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Iowa State University announces fall 2022 Dean's List

More than 10,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Congratulations to the following are students:

Armstrong - Elliott Ross Hagebock and Dayna Renee Umscheid.

Arnolds Park - Tyler Adams and John Michael Gidley.

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Estherville - Jordan Clabaugh, Laura Elizabeth Humble, Ruth Irene Marth, Shania Renee Murray, Emma A. Ross and Kya Linn Thiel.

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Wallingford - Chloe Rose Bauler.

ISU Announces Additional Names to Their Dean's List

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GEOMETRIC PAINTING ON WOOD
February 25 | 10am-1pm | \$50/\$60
Instructor: Marisa Sidles | Ages 16+

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Wine Dinner
February 16

6pm | \$90/\$100 per person

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Wine Class
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February 2: Wines of Australia
March 2: Women Winemakers
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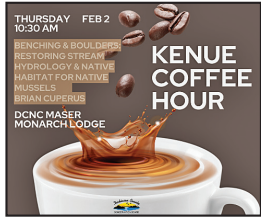
February is the month of love. Let's celebrate our love of freshwater mussels! Check out this free Dickinson County Nature Center program, Kenue Coffee Hour! Head out to Kenue Park in Okoboji, Thursday, February 2, at 10:30am.

February's topic is Native Mussel Habitat, a presentation by Dickinson County Conservation Resource Manager, Brian Cuperus. He is excited to give the public an opportunity to learn about natural resource topics. Anyone interested in natural habitat restoration should attend.

Brian Cuperus said, "I am looking forward to showing the importance of stream hydrology and native mussels!"

Kenue Coffee Hour is a free adult program held on the first Thursday of the month. The program starts at 10:30 am and typically runs for an hour and a light beverage bar is served. The topic for Kenue Coffee Hour changes each month. There is no need to pre-register for this program. Questions can be directed to 712-336-6352 or naturecenter@dickinsoncountyiowa.com.

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



Say Yes to a Dress

Say Yes to a Dress at the Prom Dress Give-Away Open House held Saturdays, 1:00 - 4:00pm, from February 4 through April 1, 2023, at the Grand Avenue Community Outreach (605 Grand Avenue, across from the Pizza Ranch in Spencer). Please use the East Grand Avenue door. For questions, call or text Judy Taylor at 712-260-7221.

Mobile Food Pantry in Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, February 2, from 4:30 - 6:30pm, at 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 building will be open at 3:30pm, and distribution will not start before 4:30pm. Questions? Call James Kessler at 712-330-1738.



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Then head over to the OHS Auditorium for Large Group Speech Public Performance Night at 7:00pm. All 9 events will be competing at State on that Saturday. You'll get to see the One Act Play, Reader's Theatre, Choral Reading, Musical Theatre, 2 ensemble acting groups, and 3 improv groups. You'll laugh...and you may even cry...but we guarantee you'll walk away seeing great speech.

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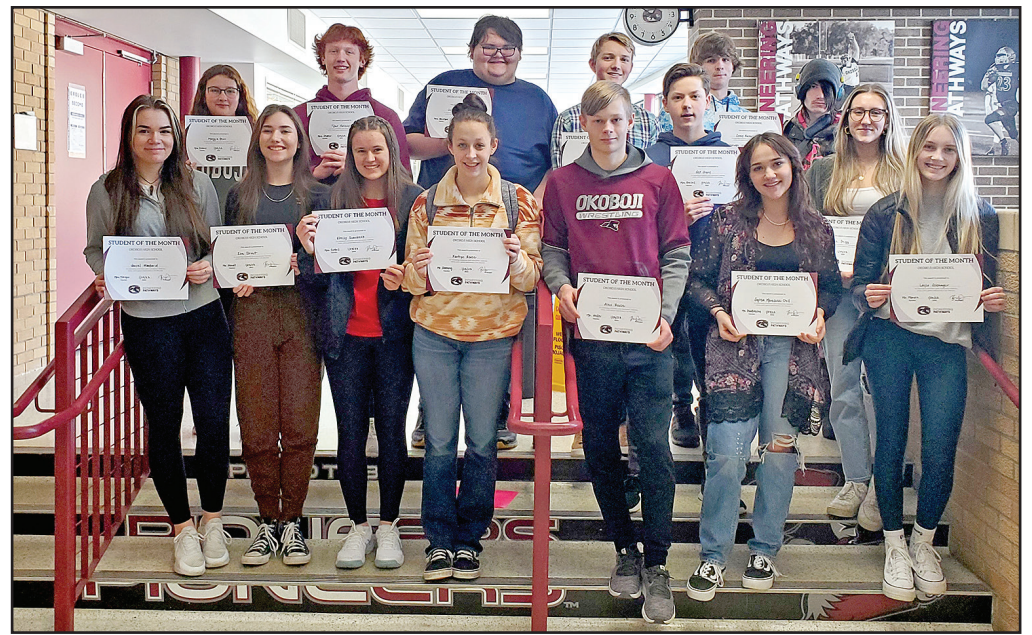
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Overall Student of the Month: Jules Covell.

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1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
Sliced sautéed mushrooms for garnish, optional
Chopped parsley for garnish, optional

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and shallot, cook for 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and cook for about 3 minutes, until tender and browned. Transfer all the contents of the pot to a bowl. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter to the pot. Once melted, sprinkle in the flour and whisk into a paste. Reduce the heat to medium. Add the stock a little at a time, whisking out the clumps between each addition. Increase the heat to medium-high and allow the soup to simmer for 3 minutes. Add the mushrooms back to the pot and continue to cook for 2 minutes more until creamy. Let cook for 3 to 4 minutes, then ladle into bowls. Garnish with mushrooms and parsley, if desired.

Recipe Courtesy of: the Mushroom Council.

Winter Games have come and gone!

As we were out-of-town late last week, we had no real first-hand experience of this year's U of O Winter Games. Even with the frigid temperatures, though, we understand fun was had by all. And from what we heard, the weather was appropriate -- though not very comfortable for a visiting bear from Minnesota. Still, we understand, too, that not all the fun was scheduled for the great outdoors..

One of the major indoor activities, the *Okoboji Summer Theatre's* Pancake breakfast was postponed briefly, late Friday night, before being canceled early Saturday morning, when the caterer, who had been up all night watching the weather, decided not to expose his crew to the snow and ice-covered roads between Hartley and Arnolds Park. There's always next year...

As the noon hour passed Saturday, and the weather got a bit better, *The Okoboji Summer Theatre* staff did manage to bring folks in for a peek at the details on the upcoming, 65th season.

And, by the way... *The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association* is still planning it's Memorial Day weekend Belgian Waffle breakfast While it's not cast in stone at this point, it is in the tentative plans after being a huge success last year...

The OST's Managing Director, Ruth Ann Burke, did get to speak with several interested visitors who came for the breakfast, and even when that was canceled, stayed for tours of the facility.

Now, Ruth Ann is more interested in promoting not just the facilities, but the shows scheduled to start on June 27th. As Stagerat Stan noted here last week, the opening musical will feature many of *The Beatles'* sensational songs harkening us back to the innocence, turbulence and hopefulness of the 1960s. You will remember all the songs and the lyrics -- but please don't sing along with the cast.

The second musical, *See How They Run*, is a British effort, with all the elements of a top-drawer farce. *Promises, Promises*, features a great combination of creative folks, including Book by Neil Simon, Music by Burt Bacharach, and lyrics by Hal David. The script is based on a screenplay, *The Apartment*, by Billy Wilder, and I. A. Diamond. Bacharach's blockbuster hit, *I'll Never Fall in Love Again*, is just one of the great songs that is a part of the show...

Next week we'll try to explain *Vanya*, and *Sonia and Masha and Spike*, along with the four other great shows that are also a part of the 2023 *Okoboji Summer Theatre* season... Boone and Lambert will be taking the stage in the barn at the Little Swan Lake Winery, Sunday afternoon, from 4-6:00.

Research Director RD works so far ahead of our scheduled deadlines for *Rambolling* that we are now trying to catch up with her most interesting efforts for five songs that became popular in the month of January, (over a period of many years,) as we begin February! *There Are Such Things* is a song written by Abel Baer, George W. Meyer, and Stanley Adams, in 1940, and first recorded by Frank Sinatra with the *Tommy Dorsey Orchestra*. Since then it has been re-sampled by Patti Page (1958), Al Martino, (1968), and Freddy Cole with the *Bill Charlap Trio*, on their 2007 release, *Music Maestro, Please. Paper Doll* was written by Johnny Black, years before it was recorded by *The Mills Brothers* in 1944. Twenty-two years later trumpeter man Al Hirt included it on his RCA Victor LP, *They're Playing Our Song*. Even more recently Michael Buble used the song on his 2007 CD, *Dream*, along with two other chart toppers, *You Belong to Me*, and *I'll Never Smile Again*, *I Can't Begin to Tell You*, written by James Monaco and Mack Gordon, was first recorded in 1945, by Bing Crosby, and covered in 1959, by both Brook Benton and Frankie Avalon, and selected by Willie Nelson to be a part of his 1983 Columbia studio LP, *Without a Song*.

Buttons and Bows was penned by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans, for the 1948 Paramount Studios motion picture, *The Paleface*, starring Bob Hope and Jane Russell. Not only was B&B a Number One Hit, for Dinah Shore, but it also won an Academy Award as *Best Original Song of the Year!*

And that's a great way for any one to start any new year!

Next week we'll have a lot more details to note here so you can make your summer plans at the *Okoboji Summer Theatre*.

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Lux Named to Dean's List

Annie Lux, of Spirit Lake, made Mount Mercy University's Fall 2022 Dean's List. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better, and who are graded (letter grade, not pass/fail) for six or more semester hours, are eligible for inclusion on the Dean's List. Congratulations, Annie!

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Space is limited to 5 teams per event, so registration is required. All teams need to be registered by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 23. Please call or stop into your library for more information. Jackson Library 507-847-4748, Lakefield Library 507-662-5782, and Heron Lake Library 507-793-2641.
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Obituaries

A visitation for **Beth Lynn Heide**, age 55, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, was held Monday, January 30, 2023, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held in the summer, 2023. Beth passed away on January 24, at her home in Spirit Lake.



She was born in Carlton, Minnesota, on March 10, 1967. She went to Cloquet High School, was a great athlete, and excelled in swimming where she has held a record for almost 20 years. She loved the outdoors, cross country skiing, and biking.

Beth was a loving mother to her son Nathan. She moved to Spirit Lake in 1992 where she eventually found her soulmate, Glen Heide. They married on October 8th, 1994. They took their first of many Caribbean trips to Jamaica. She enjoyed exploring new places, spending time with her family, and riding the motorcycle with her husband. She travelled to all but one state in the lower 48 by motorcycle. She enjoyed spaghetti night with her husband and family followed by her favorite chocolate. She was the best Mimi to her granddaughter, Evelyn, who she loved more than one could imagine.

Those who knew Beth knew how full of life she truly was. She was the life of every party and found the good in all situations/circumstances. Her saying of "It's all good" guided her through life. She loved unconditionally and expected nothing in return. Always putting others before herself.

Beth worked various jobs throughout the Lakes Region. Many of which involved working with the public. Most would know her for her big smile and ability to complete the task. She enjoyed getting to know each of her customers.

Beth is survived by her husband, Glen, and their son, Nathan, and his wife, Liz, and a beautiful granddaughter, Evelyn, as well as her mom, four brothers, and two sisters.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Clem "Clem" McCoy, 80, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, at 10:30 AM, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to Mass. Robison Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Clem McCoy was born May 13, 1942, in Worthington, Minnesota, to Lawrence and Mildred (Burns) McCoy. He graduated from Worthington High School in 1961 and went on to earn an Associate's degree from Jackson Vo-Tech. Clem served in the National Guard for nearly a decade.

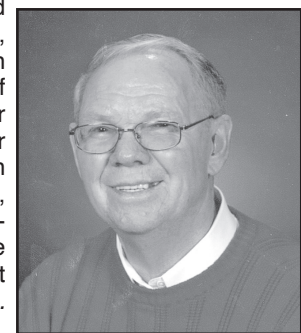
On October 2, 1965, Clem married Lorraine Bartosh at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake, Minnesota, and raised 5 children. Clem started his career as a surgical assistant at the hospitals in Worthington, MN and Spirit Lake, IA. He enjoyed helping people and prided himself on being a lifetime learner. Clem later pursued a technical degree in electronics. He worked for many years as an electronics technician, eventually learning more about computers and maintaining computer systems. Clem retired in 2005.

Clem and Lorraine are long-time members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Clem was a talented artist. In retirement he decided to try oil painting. He was self-taught and painted many beautiful paintings that will be cherished by his family. He was an avid reader and a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and especially loved spending time with his family. Clem was a loving father and grandpa. He took great pride in each of his kids and grandchildren.

Honoring his life are his wife of 57 years, Lorraine McCoy of Spirit Lake; son, David (Barbara) McCoy of Omaha, Nebraska; daughters, Karen (Ron) Moss of Urbandale, Iowa; Sharon (Patrick) O'Brien of Spirit Lake; and Sandra (Dave) Wallace of Brandon, South Dakota; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; siblings, Jerry McCoy of Hopkins, Minnesota; Mary Ann (Steve) Myers of Richfield, Minnesota; Kathy Schaffer of Mankato, Minnesota; Michael McCoy of El Paso, Texas; Therese McCoy of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Margaret (Todd) Loudenslager of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; along with many nieces and nephews. Clem was preceded in death by his parents, son Mark, brothers: Larry, Joe, and Pat; in-laws: Laura McCoy, Lou McCoy, James (Jim) Schaffer, Carol McCoy, and Elaine McCoy.

Obituaries

Max Hurdle, 90, of Spencer, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer.



A memorial service was held on Monday, January 30, 2023, at the First Christian Church in Spencer, Iowa. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robison Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Max Albert Hurdle, the son of Floyd and Verla (Dunn) Hurdle, was born in Clarinda, Iowa on February 19, 1932. Max passed away peacefully on January 26, 2023.

He grew up in Clarinda, Iowa, and graduated from Clarinda High School. He married Phyllis Anne Krouch on April 5, 1953. Max and Phyllis attended school and church together in Clarinda and began dating in their senior year of high school. They were married for sixty-nine years.

Max earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy at the University of Iowa in 1954. Early in his career, Max and Phyllis owned Page Pharmacy, Alan Drug and Hurdle Drug in Waterloo, Iowa. He later worked at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. Max also earned his real estate license and sold properties for 15 years in the Des Moines area. Max and Phyllis then relocated to Okoboji, where he served as a pharmacist at Spencer Hospital before retiring and joining Pharmacists on the Go, in which he worked for pharmacies across Iowa.

Max enjoyed cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, fishing with family, and building and flying radio controlled airplanes. He was an active member of the First Christian Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and serving in multiple ministries. Later in life he enjoyed sitting on the porch and enjoying the wildlife. He was very strong in his faith and loved his Lord and Savior.

Max received numerous awards and recognition for the 50+ years of service to patients and the profession of pharmacy. Max was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 13 years old. He lived courageously for 78 more years and was one of only a few individuals to survive that long with the disease.

Max is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and their three children: Jeff Hurdle (Pam) of Spirit Lake, IA; Linda (Tom) Moore of Santa Fe, NM; Heidi (Keith) Roach of Carmel, IN; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

The Iowa Great Lakes Area has a wide variety of events, activities, and attractions that entice visitors from all over. Let's make sure we enjoy the fun that can be found in our own back yard too! Join me each week as I explore some of the experiences that make our area so fun.

This week I enjoyed the 43rd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games! This annual event is one of my favorites in the area because it offers a little something for everyone and brings the entire community together. It's always a memory making weekend filled with smiles.

Again, this year I created a detailed schedule for the weekend to ensure that my company in town for the weekend would have the best time possible. We did need to adapt the schedule a bit throughout the weekend, but overall, it gave us a great blueprint to enjoy a variety of activities around the area!

So, what did I do? Not nearly everything. There are too many events to do it all, but my goal was to embrace as much as I could while seeing friends and having fun. I saw the kites, listened to live music, watched sporting events on ice, dined out, and celebrated the burning of the greens followed by fireworks. I had the best (but possibly the coldest) Winter Games weekend ever, and I'm already counting down the days until I can do it all over again next year!

Make sure you create great memories during the Winter Games in 2024. Whether you try to do it all, or just take in one event, this is an event worth enjoying! Our community does a great job hosting events that not only attract and entertain visitors, but so make Okoboji a really fun place to live! Make sure you get out and enjoy them! Learn more about upcoming events at www.VacationOkoboji.com. If you're looking for another great event on the ice, check out the Vintage Ice Drags in front of the Ritz this Saturday!



View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

No Story Brock Ending

The Brock Purdy story had captured the hearts of not only Iowa State and San Francisco 49er fans, but also many others around the country as Purdy had gone from being Mr. Irrelevant (the last pick of the 2022 NFL Draft) to a starting quarterback on a team that was playing for a chance to go to the 2023 Super Bowl. Not only was Purdy the starting quarterback, but he had become one of the best signal-callers in the NFL, going 7-0 in his starts with a Quarterback Rating that was among the best in the league. Purdy was not just running a system and "not losing" games, he was a key part of the 49er success, and was definitely helping them win games and propel them to the NFC Championship game.

Unfortunately, this Cinderella Story came to a crashing finish on Sunday as Purdy was knocked out of the game on the 49ers first offensive possession when he was hit by Eagle defensive lineman Haason Reddick and injured his right elbow on a play that was eventually ruled a fumble. Purdy tried to loosen the elbow up on the sidelines but was unable to come back into the game, until he was forced back into action when his backup, Josh Johnson, was ruled out of the game in the third quarter with a concussion. Purdy entered back into the game, but it was evident he was unable to throw the ball downfield, attempting only two short passes that he completed, but the Eagles knew there was no deep threat and loaded up the line of scrimmage, limiting the 49er running and screen pass game, and all but ending any San Francisco hopes of coming back. The Eagles would cruise to a 31-7 victory in an unfortunate game where the 49ers were dealt a cruel dose of reality of how tough, and at times, unfair the game of football can be.

Purdy is believed to have sprained his ulnar collateral ligament and will undergo an MRI on Monday to see if there is more damage. Hopes are that the UCL is not ruptured, as if that is the case Purdy would require Tommy John surgery, which would put his 2023 season in jeopardy. If it is just a sprain, he will just be out for a six-week recovery period. It was so disappointing for Purdy and his teammates to not get to put their best product on the field in one of the biggest games of their careers. As 49er star tight end, and former Iowa Hawkeye and one of Purdy's favorite targets George Kittle said after the game, "How does it feel to lose the NFC Championship Game because I don't have a quarterback? Pretty s---ty, to be honest." Football, much like life, is not fair and often we don't get the outcomes that we work so hard for. It's too bad we don't get to see a 49er and Chiefs Super Bowl matchup that would feature a fun Purdy vs Patrick Mahomes story line. I can only imagine how disappointed Purdy and his teammates are, as I'm not even a 49er fan, but have absolutely loved watching Purdy ascend and lead this team like he did, and I felt absolutely sick for them. One thing that I do know about Purdy is that he will respond from this challenge, and come back stronger than ever. He has an incredible faith, and will surely lean on that faith, his family, his teammates and his work ethic to come back and show that his Cinderella Story is far from over!

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.

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2023 WINTER GAMES BRIDGE WINNERS - Twenty Bridge players opted for a warm, indoor activity Friday, January 27, as part of the 2023 Winter Games. Winners at the tournament, which was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, were, low place to Janice Breidinger and high place to Carolyn Rossie. (Photo by Susan Reiser)

Lori Towne to Retire from United Community Bank

United Community Bank is both happy and sad to announce the retirement of our Vice President of Operations, Lori Towne. "Lori has been an extraordinary asset to the bank for 44 years. Her hard work, dedication and commitment have been a tremendous compliment to United Community Bank" stated Bank President Steve Feld. Lori commented "I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life, especially spending more time with my family and grandchildren". Lori will have more time enjoying country music concerts, reading books and cheering on the Hawkeyes. Lori's last day with United Community Bank will be January 31st, 2023. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck. Retirement Wishes can be sent to Lori Towne, United Community Bank, PO Box 167, Milford, IA 51351



Dean's List Honorees Announced

The following area undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester:
Spirit Lake - Tim Ascherl, Brianna Brands, Benjamin Fisher, Bianca Hunt, Elisabeth Petersen, Molly Van Dyke, David Wagner and Olivia Whiting.
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Love is almost in the air here at our library, which means new programs, book displays, and library decorations for the kiddos. Please mark your calendars for Building Bookworms at 10:30am on Mondays, February 6 and 13, and Afterschool Activity at 3:30pm on Thursday, February 9.

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On Monday, February 13, from 11:30am to 3:00pm, Milford Memorial Library and the Arnolds Park Library invite fourth through twelfth graders for Young Adults Day Off (Y.A.D.O.). We will be creating edible fossils, a dinosaur lamp, watching Jurassic Park, eating pizza, and playing games. This activity costs \$5.00 and requires registration. To register call Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or Arnolds Park Public Library at 712-332-2033.
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Spirit Lake Library News

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

by Jill Jennings

The Spirit Lake Public Library invites you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before s/he starts kindergarten.

The concept is simple; the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, toddler, or preschooler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books!), before your little one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really, if you think about it. If you read just one book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years, and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think. But you must get started!

You begin by stopping by the Spirit Lake Public Library to register. You will receive all the program materials, including a reading log. The friendly library staff will help you and answer any questions that you may have. Next, begin reading with your child! Studies have shown that reading with our children provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for both of you. Keep track of the titles you read on the log. If you are able, record all books being read to your child. This includes teachers, siblings, babysitters, etc. After you finish each sheet of 100 books, bring it and the folder to the SLPL. The log will be signed and dated by library staff, and you will receive a sticker for the folder to represent the 100 books read. Then with a new reading log in-hand, you can continue to read more books. At different milestones along the journey, your child will receive some special extra rewards.

After you complete that 1,000th book, come back to the library. Your child will receive a certificate and will be recognized on the 1,000 Books Wall of Fame. Annually, all "graduates" of the program will receive an invitation to a celebration that is held at the Spirit Lake Elementary School. After that, just keep reading! Literacy and a love of books are great gifts we can give to all our children!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, February 8, 9:30am, Past Times with the Dickinson Co. Museum
- Thursday, February 9, 10:30am, Story Time




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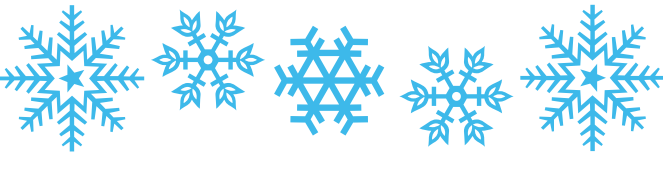
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David Connon to speak at ILUUF

January 25, 2023 (Spirit Lake, IA). Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has received funding from Humanities Iowa, a private non-profit, to host a presentation called "Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and the Iowa Underground Railroad" by David Connon on Sunday, February 12. A cultural resource for Iowans since 1971, Humanities Iowa offers many cultural and historical programs and grants to Iowa's communities.

J. B. Grinnell was called 'Preacher', 'Congressman' and 'Negro-Stealer' during his life. Grinnell and other helped at least 37 fugitive slaves who passed through their town before the Civil War. Connon will tell a story of racism, noble actions and conflict. He will highlight abolitionist John Brown's visit to the town of Grinnell, and Grinnell's first riot over the presence of fugitive slaves in the public school.

For those comfortable meeting in person, the program will be held in the Bay Hill Room at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 11:00am. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com. The event is free and open to the public.

David Connon is an independent researcher and writer. He stumbled on to Confederates from Iowa while researching the Iowa Underground Railroad. During the season, he works as a historical interpreter at Living History Farms. A great-great-grandson of two Union veterans, his blog is Confederates from Iowa: Not to defend, but to understand.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I am Julie Thiesen, Vice President of the Dickinson County EMS Association and I am speaking for the Board of the DCEMSA. We would like to thank the Milford Fire Department for allowing us to host this event at their station. Also, thank you to Jim Carpenter, Shane Langholz, and Mac Arndt for all their help all three days.

Our 2023 Refresher Class to renew certificates for EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics was attended by many locals as well as participants from Primghar, Storm Lake, Lakefield, Minnesota, Sergeant Bluff, Danbury, Estherville, Emmetsburg, and Greenfield.

I want to thank our President, Steve Hopkins for organizing all paperwork, dates, place, speakers, etc. so we could host this event and thank you to all of the instructors that participated. I also want to thank board members Amy Ness and Karen Pratt for helping with all aspects of the event and to Bruce Lee, Kwik Star, Krafty's Meat Market, Subway, and Godfather's for supporting us to make it a success.

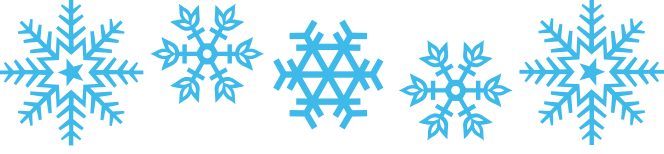
Thank you!
Julie Thiesen, EMT
Terril, Iowa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

'The Lakes News Shopper' and the 'Dickinson County News' have both had articles and notices reminding snowmobilers that snowmobiling on private property without the property owner consent is prohibited. That said, two weekends in a row, in four separate instances, I have had snowmobilers on my personal property. First and second, on Saturday, January 21st, at about 4:15pm, I had a group of 6 or 7 snowmobilers, heading north, go through my side yard and out between young lilac bushes. One lilac lost half its branches on one side and 3 others had several branches broken off. At least one member of the group drove almost the entire length of my side yard before turning to go through the lilac bushes. Given my side yard is not very wide, they were within a few feet of my house and AC unit. Then, at about 8:15PM a group heading south came through. This time, in addition to going through the lilac bushes and doing more damage, at least one rider did a circle around the spruce tree in my backyard. I called the police both times to report the incidents. Third, on Friday, January 27th at about 8:00PM a group heading north came through. This time they went the length of my side yard, between a pile of snow and my house, over my sidewalk and driveway, across the street, up over the pile of snow at the end of the driveway across the street and through the neighbor's yard. The tracks left in my yard are within inches of the corner of my house, AC unit and gas meter; the downspout on the corner of my house has been run over and squashed. Again, I called the police to report the incident. Fourth, on Saturday, January 28th at about 11:30AM a single snowmobiler came up my driveway diagonally and used the track left by the group the night before. And, yes, the police were called again. (I thank the Spirit Lake Police for their prompt response all four times.) I'm writing this to ask snowmobilers of all ages and event organizers to be good neighbors by respecting private property and ensuring event participants know they are not to be on private property.

Delores Lambert,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

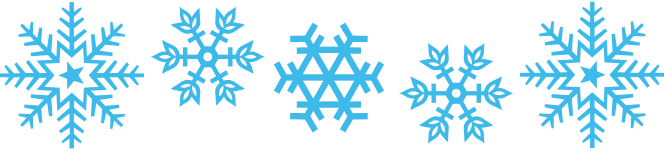


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Spirit Lake had their winter blood drive on January 23 and it was a fairly successful drive considering the winter weather and many snow birds being gone south.

We had only 1 deferral, 6 power reds for 12 units along with 32 whole blood donors. This time we had 8 no shows which is very disturbing. This prevents 8 people from donating that had a desire to do so. Our goal was 40 and we made 38 units. We are again able to take some "walk ins" if we have a slot to fill but making appointments and keeping them continues to be the best way to have a successful blood drive. No more mask wearing and that is a plus. May I remind you that you should arrive no more than 15 minutes before your appointment and not more than 15 minutes after your scheduled appointment time as they are working with limited staff so important to stay on schedule.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I wish to express my deep appreciation and say "Thank You" to all the volunteers and donors. We had two new volunteers this month which is wonderful. Thank you to Pam Sundall and Linnea Johnson-Scott for your assistance and hoping it was a good experience and you will be willing to do it again. Also a big thank you to Cheryl Petersen and Judy Jensen who are always willing to be in the reception area and deal with the computer. I am so thankful for the donors as well as all the volunteers who so graciously give of their time willingly.

Our blood banks continue to be dangerously low in these winter months and we cannot manufacture blood, it is so important to do what we can to increase our supply.

You all made a difference in someone's life and your generosity is most appreciated by those needing transfusions in trauma situations and for on-going treatment of chronic life-threatening illnesses.

Mark your calendar for THURSDAY, APRIL 6 when we will have a blood drive again. This is a change in MONTH and DAY so please take note. Please go on the Red Cross Blood Service Web Site, RedCrossBlood.org and enter SPIRITLAKEIA or call 800-733-2767 and make an appointment. Let's all pull together and make the April blood drive a successful one.

Karen Dokken chairman.

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Singles Dance

The Northwest Iowa Area Singles will be having their dance Saturday, February 4, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa. The doors are open at 6:30, the dance is from 7:30pm - 11:00pm.

The band will be The Norgard Country Band. Put on your dancing shoes and join them for a fun evening of dancing! Singles and married couples are welcome. You may bring snacks to share.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Results

The Milford Knights of Columbus Council 7284 hosted a free throw championship at the Okoboji High School on January 22, 2023. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 participated and seven earned the right to compete in the district competition held in Spirit Lake at the YMCA on February 19, 2023, at 12:00pm. In the District competition they will compete against area champions from Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spirit Lake and surrounding areas. Should they win the District competition they would advance to Regional completion in Remsen where they would compete against boys and girls from all over Northwest Iowa. From there they can advance to State competition. In the girls division, winners were: 9 year old Alexis Thompson, 10 year old Julia Kaiser and the winner in the 11 year old division was Braelyn Thompson. In the boys division, the winners were: 9 year old Carsyn Collins, 10 year old Reid Wolf, 11 year old Liam Miller and 12 year old Dalry Lufkin.

Each participant received a participation certificate. Each Winner won a trophy and a champion recognition certificate and the second place participant received a medal and recognition certificate. Should the 1st place participant not be able to compete at the next level the 2nd place participant will shoot in their place and have the opportunity to advance. Good Luck at Districts!



UNI Announces Area Graduates

UNI releases Fall 2022 graduation lists. Congratulations to the following area students: Madison Kueper, Allie Lang, Spencer Newman and Katie Tryon of Spirit Lake.

UNI Dean's List Announced

UNI releases Fall 2022 dean's lists. Congratulations to the following area students:
Arnolds Park - Haley Harms, Faith Nielsen, and Leah Schon.
Milford - Gwendolyn Gehrke, Elizabeth Harskamp and Taylor Simington.
Okoboji - Benjamin Frostestad.
Spirit Lake - Jonah Eldridge, Emma Hamm, Gracie Hamm and Madison Kueper.

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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, the tractorz
 - 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.



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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

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

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

Tues., Mar. 7 - 10:00 AM - 156.1 Acres at Auction in Gruver, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

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Cross Country Skiing Trails

The cold and snow can limit opportunities to get on our bikes and enjoy the trails, however, we are fortunate to have great cross country skiing trails in the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy during the winter months. Groomed trails are available at Brooks Golf Course up to the Dickinson County Nature Center and at Kettleton Hogsback WMA on the west side of Big Spirit Lake.

The Brooks-Nature Center Trail offers classic (traditional) cross country ski tracks and a wide skate ski lane. Recently, the DCTB sold our old snowmobile at Hogsback which enabled us to get a new groomer and track setter at this location. It was a much needed improvement to the operation that was also supported by a number of donations to our cross country skiing fund.

Eric Hoiem, who grooms the trail at Kettleton Hogsback says, "The Marble Lake-Hogsback DNR area, in my mind, is probably one of the best areas that I know of in Northwest Iowa to cross country ski. There are flat trails, somewhat hilly trails, and one loop that has 2-3 big hills that are pretty challenging. All told, there is just shy of five kilometers of skiable trails, all on public land. We have been setting classic tracks for over 15 years now and, being in the woods, it is fairly protected from the wind making for more comfortable skiing on windy days. And, there is usually wildlife to be seen as well." Hoiem adds, "This year is one of the best snow years I have seen in years, if not decades, and the skiing has been excellent. Being skiers as well, we always get out to groom the best trails we can as the weather allows, and people have really come to enjoy it."

These trails are possible thanks to local volunteers Bob Waters, Eric Hoiem and Finley Hoiem along with support from the DCTB. The DCTB continues to provide updates on snow and trail conditions on our Facebook site as well. Thank you to the Polaris Foundation for supporting our work and the volunteers that provide us with superior cross country skiing trails to enjoy during the snowy season. If you are interested in donating to the cross country skiing fund, please visit www.dickinsoncountytails.com/donate

