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Terry Klein to Perform at VFW

Terry Klein will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Wednesday, February 15, from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is only \$5, come and listen to your favorite songs.

SWCD Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be held Friday, February 17, 2023, beginning at 9:00am, in the District Office. A tentative agenda will include approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report, and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments, and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting.

If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by February 16th by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.

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.



- Q. What is Dickinson County Conservation Endowment or DCCE?
 - A. A Non-Profit organization formed after Dickinson County Pheasants Forever disbanded.
- **Q.** Why did Dickinson County Pheasants Forever Disband?
 - A. The Volunteers wished to pursue a local organization where 100% of the proceeds benefit The Lakes Area, and all involved are 100% Volunteers (**No Corporate/National Paid Positions.**)
- **Q.** What will the proceeds go to that DCCE raises.
 - A. DCCE's mission is to improve the Lakes Area through: Improving Habitat on State Ground, Improving Habitat on Private Ground, Tree Plantings, Native Grass Plantings, Pollinator Projects (Bee Habitat), SYC Special Youth Challenge, Supporting 2 Local Shooting Teams (Lakes Area Trap Club and Okoboji AIM), Youth Hunt, Food Plots, Funding Local School Outdoor Projects, Promoting Clean Water and Much, Much More!

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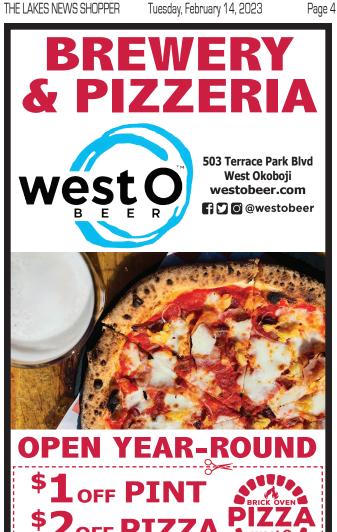












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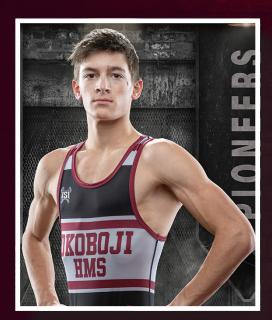
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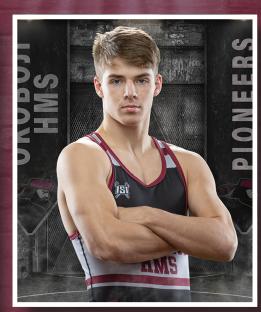
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Bryce Dodge - 152 lbs.

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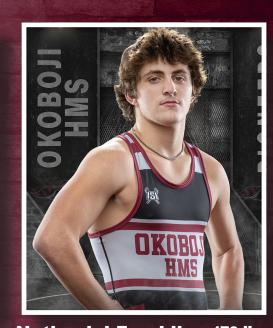
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Noah Strantz - 160 lbs.

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Nathaniel Franklin - 170 lbs.

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Sam Pas - 220 lbs.

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Leyla Fischer of Sioux Valley, Minnesota, now residing in Heron Lake, Minnesota, is celebrating her 80th Birthday on Monday, February 27th, 2023! She would enjoy birthday wishes and fond memories mailed to her at: Lakeview Assisted Living 941 County Road 9 Heron Lake, MN 56137.

Leyla is the mother of Velinda Schrepel, Valerie Gordon, Dorie Lund and Dodie Walsh.



Saint Mary's Dean's List

Congratulations to the following students John Vrchota of Lakefield, Minnesota, and Zachariah Steffens of Spirit Lake, who were named to the Fall Semester 2022 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University. The list includes 419 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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Huskers named to fall Deans' List

The following area University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year: Derek Huss, of Spencer, and Max Bower, of Spirit Lake.









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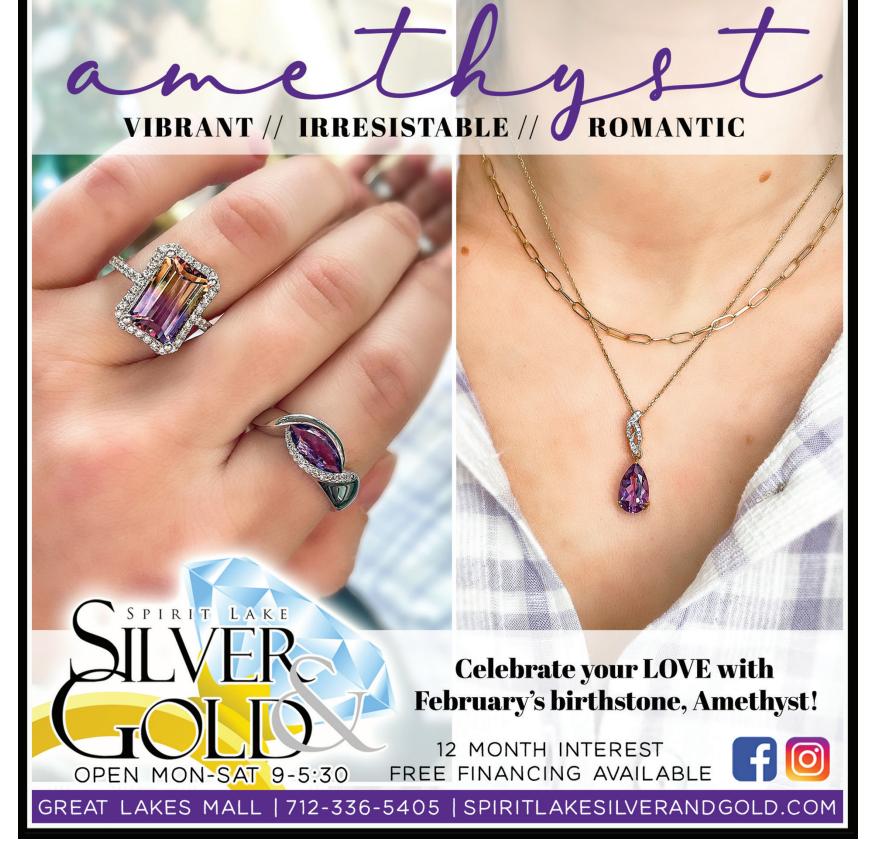
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Okoboji Large Group Speech Has Great Season

Congratulations to Okoboji High School's Large Group Speech Team on a successful season! At District contest on January 21, all 9 events received Division I ratings and advanced to State. At State contest on February 4, the team earned 6 Division I ratings and 3 Division II ratings. On Monday, February 6, the Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) announced its All-State nominations. To be eligible for All-State, a group must be nominated by 2 of the 3 judges. To be nominated is the highest honor in Iowa speech. Speech is different from sports as

Cedar Rapids, etc. Okoboji had 2 teams receive nominations. The Group Improv team of Aidan Gehrke and Asher Knudtson were chosen to perform at All-State and compete for the Group Improv banner. Both are just freshmen so this is an exciting honor.

there are no classes, so our small school competes against much larger districts like Des Moines,

The Ensemble Acting group "Agnes of God" was nominated as non-performing. This group is Anna Petersen, Lucy Androski, and Ava Evaro. All 3 are repeats in the same category from last year. All-State Festival will be Saturday, February 18, at Iowa State University.

Thank you to coaches Ann Williamsen and Maggie Doyle for all the hours they work with these students! It's a bittersweet season as Coach Williamsen retires this year and it was her last speech contest as coach after 37 years.

Sat., Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM -Misc. Auction in Sherburn, MN. Auctioneers: I-90 Expo Center. 507-764-4025. www.i90expocen-

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

Wed., Mar. 15 - 10:00 AM -228.2 & 79.9 Acres at Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Peterson & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

Day 1) Wed., Mar. 15 (Online Only) - Closes at 5:00 PM -2-Day Sapp Machinery Auction online and in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www. hallbergauction.com.

Day 2) Thurs., Mar. 16-10:00 AM - 2-Day Sapp Machinery Auction online and in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

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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 the 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 tracterz

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: Becky Morrison-Fox, Melanie Rosales

DJ Category: Jamie Grout

Radio Station Category: KNOD, Harlan

Support Person Category: Kent Hertz, Donald Higgins and Dennis 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.



Rowes Celebrate 70 Years

Allen and Loretta Rowe celebrated their 70th Anniversary on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Family and friends would like to honor them with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach them at 6963 110th Street, Harris, Iowa 51345.

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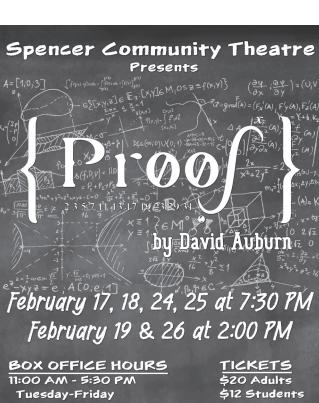
This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

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

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



Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.



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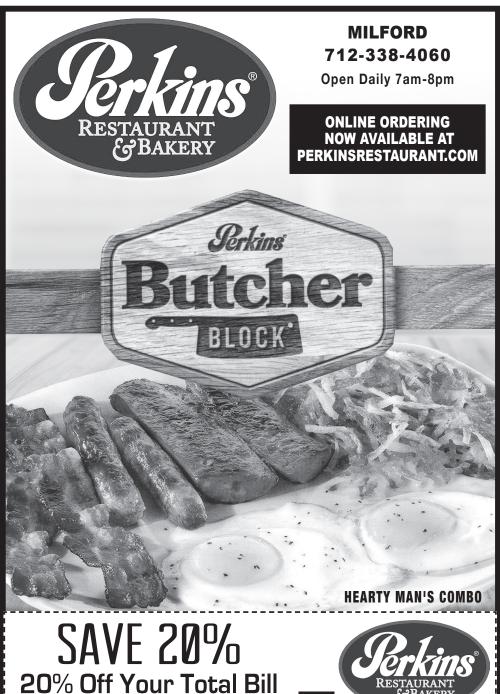
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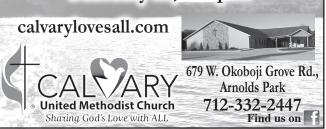
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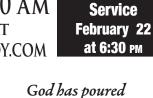
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Perhaps you still have time to do something about forgetting one of the most important days of the year. (And Don't say we didn't warn you!) While we hope all goes well for you on one of the most important days of the year, we

have to admit forgetting something we promised two weeks ago would be in last week's Ramboling, the legendary story of Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike. It will be this year's final presentation at the Okoboji Summer Theatre, from July 18th through the 23rd. Even though you may not have heard about the play, it is a Tony-Award winning comedy, that has middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia sharing a home in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where they constantly bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives. Then when their movie star sister, Masha, swoops in with Spike, her latest boy toy, old resentments flare up, eventually leading to threats to sell the house. One reviewer described the show as "both breathtakingly funny and quietly poignant". It is seen as a pure joy from start to finish, hence the "Comedy" designation! (Hey, how about ordering a couple tickets to the show as a last-minute gift for your Valentine?)

On a sad note, after we recognized Burt Bacharach here last week, for his music in Promises, Promises, (which will run at the OST, July 11th - 16th) we were saddened to learn of his passing just a day later. His wonderfully melodic work will long be remembered...

Dave & Ryan will also be long and well remembered by those of us who have frequented the Little Swan Lake Winery over the years. The Duo will be returning to the Winery next Sunday, the 19th, from 4-6:00. The following week should see Storm Rising, on what is also a return visit to the stage in the barn.

Research Director RD has about doubled the space normally available to her, to

celebrate Valentine's Day -- which is today, the 14th, in case you haven't done anything about the holiday -- yet. First on RD's list of Valentine songs is My Foolish Heart, a Jazz standard written by Victor Young and Ned Washington, in 1949. The song was introduced in the motion picture of the same name, and nominated for The Academy Award for Best Original Song. Through the decades, it has been recorded more than 600 times, with versions by Carmen McRae (1956), Steve Lawrence, (1964), and Susannah McCorkle, on her 1992 LP, I'll Take Romance.

Embraceable You is another Jazz Standard composed by George and Ira Gershwin. Its debut came in the Broadway musical, Girl Crazy, starring Ginger Rogers. In the production, Rogers performed the song and dance routine choreographed by her future partner, Fred Astaire. In 2005, Billie Holiday's rendition of the song was inducted into The Grammy Hall of Fame.

A Ziggy Elman and Johnny Mercer wrote And the Angels Sing, which was recorded by about every famous orchestra in 1939, starting with Benny Goodman, and continuing with Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Steve Allen and Doc Severinsen. In 1994, Barry Manilow's well-received vocal version became a part of his Singin' with the Big Bands CD.

Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart wrote My Romance, for the Billy Rose musical, *Jumbo*. Popular cover versions include those by Dave Brubeck, (1952), Doris Day, (1962), and Carly Simon, on her 1990 LP of the same name, on the Arista label.

True Love was written by Cole Porter, for the 1956 musical, High Society, which starred Bing Crosby, and Grace Kelly. Their version of the song was nominated for The Best Original Song Academy Award. More recently, Harry Connick, Jr. featured the song on his 2019 release, saluting the songs of Cole Porter...

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Clay County Tourism New Logo & Tourism Publication

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On behalf of Clay County Tourism and the Spencer Chamber, I am excited to announce our new logo for Clay County! We have been working with F8 Creative to develop an updated logo that represents our county. Offering diverse recreational opportunities, retail, entertainment and many other attractions, Clay County is truly a gem in Northwest Iowa," says Olivia Baxter, tourism coordinator for Clay County Tourism.

You may notice some familiar traits in the new logo. For instance, the square outline -representative of Clay County's square shape. Other features include patchwork and colors reminiscent of Clay County's natural assets:

grass green, harvest gold, sky blue and barn red, all invoking feelings of Americana - comfort, home and welcome. Along with this new logo, Clay County Tourism is working on

refurbishing its website, social media and many other projects to keep an eye out for, such as a new tourism publication.

Clay County Tourism and the Spencer Reporter are partnering to create and distribute a biennial visitors guide for Clay County. This guide will feature each community within Clay County, along with a community calendar, maps of the area, and other attractions in the county. This publication is expected to come out in Spring/Summer of 2023. The recent "Speak Clay County" photo contest was a part of the effort to gather photos of Clay County to be included in the visitors guide.

"The Spencer Chamber and Clay County Tourism are so excited to be working on a new visitors guide for Clay County. Having high quality photos that impart the pride and value of our county is vital to not only creating a fantastic looking guide, but also impacting future and returning visitors to Clay County," Baxter says of the tourism publication.

For more information contact Olivia Baxter at tourism@spenceriowachamber.org or call the Chamber at 712-262-5680







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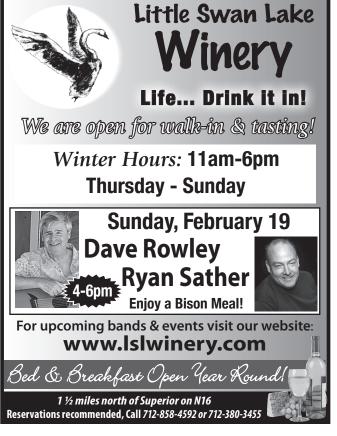
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Farmer Named Ag/Commercial Banker, AVP at Northwest Bank in Arnolds Park

Nicole Evans, Bank President of Northwest Bank in Arnolds Park and Milford, is pleased to announce Carson Farmer

as Ag/Commercial Banker, AVP. Carson's responsibilities include new business development, promoting the banks vast products and services and serving existing customers.

Farmer specializes in Commercial and Agricultural banking. He has been with Northwest Bank since graduating from the University of Iowa in 2017 with a double bachelor's degree in Business Administration focused in Finance and Management with a Risk Management and



help support major loan decisions has given Carson a useful perspective when working with customers to help them meet their financial goals. Carson, his fiancée Taylor, and their two children reside in Arnolds Park. Daughter Eden is 7 years old and attends 1st Grade at Okoboji Schools. Daughter Chandler recently turned 1 year old. Carson and his family enjoy everything this area has to offer: the amusement park, farmer's markets, parks/ playgrounds, and biking on the trail system. He also volunteers as a coach with Northwest Iowa Soccer Club and as assistant

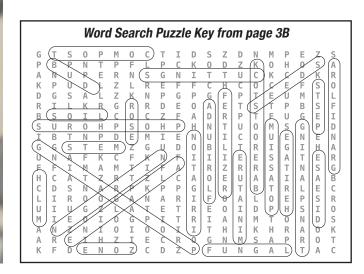
underwriting and risk management roles, assisting lenders with

commercial relationships, and interpreting the numbers that

to his continued involvement in the community. Nicole Evans, Bank President commented, "Carson's risk management and financial knowledge of commercial banking will benefit our customers and their business development goals. He understands the importance of a community bank and he will provide a high quality of service which reflects our mission statement – Building Relationships, Exceeding Expectations".

coach for Spencer High School soccer. He is looking forward

Northwest Bank is a \$2.47 billion community bank that offers a full line of business, agricultural, mortgage, consumer deposit and lending services as well as wealth management and insurance services. Northwest Bank has offices located in Algona, Ames, Arnolds Park, Ankeny, Estherville, Fort Dodge, Humboldt, Le Mars, Milford, Sioux Center, Sioux City, Spencer, Spirit Lake, West Des Moines, Iowa and Omaha FDIC CENSER and La Vista, Nebraska.





Super Game

Many years the Super Bowl fails to live up to all of the hype surrounding it, but this year, Super Bowl LVII more than lived up to that hype, as the Kansas City Chiefs rallied for a thrilling 38-35 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. The game itself had all that a fan could ask for with standout performances by both quarterbacks, a defensive touchdown, a punt return for a near-touchdown, coaches being creative and calling great plays, players battling through injuries to be out there with their teams, and a last-second score to seal the victory.

Both Jalen Hurts and Patrick Mahomes did all they could to help their teams win, with Hurts setting a Super Bowl record for rushing yards for a quarterback with 70, and tying another record with three rushing scores; while Super Bowl and NFL regular season MVP Patrick Mahomes battled through injuring his ankle again to lead his team back from a 10-point halftime deficit by throwing three touchdowns and rushing for a huge first down on the final drive of the game to help set up the game-winning field goal. About the only mistake either QB made was when Hurts fumbled the ball in the second quarter and Kansas City's Nick Bolton recovered for a scoop and score from 44-yards out to make the score 14-14. For Eagles fans, sadly that turnover was probably the difference of the game, as the Eagles ended up having more first downs (25-21), more total yards (417-340) and easily won the time of possession (35:47-24:13). Another huge play was the defensive holding penalty near the end of the game that allowed the Chiefs to all but run out the clock and kick the game-winning field goal with just:08 left, instead of allowing the Eagles to have around 1:40 left had the flag not been thrown. I am an unbiased fan as I really didn't care who won the game, and I hated to see a penalty like that have such an impact on the outcome of the biggest game of the season, but Eagles safety James Bradberry did hold his jersey early in the route and that probably did prevent the receiver from having a chance at the ball. Bradberry even admitted after the game that it was a penalty, saying "it was holding. I tugged his jersey. I was hoping they would let it slide. Who knows if the Eagles would have rallied for a late score to win the game or send it to overtime, but it would have been fun to watch them try to score, instead of the anti-climactic outcome of a 27-yard (unless it was the Vikings or Cyclones attempting the kick) field goal to win the game.

I thought Chris Stapelton did a great job with the National Anthem, and how could you not love seeing the emotion that Eagles' head coach Nick Sirianni showed during the Anthem with tears rolling down his face. I also thought the halftime show with Rihanna was outstanding, although being a product of the 90s, I still put last year's 90s rap show at the top of my halftime performances list. I felt like the commercials were pedestrian at best, but loved the final "He Gets Us" commercial that was focused on putting aside differences to focus on Jesus and his love, while the song "Human" by Rag'n Bone Man playing in the background. Many years, the Super Bowl ends up being a Super Dud, but I thought this year's Big Game delivered Big Time on the Biggest Stage!





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Summer Camp Registration March 1

Calling all parents and grandparents! The Dickinson County Nature Center invites you to think about summer. We have a

fun filled summer of camp programs we would like to bring to your attention. Does summer seem too far off? It will be here before we



know it! Camp registration begins March 1st, at 8:00am, for

Naturalist Britney Snell said, "Summer camp is an excellent way to build friendships, connect to nature, and enjoy hands-on activities.'

All aboard! June's camp theme is inspired by the children's book series, A Magic School Bus. We will "Explore the Senses", look at "A Time of Dinosaurs", what its like to be "Inside A Beehive", how to "Plant a Seed" and what its like to be "Wet All Over". Going into July, the theme changes to the Ways Animals Move. Will you be a Jumper, a Digger, a Flyer, or a Swimmer?

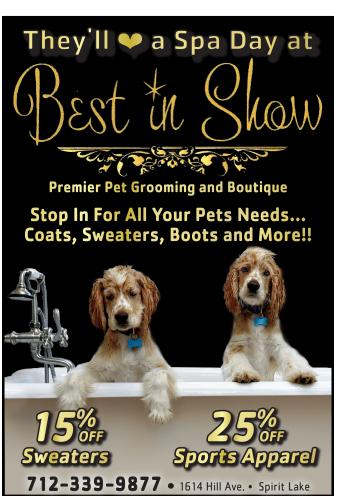
Registrations for summer camp fills up fast. How can you register? Registration is easy! Preview any of our camps and programs online at https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard. com/event-registration/#!event-list. Select the camp you want and follow the prompts after you click "register now". Remember to register your camper for the grade they are going into.

Camp will be held outside, and we want you to be prepared. You will need to provide your camper with sunscreen, a water bottle, proper shoes, and a sack lunch. Most camps are at Kenue Park but some are at other Dickinson County areas. Location is noted in the camp descriptions found online.

Questions can be directed to the Dickinson County Nature Center, 712-336-6352.







Students Named to Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood. Area students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,588 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Congratulations to the following area students: Armstrong - Gabi Ulrich, honor list. Jackson, Minnesota - Olivia Anderson, honor list; Grace

Brinkman, honor list; and Emma DiBrito, honor list.

Lakefield, Minnesota - Alexander Busch, honor list; Emma Swan, high honor list.

Sibley - Sydney Richardson, high honor list. Spirit Lake - Emma Hackbarth, honor list; Maci Higgins, honor list; and Emma Loveall, high honor list. Wallingford - Jasmine Mata Diaz, honor list.





FFA Grilling

On Sunday, February 19th, from 11:00-1:00, at the Okoboji High School, the Okoboji FFA will be serving hamburgers, chips, cookies, and a drink for \$6.

Come celebrate the start of National FFA week and let the FFA kids grill for you! All are invited to attend!





Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. We are looking forward

to seeing everyone Tuesday, February 21, at 9:30am.

Join MML for our Adult Craft Series as we make a Sock Gnome on Wednesday, February 15, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Kits are also available, which include a sock, rice, gnome hat, beard, and instructions. The cost for this craft is \$5.00 and registration is required. You can register by contacting Milford Memorial Library or online by going to http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html.

Milford Memorial Library will be **CLOSED** Monday, February 20 In observance of Presidents' Day

Everyone is invited to join the Open Book Discussion Group on Tuesday, February 21, at 1:00pm. This month's discussion is about The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict. Extra copies are available at the library. Attendance is not necessary for all meetings. Readers are welcome to come and go as they please.

Join us for the Spark Joy Program with Shannon Huneycutt! You will learn the KonMari philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave feeling motivated to Spark Joy® in your home, office, and life. Be sure to have a standard t-shirt and a pair of pants ready for the folding activity as you will be learning the famous KonMari Vertical folding technique. There will be a giveaway at the end of the presentation, as well as time for you to ask Shannon some questions. This free program is available in person or online via Zoom. Contact Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, or Spirit Lake Library to register and for more information. Sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Library.

Blind Date with a Book is going on until Tuesday, February 28. Take your chance to find a new literary favorite or dud you want to return. The only information you know is genre and a small description. There is a bookmark in each book. Return the completed bookmark to be placed into a drawing. Blind books are available for all age groups. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Memorial Library.

MML's Young Adult Where'd that Come from Challenge Box is available until Friday, February 24. Fourth through twelfth graders will be recreating inventions, while learning about the inventors. This is a free activity, but does require registration. To register call 712-338-4643 or online at http://milfordlibrary. weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html.







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Allan Heebner, son of Paul and Shirley (Eldridge) Heebner, was born on March 1, 1959, in Fort Dodge, Iowa He passed away at his home in rural Estherville, on February 5,

2023, at the age of 63 years. Allan attended grade schools at Lytton, Cylinder, and Emmetsburg before graduating from Spirit Lake High School in 1977. He excelled in wrestling in his high school career.

Following high school, Al worked for the Pelzer family as a farmhand. Throughout the years,

he also worked at Spencer Pack, Stylecraft, Morton Buildings, and AgPartners. He was currently again working on the farm for the Dave and Derek Young family, with whom he became very close friends.

In his free time, Allan enjoyed hunting, going to Canada on fishing trips with family, livestock, cattle, trapping, and

Allan is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Heebner of Spirit Lake; parents, Paul and Shirley Heebner of Spencer; his siblings, Steve (Tami Otto) Heebner of Spirit Lake, Bryan (Becky Baker) Heebner of Estherville, and Carla (Randy) Helmers of Estherville. He is also survived by two nieces, four nephews, and nine great-nieces and nephews.

Allan was preceded in death by his nephew Collin Helmers and his grandparents.

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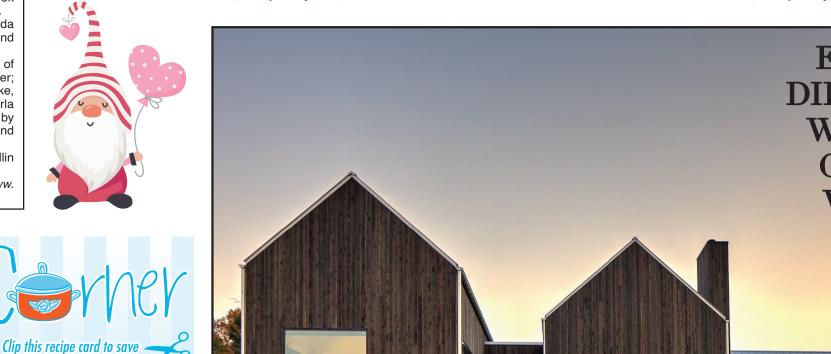


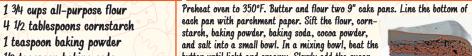
Literacy Night at the Spirit Lake Public Library On Tuesday, Feb 21st, members of the Spirit Lake Education Association invite families to attend a Literacy Night from 5:30-6:30pm, at the Spirit Lake Public Library. Parents will receive information about the Science of Reading and about skills to help their child learn to read. Kids will get to listen to a story and make a craft to take home. Cookies will be served and each child in attendance will be able to choose a new book to take home.





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1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1 1/4 cups cocoa powder

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- 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temp.
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- 5 large eggs 1 1/4 cups full-fat buttermilk
- Chocolate Ganache
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon caramel

32 ounces bittersweet chocolate 4 cups heavy cream

butter until light and creamy. Slowly add the sugar. Add the eggs one at a time. Scrape down the sides. With the mixer on low speed, add the flour mixture in 3 portions alternately with the buttermilk. Scrape down the bowl. Divide the batter between the pans. Bake until a cake tester comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let the cakes cool in the pans, then turn out and flip upright. Using a servated knife, slice off the tops to make them flat.

To make the ganache, put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Bring the cream to just under a boil in a small saucepan. Pour the cream over the chocolate. Let the mixture sit without stirring until the chocolate is partially melted, then stir with a spatula until smooth and shiny. To assemble the cake, split each cake in half to make 4 layers. Transfer a layer to a serving plate. Spread 3 tablespoons of the caramel over the cake, then pour on a layer of ganache (about 14" thick). Top with a second cake layer, and repeat layering. Top with the fourth cake layer. Refrigerate the cake until firm, 1-2 hours. Cover the remaining ganache with plastic wrap and leave at room temperature. When set, use the rest of the ganache to frost the top and sides of the cake. Serve the cake at room temp.

Recipe Courtesy of: Elisabeth M. Prueitt and Chad Robertson's "Tartine."

Family Nature Night

We invite all nature loving families to Family Nature Night: Love Bugs on Friday, February 24th, at 5:00pm. Let's investigate the characteristics of insects at the next Family Nature Night and answer the question, what makes an insect an insect? Here is a fun, family opportunity for FREE at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Kenue Park to discover why these small animals play a BIG role in our environment! You will also get introduced to the Nature Center's own crawling critters and design your own love bug!

Naturalist Britney Snell said, "We have nothing but love for our decomposing, pollinating, nutrient-recycling bugs! Join us as participants see first-hand how these mighty mini creatures help the world around us."

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, however, we plan to be inside for this program. 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.

Al-Anon Meetings

Milford Al-Anon meetings will take place online on Mondays, at 8:00pm, from now until April 15. To join the meeting, go to the website al-anon.org or call 712-363-2248.

Meetings will also take place at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park, o

Thursdays, at 7:00pm. Call District 2 at 712-580-4406 for more information.

AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd

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Sandbulte Named to Dean's List

Olivia Sandbulte of Milford was among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2022 semester. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded

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Youth Corner

Milford Memorial Library has a variety of youth book displays during February. They include Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Mo Willems, Presidents Day,

and polar bears. We always have new fiction and non-fiction, New York Times Best Sellers, and 14 Wonderbooks. A Wonderbook is a book that can be read aloud as your kiddo turns the pages with a reading option at the end of the story. Our library also has some

exciting news! We have new toys available for the kiddos, and we plan to rotate them so everyone can have new

experiences. Our second bit of news is that we will be starting a brand new program in March for kiddos who aren't quite ready for school, but still want to explore and learn with their bodies.



History LIVES! for Families and Everyone!

The Dickinson County Museum invites everyone to the Museum Saturday, February 18, from 9:30 to noon, to enjoy stepping back in time. Highlights of the event include Don Gregerson sharing stories of harvesting ice on local lakes and 1930's era films of winter fun in the area - including the original toboggan slide. Don will be speaking at 9:30, and the rest of the come-and-go event follows.

Bob Boettcher - 99 years young - will tell stories and answer questions about life long ago in the area. Kids can bring history to life by trying out several forgotten tasks from times past with excellent facilitators.

This event will also be a great opportunity to see the ongoing and "in process" changes in the Exhibit Hall and check out the new Dickinson County Research Area, now open to the public.

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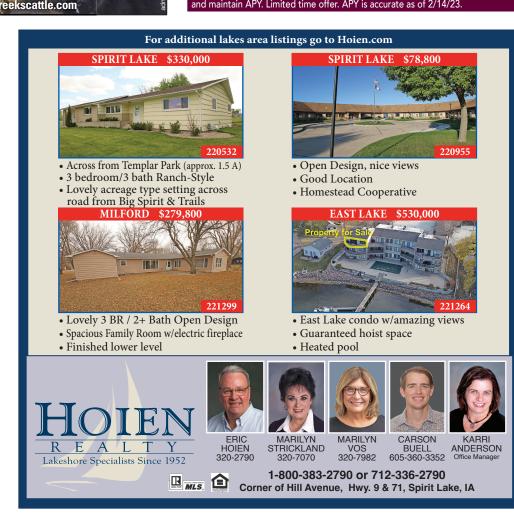














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Winter Games Bowling Results

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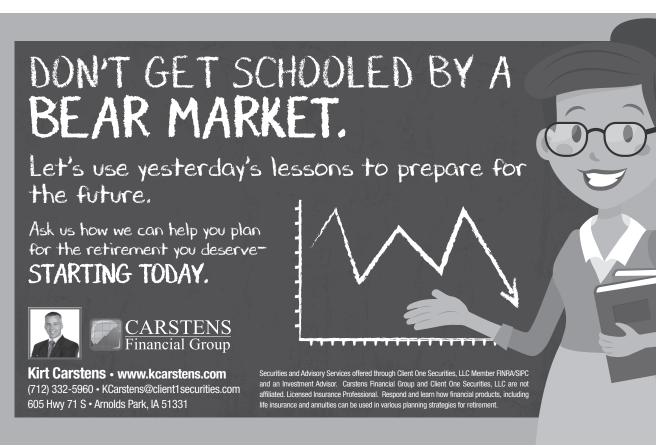
WWII History of Jackson County with Bob Svoboda at the Jackson Library

Join us at the Jackson Library on Wednesday, March 1st, to hear long time resident and speaker Bob Svoboda present on the history of Jackson County during WWII.

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Iowa Real Estate Developer's Association Formed

Key Leaders in Real Estate Development Announce Creation of Association Focused on Advocacy and Professional Development

DES MOINES, Iowa (January 31, 2023) - A group of prominent real estate developers have come together in 2023 to form the Iowa Real Estate Developers Association (IRDA). The goal of the new organization is to ensure policies at the state and local level create a positive environment for economic investment. As real estate developers, we bring tremendous value to the state.

The initial members of IRDA make significant investments around the state and are important community leaders. The projects driven by these developers are often reliant on policies and incentives to make them viable. The founders agreed that there was a need for a collective voice of a state association to focus on issues important to property development in Iowa. Jenna Kimberley Vice President of the IRDA stated "the founding members of IRDA drive growth in their individual communities and we came together to safeguard a continued pro-growth direction across the state."

The past few legislative sessions have seen positive expansion of important tools like the workforce housing and redevelopment tax credits but also limitations to historic preservation. IRDA's role will be to ensure elected officials understand how these tools along with local policies like tax increment finance work together to ensure local development projects can be put together.

The organization will initially focus on policy areas like taxation, economic development incentives, deregulation and zoning at the state and local level. But, the group plans on longer term goals of growing the membership and offering business development opportunities for stakeholders in property development. Joe Mitchell President and Chairman of the IRDA said "This announcement is just the beginning and our long-term goal is to develop a robust organization to make sure the importance of our industry to Iowa is put forward with our elected officials."

Founding Members of the Iowa Real Estate Developers Association are: Barker Apartments, Focus Development, Rypma Properties, Denny Elwell Company, Kimberley Development, J. Mitchell Real Estate, JSC Properties, Knapp Properties, LC, and Sherman Associates, Inc.

Estherville Student Senate Hosting Children's Book Donation Drive

Iowa Lakes Community College Student Senate on the Estherville Campus is requesting donations of children's books for a donation drive through February 28.

The book drive will benefit kindergarten to fifth grade students by helping refill the book vending machine at Estherville Lincoln Central's DeMoney Elementary school.

"We decided to do this project to give back to the local school system. We hope this project encourages students to read more," Jaydan Nitchals, the Vice President of Iowa Lakes' Student Senate in Estherville.

Please drop off new or gently used age-appropriate books to the front office of the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College at 300 S 18th Street.

For any questions, please contact Katie King, Student Senate Coordinator, at kmking@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-8367.

WEL-Life at Spirit Lake Receives Customer Experience Award

WEL-Life at Spirit Lake Assisted Living announced that Pinnacle Quality Insight presented them with a 2023 Customer Experience Award, with honors in the categories of Overall Satisfaction, Personal Care, Variety of Food/Menu Choices. Response to Problems, Communication, Activities, Move-in Process, Recommend to Others and Overall Customer Experience. Qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award means that WEL-Life at Spirit Lake has placed in the top 15% of care providers nationwide across a 12-month average.

Sheila Weier, Executive Director of WEL-Life, said it is a tremendous honor to receive the Pinnacle Award in so many categories. "We are very excited that our residents and their families recognize and appreciate the hard work of our team," she said. "It is an honor to serve Spirit Lake and the surrounding communities. I am proud of the quality of care we are able to provide."

Throughout 2022, WEL-Life at Spirit Lake residents and their families participated in monthly telephone interviews where they answered open-ended questions and rated the facility in multiple categories.

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History Of The Farmer's League in Jackson County with Nick Riordan of the Jackson County Historical Society

Join us at the Lakefield and Heron Lake Libraries on Wednesday, March 1st to hear Nick Riordan of the Jackson County Historical Society present on the history of the Nonpartisan Farmer's League in Jackson County. The Farmer's league had a presence in Jackson County in the 1910's and 20's. Come by to hear about some fascinating history that includes stories about sedition, a parrot and an angry mob!

This monthly adult program is free and will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at the Lakefield Library at 2:00pm, and the Heron Lake Library at 5:30pm.

Registration is not required for this program. Please call your local library for more information. Program plans are subject to change.



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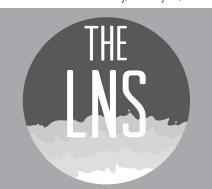
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Be a Tourist in Your Backyard

by Rebecca Peters, Okoboji Tourism Director

The Iowa Great Lakes Area has a wide variety of attractions,

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our area so fun. This week I visited the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum in Arnolds Park. The annual Winter Dance Party recently took place in Clear Lake, IA, and I found myself sad to be missing the fun as I saw pictures from friends on social media. I worked for the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Associa-



tion in my younger days and attended the Winter Dance Party several times. Even though I was missing the people, music, and colorful poodle skirts, I knew I could find a connection to the Winter Dance Party locally!

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum has an extensive collection of Iowa Ballroom information, including memorabilia and signage from the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. At one time, Iowa had more ballrooms per capita than any other state in the United States. Iowans loved dancing and connecting with their friends and neighbors at the local ballroom! We're lucky to have the Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park to host concert, fundraisers, and milestone events.

In the museum you'll learn that the Surf Ballroom was the third of eight shows scheduled in Iowa during the Winter Dance Party Tour. There was never a poster printed for the Clear Lake show, but the museum has a reproduction of the poster from the Laramar Ballroom's January 30th Winter Dance Party that featured Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper. This is just a sliver of the fascinating information you'll find in the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum filled with memorabilia, interactive displays, and educational videos that will add color to what you already you know about Iowa's rich rock 'n roll history.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum is open year-round, and is free to visit. It's a fun stop, and the Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum is right next door! Get out and explore some of the great museums we have in our back yard that tell not only local history, but also our connection to statewide and national history. Learn more about the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum and fun music events hosted locally by them at www.VacationOkoboji.com.

Shake The Lakes

Shake the Lakes - the premiere Jazz and Show Choir competition for the area is back for our 5th year in Spirit Lake February

17th and 18th. More than 30 groups will be performing at the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts showcasing school groups from 3 states. Friday will kick off with the Jazz Choir groups, and Saturday will feature Middle School and High School Show Choir throughout the day with Show Choir finals Saturday evening.



Our Spirit Lake High School Jazz Choir, Lake Effect will perform on Friday at 8:45pm. Our hometown show choir groups will perform Saturday - Middle School Show Choir, Spirit Rising, at 11:50am. The Spirit Lake High School Show Choir, Sonic Boom, will perform at about 5:55pm and Music Factory, will perform at 10:00pm all in the Sami Center. Please check the Spirit Lake School website under Arts tab, our Facebook page, Shake the Lakes and Spirit Lake Music Boosters, for up to date information on performance times as they are subject to change.

We are excited to welcome over 1500 people to our community for the weekend supporting this spectacular music event. Many of these groups are staying in our community on Friday night. We hope they enjoy the array of amenities and take in the wonderful shopping and restaurants.

Come out and support our local Spirit Lake groups. These two days will get you tapping your feet, and ready to sing along to the fantastic line up of high quality music, singing, and dancing. You won't want to miss this event that will leave you with joy in your soul and a smile on your face.

If you would like to help with the event, you can check out the school website spirit-lake.k12.ia.us under the arts tab and Shake The Lakes for sign up opportunities.

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This online program will take place on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00pm. CST. You can register for this event at any of the three previously mentioned libraries or by going to the SLPL website at www.slpublib.com. You can also find more information on the Spirit Lake Public Library Facebook page. Participants will need to print out the tidying checklist, and have a pair of pants and a t-shirt handy to practice the folding techniques. Those registered for this event may join the Zoom meeting from the comfort of home or come to the Spirit Lake Public Library to view this event together with others who want to learn the KonMarie Method®.

There will be a special giveaway at the end of the presentation, as well as an opportunity for participants to ask Shannon some questions. Hurry and reserve your spot so that you will be ready to learn to live a life that Sparks Joy®!

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• Wednesday, February 15, 10:30am, Book Club, Finding Audrey

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• Thursday, February 16, 10:00 – 11:30am, Block Party. • Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 – 6:30pm, Literacy Night with the

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