews; other extended family and

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Evelyn Benna and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Verna Gunderson.

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Call District 2 at 712-580-4406 for more information.



2023 Dickinson County Historical Society and Museum, Inc. Board of Directors: Rebecca Peters, Jonathan Reed, Jeff Vierkant, Gayle Mayer, Cindy Schubert, Joann Gano, Norm Meinking. Absent from photo are: John Sandy, Jim Avery, Jan Purdy, Tom Riehm, Irving Jensen.

Dickinson County Historical Society Annual Retreat

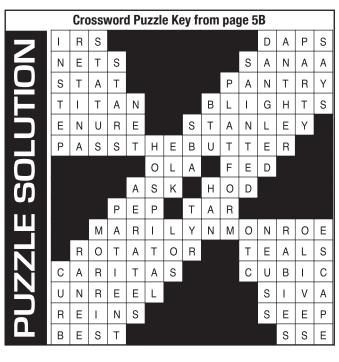
The Board of Directors of the Dickinson County Historical Society and Museum, Inc. met recently for their annual retreat—a morning of discussion, problem-solving, and planning. During the retreat, 2022 highlights were shared, the strategic plan was reviewed, committees formed, and ambitious goals set for 2023.

The year's highlights included the outstanding and generous support of the extended community for our Matching Grant Challenge for Exhibits. The initial anonymous challenge of \$5,000 was quickly exceeded, as was the extended challenge grant of \$7,000. The almost \$15,000 raised will be used to upgrade, enhance, and develop new interactive exhibits in the original 1883 Milwaukee depot.

Other highlights included a significant increase in attendance fueled by the popular History LIVES! speaker series and other programs and events, the addition of a new steel roof over the depot thanks to a generous grant from the Okoboji Foundation, and a new Dickinson County Research Area and the R. Aubrey LaFoy Resource Room funded by a Dickinson County Endowment Fund grant and donations. A new website features video stories of local folks and programs, many online resources, and an online store.

Current programs include Way Back When Wednesday at 9:30 every Wednesday at the Spirit Lake Public Library. Coming February 18 from 9:30-noon is a family edition of History LIVES! with Don Gregerson's stories of harvesting ice, 1930's era films of winter in Dickinson County, and "Back in the Day" workshops for children.

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the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. We have returned to grocery store still pick-up inside the church. You will need to bring your own bags or boxes to collect your groceries and take them home. Do not arrive before 3:30pm, do not line up at the door, the

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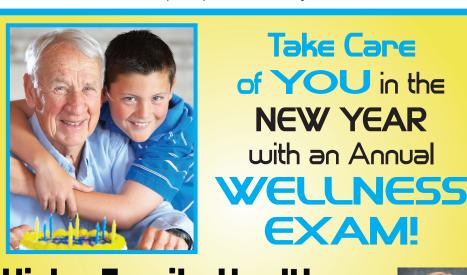












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Recipe Courtesy of: Rachel Perry with the American Lifestyle magazine.



Another Successful State Tournament for OHS Debate

Congratulations to Okoboji High School Debate Team on another successful state tournament! The team competed at the beginning of January and finished 10th place in Sweepstakes as a team. Senior duo Chayse Packebush and Connor Cunningham placed in the top 8 which made them quarterfinalists. Two other teams made it into the elimination rounds: Sally Androski and Nora Conover and then Austin Kasch and Sam Hoggard. Nora Conover also earned an All-State medal reach out to each person individually. for speaking. McKenna Hesse earned a medal in Congress.

We had several other students participate in the tournament, and they showed great improvement from the beginning to the end: Talyn Bauerly, Hailey Schneider, Brekken Packebush, Marc Hoggard, and Tyler Christenson.

Coach Greiner said "These kids worked hard to get prepared and were able to compete without as much practice time as we would normally have. I'm proud of their accomplishments and hope they realize how well they have done."

Veterans Informational Meeting

The American legion is having an informational meeting at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 25, at the American legion

building, 1709 Okoboji Avenue, Milford (across from North-

west Bank). The presentation will be by Dickinson County Veterans Service Officer, Spring Jones. All veterans are welcome, spouses or immediate family members should also

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



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Traffic Impact

U.S. 71 through traffic will be detoured to Iowa 86 and Iowa 9. One lane in each direction will be maintained at all times on U.S. 71 in Arnolds Park and Okoboji.

All reconstruction will occur during the spring and fall seasons of 2023 and 2024 to minimize disruption during the area's peak activity and tourism season.

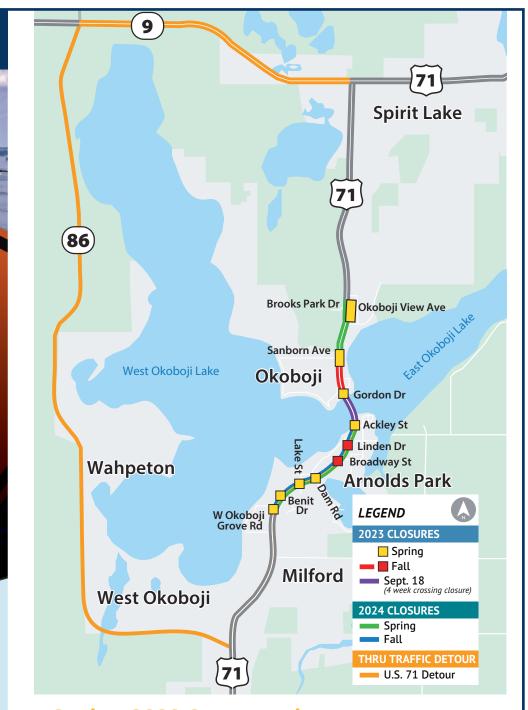
See right side for project overview map and Stage 1 details.

Keeping you informed

Be on the look out for additional mailings with details about a project website, expected to launch January 2023, and a public event that will be held in March.

Questions? Contact your Iowa DOT planner:

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Spring 2023 Construction (stage 1 of 4)

Stage 1 – Begins March 2023 and will be completed before the 2023 Memorial Day weekend. Will include intersection reconstruction in Arnolds Park and Okoboji.

All intersection construction will be half at a time, to avoid closure of the entire intersection.

Arnolds Park intersection reconstruction locations:

- Okoboji Grove Rd.
- Benit Dr. • Lake St.
- Dam Rd. (East half)
- Ackley St.

Okoboji intersection reconstruction locations:

- Lake Shore Dr.
- Sanborn Ave.
- Okoboji View Ave.

Stage 2 – Begins the Tuesday after Labor Day (Sept. 5).





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: An-

imals Wide Awake in Winter. Here is a fun, family opportunity for free at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Kenue Park! With this program you can expect a handson exploration of animal adaptations and a winter hike to investigate which animals are awake in winter.



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 each month.

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.

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Spirit Lake Middle School Band Students Perform In Strong Foundations Honor Band

Eight band students were selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Middle School Honor Band Festival sponsored by Sioux City East Middle School Band. Student recommendations were submitted in October and from those nominations 200 students were chosen for participation in 2 separate bands. The selected students performed a concert at Sioux City North High School, Monday, January 16, at 6:00pm, following an afternoon of rehearsal. Selected from Spirit Lake Middle School are sixth graders Mason Poolman-Tuba; Sawyer Nikkel-Euphonium; Levi Samuelson-Tenor Saxophone; Abigail Mensing-Alto Saxophone; Finley Van Genderen-Flute; Clara Petty and Emily Gewecke-Trumpet; and Madeline Ackerman-Bb Clarinet. Spirit Lake Middle School band director is Sally Jo Ites.





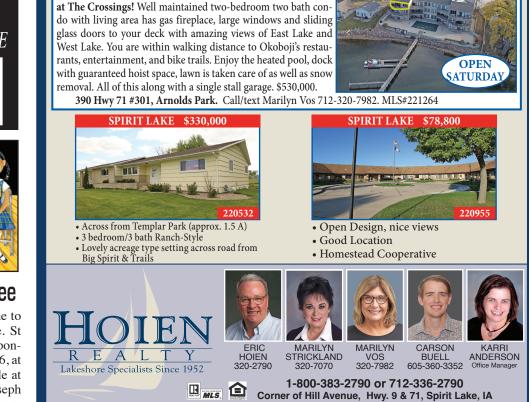


Knights of Columbus to Hold Spelling Bee

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.

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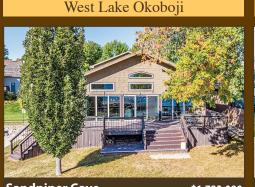
Thurs., Jan. 26 - 10:00 AM -160 Acres & 40 Acres at Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Peterson & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com

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

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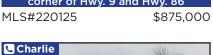
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Carrying On Señor Cliff Hinderman's Mission Señor spent the last 20 plus years of his life dedicated to the education of extremely poor children in Oaxaca, Mexico. "You can give a child a taco and it is good for today. You can give a child an education and it is good for a lifetime." He helped over 2,000 complete high school and over 150 complete university. He took no monetary remuneration.

Please acknowledge these outstanding local citizens. Because of their generosity we were able to take much needed clothes, school supplies and dental hygiene products to Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots in Oaxaca this December.

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Dennis and Dori Lippon Spirit Lake, Iowa

Free Business Startup Event At Tietz Entrepreneurial Center

Tietz Entrepreneurial Center and Iowa Lakes Community College offer a free Business Startup event from 6:00 to 7:30pm on February 13, at the Algona Campus located at 2111 Highway 169 North.

The event welcomes people who are interested in entrepreneurship and don't know where to start or who have an idea that they think could be a great business or side hustle and need guidance on taking their concept to the next level.

Five professional panelists will share information about resources available to assist people in their business startup journey and will answer any questions. They will also provide practical advice on how to launch a business.

The panelists include Vicki Mallory, Executive Director of the Algona Area Chamber of Commerce; Bernie Merrill, Owner and General Manager at A2Z Broadcasting, LLC.; Jacob Tjaden, Algona City Administrator; Larry Wajda, Northwest Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director; and Jason Wartick, Executive Vice-President and Chief Credit Officer of Iowa State Bank.

Entrepreneurs, hobbyists, side hustlers, and students are encouraged to attend.



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

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





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ILCC Releases Fall Honors Lists

Iowa Lakes Community College releases the Fall 2022 Honors Lists recognizing students who achieve the highest academic standards earning inclusion on the President's List or Dean's List. For the Fall 2022 semester, 109 students earned President's List, an honor achieved by those who recorded a "straight-A" or 4.0 GPA, and 227 students made the Dean's List of students who

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earned a 3.25 GPA or higher for the semester. In addition to achieving the required GPA, students must also be full-time and enrolled in 12 or more graded credits to be eligible for the President's List or Dean's lists.

Congratulations to the following area students:

Indicates a 4.00 (A) GPA Armstrong - Lily Henderson, Dean's List; Allison Kingswan, President's List.

Arnolds Park - Cassie Hinshaw, Dean's List. Dickens - Aliza Huntoon, Dean's List.

Dolliver - Jackson Bassett, Dean's List; Santos Cruz, Dean's List.

Estherville - Brian Becker*, President's List; Peter Bieber*, President's List; Blake Bixby, Dean's List; Brandon Brunsvold*, President's List; Matthew Christensen, Dean's List; Ceasar Diaz, Dean's List; Alvaro Diaz*, President's List; Jaden Gipfert, Dean's List; Rhett Goebel*, President's List; Austin Henning, Dean's List; Michael Houge, Dean's List; Amelia Jarvis, Dean's List; Daryl Jensen, Dean's List; Jack Jensen*, President's List; Megan Jewell, Dean's List; Isaac Johnson, Dean's List; Jacob Knudson, Dean's List; Nicholas Leonard, Dean's List; Shinya Louis, Dean's List; Arron Nissen, Dean's List; Jaydan Nitchals, Dean's List; Cheri Nystrom, Dean's List; Elizabeth Peta*, President's List; Emily Regelstad, Dean's List; Steven Reighard, Dean's List; Adrienne Rosfjord*, President's List; Isabella Santistevan, Dean's List; Hollie Sindt*, President's List; Carter Snyder*, President's List; Jose Soria-Gonzalez, Dean's List; John Tiller, Dean's List; Rylee Valentine, Dean's List; Scott Whitacre, Dean's List; Cael Wodtke, Dean's List.

Everly - Justina Cherry*, President's List; Taisya Newcomer*, President's List; James Rickerl*, President's List.

Greenville - Austin Vanderhoff, Dean's List.

Heron Lake, Minnesota - Grace Kilian, Dean's List.

Jackson, Minnesota - Austin Lyons, Dean's List; Caleb Rubitschung, Dean's List. Lake Park - Kyle Bensley*, President's List; Lucas Gunderson, Dean's List; Alex Heikens, Dean's List

Milford - Nicholas Baker, Dean's List; Gabriel Batman*, President's List; Austin Erickson, Dean's List; Haley Hallengren*, President's List; MacKenzie Miller*, President's List; Sophia Sires, Dean's List; Justin Vaughn, Dean's List.

Ocheyedan - Krista Hoffert*, President's List; Madison Otto, Dean's List; Justin Prochnow, Dean's List; Tanner Van Heuvelen*, President's List.

Okoboji - Cailin Jensen*, President's List.

Royal - Gabriella Carpenter, Dean's List.

Spencer - Erin Adams, Dean's List; Candace Brazel*, President's List; Olivia Carey, Dean's List; Alissa DeMaria*, President's List; Cole DeVlaeminck*, President's List; Morgan Fitzgerald, Dean's List; Taariq Ganga*, President's List; Megan Haisman*, President's List; Chiava Lovan, Dean's List; Alexander Moore, Dean's List; Isabelle Pingel*, President's List; Vanessa Reardon, Dean's List; Zane Russell, Dean's List; Jackson Schultz, Dean's List; Joseph Uitdeflesch, Dean's List; Chloe Vansickel, Dean's List; Alexis Vasquez*, President's List; Addison Wagner*, President's List; Maverick Warburton*, President's List; Carson Weeks*, President's List; Kaiden Woodall, Dean's List.

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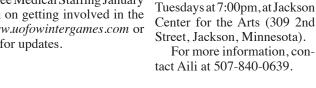
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Activities Planned For 2023 Iowa Lakes Homecoming

Iowa Lakes Community College announces 2023 Homecoming activities for January 20 through 27. The public, graduates of Iowa Lakes, and area K-12 students are encouraged to show their Laker Pride and watch a wrestling meet in Estherville on January 26, at 7:00pm, and basketball games in Estherville on January 25, at 5:30pm, for Women and 7:30pm for Men.

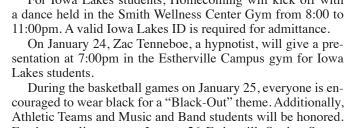
For Iowa Lakes students, Homecoming will kick off with a dance held in the Smith Wellness Center Gym from 8:00 to 11:00pm. A valid Iowa Lakes ID is required for admittance.

On January 24, Zac Tenneboe, a hypnotist, will give a presentation at 7:00pm in the Estherville Campus gym for Iowa

couraged to wear black for a "Black-Out" theme. Additionally, Athletic Teams and Music and Band students will be honored. For the wrestling meet on January 26, Estherville Student Senate will provide a tailgate for Iowa Lakes Students.

students are invited to bowl at the Spencer Bowling Alley from 7:30 to 10:30pm. The Spencer Student Senate is hosting the bowling event and will pay for all Iowa Lakes students so that they can attend for free.

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On January 27, the final night of Homecoming celebrations,

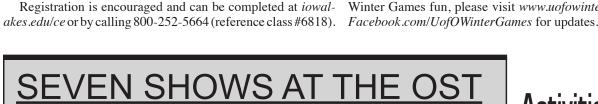












LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

With just two days before the official start of the 2023 Okoboji Winter Games on Thursday, we have what could be one of the best weeks of the year for outdoor fun, including a lot of music at almost every corner. While there is plenty of information in the 2023 edition of Vacation Okoboji, you will find yourself surrounded by music and fun just by keeping your eyes open. Seeing eye dogs will not be needed!



Stagerat Stan made it back from his winter home down South just in time to join the fun, starting with Red's traditional Omelet Breakfast fund raiser for the Okoboji Summer Theatre Association, Saturday morning, at the Okoboji Bible Conference Ministries' Tabernacle in Arnolds Park. All proceeds from the annual event go toward scholarships for the student actors as well as support of at least one performance each year. And, yes, Stagerat Stan has most of the details OST Director

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Ruth Ann Burke was reluctant to discuss before the Saturday reveal that will follow the breakfast at about 1:00, also in the Tabernacle. What Stan learned it that there will again be seven different performances, in the main stage

theatre, and two different shows for children in the *Boji Bantam Theatre*. The main stage will see seven shows that begin on June 27th, with three of the four musicals, in consecutive weeks, Let It Be, (June 27-July 2), See How They Run, (July 4-9), and Promises, Promises (July 11-16).

The obvious comedy of the season will be Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Mike, (July 18-23). The closing performance fills the final musical sot, with a performance that saw a broken-hearted Adam Sandler starring in a motion picture that cast him as The Wedding Singer. The OSTA's Rich Nicklay wants you to know that along with a fine entertainment schedule the OSTA, Coupon Voucher Books are selling again this year for just \$140 -- which can be quite a savings through the summer. Rich will get you full details if you Email him at ostassociaton@gmail.com

The very talented Charlie Leissler will be taking the stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake Winery, Sunday afternoon from 4-6:00. Wine maker Scott Benjamin has posted his entertainment schedule through March at **Islwinery.com**

Just in case you need a road map to begin or end your Winter Games weekend, The Roof Garden Ballroom has you covered from start to finish, with The Pork Tornadoes and The Smith Brothers as special guests, Friday night, starting at 7:30; and Frankie Ballard, with Special Guest Pony Creek, Saturday night, also at 7:30...

And, even though he is leaving his Clay County responsibilities behind to assume the leadership role at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Clay County Fair exec Jeremy Parsons is leaving us with some late winter, Spring and even one Summer event to look forward to at the Clay County Fair and Events Center, starting on Friday, February 28, with Tim Harmston and Mary Mack (a husband and wife comedy duo), on Friday night, February, 17th. The annual Family Fest will take place on Saturday, March 4th, followed by a Beer sampling featuring The Johnny Holm Band, on Saturday, March 25th. The Art of the Q, a BBQ Contest and Art Festival is also to take place July 7th & 8th. After the short time Jeremy has spent here, we wish him well in Iowa's Capital city. Is Texas next?

Research director RD has things well in hand, not only for the Winter Games, but for several weeks ahead, too. Under 'normal' circumstances RD's January lists of interesting musical events would have already appeared here. She was prepared and her January findings will be part of next week's column. With Winter Games being at the top of everyone's mind, RD has selected this week's items to be more oriented toward the Games, starting with Game of Love, by the English Beat group, Wayne Fontana and The Mind Benders, which was released in January of 1965, in the United Kingdom, and shortly thereafter in the U.S.A., to become a Number One Hit shortly thereafter, The song was written by Clint Ballard, Jr., whose second chart topper came ten years later with You're No Good, by Linda

Even though Winter began more than a month ago, it is still acceptable to sing, It's a Marshmallow World in The Winter, which was written by Carl Sigman and Peter DeRose. Often heard in December, the lyrics never mention a holiday, but do compare a snowfall to marshmallows covering the ground. One of the most popular versions of the song was recorded by Dean Martin on a 1966 Reprise LP. As the official opening of the Winter Games is Thursday, RD notes that the song, It's All in the Game became a Number One Hit for Tommy Edwards in 1958. Initially, Carl Sigman put words to a 1911 composition, Melody in A Major, written by Charles Dawes -- who became Vice President of the United States, under Calvin Coolidge, from 1925-1929. RD thought it was most interesting that It's All In the Game became the only song written by a future Vice President of the USA -- or a Nobel Prize Laureate. Dawes was both!

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Please send your music-related announcements and comments to PO Box 676, Okoboji, Iowa 51355-0676.

DEADLINE for submissions: 5 PM, Thursday, prior to Tuesday publication.

In acknowledgement of January 22-28, 2023 as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Week, Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) is recognizing the contributions the CRNAs devote to their patients' care.

CRNAs deliver anesthesia to patients in any healthcare setting, staying with them throughout their procedure to ensure their comfort and safety. LRH Director of Surgical and Anesthesia Services Melissa Klontz said, "Our five CRNAs have a total combined service of 85 years and are a valuable asset to our organization and community."

All CRNAs at LRH are credentialed by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. CRNAs are required to have a minimum of one year of critical care experience before entering a nurse anesthesia education program. In all, they attain seven to eight years of education, training, and work experience before working independently. LRH's CRNAs regularly receive continuing education and strive to provide the highest quality care to their patients.

LRH is currently looking to add another CRNA to their team. Those interested are encouraged to apply online at https:// pm.healthcaresource.com/cs/avera/#/job/81888.



Iowa Farm Bureau \$2,500 Renewable Scholarship Applications Due February 3

New Online Application Process Submits Students for All Eligible State and County Scholarships

High school students graduating in spring of 2023 are encouraged to apply for Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's (IFBF) \$2,500 scholarship, awarded to 27 eligible Iowa high school seniors and renewable for four years, up to \$10,000.

"Iowa leads the nation in agricultural production, and one in five jobs in our state is attributed to agriculture so it's imperative that we support the next generation of ag leaders," says IFBF President Brent Johnson. "Iowa Farm Bureau is proud to award nearly \$500,000 in annual scholarships to students continuing their education."

Scholarship eligibility is reserved for current Iowa Farm Bureau members or their children in good standing with the organization. Those wishing to become members can visit www. iowafarmbureau.com. To be eligible, the graduating high school student must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, be involved in extracurricular activities and accepted into an accredited higher education institution, including community colleges and technical schools.

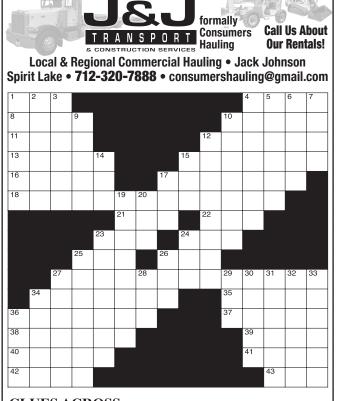
To apply, students must submit a typed essay demonstrating their leadership, community involvement and how they would use the scholarship award to support Iowa Farm Bureau's mission of creating a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families and their communities.

Each of IFBF's 100 county Farm Bureaus will send one application from their county to be considered for the state award of which 27 students (three from each of Farm Bureau's nine districts) will be selected. To qualify for scholarship renewal, the recipient must continue to meet the scholarship requirements.

Many county Farm Bureaus also offer a locally-sponsored scholarship; availability and amounts vary. By completing one application, the student is automatically entered to be considered for the state and county awards, where available. The scholarship application and eligibility requirements can be found at https:// www.iowafarmbureau.com/Member-Benefits/Iowa-Farm-Bureau-Scholarships.

Applications must be completed online by Friday, February 3, 2023. Contact the IFBF Community Resources office at 515-225-5461 with questions.

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24. V-shaped open trough

26. It accompanies feather

37. Having the shape of a cube

39. Believed by some to be the

43. Midway between south and

27. Blonde bombshell

34. One who revolves

supreme being

40. Checks or guides

42. Top-quality

southeast

20. Large red deer

23. Pokes holes in

25. One in a hospital

27. Famous cat

36. Suppress

24. "Star Wars" hero Solo

29. Type of drug (abbr.)

26. Scandinavian god of battle

28. __Angeles: City of Angels

41. Leak slowly through

35. Bluish greens

36. Charity

38. Unwind

25. Make lively

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tax collector 4. Fishes without the line
- touching water 8. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 10. Actress Lathan
- 11. A metric for athletes
- 12. Food storage location
- 13. Colossus
- 15. Desolations 16. Accustom to something
- unpleasant Kubrick, filmmaker
- 18. You might ask this at
- Thanksgiving 21. Arkansas city
- 22. Gave food to
- 23. Request
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Part of your foot 2. It's at the back of the eyeball 3. Where things stand
- 4. Offered 5. Contains pollen 6. Boisterous get-together
- 7. Asserts out loud 9. They're in the sky
- 14. It can catch fish
- 17. Helps little firms

treatment

- 10. Canonized 12. A politician's official stances
 - 30. City along the Rhine 31. Animal disease 32. Martini ingredients 33. Get away 34. Rare species of rodent
- 15. British thermal unit
- 19. Where patients go for

OST Announcement of Productions - Featuring Four Musicals

The naming of the 2023 Okoboji Summer Theatre productions will be unveiled at the Winter Games, Saturday, January 28, 1:00pm at the Okoboji Bible Conference (Arnolds Park). This will be the 65th season of Stephens College (Columbia, Missouri) operating Okoboji Summer Theatre. Four musicals and three non-musicals will be part of the 2023 season. The announcement will be made by Okoboji Summer Theatre staff, Ruth Ann Burke, Executive Director, and Michael Burke, Director of production and operations. Earlier in the day will be the annual omelet brunch from 8:00am-12:30pm at the Okoboji Bible Conference (Arnolds Park). Proceeds from the omelet brunch go towards Okoboji Summer Theatre student scholarships. Summer Theatre Discount Voucher booklets for \$140 will be available at the meeting and the omelet brunch.

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association has been supporting summer theatre in the lakes area since 1953 by encouraging attendance, providing scholarships to Stephens College students, and sponsoring one show each season. For membership information about OSTA, contact president Mike McKim, 712-330-7467. OSTA is a non-profit organization.

Kiwanis Soup and Pie Luncheon with an Okoboji Jazz Performance

Milford Kiwanis is pleased to announce the return of the

Okoboji Jazz Performance and Soup and Pie Luncheon to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Soup and pie served from 10:30am to 12:30pm, at the Okoboji

Middle School. Jazz Performance begins at 11:15. Order of performances: OMS Jazz Band, OHS Jazz Choir and OHS Jazz Band. Performance only

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

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Milford Library News

On Wednesday, February 1, at 5:30pm, an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take

place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

Mark your calendars for MML's Blind Date with a Book. There will be no awkward or forced conversions and no need to call. There will be no title or description on the wrapping. You will only know the book's genre. It could be a diamond in the rough or one you want to return right away. You won't know until you check it out. Pick up your book date Wednesday, February 1, through Tuesday, February 28.

Let MML help you escape or plan you next adventure. If a stay-at-home escape is what you want, then we recommend the books People You Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry, The Beach House by Mary Alice Monroe, or The Guest Cottage by Nancy Thayer. However, if you are planning your next getaway check into 1000 Perfect Weekends: Great Getaways Around the Globe by National Geographic, our collection of Fodor's Travel guides (American Southwest, Rome, Italy, and more), and 50 States, 500 Campgrounds: Where to Go, When to Go, What to See, What to Do by Joe Yogerst. To explore more titles, come to the Milford Memorial Library or go online to our catalog at milford.lib.ia.us.

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Patrons are able to use MML's drive-up window for reserves, printing, and copying pick up. The window is open during operating hours. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30am - 5:30pm, Wednesday, 9:30am – 7:00pm, and Saturday, 9:30am - 12:30pm. For any questions please call Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or email at milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.



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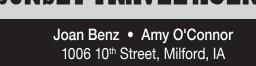
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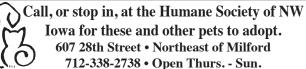
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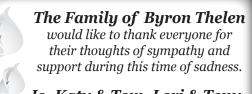
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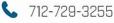


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All nominations are due by Friday, March 17, 2023. For a list of past recipients of the Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni award, please visit iowalakes.edu/alumni-friends/.

Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

The Vacation Okoboji Visitor Guide inspires thousands of people visit the Iowa Great Lakes each year to enjoy the activities and amenities our area has to offer. This week the 2023 Vacation Okoboji Visitor Guide arrived, and the Okoboji Tourism office is work-

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The Okoboji Tourism Office also mails copies of the guides to guests of upcoming weddings and reunions! It's a helpful resource to get guests excited about their upcoming visit to Okoboji and plan a few extra adventures while they're in the area. We also provide guides in a welcome bags for meeting and conventions that are held in our community. We've found that providing a guide to someone who joins us in Okoboji for business is a great way to inspire them to come back with their family for another visit!

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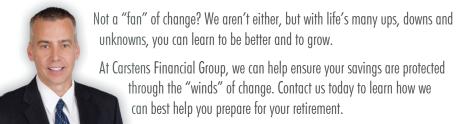
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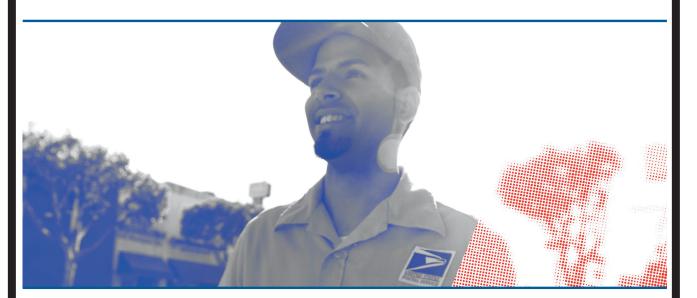
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