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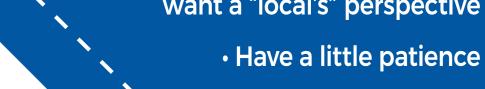


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Jepsen Celebrates 104 Years

Esther E. Jepsen will be 104 on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Let's wish Esther a Happy Birthday with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach her at 1819 23rd Street, Apartment 242, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. No gifts please.

Kyle Struve Joins Hunter Real Estate

Scott Hunter, Broker/Owner of Okoboji's newest real estate brokerage, Hunter Real Estate, is excited to announce agent Kyle Struve to his team. Kyle obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and has been working in the design

and marketing field for over 15 years. He brings his expertise in marketing and communications to each real estate listing.

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Lunch & Learn at Clay County Heritage

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce that they will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on May 31, 2023, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, at the Clay County Heritage Center. Those interested should call 712-262-3304 to RSVP as space will be limited. Our speaker, David Kruse, will be talking about his trip visiting a number of Civil War battlefields last year.

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Clay County Heritage Soiree

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce their Soiree by Clay County Heritage Fundraiser commences on Thursday, June 1, at 6:00pm. As per tradition, the location of the event is a surprise until the participants are notified one hour before the event. This year we are breaking from the tradition of all guests being asked to don a white outfit to the option of red, white, and blue outfits. Guests bring their table, chairs, food, and drink, and enjoy a lovely evening pop-up dinner. Tickets for the Soiree are \$20 per member and \$25 per non-member. If you want Bank, Vander Haag's, Spencer Radio Group, Clay Mutual Insur- us to provide you with a table with 8 chairs and a white tablecloth, you can purchase this for \$50. VIP tables are \$500 and include 8 tickets, a table, 8 chairs, tablecloth, place settings, wine, and dessert. To purchase tickets, visit www.ClayCountyHeritage.org or stop at the Heritage Center at 7 Grand Avenue in Spencer.

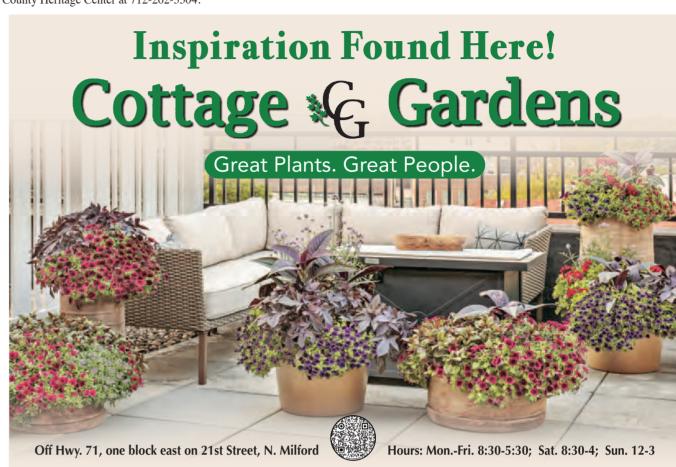
> Additionally, another Parker Museum Open House will take place Sunday, June 11, from 1:00 – 4:00pm, at the Parker Museum, 300 East 3rd Street in Spencer as part of Flagfest.

> For further questions regarding these events, please call the Clay County Heritage Center at 712-262-3304.

Judd Grant Applications Are Now Available at Area Libraries

The Avera Lakes Regional Healthcare Volunteers Auxiliary will be awarding four \$500.00 Judd grant scholarships to students pursuing a nursing career. Clarence Judd was a long time resident of the Lakes region and bequeathed money to the LRH Volunteers stipulating that the money be used to provide grants for prospective nurses. Those receiving the Judd grants are chosen by a random drawing. Residents of Dickinson County or a graduate of a Dickinson County High School are eligible to apply for these grants if they are entering or are enrolled in an LPN, RN or BSN program with preference given to fulltime students. Applications for these grants are available at any of the public libraries in Dickinson County on May 18th, 2023. The applications should be returned by July 20, 2023 to Jona Forbes, 2810 Center Lake Dr., Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Any questions may also be directed to Jona Forbes at 330-5508.





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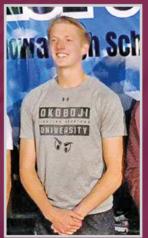
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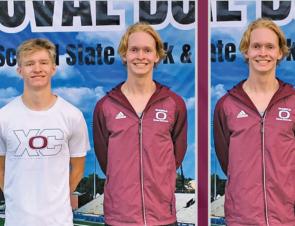


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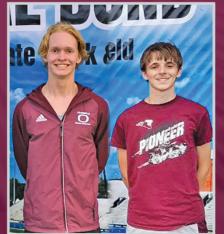
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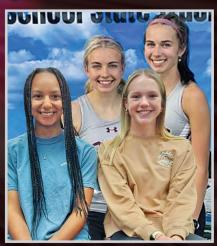


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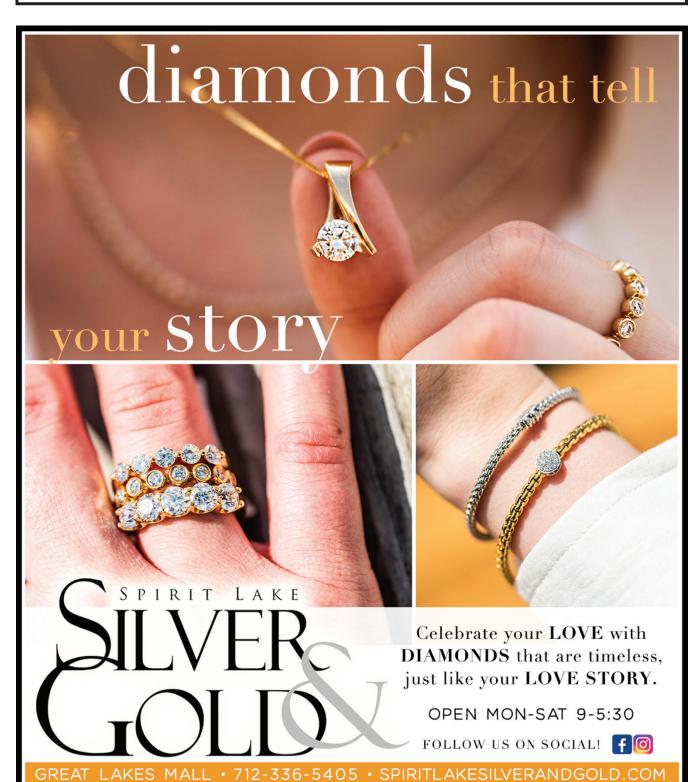


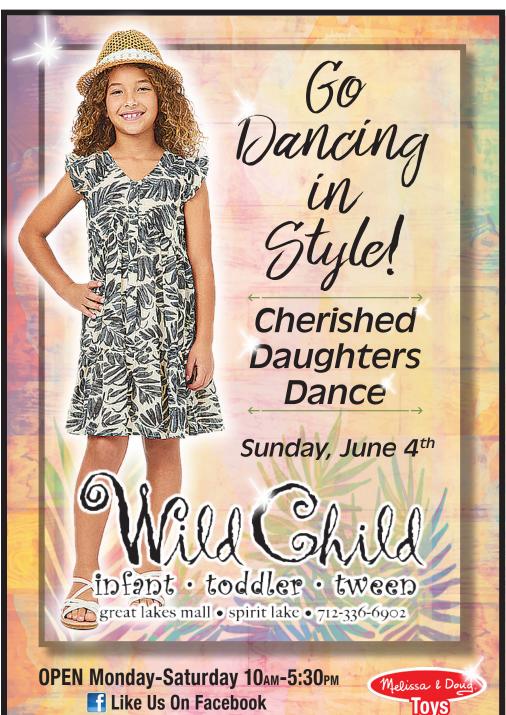


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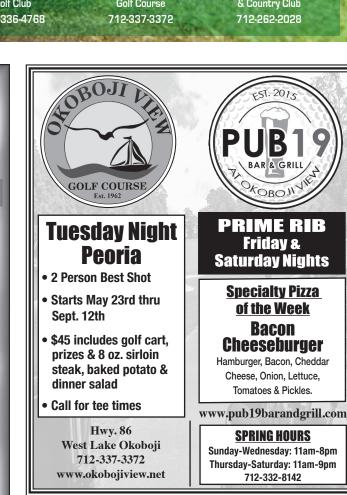


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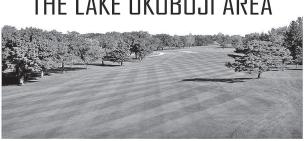








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New Picnic Tables and Benches for Wildcat Stadium

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of the Milford Boy Scout Troop 170. Two picnic tables and benches (shown in striking purple and white colors) were constructed and painted by Mr. Gonnerman before being donated to the City of Arnolds Park to be used at Wildcat Stadium. He spent over 20 hours building and coating his project. Michael played baseball at Wildcat in the Okoboji Youth League.

Shown at the presentation ceremony are, from left to right: Oliver Miller (Troop

170), Jason Simpson (Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 170), Michael Gonnerman (Troop 170), John Adams (Wildcat Stadium Co-Chair), and Linda Nase (City Clerk). Michael is the son of Todd and Kia Gonnerman of rural Milford.

























Gambling Probe Hits Hawks/Cyclones

Early last week the State of Iowa's two Power 5 college programs announced that they had self-reported possible NCAA violations regarding gambling violations of student-athletes. The report came amid an investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation special enforcement bureau and the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. Iowa has 26 current student athletes from baseball, football, men's basketball, men's track and field and wrestling as well as one full-time employee of the athletic department being investigated. Iowa State has 15 current student athletes from football, men's track and field and wrestling currently being investigated.

What we know about this investigation is that we really don't know much yet. The good news is that the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission has come out and said there is no evidence of any compromised markets surrounding any Iowa or Iowa State athletic events, which means that no games were fixed, like you are hearing happened with the Alabama baseball program last week, which resulted in the firing of their head baseball coach. The other good news is that there have not been any arrests surrounding these investigations. The bad news is that we will probably see some sort of suspensions for these athletes. I am not going to speculate what they are investigating, as no one really knows anything. The Des Moines Register did report that there is speculation that one or more Iowa student athlete did wager on the Iowa/South Carolina Final Four Women's Basketball game, but nothing has been made public. There is not really a set standard in college sports gambling with the NCAA; Virginia Tech had a football player suspended for six games this past season for wagering on NBA games last summer, but that has been the only current case involving a Division I student athlete and gambling. The NCAA rules state that student athletes are forbidden to gamble on any sporting event that has an NCAA Championship; which means that legal-aged student athletes can pretty much only gamble on horse racing, car racing and prize fighting.

It will be interesting to see where this investigation leads and what the NCAA doles out for punishments. As Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz said last week, "it's just the world we're living in. It's (sports gambling) is everywhere." To enforce Ferentz' point, the State of Iowa had a reported \$2.5 billion wagered on sports in 2022. From what I've listened to on podcasts and read last week, this is definitely not just an Iowa and Iowa State issue as college athletes at most institutions are probably participating in some form of sprots gambling with the easy access that is now offered. As with many of the NCAA rules, their sports gambling rules seem outdated, and will definitely be tested by this Hawkeye/Cyclone case, as it will set a precedent that they will have to follow as other schools will surely go through similar circumstances. I agree 100% that a student athlete should not be allowed to gamble on the sport they play at any level, but I don't really see the harm of a college football player placing a bet on the NBA Playoffs, or a college wrestler betting on the Super Bowl as long as they are of age. You see commercials for gambling during many NCAA televised events, and even have some casinos/ sportsbooks who are sponsors at universities. To me, that seems quite hypocritical of the NCAA to then totally ban their student athletes from doing something that is legal for other 21+ year-olds; again, as long as it's not in their sport. Unfortunately, as we've seen with many cases in the past, the NCAA has zero issues being hypocritical and handing out punishments that really don't fit the crime; let's hope the NCAA, like the times in college athletics, can change and do what is fair with these student athletes.



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Annual Dinner Postponed

The annual spring Roast Beef Dinner at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park has been postponed.

Due to construction work on Highway 71, the dinner will not be in May. The festive meal will be served on Wednesday, June 7, with serving beginning at 4:30pm. In addition, this year diners will have two options: the customary beef or pork.

To reserve in advance, call the church office at 712-332-2447. Everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious, annual event.

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/countyresource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

Al-Anon Meetings

Milford Al-Anon meetings will take place Monday nights at 7:30 at St. Joseph Church. Use west classroom door.

Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed. 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 Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

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Jessica Eeckhoff (SLHS Guidance Office), Caleb Frostestad, Catherine Straus, and Joshua Miller (Twilight Lodge No. 329)

and photogenic categories. Anna is the daughter of Mark & Hope Tullis. Anna is 13 years old and

will be an 8th grader next year at Spirit Lake Middle School. She participates in basketball and yoga. She plays the piano, sings in show choir and honor choir.

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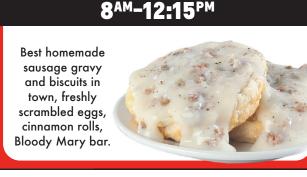
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The Clay County Pork Producers recently teamed up with Tyson Foods, the Spencer Chamber Foundation, Dawn Dahm with Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) and Greg Lear with Spencer Ag to provide over 1,600 pounds of pork to UDMO. This was a part of the Iowa Pork Producer Association's Pork in the Pantry program, which helped county pork producer organizations across Iowa donate pork to local food pantries.

"We were excited to jump on the opportunity to put so much healthy, high quality protein in the freezers for Upper Des Moines. We had so much help from various organizations in the community and are so thankful for them in helping to make this effort a success," says Julie Chalstrom, Clay County Pork Producer board member.

Sheriffa Jones, Executive Director for the Spencer Chamber of Commerce added, "The Chamber Foundation was established in 2017 to assist with community needs. Assisting UDMO with stocking their pantry and helping them accomplish their mission, is at the heart of the Chamber Foundation's mission. It goes without saying though, that attaining the goal is due to the community spirit that exists in Spencer - especially amongst the business community."

According to their website, Upper Des Moines-Clay County is dedicated to helping build stronger communities by addressing the effects of poverty on individuals and families.



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Johnson Celebrates 90 Years

Happy 90th Birthday to Bruce Johnson. He will turn 90 on Friday, May 19th.

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June 4, – each day at 1:00pm. Admission is free, and free-will donations are welcomed and appreciated.

HALL of FAME & MUSEUM

Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Spirit Award winner Connie Valens of Spirit Lake, the younger sister of Ritchie Valens, was the driving force to bring this powerful movie to Arnolds Park. Connie is featured in the film, and she uniquely shares what the iconic song and this film about it means to her and her family. The fateful part that the state of Iowa plays in "The Day the Music Died" is showcased – from the tragic event in 1959, to the role that Iowa's Everly Brothers played, and more.

Connie said, "When I approached the Association whom I consider my Iowa family, about the showing of The Day the Music Died, Don McLean's American Pie, I knew that they would understand the significance of a time and story that so deeply impacted my family. When asked to participate in the film, I knew I would have to go back to that long ago place, and that it would be difficult, but also an important element to the film, and it was! This story beautifully depicts a significant era in our history and how it changed us all."

Directed by Mark Moorman, this deep, heartfelt documentary features Don McClean sharing the emotional and personal journey he took to create what other artists have dubbed perhaps the best contemporary song ever written. Commentary by superstars such as Garth Brooks and Brian Wilson, as well as newer artists such as Jade Bird, Home Free, and Maffio detail the reverence they have for American Pie and the tragic event that was the genesis of its composition.

Says Don McLean, "This documentary is something that will make people think, especially since so many throughout the years have asked me what certain lyrics meant or whom I was referring to, but now I finally can solve many of those mysteries. Everyone from Madonna to Garth Brooks to Weird Al Yankovic has recorded 'American Pie' and made it their own. So many people have their own interpretation of the song, and I love it."

With a narrative that McClean says is "an abstract, dream-like story about America", American Pie is a musical phenomenon that has been woven deep into our culture, moving and inspiring fans around the world for over 50 years. This documentary also reveals the point of view of a new generation of artists who are motivated by the same type of events, values and ideas that inspired the song's verses. Issues that are as relevant now in 2023 as they were back in 1971, at the end of the turbulent 60's, when the song was released.

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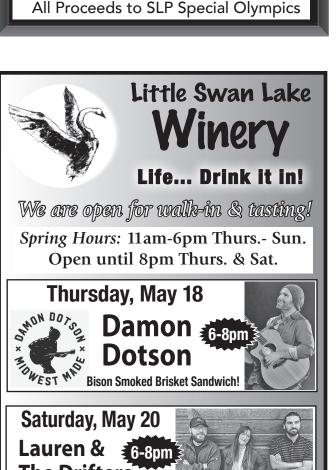
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Dr. Pas has been practicing dentistry for over 30 years, providing exceptional care to his patients and actively contributing to the advancement of the field. Throughout his career, he has been committed to staying up-to-date with the latest techniques and technology in dentistry, attending numerous continuing education courses and conferences.

Dr. Pas has been an active member of the Iowa Dental Association for many years, serving on various committees and holding leadership positions, including President of the Northwest Iowa District Dental Society. He has also been involved in outreach programs, providing dental care to under served populations in the community.

Upon receiving his Lifetime Membership, Dr. Pas expressed his gratitude, stating that "It is an honor to be recognized by the Iowa Dental Association for my contributions to the profession. I have always been passionate about dentistry and serving my patients, and I am proud to be a part of an organization that shares that same commitment to excellence.'

The Iowa Dental Association also expressed their appreciation for Dr. Pas' dedication, stating that "Dr. Pas has been an exemplary member of our association, and we are grateful for his contributions over the years. We are pleased to award him with a Lifetime Membership and look forward to his continued involvement and leadership in the dental community.'

Dr. Pas' colleagues, patients, and community members have also congratulated him on this well-deserved honor, recognizing him for his skill, professionalism, and kindness.

Dr. Randy Pas' Lifetime Membership in the Iowa Dental Association is a testament to his dedication and service to the dental profession, and his contributions to the field will continue to benefit patients and dentists alike for years to come.

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To the Editor:

 $Fellow \, residents \, of \, Dickinson \, County, \, thank \, you \, for \, showing \,$ your generosity by giving to the Good Neighbor Fund. When you ve to the Good Neighbor Fund, you benefit many local nonrofit organizations, including Kings & Queens Local (KQL).

KQL is a non-profit that strives to support local foster/ adoptive families. Some of the ways we support local families are through our free resource closet (Kadens Kloset: Okoboji), monthly support group gatherings, and providing meals to families in transition. Our team strives to treat kids from hard places like royalty, no matter what hardships they have experienced.

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Spencer Area **Activity Center** Breakfast

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Join us for sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast the third Sunday of every month from 8:00am-12:30pm.

All are welcome to join us at Occasions, formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th Street, in Spencer.

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Lakes Area **Activity Center**

Upcoming events at the Lakes Area Activity Center, located at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake (under the water tower):

Tuesday, May 16 8:30 - Kiwanis 12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, May 17 9:15 - Exercise 1:30 Table Tennis

Thursday, May18 10:00 - Strummers 11:30 BP Clinic

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 Cribbage

5:30 - Zumba Friday, May 19

9:15 - Exercise 1:30 - Table Tennis

Monday, May 22

9:15 - Exercise

1:00 Pinochle 1:30 - Table Tennis

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table room is open every

from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month, May 28th from 2-5pm with Pot Luck beginning at 3pm - Bring something to share. Lakes Area

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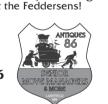
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5. A woman who is the superior

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51. Chinese sword 52. Mild expression of surprise

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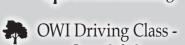
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The Twin Forks Trap and Skeet Club would like to thank the Okoboji Foundation's Youth In Philanthropy for their grant to help build our new skeet field. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Rick Kalsow,

Skeet Club Coach

Dustin Lynch Coming to Arnolds Park

Arnolds Park Amusement Park is excited to announce that country music star Dustin Lynch will be performing at the park on Friday, July 21st, 2023. The concert will take place on Preservation Plaza, and gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

Dustin Lynch has built one of the most consistent recording careers in modern country music (Billboard), achieving eight #1s, four Top 5 albums, ten GOLD and PLATINUM certified singles, and tallying over 4.04 BIL-LION global on-demand streams. Recently releasing slow burner "Wood On The Fire" and wrapping the expanded PARTY MODE TOUR Lynch's fifth studio album, BLUE IN THE SKY, features PLATINUM, six-week #1 "Thinking 'Bout You

(feat. MacKenzie Porter)," Top 15 neon-buzzed single "Party Mode," and "Fish In The Sea," cementing his place as one of the hottest acts in country music.

"Dustin Lynch's New Music Will Have You Embracing the Party 24/7," hails E! News, as the good time follow-up to TULLAHOMA-which delivered consecutive PLATINUM

chart-toppers: "Ridin' Roads" and "Good Girl," in addition to GOLD, Top 5 hit "Momma's House." Since his PLATINUM breakout "Cowbovs and Angels" in 2012, Lynch has headlined packed venues and toured with Country's biggest names like Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Brad Paisley, and Kane Brown this spring. Likewise, the Tennessee native has earned

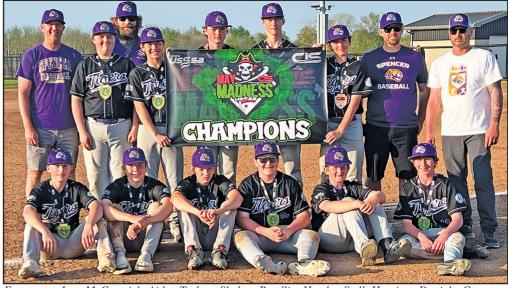


industry recognition as a Grand Ole Opry member, as well as high-profile nominations for the American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, iHeartRadio Music Awards, and CMT

"We are thrilled to welcome Dustin Lynch to Arnolds Park Amusement Park for what is sure to be an unforgettable night of country music," said Jon Pausley, Arnolds Park CEO. "We know that our guests will love hearing Dustin's chart-topping hits and experiencing Preservation Plaza's unique ambiance.

Tickets for the Dustin Lynch concert at Arnolds Park Amusement Park go on sale on May 12, 2023, and will be available for purchase on the park's website, www.arnoldspark.com. Ticket prices start at \$45+ fees.

About Arnolds Park Amusement Park Arnolds Park Amusement Park is Iowa's oldest and one of the largest amusement parks in the state, located in the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes region. The park features more than 20 rides and attractions, including the historic wooden roller coaster, the Legend, two music venues, as well as numerous dining and shopping options.

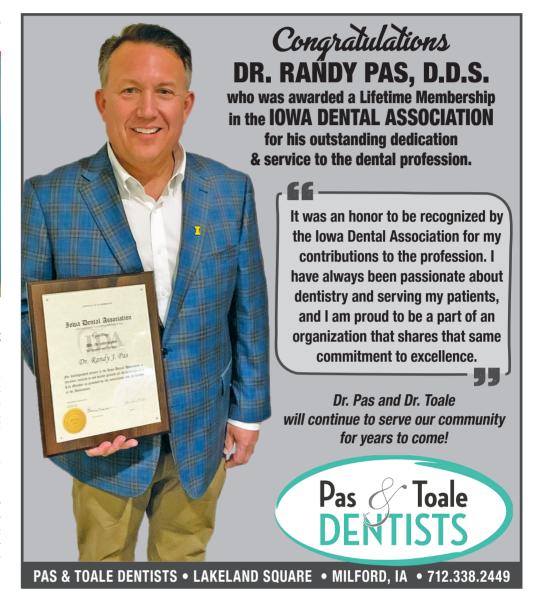


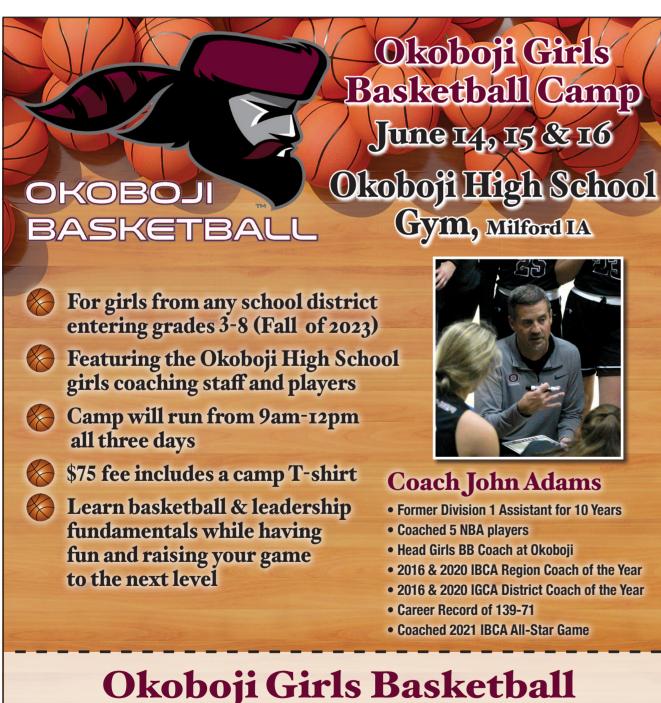
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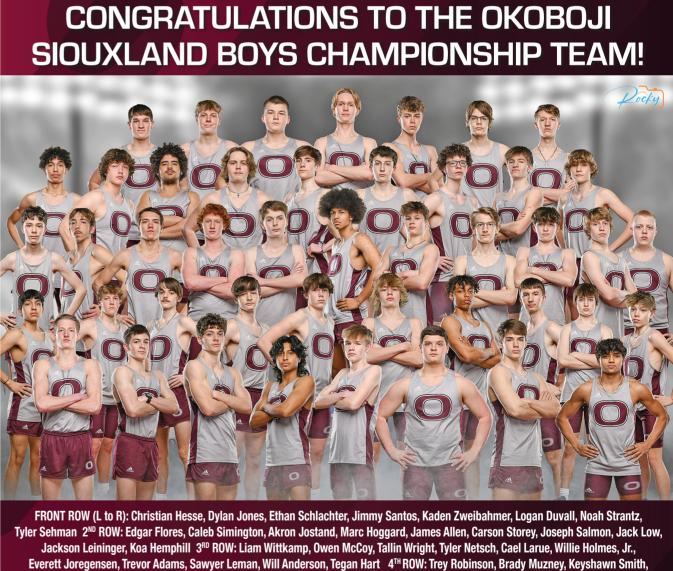
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The Lakes News Shopper is excited to announce that Charity D. Madsen has joined their Graphic Design Team. Charity

comes to The LNS with an abundance of experience in graphic design and marketing. Charity received her Graphic Design Degree from Iowa Lakes Community College, and then worked at the Spencer Daily Reporter. After moving to Laurens, Charity started working for Northwest Communications as a Customer Service Representative, where she was later promoted to Chief Communications Officer. As the CCO, Charity managed and oversaw the Sales, Marketing and Web Design Department.



Charity moved back to Spencer in 2022 to resume her career in design, and has worked part-time at Spencer Radio Group before starting with The Lakes News Shopper in early May.

Charity has three children; Bekka is 19 and is attending DMACC, pursuing a Nursing Degree; Kadence is a 16-yearold sophomore at Pocahontas Area High School; and Bodee is a 7th grader at Pocahontas Area Middle School. In her freetime, Charity enjoys hanging out with her kids, biking, crafting Gnomes, spending weekends at the beach swimming, boating, biking and enjoying campfires. Charity also has a passion for flowers, landscaping, baking and sharing goodies, and finds her most joy spending time with family and friends. Charity is very grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of The Lakes News Shopper Family. "We are thrilled to have found someone with Charity's background to join our Graphic Design Team, and believe Charity will be a great fit with our LNS Family,"said Owner/Publisher John Adams.



Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation day, May 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 business and planning for the



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Cleone Rose Ellingson, "Tootie", was born September 9, 1934, in May City, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Rose

(Bock) Newkirk. She grew up in May City with three siblings and attended country school through the eighth grade. After completing school, she worked at the Café in Hartley where she met her sweetheart, Raymond.

On September 5, 1953, Cleone was united in marriage to Ray Ellingson in Sioux City, Nebraska. To this union two children were born, Connie and Rodney. The family moved around following

Ray's work until moving to May City in 1960. Cleone worked at Berkely in Spirit Lake for over 25 years. She was known for wearing a different pair of earrings each day. She truly enjoyed her coworkers who became friends, and always looked forward to the yearly picnic, even after retirement. She retired in 1995. Cleone was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church where

she enjoyed attending ladies aid for many years.

Cleone and Ray were typically found together camping, fishing, going to parades, and playing cards with friends. They enjoyed their time spent together at their cabin in Round Lake and trips to Canada to visit family. Ray passed away in 2011.

Cleone enjoyed sewing, watching Western shows, and playing BINGO and solitaire. Her biggest joy in life was being a grandmother. Her grandkids spent many days, overnights and camping trips with her and Ray. She would light up every time her great-grandkids would visit.

Cleone moved to Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley, Iowa, in 2018, and passed away there on Friday, May 5, 2023. She will be greatly missed.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Connie (Mike) Van Engen of Melvin, IA; daughter-in-law, Terri Geurtz of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren, Jared (Sheila) Van Engen of Little Rock, IA; Angela (Brandon) Selzer of Melvin, IA; Tyler Ellingson of Reno, NV; Amy (Shawnden Crawford) Van Engen of Cedar Rapids, IA; and Chantelle (Michael) Martin of Harrisburg, SD; 9 great grandchildren, Bryce, Kaisha, Ethan, Harper, Ava, Quincy, Carson, Kinsley, and Jayda; sister-in-law, Ruth Newkirk; along with extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Rose; stepmother, Dorothy Newkirk; husband of 58 years, Ray; son, Rodney Ellingson; brothers, Dean (Leona) and Lloyd Newkirk; sister, Joyce (Duane) Lyman.

Funeral Service was held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at St. John's Lutheran Church in May City, Iowa.



Bill & Jackie to Perform

Bill & Jackie will be performing a concert at the Accura Healthcare Nursing Home in Spirit Lake on Wednesday, May 17, from 2:30-3:30.

The concert is open to residents and guests of the facility.

Hope Rimmer, 95, of Milford passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Lakes Regional Health Care surrounded by family

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 17 at 11:00 AM at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service. Burial will be held at a later date in Kingsley. Online condolences may be left www.spiritlakefuneralhome. com Arrangements are under the

direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Hope was born July 1, 1927, to Charles and Frances (O'Connor) Funkhouser on the family farm in Whiting, Iowa. She graduated from Whiting High School in 1944. On April 10, 1946, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Rimmer in Sioux City, Iowa. Hope and Ken farmed and then operated a Montgomery Ward and JC Penny for several years

Hope enjoyed attending the United Methodist Church. In

her free time, she loved to cook and spend time with family. Left to cherish her memory is her son Keith (Kathy) Rimmer of Lake Park; daughter Regena "Gena" Treganza of Boone, IA; six grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 3 great-great

She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, her parents, sisters Dorothy Nickolisen, and Ada Baker, and Brothers Laurence, Melvin, Floyd, Glen, Neal, Charles (Scoots), and Frank Daniel (Bill).

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1 tablespoon dried oregano

Nonstick cooking spray

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Freshly ground black pepper

pepper chunks

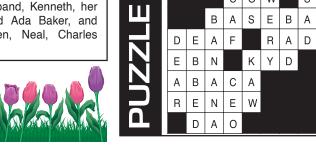
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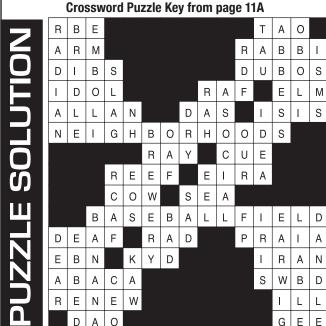
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Soak two wooden skewers in water for at least 30 minutes.

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pepper chunks, and zucchini chunks, and place the skewers on the baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, then turn the oven to

broil and broil the kebabs for 2 minutes on each side, watching

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them carefully so they don't burn. Garnish the kebabs with

In a medium bowl, whisk together

the olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice,

oregano, and lemon zest (if using)

Add the chicken and stir to coat

refrigerate for at least 30 min-

utes. Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Line a rimmed baking sheet with

aluminum foil and spray it with

the cubes. Cover the bowl and



Sandison Receives Two P.E.O. Scholarships

Megan Sandison, a senior at Spirit Lake High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter BE, of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Megan was also the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from Chapter BE, of Spirit Lake. Chapter BE has been a part of the Spirit Lake community for over 125 years.

Megan was chosen on the basis of her high school grades, leadership, moral character and participation in high school, church, and community activities. Megan is very active in chorus, band and accompanying others on the piano. She will attend Wartburg College, in Waverly, IA.

 $P.E.O. (Philan thropic \it Educational Organization) has been celebrated and the control of the$ ing women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 119,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$398 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

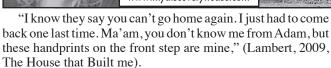
What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 5,800 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org.Also learn more on Facebook at: facebook.com/ peointernational; on Instagram at:@PEOInternational; or on Twitter. com at:@PEOSisterhood.





House News Jessica Amendt www.mydiscoveryhouse.com



For many of us, we can hear the lyrics to that song, or one like it, and we are instantly back home to the house that built us. The memories, sounds of birds or water flowing softly in the creek, the smell of the air, sitting under our favorite tree or playing basketball in the driveway for hours.

"Up those stairs in that little back bedroom is where I did my homework and I learned to play guitar. And I bet you didn't know under that live oak is where my favorite dog is buried in the yard, (Lambert, 2009).

Unfortunately, for others, looking back like this brings the individuals a different type of feeling. Maybe the memories are more closely related to fighting, glass shattering, empty tummies growling, or mom in the next room crying softly as she prays to God that somehow, He can make it stop.

"I thought if I could touch this place or feel it this brokenness inside me might start healing. Out here, it's like I'm someone else. I thought that maybe I could find myself," (2009).

This song has always felt like it was written for me. Especially after my grandmother passed away and my grandpa sold the house and the land. I drive by sometimes. It doesn't look the same anymore. There is new siding and windows, a privacy fence around the yard, and evidence that the occupants use the front door. We used the back.

Regardless of the changes, I know that behind that fence, in that yard where the apple tree once stood, and inside those walls is the house that built me.

"You leave home, you move on and you do the best you can. I got lost in this whole world and forgot who I am... if I could just come in I swear I'll leave. Won't take nothin but a memory from the house that built me," (2009).

It is my ultimate goal to provide our residents with a safe, warm, and loving environment to grow in. Some people's wounds are deep, and others just need to tend to the scratches on the surface. We know that alcohol and drugs are not the problem for anyone, drugs and alcohol were the solution, the medicine. It is human nature to want to stop pain at all cost. Even small children will instinctually pull away from a hot stove. Drugs and alcohol were used to stop the pain. Drugs and alcohol provided that relief, at least for a little while. Now, clean and sober, the residents all must learn how to live life on life's terms without the use of drugs or alcohol.

When I look around inside Discovery House and Daniel House, this song will often play in my head. It is my hope that the residents, who have lived inside these walls, will think back fondly at their time with us. That they learn that a home can be filled with love and acceptance rather than anger and trauma. And it is my deepest hope that inside these houses are the walls that built them.

Miranda Lambert recorded this song in 2009 and it was released in 2010. It was written by Tom Douglas and Allen Shamblin.



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Spencer High School Band Director Kurt Schwark, and Retiring Middle School Band Director Janet Boyens, they are being honored with new compositions written by long-time Iowa

Boyens was scheduled to be recognized for her 39 years in the band rooms on Monday night, and she explained that both pieces of music are upbeat and challenging for the students, especially as they are longer than the students have usually performed. Schwark's recognition

is set for tonight, at 7:00, in *The Larry M. Untiet Theatre*, in the high school building. Most often, when commissioned pieces are written, it's up

to the composer to generate the ideas for the piece. In this instance, however Frantzen noted that he wanted to have more feeling and excitement in each piece. Boyens' song, The Mix,

was written to reflect the life of a middle school student, while Schwark's, Lasting Bond, is more a celebration of the students who are striving to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. Tonight's performance is open to the public....

We began last week to list all the music events at the major sites for the upcoming months, only to run out of space. As noted last week, you should purchase your tickets for any ticketed event only from the event's ticket office -- online, by phone, or in person. No scalped tickets will be honored at the local events...

This week also comes with a correction -- actually a change of time on one of the items for The Itty Bitty Boji Band's Bill & Jackie who will be performing at Hilltop Care Center, Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:30, instead of later... The full band's next gig is scheduled to be Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Spirit Lake VFW, from 6-8:00. Bill & Jackie will also be performing at The Lakes Area Activity Center Dance in Spirit Lake, starting at 5:00, on Sunday, May 28th.

If you are wondering why the Pearson Lakes Art Center hasn't been listed with all the other venues to date, wonder no more. After the summer season makes its official debut with the Dick Bauman Big Band in Pomerantz Hall as the sun goes down on Memorial Day, The PLAC has 15 other great shows scheduled through mid-October, including: BAT, (May 30); Hotel California with its salute to The Eagles, (June 7th); Live from Laurel Canyon, a '60s & '70s American Folk Rock group, (June 20th); Steve Dorff, with many songs and the stories behind them, (June 27th); The Diamonds, (July 12th); The Wildcards, (July 18th); Neil Dover, (July 25th); Marilyn Maye, (Aug. 1st); The Grass Roots, (August 8th); Jim Curry, with his tribute to John Denver (August 15); Dave Rowley & Friends, An Okoboji Fav! (Aug. 23); Abbey Soul / 4 Way Suite, with the music of The Beatles and Crosby, Stills & Nash, (August 29th); Jimmy Ryan, with *The Heroes behind the Hits!*, (September 5th); *Leonid & Friends*, with a Chicago tribute, (Sept 26&27!); Manhattan Short Film Festival, (Sept 28th) and North by Northwest, featuring J. Jeffery Messerole & Casey Joe Collins, (October (12th).



Since you've read this far today, you might want to know that Stagerat Stan has heard a rumor that in the event of a sold-out show, where the performers have an open date in their schedule, they might be invited back the next night the two schedules can be merged. So don't give up on the possibilities at the PLAC!

Entertainment this week at the Little Swan Lake Winery will include Damon Dotson, Thursday, from 6-8:00; Lauren and the Drifters, Saturday, from 6-8:00; and Dave & Ryan, Sunday, from 4-6:00. Please 712-858-4592 call for reservations.

RD must have been on a tight schedule this last week, with just three short notes for this week's Ramboling. First, Tuesday is "Biographer's Day". And, never fear, the lady has several songs that tie in to the holiday...You are probably very familiar with the music of Frank Sinatra. With his 1966 album entitled *That's Life*, you can see how the puzzle is beginning to fit together. The song did well on the charts -- and in the record stores of the day-- even in competition with Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney, who wrote at least one similar song, "In My Life", at about the same time. And, recorded by *The Beatles*, as well as Judy Collins, (1996), Rod Stewart, (1986), and Roberta Flack, (2012). You should know, too, that Burt Bacharach and Hal David composed *The Story of My Life*, which was released by Marty Robbins, (1957) and rose to Number One on The Countrycharts, and crossed over to a Top Twenty spot on the Pop Charts... Now you know the rest of the stories!

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.

Protect Our Lakes Initiative Takes Shape

Time flies by so quickly. It's hard to believe that on Wednesday, August 3 of 2022 Eurasian watermilfoil was found on East Okoboji and the lower chain of lakes. Mike Hawkins, Iowa DNR fisheries biologist, spearheaded a group of concerned residents and nonprofit organizations that unanimously decided to treat the entire system!

The initial application took place on September 20, and checks have been made every two to three weeks to make certain that the herbicide was maintained at the right concentration through this spring. Several concentration bumps were necessary when the active ingredient broke down. Of course, some of this work had to be done through the thick winter ice including during some of last winter's worst days.

At this point, Hawkins feels positive that Eurasian watermilfoil will be eliminated in the lakes where it has been treated. "Extensive plant monitoring at hundreds of sites throughout the lakes will begin this May and continue for at least a couple of years."

BUT it's not over

While the pesky invasive species has been treated, this story is far from over. Not when we have a mobile society that moves from one state to another and lake to lake with their watercraft. Eurasian watermilfoil didn't just happen! NOPE! It came in on people's boats and trailers. Where from? Who knows! However, if we don't start doing what's right and taking care of our waters, we will ruin the very waters that we so cherish.

Bottom Line: Accountability and doing what's right

It's up to all of us. Look around the country and you'll see what invasives have done to our lakes and waterways. We need to point the finger at ourselves and take responsibility for our actions.

Iowa Great Lakes steps up

That's what is happening right now at the Iowa Great Lakes. A new educational and preventative initiative called "Protect Our the Okoboji Blue Water Festival, about the importance of "Spread" Lakes" is being spearheaded by Exploreokoboji.com and its five the Word, Not the Weed" slogan for Protect Our Lakes Campaign. radio stations to help to get the word out to local residents, seasonal

residents and tourists that these lakes are being threatened by Invasive Species and what we can all do to protect the Iowa Great Lakes. Based on the CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY slogan, clean water experts and other concerned individuals and groups will provide a unified message of what all of us need to do if we plan to frequent not only the Iowa Great Lakes but across the entire

In addition, each Protect Our Lake sponsor will be part of a special "Protect Our Lakes" interview with KUOO's on-air talent Becky Thoreson during which Becky and her guest will discuss the concern about the different invasive species that threaten the Iowa Great Lakes.

A call to arms: spread the word, not the weed

According to local water quality advocate, David Thoreson, who is a board member with the Okoboji Protective Association, the "Protect Our Lakes" initiative actually began with a discussion among members of the Millers Bay Conservancy, a group with the mission to preserve, protect and improve the ecosystem, fishing, wildlife, recreation and natural beauty of Millers Bay, known as Nature's Cove. "As members of the board, we sat this past winter thinking of how to get the word out about saving and protecting our waters. So, we thought maybe we could get the local radio station to do some interviews about the Eurasian watermilfoil issue and our concerns that Millers Bay was the most susceptible area of West Lake Okoboji because of all the mass anchoring there with all the boat travel to and from infested areas."

So, when Thoreson went to discuss this at KUOO, it wasn't long before he and Becky Thoreson, who just happens to be his sister, came up with the idea of "Protect Our Lakes." The threat to the Lakes prompted her to spring into action. Becky says, "I was horrified when I learned about the extent of damage that Eurasian watermilfoil can cause to fresh water lakes. The invasive species takes over lakes and destroys natural vegetation and fishing habitat. In doing so, it poses a threat to tourism, businesses, and the entire economy of the area, as well as a threat to drinking water supplies. I felt like this is something that anyone who cares about our beloved Iowa Great Lakes should be concerned about."

Soon, KUOO general manager Marty Spies came on board and "Protect Our Lakes" became an important message for everyone who spends time on the area lakes. The slogan was also modified with an added new, powerful message: "Spread the Word, Not the Weed."

Spies notes, "It is very important to me that we do everything we can to help educate and inform our listeners. This is just another way we can help get the word out that we all have a part in protection our lakes by cleaning, draining and drying boats when moving them between lakes. Through our five radio stations and Exploreokoboji.com we will be reminding our listeners through October 15th on what they can do to keep Eurasian watermilfoil out of the Iowa Great Lakes.'

The Okoboji Protective Association (OPA) and the Okoboji Blue Water Festival (OBWF) were two of the first organizations to become sponsors. OPA president, Kate Mendenhall shares the OPA board's thoughts. "An important part of OPA's mission is to protect the lakes from invasive species. When the DNR identified Eurasian watermilfoil, the board of the OPA knew we needed to act fast to try and eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil before it spread any farther. Together with other local partners working with the DNR we gathered the resources needed to act quickly and make an impact to hopefully eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil and protect our lakes. Yet, we must all work together as a community to prevent it from being introduced again."

Meanwhile, according to Greg Drees, co-chair for the OBWF, "The OBWF is all about clean water and protecting the Iowa Great Lakes from the spread of invasive, exotic species. We feel this initiative is so extremely important to all of us who love



Becky Thoreson with KUOO interviews Greg Drees, co-chair of



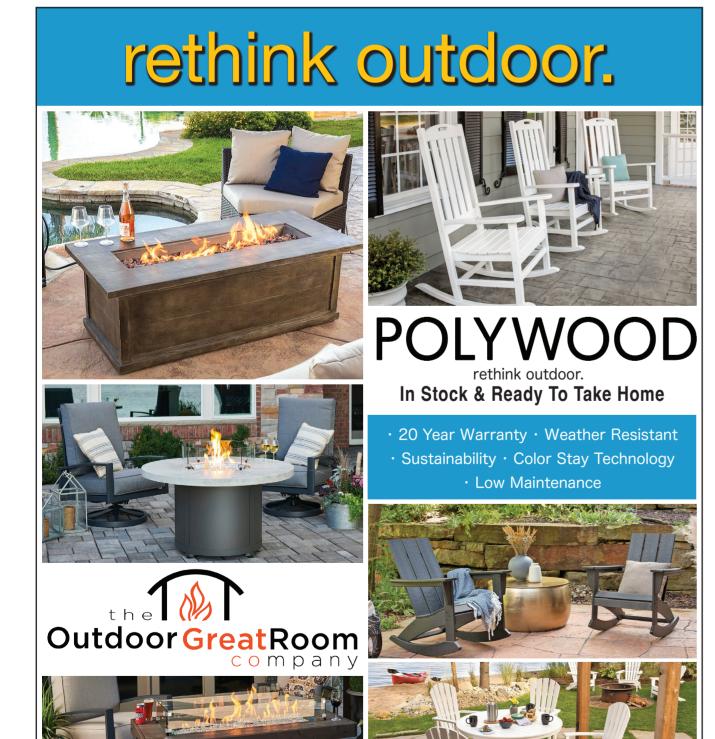


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Join us as we honor those veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The Guest Speaker will be Commander Denny Perry.

The Parade Grand Marshall will be Robert H. Boettcher. Help is needed to put the nearly 325 flags on the courthouse lawn and at the corner of Hwys. 9 & 71, on Friday, May 26, at 4:00 p.m.

Help is also needed taking them down on Monday, 29th at 4:00 p.m. Thank you in advance!

If you have any questions, please contact Commander Denny L. Perry at 712-320-5693.

Lucky Winners at Smokin' Jakes

On Thursday, May 11, four lucky winners won the Smokin' Jakes Key Chain Ca\$h Drawing. Owner, Linda Geske, presented the cash to the winners. Congratulations to Mark McHabb (\$125), Brian Holst (\$125), Judy King (\$125), and Terry Traynor (\$141).

Enter by getting your Key Chain at Smokin' Jakes and you're entered for every Thursday's cash drawing. Smokin' Jakes is located at 117 West Broadway Street, in Arnolds Park.









Judy King

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Gaeway North Expansion in Spencer Becomes a Reality

The city of Spencer will be hosting a groundbreaking event at Gateway First Addition Development on Friday, May 19,

2023, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, at 4000 CITY of SPENCER Highway Blvd N. Spencer, the regional business hub of northwest Iowa and gateway to area communities, has

long awaited development on the north side of the community. Spencer is home of the Clay County Fair and is a regional destination

The City of Spencer Mayor, Steve Bomgaars, commented, "This is a great opportunity for the City of Spencer to expand commercial development. With the development of infrastructure in this strategic commercial area, Spencer is in a great position to see economic growth in the near future. Many thanks to the city council, city staff and all of the stakeholders who have helped to make this development a reality."

Dan Gifford, City of Spencer City Manager shared that, "once fully developed, the North Y Gateway will truly be the north 'gateway' to the City of Spencer. This will be an area for existing and new commercial development to thrive. The high traffic count along U.S. Highway 71 makes this development an ideal location for business."

This expansion will include a one-half mile long newly constructed Second Ave, along with two cross street additions, 42nd St. and 37th St. Also platted, are future one block streets to the east. This commercial infrastructure addition is vital to Spencer's economic growth, with U.S. Highway 71 seeing over 10,000 vehicles per day. This addition will create 10 commercially zoned lots spread across roughly 35 acres in the subdivision, ranging from approximate lot sizes of 490' x 450', to 490' by 155'. The addition of Second Avenue will open up access to current and future properties on both the east and west sides of Second Ave.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the event or development opportunities, please contact: Dan Gifford, City of Spencer City Manager at (712) 580-7200, dgifford@spenceriowacity.com; or Adam Severson, City of Spencer Planning Director at (712) 580-7200 ext. 217, aseverson@ spenceriowacity.com.



Brad Willemssen, General Manager of the Milford Municipal Utilities; Wade Newcomer, Water Superintendent for MMU; and Bill Matthes, Electric Superintendent for MMU.

MMU Spoke at Milford Kiwanis

Brad Willemssen, a Milford Kiwanian, arranged to have his two superintendents give a presentation at a recent Kiwanis meeting.

The information they gave was timely and very informative. MMU provides water and electricity for the City of Milford and has over 1,550 households in its service area. It is apparent that strategic planning is paramount for MMU as it can take almost two years to have some types of equipment delivered for MMU's use! Also, long-range plans have to be incorporated into the day-to-day operations so prevalent at a utility company. Projects on the electric side are to replace some high voltage cable and to replace a 40-year-old substation transformer. For the water crew, they are hoping to replace to the current water plant with a new one directly north of the existing plant. They are currently in the design phase of the project. The Water Treatment Facility construction will take 24-30 months to complete. They also have some work to complete on A-34 as soon as they are able.

MMU's offices are located on the west side of the Milford Community Building. If you have questions, you are encouraged to stop in and visit with personnel there or by emailing MMU@milford.ia.us

Too often, we as consumers take clean water and dependable electric service for granted. It is apparent the crews that operate at MMU do not, and Milford citizens should be relieved to hear that! Thank you, MMU, for all you do for the Milford community!"







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Sun., May 21 - 11:30 AM -Expo Building, 1605 15th St. Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com

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Wed., May 24 - 10:00 AM -3 farms Dickinson County. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Sikora & Peterson. 712-262-3529. www. theacreco.com

Wed., May 24 - 10:00 AM -3 Heerde Trust Farms at Auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneer: Hjelm, Peterson & Sikora. 712-240-3529. www.theacreco.com

Thurs., May 25 - 10:00 AM -160 Acres at Auction in Blue Earth Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartung & Kahlers. 507-847-3468. www. auctioneeralley.com.

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Wed., May 31 - 10:00 AM -96.64 acres at Auction in Wisconsin. Auctioneers: Dan Pike Auction Co. 507-662-66211.www. danpikeauction.com.

Fri., June 2 - 10:30 AM -Farm Equipment Auction live and online. Auctioneers: Vander Werff, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-261-0298. www.vw72.com.

Sat., June 3 - 9:00 AM -Consignment Auction in Armstrong, IA. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www. howellrealestateandauction.com.

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THE LAKES NEWS Auctions







The Wildcat Stadium Story

The summer of 2019 saw the opening and is perfect for youngsters coming to of Wildcat Stadium at 74 Beacon Street in Arnolds Park. The City of Arnolds Park acquired the site of the former Arnolds Park High School Baseball Field, in 2019, from Okoboji Schools. Phase one of the restoration of the 1960's complex was done in the spring of 2019. The grounds were renovated into an outstanding Little League Sports Park. Over 60 ballgames will be played at Wildcat this summer.



In its inaugural 2019 season, Wildcat Stadium received a \$15,000 grant from the Minnesota Twins Community Fun "Field for Kids" program. The grant was used in the renovation of the old Arnolds Park baseball diamond and grounds. Shown with the award plaque are Wildcat Stadium project co-chairs John Adams Sr. (left) of the Arnolds Park City Council and Tim Blankers (right), Okoboji Youth League. The plaque is on display on the grounds.

Phase two of the Wildcat renovation was completed from 2020-2023. The right top photo shows the swing set and jungle gym that were purchased by the City in 2020. Linda Nase (left), City Clerk, and Rick Heinrichs (right), City Public Works Director, are shown with the addition. The equipment is in Arnolds Park High colors

the games with their parents or while

enjoying a picnic. In 2022, the City constructed "Wildcat Walk", pictured above, a walking trail around the grounds. On Memorial Day weekend, the Story Book Walk installation, shown right, will open alongside the Wildcat Walk around the park. Pictured assembling the storybook walk are City of Arnolds Park employees: Bryan Larson- Water Superviser, Brian Nebelsick-Public Works Department, and Kara Rice-Library Director.

Over 300 libraries in the United States have started offering storybook walks for the community to enjoy and we are so excited to bring the first one to Dickinson

A storybook walk is exactly what it sounds like: a story you can enjoy while being outdoors. Picture book pages are placed in weather protected frames and mounted on posts along the walk with activity prompts. The books showcased on the walk will be engaging, colorful, and include activities to complete along

The Storybook Walk will go around



the Wildcat Ball Diamond on the newly cemented walking trail. The walking path is handicap accessible and stroller friendly. There are 16 stations around the diamond with three different spots to stop and "play" or rest along the way.

Everyone, especially families with kids or grandkids between the ages of 2 and 12, will get enjoyment out of the stories and activities, but picture books are enjoyable no matter how old you are.

The final phase three of Wildcat Stadium will be added after Labor Day. It will be historical and entertaining. The last remaining structure from the "old days", a concrete retaining wall that extends from just north of the concession stand the entire length of the field will be refaced with an attractive wall of stone, with six large pictures of Arnolds Park, in the 1950s and 1960s spread along the wall. The City of Arnolds Park is very proud of our city parks. Please share our newest "gem" with us!

Pirate's Cove Hosting "Putting for Patriots" Event for Veterans

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf in Arnolds Park, IA will host

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the Sixteenth Annual "Putting for Patriots" fundraiser from May 20th-21st and May 27th through May 29th. This national event supports two non-profits, which serve our wounded Veterans, their families, and survivors of the fallen: Homes for Our Troops and TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors).

The charity event will oc-

cur simultaneously at thirty-one Pirate's Cove, Pirate's Island and Jungle Golf miniature golf courses throughout the United States. Each business will contribute a percentage of their total sales over Memorial Day Weekend, plus accept donations on behalf of the benefiting charities. "Memorial Day was founded to remember those who died serving our nation," said Brad Graft, a former Marine and Pirate's Cove owner. "The Pirate's Cove/Pirate's Island family is excited to host this annual event for the fifteenth year— a humble effort to serve living Veterans, men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom."

For more information on the event, participating locations near you, and charities supported, please visit: https://www. puttingforpatriots.com.

Iowa Lakes Corridor CEO Resigns

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) announced that President & Chief Executive Officer Shannon Landauer is resigning from the organization effective

"On behalf of the Iowa Lakes Corridor Board of Directors, I'd like to thank Shannon for her work over the last two years," said Corridor Board Chair Brad Beck. "There has been a lot of forward progress in the region, and we're grateful for Shannon's leadership."

The Corridor provides professional economic development services for Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet counties. Landauer joined the organization in July 2021.

Since her arrival Landauer led a brand and website redesign for the Corridor, facilitated community and business tours for staff and community leaders and supported numerous projects for business attraction, expansions, startups, housing and more. She was also awarded the Economic Development 40 Under 40 award in February 2023 by the Development Counsellors International and Jorgenson Consulting.

"My time at the Iowa Lakes Corridor has been a wonderful experience," shared Landauer. "Having the opportunity to work with so many businesses and community leaders has demonstrated how successful rural economic development partnerships can be. The Corridor region is full of opportunity for growth in the coming years!"

"The Corridor Board has begun the search for a new CEO," explained Beck. "In the meantime, the board will support our highly qualified staff to continue their work to assist our communities and the various projects and development across the region."

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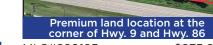
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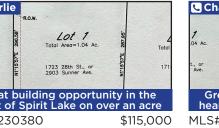
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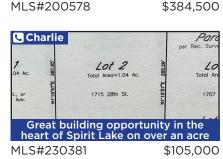




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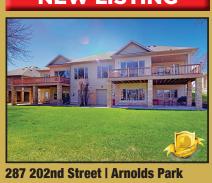




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Milford **Library News**

Paint Night at the Library is on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library. This month we will be pour painting. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 30 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15 for registration. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.weebly. com/adult-program-registration.html

On Monday, May 29, Milford Memorial Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. We wish you a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Join the Lakes Area Libraries for our 2023 Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration on Thursday, June 1, at the Milford Pioneer Theatre. There will be a free showing of Trolls at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Bring two non-perishable food

items and receive a FREE popcorn. Other concession items will be available. You may pick up Summer Reading program information while you are there.

Attention Kindle users, it is now easier to use Libby. The Libby by Overdrive app can now be found in the Amazon app store. Simply go to the Amazon app store, search Libby by Overdrive, and download. Then follow the app's instructions. Contact the library with any questions.

At Milford Memorial Library, we have been working hard on activities and events for the 2023 Summer Reading Program: Find Your Voice. All ages will have summer programs to attend and prizes to earn in June, July, and August. Registration and reading logs will be available starting Thursday, June 1, at Milford Memorial Library or at the Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration, information provided above. Reading logs and programs are designed for Youth (completed 3rd Grade and younger), Young Adult (completed 3rd Grade through completed 12th Grade), and Adult. We are looking forward to helping create memories of fun, growing, and learning this summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Good Neighbor Fund for their most recent gift to the American Red Cross. Their generous support will allow us to continue to support families and individuals impacted by small and large disasters across

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Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 10:00 am Milford Community Center, Milford, IA

Tract 1 - 67.67 Surveyed Acres **Section 25 Excelsior Township**

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Tract 3 - 68.8 Surveyed Acres

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Terms: 10 percent down sale day, balance due at close on July 5, 2023. Buyer will receive the second half of the cash rent, paid November 1. Real Estate Taxes will be prorated to July 1, 2023. **Possession:** Possession is subject to a cash farm lease for the 2023 crop season.

Broker's Note: The ACRE Co. is please to be selling these three Heerde Trust farms at public auction. Land Buyers, here is your chance to buy one or more of these three mid-sized Dickinson County farms. Take a drive and check out these last farms offered from the Heerde Trust, Contact The ACRE Co. for more details

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Occasions May Events

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

Tuesday, May 16 10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Bingo

1:00 500 Wednesday, May 17 10:30 Tai Chi

11:45 Hope Haven and high school Special Education Dance

Thursday, May 18 10:30 Chair Exercise

1:00 Bingo

Tract 1

Tract 2

1:00 Pinochle

1:00 Dominoes

Friday, May 19 1:00 Historical Movie

Sunday, May 21 8-12:30pm Sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast 1:00 Cards

Monday, May 22

1:00 Bingo

1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Cards

Free baked goods donated by Hy-Vee. Generous donations of baked goods, including breads, cakes, cookies, and bars are available for pickup at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Enjoy lunch at Occasions Monday through Friday. Home cooked meals are catered by McCreary's. Simply call 712-262-1782 a day ahead so we can put in the order for your meal. Join us for sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast the third Sunday of every month from 8am-12:30pm.



Spirit Lake

Are you ready for the Summer Reading Program?

(SRP) at the Spirit Lake Public Library officially kicks off on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. That's when the first week's reading log will be available.

Miss Krista, and her helpers, are in the final stages of preparation for the Tuesday after Memorial Day. The SRP runs through Friday, July 14th.

the Spirit Lake Public Library. It's double-sided with the June calendar

on one side and the July calendar on the back. The kick-off event will

be held at the Pioneer Theatre in Milford on Thursday, June 1st. There

will be two showings of the movie Trolls: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If

you bring two nonperishable food items, you will receive a free bag of

Bring your own item to tie-dye and meet in the outside SLPL Greenspace.

at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. This is a realistic puppet performance

8th. Join Miss Krista and Miss Hannah from the ISU Extension Office,

in the Greenspace at the SLPL. Get moooving and don't be late; we have

Library, there will be the popular Subscription Box service offered again

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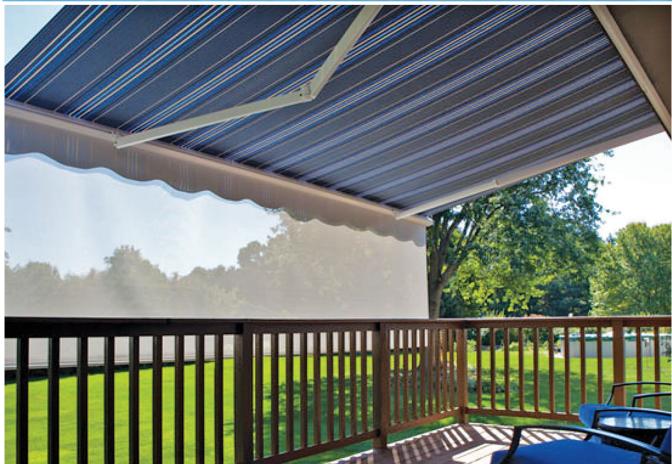
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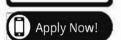
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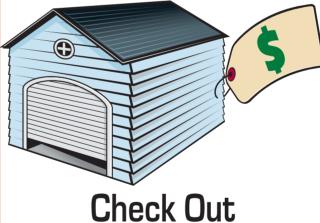
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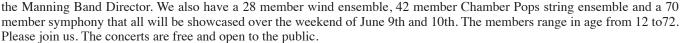
Carroll's All Strings Attached Orchestra to Perform at the Lakes

All Strings Attached Orchestra, in Carroll, includes approximately 150 members) and hail from 40 communities in Iowa and surrounding states. Since 2008, they have been coming to Okoboji/Spirit Lake/Lake Park in early June to give free concerts on

tour. They have played at the Sami Center, Pearson Lakes Art Center, Roof Garden Ballroom and the Majestic Pavilion at Arnolds Park.

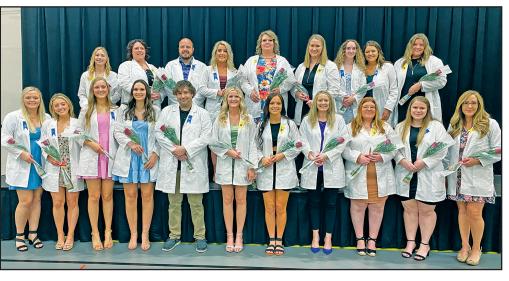
The Orchestra will start off with a free concert in Carroll for all their patrons on the Sunday prior to the tour (June 4), and then travel to Okoboji on June 9 and 10. The Friday, June 9, evening show will be on the grounds of the Methodist Campstarting at 7:00 pm. Chamber Pops, Wind Symphony & ASA Big Band Sound will perform a great show. On Saturday, June 10, the show will open at 7:00 pm at Harris-Lake Park High School auditorium. ASA Big Band and Symphony will perform. Both concerts are free, with a freewill offering.

There will be several performing ensembles. This year they are planning to bring a 30 member jazz band (ASA Big Band Sound) directed by Don Struve, retired band director from Manning \sim Don was a long time trumpeter with the Maynard Ferguson Band. His assistant director is Ryan Runyan, currently









Front row (l-r): Sierra Kluever, Maggie Mueller, Emma Harding, Gracen Arms, Jacob Biekert, Ellie Von Ehwegn, Tori Cooper, Barb Runneberg, Adrienne Chuning, Brittany Larson, Jamie Krukow.
Back (l-r): Kylie Van't Hul, Nicole Sanders, John Thoren, Anna Redinius, Brittany Ramirez, Kelsey Pickhinke, Ashley Dine, Raquel Molina, and Blaney Johnson.

ILCC's Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony

Iowa Lakes Community College Nursing students preparing to graduate on Friday, May 12, 2023, took part in the annual pinning ceremony on Tuesday to celebrate their entry into the nursing field. The Iowa Lakes Nursing pinning ceremony occurred at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Smith Wellness Center Gymnasium on the Emmetsburg Campus. Twenty students make up the nursing class of Spring 2023 and were recognized as graduate candidates for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN).

The 2023 ADN graduates are: Gracen Arms (Spirit Lake, Iowa), Jacob Biekert (Spencer, Iowa), Adrienne Chuning (Emmetsburg, Iowa), Tori Cooper (Spencer, Iowa), Ashley Dine (Berrien Springs, Mich.), Emma Harding (Iowa Falls, Iowa), Blaney Johnson (Jackson, Minn.), Sierra Kluever (Terril, Iowa), Jaymie Krukow (Spencer, Iowa), Brittany Larson (Spencer, Iowa), Raquel Molina (Emmetsburg, Iowa), Maggie Mueller (Emmetsburg, Iowa), Kelsey Pickhinke (Storm Lake, Iowa), Brittany Ramirez (Emmetsburg, Iowa), Anna Redinius (Estherville, Iowa), Barbara Runneberg (Algona, Iowa), Nicole Sanders (Emmetsburg, Iowa), John Thoren (Emmetsburg, Iowa), Kylie Van't Hul (Emmetsburg, Iowa), and Ellie Von Ehwegen (Graettinger, Iowa).

Pinning ceremonies continue the time-honored tradition of Florence Nightingale's legacy. Nightingale influenced modern-day nursing programs creating an impact on the healthcare field and inspiring modern-day pinning ceremonies symbolizing the rite of passage into the nursing profession from college as well-trained individuals committed to the welfare and well-being of society.

The Nursing program at Iowa Lakes Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Iowa Board of Nursing. Students enrolled in the nursing program at Iowa Lakes prepare for a rewarding career by learning a solid foundation of hands-on and technical skills needed in clinic and hospital settings. Iowa Lakes offers a Practical Nursing Diploma or an Associate Degree in Nursing.

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Partners for Patriots Golf Tournament

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Please make checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 384. Mail payment and donations to Heidi Pearson, PO Box 405, Arnolds Park, IA 51331. Hole sponsors are available. Call Heidi Pearson at 712-260-9630.

Partners for Patriots provides service dogs to disabled Veterans completely free of charge. They relocated to Iowa in 2013 from their original establishment in Tennessee. Currently, Partners for Patriots provides between 5 to 10 dogs per year, most of which are from shelters or are rescues.

Midwest Honor Flight serves 10 of the 13 counties in the 9th District of the American Legion of Iowa as well as parts of South Dakota, Minnesota, and Nebraska. Through Midwest Honor Flight, veterans are provided with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Brushy Creek Honor Flight serves Dickinson, Clay, Monona and Sac counties. They have flown over 1,500 Veterans to our nation's capitol in its 22 flights. All travel and meal accommodations are paid for by the Honor Flight with donations. Brushy Creek Honor Flight will not turn any veteran residing in Iowa away regardless of the county in which they reside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Did you wake up feeling tired even though you had slept and would normally feel rested? Have you found yourself more easily irritated, overwhelmed, trying to find the fun again in your previously enjoyed interests? Are you struggling with other people in your life, arguing, feeling unfulfilled, having frequent bouts of loneliness, or wishing your life was different and better?

You can be assured that having these difficulties means you are living life with all its complexities and challenges. What do all these emotions have in common? They all are signals telling us our mental health may need a rebalance or recharge.

May is designated as Mental Health Month, which gives us pause to reassess where we are mentally in the scheme of life. Our outer world may give us cues that we are not meeting our own or others' expectations in our family, at work, or at school. There may be unrest in our spirit, in our mind, or our body as we navigate through our life's circumstances. As we sort through our mental maze of thoughts and emotions, we may need help to gain perspective and relief.

Mental Health America (mhanational.org) and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (naminwia.org) both have great online resources to develop inner coping skills and suggestions for outer responses to help life be better. If you don't have access to online information, please contact a local provider like Seasons Center (1-800-242-5101), Plains Area Mental Health (888-546-0730) or Lutheran Services of Iowa (888-457-4692) to find ways to strengthen your mental well-being.

NAMI NW IA can also be called at 712-357-5428 to identify resources. Ask to subscribe to the free NAMI NW IA monthly newsletter for mental health information and management tips. You are not alone. We are here to help! Call or click today.

Kim Wilson NAMI NW IA



Shelbie Hurdle, Deb Jones-advisor, and Lauri Myers

Two Iowa Lakes Students Place at National Leadership Conference

Two talented Iowa Lakes Community College students, Shelbie Hurdle and Lauri Myers, triumphantly returned from the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference held in Anaheim, California, from April 26 to April 30.

Sophomore Shelbie Hurdle (Emmetsburg) placed second in Fundamental Spreadsheet and Analysis, third in Intermediate Word Processing, and earned Honorable Mentions in Presentation Management and the Meeting and Event Management categories. In addition, as part of the first two events, Hurdle took the Microsoft Certification examination for Microsoft Word and Excel passing with very high scores.

While sophomore Lauri Myers (Hartley) competed in the Human Resource Management category, earning third place by interpreting personnel policies and knowledge.

"Shelbie and Lauri worked very hard this year to achieve this success and accomplished one of their educational goals to be successful at the national competition," explained Deb Jones, Professor and BPA Advisor at Iowa Lakes.

Founded in 1966, BPA is the premier Career and Technical Student Organization for middle school, high school, and college students preparing for careers in business, finance, management information systems, and related fields. BPA provides members with opportunities for growth through education, competition, community service, and personal development.

The BPA organization has 45,000 members in 1,800 chapters across 25 states, Puerto Rico and internationally in China, Haiti, and Peru. The BPA is an organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards.

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