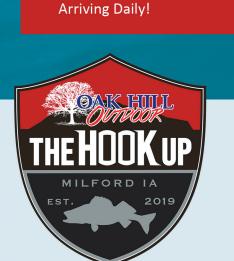
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41st Annual IGL Walleye Weekend: Registration Open! Calling all fishermen and women: get ready to kick off the

2023 walleye season in the Iowa Great Lakes during the 41st Annual Walleye Weekend on May 6 and 7. The fun weekend forming memories IOWA GREATILAKES with friends and families is reason

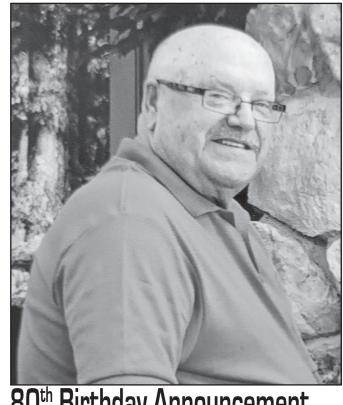
alone to get excited, but there is one other aspect that you can't forget: the \$41,000 Grand Prize! The cost of the tournament

is \$30 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those aged 15 and younger. The Extended Contest is only an additional \$20 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to catch a fish worth thousands this summer!

In addition to the tagged walleye, there are also fantastic prizes for the heaviest stringer of 3 walleye, heaviest northern pike, heaviest stringer of 5 panfish, and heaviest stringer of 10 bullhead. Well over \$3,500 in prizes for the largest fish contests will be available.

Walleye Weekend officially begins at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 6th and concludes at noon on Sunday, May 7th. Visit www.okobojichamber.com to get registered today. Registration forms will also be available at local bait shops leading up to

If your business is interested in donating items to be a part of the Awards Luncheon, please contact kiley@okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107. For more information regarding the 41st Annual Walleye Weekend, please visit www.okobojichamber. com or call 712-332-2107.



80th Birthday Announcement

Happy 80th Birthday to Arlan Draayer on Thursday, March 23rd, 2023. Please help him celebrate with birthday wishes sent to Arlan Draayer at 2512 Okoboji Blvd, West Okoboji, Iowa 51351.



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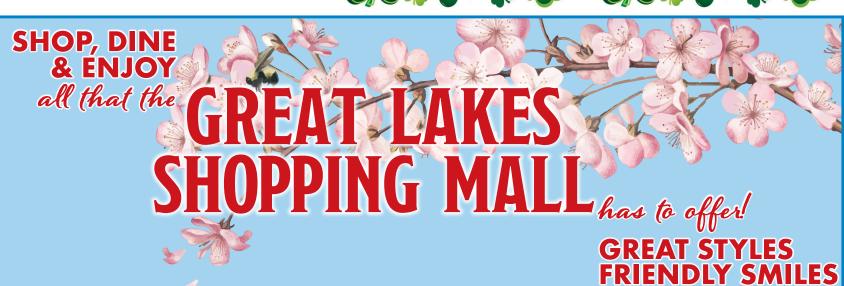
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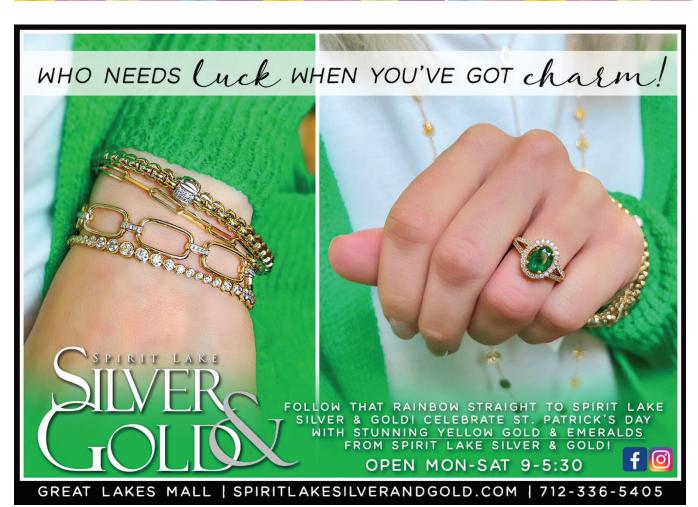
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West O Beer announces its 2023 "On Us" fundraising event series, full calendar, sponsors, and organization-

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On Us will raise money for and shine a spotlight on the following area nonprofit. Join us March 16 to learn more about National T.T.T. Society and their devotion to making a difference in local young girls lives. Young girls need action, participation, and adventure to help expand their lives in unexpected ways.

Upcoming nonprofits and initiatives:

- April 6 Kiwanis & Bicycle Rodeo
- May 4 Boys Town
- June 1 OkoboTree July 6 - Youth in Philanthropy
- August 3 Lakeside Lab
- September 7 Keep Okoboji Blue
- October 5 Good Neighbor Fund
- November 9 American Legion
- December 7 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association

West O Beer, Okoboji's premier craft brewery, launched "Taproots" – its community engagement and collaboration initiative – early last year. Since opening in 2013, giving back to the Lakes Area, its landscape, and community initiatives has been core to the West O Beer mission. Alongside the programs "On Us," "On Tap," "On the Ground," and "West O Giving," West O Beer also recently announced "Blue Taps = Blue Water," which will raise money for water quality initiatives wherever West O Beer is sold on tap.

For more information on West O Taproots and On Us, please

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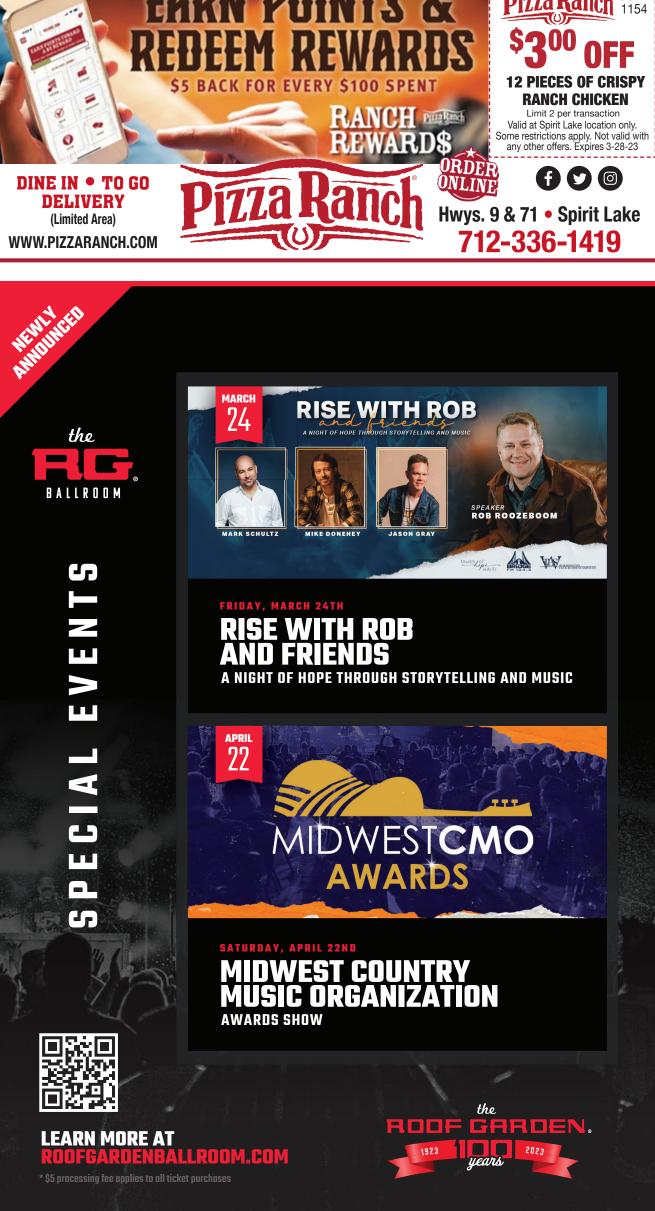
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May 11: One Pan Meals

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Terry Klein to Perform at VFW

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



Respite Angels

ing on Thursday, March 16, at Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park at 10:00am. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to come and enjoy the concert. If you have any questions, please call Chelsie at the church 712-332-2447 or Kelly at Respite Angels 712-229-6064.





Bridal Shower for Clare Huntress

Family and friends of the Huntress family are hosting a Come- and- Go Bridal Shower for Clare Huntress on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the St. Andrews Room/Arrowwood Hotel from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Clare is the bride-to-be of Nate Cooper. They will be exchanging nuptial vows on April 15 in Iowa City.

Clare and Nate are registered at Target and Crate and Barrel. They would be honored by your attendance at the shower. Questions can be directed to Ann Stein at 712-330-4003, Deb

IGL Walleye Weekend **Grant Applications Open**

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information.

Each year a portion of the Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend proceeds are donated to benefit angling in the Iowa Great Lakes. Do you have a project or club promoting and encouraging IOWA GREATILAKES angling in the Iowa Great Lakes Area? 501C-3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for a grant can email blain@

The 41st Annual Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend will kick off on Saturday, May 6th. This event welcomes over 2,000 anglers from over 15 different states across the nation to cast their chance at the 10 tagged walleye worth a grand prize amount of \$41,000! Each year, a portion of the proceeds from the Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend registrations are donated back into our community to benefit angling

in the Iowa Great Lakes. In 2022, The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce was honored to donate \$23,500. The funds were split between six applicants with a variety of projects directly affecting the improvement and enhancement of angling in the Iowa Great

Grant applications are now open for Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend 2023. Do you have a project or club promoting and encouraging angling in the Iowa Great Lakes Area? All 501C-3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for a grant can fill out the form located at okobojichamber.com/walleye-weekend or email blain@okobojichamber.com for more information. Applications are due by Friday, May 5th, 2023. Grant recipients and awarded amounts will be announced following Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend.

Get registered and cast your chance at the grand prize for the 41st annual Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend on May 6-7, 2023. For more information on Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend, grant recipient projects, and more, visit okobojichamber.com Brodersen at 712-363-2390 or Kristin Wetzler at 712-330-5294. or call the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber at 712-332-2107.

Last-Dollar Scholarship Awards Over One Million Dollars to Iowa Lakes Students

The Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship has paid off big for Iowa Lakes students. During the 2022-23 academic year, students enrolled in qualifying programs received over one million dollars in scholarship aid.

"Students planning to attend college should investigate the opportunities available at Iowa Lakes through the Last-Dollar Scholarship program. Iowa Lakes is ranked among the top twenty community colleges in the nation, with graduates launching a career within two years," said Annie Kalous, Iowa Lakes Director of Admissions.

During the Fall 2022 semester, more than 270 Iowa Lakes students shared \$536,627 from the Last-Dollar Scholarship, with an average of \$1,988 per student award. During the Spring 2023 term, more than 230 Iowa Lakes students received \$464,850 in scholarship support, with an average of \$2,004 per student award.

The purpose of the Last-Dollar Scholarship is to fill financial gaps in tuition not covered by other federal and state grants and scholarships for eligible applicants enrolled in qualifying programs.

'The Last-Dollar Scholarship helps bridge the gap between what the student owes in tuition minus any state or federal grant. This has been a vital tool for helping students go to college, reducing the number of loans needed to attend, and leading to students graduating with little to no student loan debt," said Stephen Pelzer, Director of Financial Aid at Iowa Lakes.

"48% of Iowa Lakes students graduate debt-free, making Iowa Lakes a cost-effective and smart choice for college," said Kalous.

To qualify for the Last-Dollar Scholarship, students must enroll in a qualifying program at Iowa Lakes and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). The FAFSA is available now for the 2023-2024 academic year. The FAFSA deadline is August 1, 2023, and students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

The following programs offered at Iowa Lakes Community College qualify for the Last-Dollar Scholarship: Agriculture Production Technology, Aviation & Airport Management, Business Administration & Management, Business Specialist, Computer Programming, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Digital, Social & Broadcast Productions, Electrical Technology, Environmental Studies, Farm Equipment & Diesel Technology, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technology, Hotel & Restaurant Management, Nursing: Associate Degree and Practical Nursing, Paralegal & Legal Studies, Surgical Technology, Veterinary Technician, Water Quality Technician, Welding Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology.

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The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Announces Rock the Roof Season

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is excited to announce the 20th Anniversary season of Rock the Roof. The Iowa Great Lakes tradition features a full slate of 12 concert/dances at the fabulous Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park this summer.



Following is the 2023 Summer schedule:

Wednesday, May 31: Starfire

Wednesday, June 7: Denny & The DC Drifters Thursday, June 15: Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50's

Wednesday, June 28: The Expressions

Wednesday, July 5: Lake Patrol

Wednesday, July 12: Mogen's Heroes

Wednesday, July 26: Sean Benz & The Misfits

Wednesday, August 2: Surfin' Safari

Wednesday, August 9: Galaxy Wednesday, August 16: Rock a la Carte

Wednesday, August 23: Elvis night w/Denny Charnecki Thursday, August 31: Mr. V - 50's & 60's All Stars Band

General admission per show is \$15. Members of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association pay only \$12. Season passes are on sale now for \$120, which equates to 12 shows at \$10 each. The passes are available at the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 am to 4 pm

Many thanks to our 2023 series sponsors: Arnolds Park Amusement Park, Central Bank's Emerald Club, and Keelson Harbour.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association exists to celebrate the legacy and inspire the future of rock and roll music in Iowa. We do this by honoring achievements, educating youth, and inspiring artists. Our 26th year as a 501(c)(3) non-profit statewide organization

*Note date correction for Surfin Safari on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Northwest Bank Named a Top Mortgage Lender in 2022

Northwest Bank is named a Top Mortgage Lender in 2022. The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) recently announced its 2022 top mortgage lenders. The awards were given to the lending institutions and loan originators who assisted the most homebuyers through IFA programs in 2022.

The Iowa Finance Authority offers mortgage and down payment assistance programs through a network of more than 400 lenders throughout the state. These partnerships allow Iowans both the convenience of working with their local lender and access to down payment assistance programs available exclusively through IFA Participating Lenders.

In 2022, local lenders assisted more than 2,300 Iowans in purchasing a home using IFA programs.

"Not only is homeownership a leading driver of wealth creation for families, but it is also a significant economic catalyst, with every home sale spurring additional local investments in our communities," said IFA Executive Director Debi Durham. "I congratulate our top partners for their work in making homeownership a reality for thousands of Iowans."

"We are glad to partner with the Iowa Finance Authority which gives many more Iowans access to affordable mortgage and down payment assistance programs," said Sara Frerichs, Director of Credit Administration, EVP at Northwest Bank. "I'm proud of our team members and the dedication they demonstrated during this past year. Working hard to get Iowans into their new home is very gratifying. We look forward to continuing to help bridge the gap for many Iowans in their home ownership goals this year.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-in $come\ Iowans.\ Since\ then, the\ Iowa\ Finance\ Authority's\ role\ has$ grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing, water quality and agricultural development programs.

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Congratulations to Claire Kruger, from Spirit Lake, for finishing first place in the 11 year old division and Carsyn Collins, from Okoboji, for finishing 2nd place in the 9 year old division of the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest in Algona.







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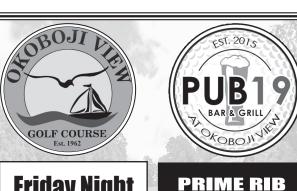
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

Letter To The Editor:

Regarding the Spirit Lake School's mascot. We have been contacted by Native American peoples with a request to change our mascot. Their feelings are clear and they are requesting we change our mascot. The tribe says "the mascot is offensive and insensitive, adding it's a form of institutional racism." The tribe also expressed its belief the mascot incites stereotyping and hostility. In my opinion, the Mascot should be changed. It should have been changed in 2006. We need to understand finally, that we cannot appropriate another culture or people as a symbol of an entity that is not comprised of any of that culture or people. Let our students choose something that is representative of who they are now.

To the students of our school system, you should be free to choose a mascot and representation of who you are today, not 100 years ago. I am an Arnolds Park Alum and we had no say when Okoboji took our Wildcats and our Purple and White. We were not offending anyone, we just lost it all. Don't let that happen to you. Speak up and turn in your ideas for what your school means to you today and what you want to represent you. Some changes are absolutely for the best. Make it meaningful. A final thought for fun, I wouldn't be offended if the Spirit Lake Wildcats were charging onto the field next season.

Sheila Ove, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Chicken and

Noodle Dinner

Church, in Milford, will host

its annual homemade chicken

and noodle dinner on Sunday,

March 26, 2023, from 11:00am

to 1:00pm, or when they run

homemade chicken and noo-

dles, real mashed potatoes, a

salad bar and dessert bar. Those

attending may eat in the parish

center dining room or take a

carryout with them. Delivery

to in-town Milford will be

available. Please call the office

before Sunday, March 26, at

11:00am, at 712-338-2274 to

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tion of \$9 for adults and \$5 for

children 6-12. Proceeds from

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90th Birthday Announcement

Happy 90th Birthday to Walt Schmidt on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Please help him celebrate with birthday wishes sent to Walt at 1102 St Luke Drive, Spencer, Iowa 51301.



75th Anniversary Announcement

Aubrey and Connie La Foy are celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, March 27, 2023. They were married in 1948 at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Your warm wishes can reach them at 227 Emerald Meadows Drive, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331.

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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.

Atypical 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.



Occasions Weekly Events

Upcoming weekly events at Occasions, formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th street in Spencer:

March 15 10:30 Tai Chi

12:00-2:00 Hope Haven &

High School Spec. Ed Dance 1:00 Cards

March 16

10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Nickel Bingo

1:00 Cards March 17

Invite your friends for coffee

1:00 St.Patty's Game Day March 20

1:00 Mahjong

1:00 Nickel Bingo 1:00 Cards

March 21

10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Nickel Bingo

1:00 Cards Free baked goods donated

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"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:7



Ecumenical Services

Pastor Tim Voth Music Minister Bob Floss



Lenten Ecumenical Services

A long-standing tradition, the Lenten Ecumenical Services, which were temporarily suspended due to Covid for the past two years, will return for its

45th season. Although Covid-19 interrupted our lives, the Lenten

Ecumencial Committee voted to continue the program to worship together to continue unity among the local churches. "It's important to remember

that we are all Christians and we need each other through prayer and action to face the hardships that change all lives in one way or another. We need to thank God for the blessings He gives us and pray for strength to face challenges," said committee member Sharon Mayer, of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The Lenten Ecumenical Service continues with services on Friday, March 17, at Harbor of Joy in Milford, and March 24 at Calvary Methodist, in Arnolds Park, and concludes Friday, March 31, with services at Faith Community, in Milford. The services are open to all women and men beginning at

9:30am, followed by coffee and refreshments. No baby-sitting

service will be available. "We are excited that the long standing tradition of ecumenical services in the lakes area will return after the pandemic. It's amazing that a community event that started in 1978 is still strong today. Committee members find a special bond working with other churches in the community in the planning of the services. Those that attend often get reacquainted with community

Several local churches have been sponsoring nondenominational ecumenical services since 1978. In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be aired on local radio stations.

members they haven't seen for awhile," said Committee Member

Susan Reiser of St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Friday March 24, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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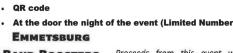
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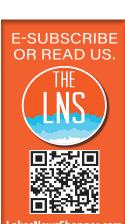
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and learn Mahjong, game of skill, at 1:00pm, on Mondays at Occasions, formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, in Spencer (104 East 4th street)

Learn the Skillful Weekly Social Game of Mahjong Gathering

All are welcome to come social gathering every Wednesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm at the American Legion in Milford. Coffee will be provided. They hope to see you there! through March and April.











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MARILYN MAYE WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 95th BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 1st AT THE PEARSON LAKES ART CENTER AND YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN

Reserved seat tickets for Marilyn Maye's 95th birthday celebration at the Pearson Lakes

Art Center are now on sale at the PLAC, in person, by phone, 712-332-7013, or online, at



Lakes Art.Org. Marilyn's 95th birthday Party Concert is set for Tuesday night, August 1st.

Maye opened the New Inn in the early 1950s and has visited the campus almost every year since -- including a winter visit to the Snow Carnival in Estherville, when she wrote a song about Estherville! Since that time, she recorded many albums for RCA Victor, including a tune originally written for a

Broadway show, that became a campaign song for Robert D. Ray, when he first ran to become Governor of Iowa -- and won! State High School Vocal Jazz competition to be at the Sami Center, August 8th. Nearly three doz-

en Iowa High School jazz vocal ensembles will be coming to the Campus of the UofO on Saturday, August 8th, to participate in the state's 2023 Vocal

Jazz Championships. This year's Iowa High School Vocal Jazz State com-

petition will see nearly three dozen Iowa High School Vocal Jazz choirs competing for state honors at the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts in Spirit Lake, on Saturday, March 28th, starting at 8:00am, with 12 hours of musical competition. Students will represent 32 schools, with some districts supporting two or three choirs.



They include Akron Westfield, Bishop Garrigan, Central City, Riverside, Harris-Lake Park, Newman Catholic, (2) and Riverside in Class 2A. Class 3A District includes Center Point, Urbana (2), Gilbert, Glenwood, Greene County, Mt. Vernon, and North Polk, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, and Solon.

Marilyn Maye can and has done about everything a top vocalist can do very well. Over the years she has received several lifetime achievement awards only to mock them, noting that she's still very much alive. While we've never seen her in a stage play or musical, we can imagine just how she did the magic she did -- all while getting to know her audiences better with every visit, be it on a large Broadway stage or in a more comfortable night-club situation. 'See you at the PLAC when the fun begins at 7:30, August 1st!

In the meantime, remember The Little Swan Lake Winery will be hosting entertainment on the stage in the barn on Sunday afternoons, from 4-6:00. Sunday, the 19th will see The South 71 Trio. Dave & Ryan will take the same stage just a week later, also from 4-6:00.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

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

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



Overdrive & Libby Apps

Attention, OverDrive app users! OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app the end of April 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library. There are tens of thousands of titles that most SLPL card holders can download for free. (Libby is set up to work in your home library. Open Access patrons will not be able to use this feature.) eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines are available anywhere there is internet access. Patrons can have up to five items (excluding eMagazines) checked out at a time, and ten items on hold. The check out period is two weeks. They return automatically at the end of two weeks, or you can manually return the item early so it can become available to the next person waiting. If you need help or have any questions about using Libby, please contact us at the Spirit Lake Public Library at 712-336-2667.

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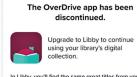
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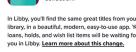
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Another way that you can access Libby and/or find answers to Libby questions, is to scan this QR code. From there, you can learn how to install Libby on your device (including Kindle Fire tablets), review FAOs, register for free training, and more!

Upcoming Events • Monday, March 20, 10 – 11:45am, No-School Movie Mat-

- inee Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
- Tuesday, March 21, noon, Friends of the Library meeting • Wednesday, March 22, 9:30am, Past Times with the Dickinson Co. Museum
 - Thursday, March 23, 10:30am, Storytime









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95th Birthday Announcement

Arlo W. Newman will celebrate his 95th birthday on Friday, March 17, 2023. Cards may be sent to Arlo Newman c/o Accura Healthcare, 1600 13th Street, Room 115, Milford, Iowa 51351.

EXIT Realty Midwest Welcomes Ethan Masters

EXIT Realty Midwest is excited to welcome Ethan Masters. EXIT is growing and attracting quality business people like Ethan each and every day.

Ethan was born and raised in Estherville, Iowa, and is excited to assist anyone with their buying and selling needs in the place he's called home for nearly 21 years! Ethan also manages rental properties and homes helping alleviate the day to day toll of being a landlord.

To get in touch with Ethan, you can call or text me at 712-209-6636 or email him at mastersmanagement02@ gmail.com.

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Say Yes to a Dress at the Prom Dress Give-Away Open House held Saturdays, 1:00 - 4:00pm, 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.





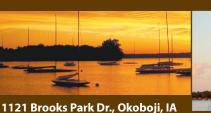






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AKES NEWS

Auction Calendar

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.

Sat., Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM -Antique Auction in Sherburn, MN. Auctioneers: I-90 Expo Center. 507-764-4025. www.i90expocenter.com.

Sun., Mar. 19 - 11:30 AM -

Household Auction in Spirit Lake,

IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712- $330\text{-}1921.\ www.nattressauctions.$ Wed., April 5 - 10:00 AM -70.15 Acres at Auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest

www.midwestlandmanagement. Thurs., April 6 – 10:00 AM – 80 Acres at Auction in Terril, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.

Land Management. 712-262-3110.

Day 1) Wed., April 12 -5:00 PM Closing - Online Only Machinery Auction in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallberauction.com.

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Day 2) Thurs., April 13 -10:00 AM – Live and Online Machinery Auction in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallberauction.com.

Sat., April 15 - 8:30 AM -Consignment Auction in Ceylon, MN. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www. howellrealestateandauction.com.





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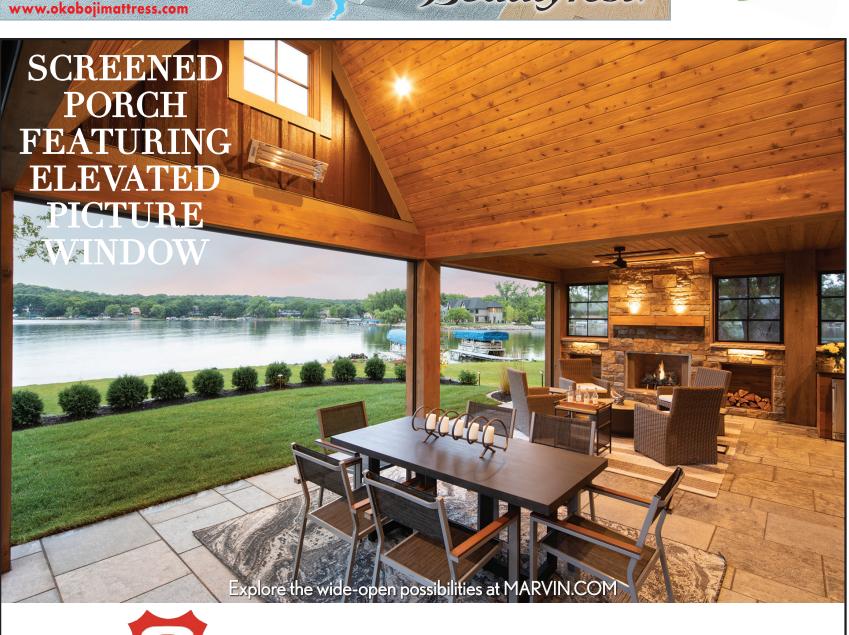
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Women are encouraged to take time for themselves and enjoy a 'Ladies' Night Out' health and wellness event on Thursday, March 23, between 5:00 - 7:00pm, at Spencer Hospital.

"As busy women, too often we don't make our health needs a priority. Ladies Night Out will be a fun evening designed to encourage women to focus on themselves and their good health," explained Susan Zulk, VP of Marketing at Spencer Hospital.

The hospital's Ladies Night Out is a come-and-go event that will be held on the first floor of Spencer Hospital in the Women's Health suite and hospital cafeteria.

"Come solo or bring a group of friends," Zulk said. "Several booths staffed by health professionals will be set up, providing an opportunity to gather valuable women's health information. We'll have nutritious snacks plus a gift bag for the first 50 attendees, and if you're looking to maximize your trip to the hospital, contact us in advance to schedule your screening mammogram that evening. Also, attendees can schedule a relaxing chair massage with the talented students of Iowa Lakes' massage therapy program."

Activities planned for the March 23rd Women's Night Out include:

Mammograms: Are you due for a screening mammogram but haven't found the time to squeeze one into your schedule? Or, have you been hesitant to make an appointment because you don't have adequate insurance coverage? While many insurance plans cover screening mammograms at 100 percent, for women who are uninsured or under-insured, their costs may be covered by the Care for Yourself program. Call Clay County Public Health to see if you qualify for Care for Yourself coverage at (712) 264-6380. Public Health is also helping coordinate the scheduling of mammograms during the Women's Night Out event for anyone interested, so the same phone number can be used for anyone scheduling a screening exam for that evening.

Massages: Enjoy a relaxing chair massage and support the Iowa Lakes Massage Therapy Program! The students of the massage therapy club will offer 15-minute chair massages for \$10 each, with proceeds going to support their club and local charities of their choice and payable at the time of service. To reserve your massage spot, use the sign-up form on Spencer Hospital's website, which is included under the "Classes & Events" tab.

Munchies & Nutrition: Healthy snacks will be available for all attendees. Plus, registered and licensed dietitian Darlene DeWitt will be on hand to visit with attendees on how small nutrition changes can add up to big health benefits.

Breast Health: The Women's Health team will be on hand to not only offer mammograms, but also to provide valuable health information, including explanations of dense breast tissue. The combination of mammography and breast ultrasound to assess breast health issues will be discussed which will include a hands-on demonstration on performing ultrasound guided breast biopsies. Avera Home Medical Equipment of Spencer Hospital: April Green, Avera HME's coordinator

and a certified mastectomy fitter, will share information on their services and products. Gynecological Health: OB/GYN nurse Janelle McEntee of Dr. Brian Wilson's office will be present with beneficial information on their variety of women's health services.

Occupational Therapy: Learn more about lymphedema management, lymph nodes, scar management, and more. Occupational therapist Karin Hogge will demonstrate arm pumps used in lymphedema treatments.

Physical Therapy Women's Health: Certified women's health physical therapists will share an array of information related to pelvic health and also urinary and bowel incontinence, prolapse pain with intercourse, etc. Answer the therapists trivia question and you may win a squatty potty!

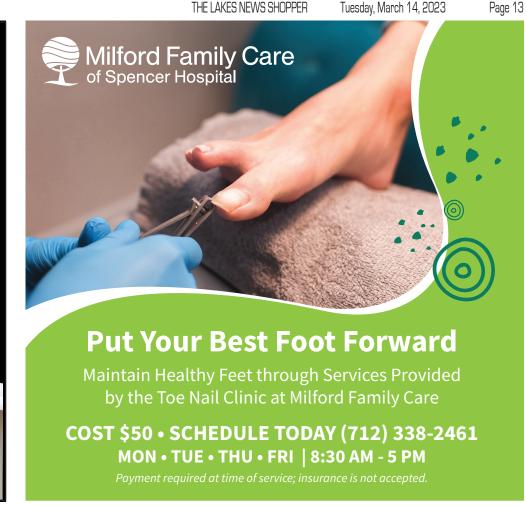
Planet Heart & Other Health Screenings: Cara Rutter, diagnostic imaging technician, will share the guidelines for having a Planet Heart screening, including both a heart scan and ultrasound vascular scan, which checks for the risk of stroke, abdominal aneurysm, and peripheral arterial disease. She'll be joined by employee health nurse Tatum Geerdes who will provide information on the many benefits of having a comprehensive wellness screening and Women's Health Coordinator, KC Kidd, who will share information on cervical cancer screenings.

Diabetes Education: Did you know that more than 11 percent of American adults have diabetes and an estimated 38 percent have prediabetes? Learn more on how you can reverse your risk of diabetes.

While pre-registration is encouraged for screening mammograms and the massages provided by Iowa Lakes, if schedules allow, walk-ins will be welcomed!







Discovery House News **Shelby Reese**

Assistant Director www.mydiscoveryhouse.com



I have been the Assistant Director at both Discovery House and Daniel House for almost 5 months now and it has really opened my eyes to the world of addiction. Coming into this job I never imagined that I would hold so much love in my heart for addicts, I work with them every single day and the strength that they continue to show is nothing short of amazing. What most people don't understand is these guys are your everyday people, some may think otherwise but the truth is they really are. There is a common misconception that we should only be here 9-5, my response to that is do you really understand addiction? Our residents along with anyone fighting this horrible disease have so much trauma, they don't get to decide when that trauma pops up in their minds and they need to talk it through with us. Yes, they have the AA and NA programs and sponsors they can talk to but that doesn't take away from them needing us.

Imagine this, your child has appendicitis but the Dr clocked out at 5 pm, so you have to wait until morning. Would you be okay with that? Chances are your answer is no, but then what is the difference? People just automatically assume that because they are addicts they are horrible people and they brought it on to themselves. I will never be able to convince anyone to change their opinion on addiction unless they work or live in it everyday and at that point their opinion will change on its own. I am impacted by their stories every single day. I just want you to keep this in mind, we are all human, including addicts.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

Letter To The Editor:

The Time To Stop Is Now The Letter To The Editor in a previous edition of The Lakes News Shopper,regarding the CO2 pipeline was right on point.

If you live in any of the five states, that these pipelines have projected to go through, you need to get involved. You need to contact your local county supervisors, state senators and representatives and governor.

As it was stated, these are private corporations that are after private property for corporate gain. They plan to collect billions of your tax dollars if they are successful in moving this forward.

Just because most individuals may not have land in the path of these proposed pipelines, doesn't mean that at a leter date some other private corporations will not come after your property, for some other reason and you will have to spend untold dollars and time to protect what you own from some other corporation. Not to mention that if this CO2 line would go through and you were in the vicinity of a pipeline rupture, you would have a cloud that would hang on the ground and take oxygen out of the air, unlike what happened in Ohio where the cloud rose up in the air. This project should have never made it to first base, but as we all know money talks and conscience walks. Get involved and put this issue down for once and for all.

Mike Handzos, Lakefield, Minnesota





State of Iowa is March Madness Hoops Heaven

The most famous line from the movie "Field of Dreams" is when Ray Liotta's character first discovers the Field of Dreams before going back into the cornfield and asks "hey, is this heaven?", to which Kevin Costner's character answers, "no, it's Iowa". Well, for Division I college basketball fans in the State of Iowa (sorry UNI fans), this has truly turned into a Hoops Heaven of March Madness for Drake, Iowa and Iowa State. The Bulldogs, Hawkeyes and Cyclones all have both their men's and women's teams dancing this March, with all six teams announced into the NCAA Tournament fields on Sunday. The Drake men and women, Iowa and Iowa State women all earned automatic bids into the Tournament by winning their conference tournaments, while the Hawkeye and Cyclone men earned at-large bids.

I am currently on vacation in Arizona, so am not going to dive

too deep into the games but want to give a brief summary of the early matchups. I can't remember a time when the State of Iowa had six teams participating in the NCAA Tournament, and it surely is unprecedented to have had all three of the women's teams win their conference tournaments. The Drake men are peaking at the right time, coming off a throttling of Bradley in the MVC Championship game, and are a 12-seed. The Bulldogs will face ACC regular season co-champion Miami on Thursday night in Albany, NY. I would agree with the oddsmakers that Drake has a very good chance of winning this game as the Bulldogs open as just a 2.5 point underdog to the Hurricanes, and there always seems to be a 5/12 upset or two in the opening round. The Drake women are also a 12-seed and will also face an ACC power in Louisville on Saturday in Austin, TX. This is a tough draw for Drake, but the Bulldogs are playing their best basketball of the season and should be a confident group. The Iowa men limp into the NCAA Tournament with two bad losses in the last week, one at home to Nebraska and then to the 13th place B1G team Ohio State Buckeyes in the first round of the B1G tournament. Hawkeye fans are hoping the team can find their form that they had just two weeks ago when they rallied to miraculously beat Michigan State at home, and then throttled a ranked Indiana team three days later on the road. Iowa is an 8-seed and will play SEC foe Auburn in the first round on Thursday in what will definitely be a pro-Auburn crowd in Birmingham, AL. This should be a great game, with Auburn opening as a 1-point favorite over the Hawkeyes. The Iowa women roll into the NCAA Tournament as hot as anyone in the country, and I felt should have been a 1-seed. The Hawkeyes, however, earned a 2-seed and will host 15-seed SE Louisiana in a game that should see Iowa roll the Lady Lions. Iowa would then face the winner of Florida State/ Georgia in the second round and have a great chance of making it to the Sweet 16. The Iowa State men were limping to the end of their season just a week ago, but found new life, and beat top 10 Baylor in their last regular season game and then topped the Bears again in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament before running out of steam and losing to Kansas in the Big 12 semis on Friday. Iowa State enters the Big Dance as a 6-seed (thought they should've been a 5) and will play the winner of the Mississippi State/Pittsburgh opening round game on Friday in Greensboro, NC. Either opponent will be a tough draw for ISU, but I'm not going to lie, I was thrilled to see the Cyclones not get matched up with Drake in the first round. The ISU women were also struggling just 10 days ago, but got a huge overtime win at Baylor to end their regular season, and then caught fire at the Big 12 Tournament, winning three games, including a very impressive 61-51 win over regular season champion Texas in the finals. The Cyclones just missed out on hosting the first two rounds (top 4 seeds in each region host) and instead got a 5-seed, and will play 12-seed Toledo in Knoxville, TN. ISU should beat the Rockets and that would set them up with a probable game against host Tennessee in the second round.

This is truly the best time of the year for college hoop fans, and this year is even more special with all the teams from th State of Iowa dancing. Is this Hoops Heaven? No, it's Iowa; let



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Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot.

You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.

Monday, March 27. Fourth graders and up may pick up an egg sheet that has 12 picture eggs. Each participant will need to find

the objects on the paper, write down what each object is and

where it is located. They will then bring the completed sheet to

the circulation desk and their name will be entered into a drawing.

MML's Young Adult March Madness Challenge Box will

be hitting the court on Tuesday, March 14, through Friday,

March 24. Fourth through twelfth graders will be completing

various basketball themed projects and activities. This is a free

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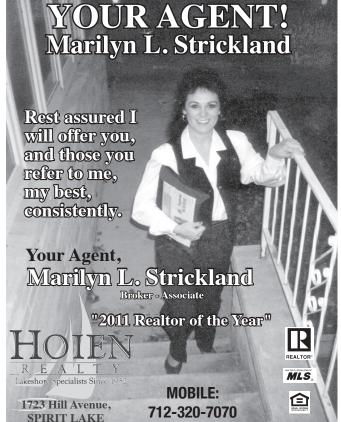
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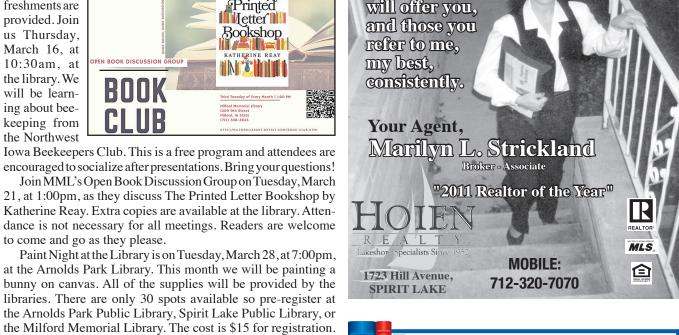


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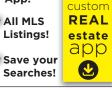




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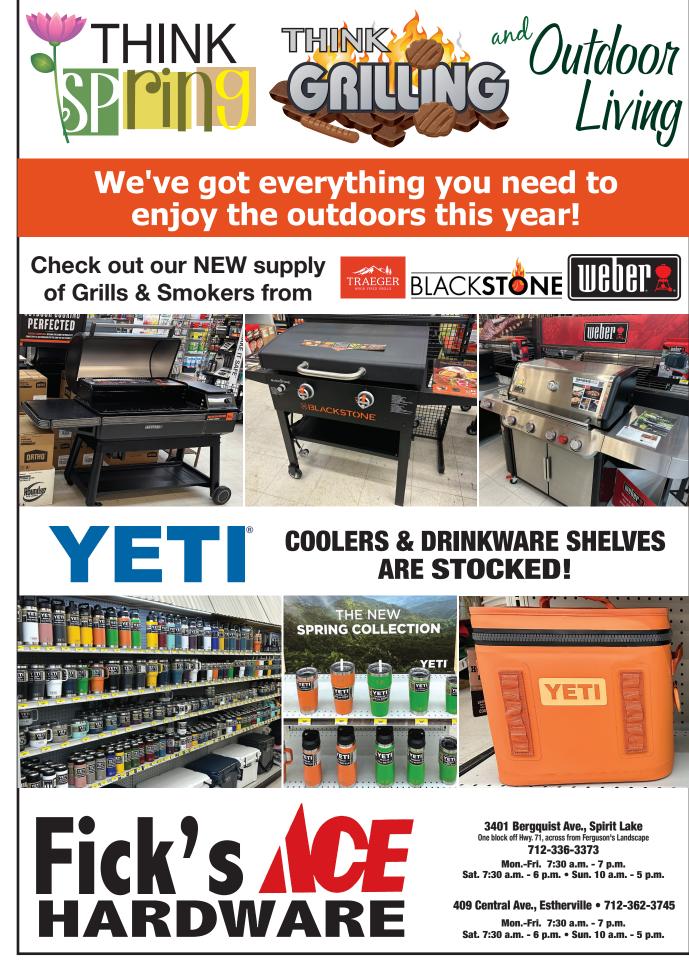
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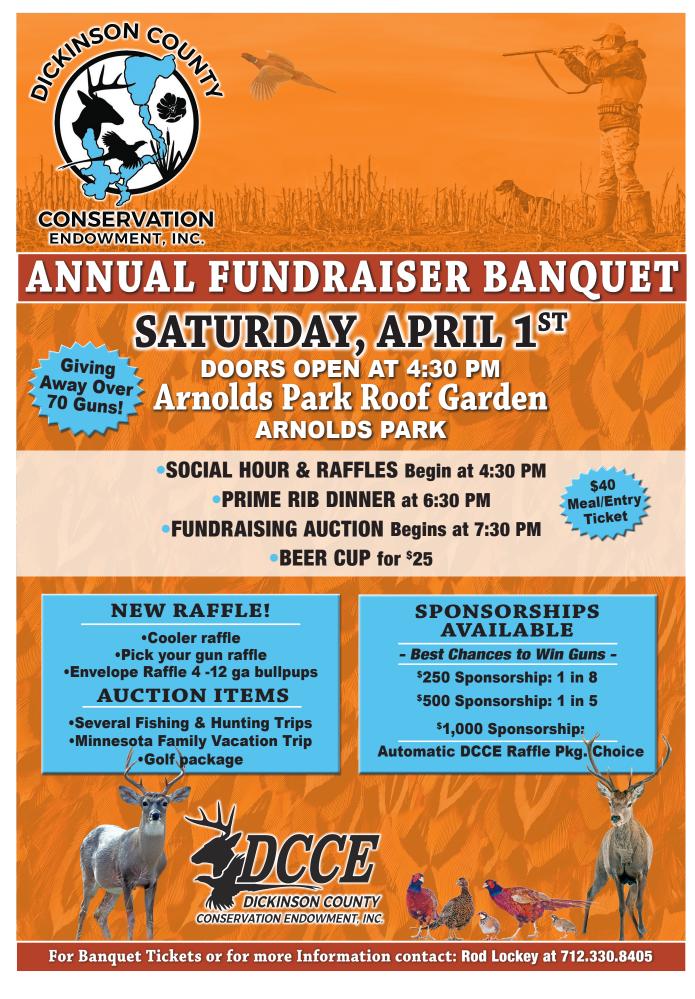


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Bedell Barracuda Swim Team Wins Division 3 State Meet

Members of the Bedell Barracuda Swim Team participated in the State Swim Meet on March 4 and 5 in Marshalltown, Iowa. As a team, the Barracudas placed first in Division 3. The team also boasted two individual State Champions, Jackson Mensing and Carson Profit and a team relay State Championship with Aubrey Paterson, Emerson Wittrock, Josephine Haulard, and Reese Phillips.

Congratulations to all these dedicated swimmers!

State Champions:

- Jackson Mensing: 100 yard Individual Medlev
- Carson Profit: 100 yard Individual Medley
- Girls 9-10 Free Relay: Aubrey Paterson, Emerson Wittrock, Josephine Haulard, and Reese Phillips 2nd Place:
- Reese Phillips: 200 yard Free, 50 yard Free
- Brooklyn Ferguson: 50 yard Free • Ella Kasperbauer: 100 yard Breaststroke
- Jackson Mensing: 25 yard Free, 50 yard Free
- Maddox Krull: 100 yard Individual Medley, 25 yard Fly • Carson Profit: 100 yard Fly, 100
- yard Free • Griffin Kasperbauer: 100 yard Back • Girls 15-21 200 yard Medley Relay: Emily Quanbeck, Ella

Kasperbauer, Brooklyn Ferguson,

- Erikka Duhn • Girls 15-21 200 Free Relay: Emily Quanbeck, Ella Kasperbauer, Erikka Duhn, Brooklyn Ferguson
- **3rd Place:** • Reese Phillips: 100 Free
- Aubrey Paterson: 50 Free
- Brooklyn Ferguson: 200 Free,

- Erikka Duhn: 50 Breast
- Eli Phillips: 200 yard Back, 500
- Ethan Weston: 50 yard Free, 100 yard Breast
- Ray Kaiser: 100 yard Back, 50 Back
- Griffin Kasperbauer: 200 yard Back • Girls 9-10 200 Free Relay: Emerson Wittrock, Reese
- Phillips, Josephine Haulard, Aubrey Paterson • Boys 13-14 200 yard Free Relay: Tyson Fear. De-
- clan Donovan, Oliver Miller, Ethan Weston • Boys 15-21 yard Free Relay: Ray Kaiser, Noah Rice,

Griffin Kasperbauer, Caleb Duhn

Swimmers who competed at State: Madeline Ackerman, Erikka Duhn**, Brooklyn Ferguson**, Emma Hanson, Josephine Haulard**, Jade Henson, Gabriella Hurtig**, Ella Kasperbauer**, Avery Krull**, Abigail Mensing**, Aubrey Paterson**, Reese Phillips** Anna Quanbeck**, Emily Quanbeck**, Zayla Ruisenor, Kaela Weston**, Emerson Wittrock**, Lindy Wittrock, Declan Donovan**, Finn Donovan**, Caleb Duhn**, Tyson Fear**, Ray Kaiser, Griffin Kasperbauer**, Maddox Krull**, Jackson Mensing, Henry Meyer, Oliver Miller**, Eli Phillips**, Carson Profit**, Noah Rice, Kaden Russell, JR Sandy, Colton Southworth, Ethan Weston**, and Alex Wilken**

** Denotes Regional Qualifier.

Maggie Fuhrman (not pictured in team photo) also qualified for the Regional

Meet. For more information, please contact Aquatics Director Angie Gillespie at 712-336-9622 or angie.gillespie@okobojiymca.com.



Girls 9-10 Free Relay State Champion Team (L to R): Emerson Wittrock, Aubrey Paterson, Josephine Haulard, and Reese Phillips

Boys Individual State Champions: Jackson Mensing, winner of 100 yard Individual Medley; Carson Profit, winner of 100 yard Individual Medley

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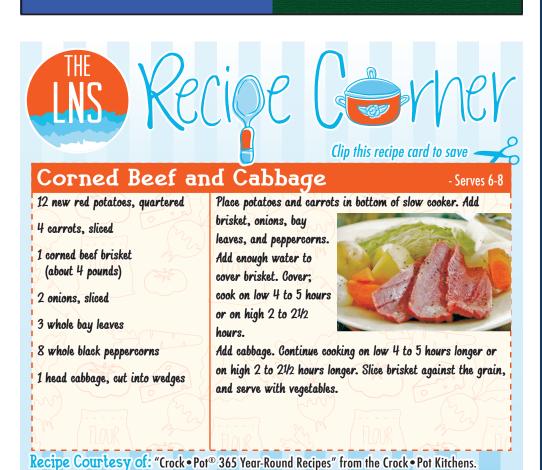
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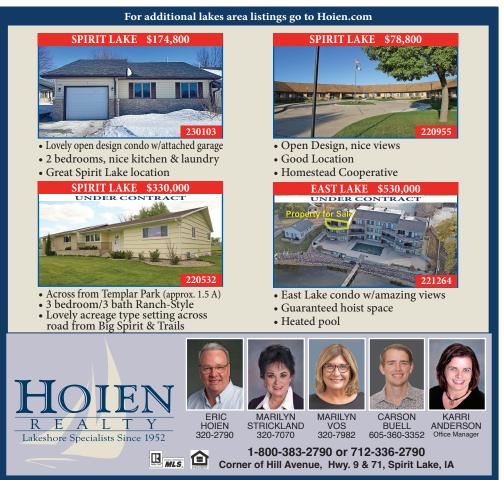


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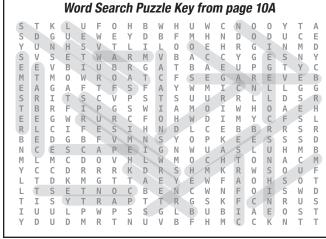
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LRH Accepting Applications For 8-Week Summer Junior Volunteer Program

Positions provide great opportunity to experience working in the healthcare industry first-hand Preparations are in place for Lakes Regional Healthcare's (LRH) Summer Junior Volunteer Program. Each summer, roughly 30 high school and college students assist physicians, nurses and other professional staff, and patients in the Emergency, Surgery, and Inpatient Departments. Soon they will welcome back many of these and several more students as they go through the process to receive applications and complete interviews.

"Most Junior Volunteers are interested in a career in healthcare and participating in the program gives them first-hand knowledge of whether or not they would like to pursue that path," said LRH Vice President of Marketing and Retail Services Jennifer Gustafson. "This is our eighth summer offering the program, and many past Junior Volunteers are now nurses working at LRH and other systems such as Avera McKennan, Mayo Clinic, and Sanford or are in residency or medical school. We are honored to have been part of their journey."

Interested students must submit an application, signed parental consent form, and written reference from a guidance counselor/advisor or teacher/professor. From there, they are interviewed and possibly selected for the position in which they applied. After being selected, they undergo the orientation process to include a health assessment, orientation assessment, background check, and safety and privacy regulations training. Each student must volunteer at least eight four-hour shifts in the program's eight weeks. This program offers three Junior Volunteer positions from which to choose and students can apply for and volunteer for one or more areas.

ER Junior Volunteer

ER Junior Volunteer shifts are four hours long and around the clock. Some of the responsibilities include assisting physicians, paramedics, and nurses, disinfecting ER rooms after patient discharge, offering items to and transporting patients, and restocking supplies. Up to 25 Junior Volunteers will be selected to be in the ER.

Inpatient Junior Volunteer

Five Inpatient Junior Volunteers will be accepted into the program, as there are five shifts per week - 8 am until 12 pm, Monday through Friday. These volunteers will begin their shift in the Birth Center and move on to the Medical-Surgical and/or Critical Care Departments depending on needs. Some of the responsibilities include providing companionship to patients, turning over patient rooms, transporting and escorting patients, assisting with obtaining vital signs, assisting nurses as requested, and transporting samples to Lab.

Surgery Junior Volunteer

Ten Surgery Junior Volunteers will be accepted to fill ten shifts per week – all occurring from 8 am until 12 pm, Monday through Friday. These volunteers will call and escort surgery patients into the Surgery Center, turn over surgery pre-op rooms, give items to patients, transport and escort patients, assist nurses as requested, and watch surgeries in real time in the OR.

The program will also provide one 4-hour hands-on educational opportunity. Gustafson said, "The Junior Volunteers will be invited to attend the optional, hands-on educational session in addition to their weekly volunteer shifts. Topics will include how to stitch, how to gown and glove, and how to give an injection.'

The Summer Junior Volunteer Program will run from June 5 through July 28. High school sophomores, juniors, or seniors or college students at least 16 years old by June 1 will be considered for the program. The application and parental consent form can be found at www. lakeshealth.org/volunteer and must be submitted to Gustafson by April 28. Those selected must attend a mandatory orientation session on Wednesday, May 31. For more information, contact Gustafson at 712-336-8799 or jennifer.gustafson@lakeshealth.org

Spencer Chamber of Commerce Spring Career Fair March 16th

The Spencer Chamber of Commerce is excited to host its annual Spring Career Fair on March 16, from 2:00 - 6:00pm, at the Clay County Regional Events Center.

The Spencer Chamber Programs Coordinator, Blake Goss, shared that, "we are excited to provide an opportunity for regional businesses seeking employees and local job-seekers to connect. The Spencer Chamber prides itself on facilitating opportunities to support local businesses and community members, and we believe this event comes at a key time when many businesses are looking to fill openings."

He added that, "we're very thankful to our major sponsor, Spencer Radio Group, as well as our other supporters, y100, Exploreokoboji.com, and Rembrandt Foods for their investment in making this event possible. To speak with these businesses as well as over twenty other regional employers, come to the Clay County Regional Events Center, from 2:00 - 6:00pm, on Thursday, March 16."

If you have any questions, or would like more information on the event, please contact the Spencer Chamber of Commerce at *info@spenceriowachamber.org*.







Portion of East 11th Street on Healthcare Campus to Close to Through Traffic

Approximately two blocks of East 11th Street in Spencer will permanently close to through traffic on May 1 associated with

the construction of Spencer Hospital's new emergency department and campus expansion.

"With the arrival of spring construction season, contractors will place barricades midway in the 100 block of East 11th Street.

located just off of Grand Avenue, to the midway point in the 300 block of East 11th Street," explained Joel Wassom, plant operations director for Spencer Hospital. "Authorized personnel will be able to access areas of East 11th from First Avenue East and Second Avenue East."

Wassom explained that initial work entails removal of four hospital-owned houses along the south side of E. 11th Street to gain parking for the new emergency department. Early spring site work also includes bringing in fill dirt to raise the street elevation where the new emergency department will be built between the hospital and Spencer Medical Arts Building.

Spencer Public Works Director Mark White explained that city officials, including public works, law enforcement and fire emergency personnel, have been actively involved in the various planning stages of the street closure. "Prior to approval of the street closure which was finalized last winter, the city council held two public hearings and the ordinance was presented at city council meetings three times. Also, we've conducted traffic use studies not only on the affected portion of East 11th Street, but also on neighboring streets. As the traffic patterns change this spring, we'll continue to monitor how we can enhance safety."

The new emergency department will be constructed on East 11th Street between the Medical Arts Building and the hospital. It will feature patient-centered improvements to include additional and larger treatment rooms; two trauma bays; and two rooms specifically designed for the care of behavioral health patients.

Patient privacy will be enhanced by using an "on-stage, offstage" design model through which a center core work area is dedicated for use by healthcare providers to reduce background sound and activity near patients receiving care.

Plans also include a larger, comfortable waiting area. An attached, temperature controlled ambulance garage will accommodate two ambulances, and will feature more efficient access for out-of-town ambulances transporting patients to Spencer Hospital. A partial basement will be constructed under the new department to provide utility service and an additional general storage area. A new ambulance storage garage is also included to accommodate the hospital's on-campus fleet.

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Sherry grew up in Storm Lake, Iowa, and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1999. She graduated from Buena Vista University in 2003, earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting. In 2004, she completed her Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. She became a Certified Public Accountant in 2008. As the firm's Quality Control Director, Sherry specializes in assurance and attest engagements, including audit, review, compilation and agreed-upon procedures, in the nonprofit and governmental industries.

Sherry is a member of the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants and the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants. Sherry is active in her community serving as a board member of the Pioneer Parents and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford.

Sherry resides in West Okoboji, Iowa, with her husband, Blake, and their children Brody and Zachary.

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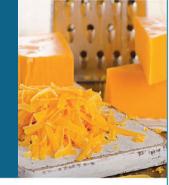
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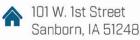


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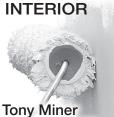
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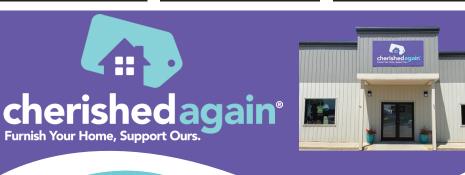
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