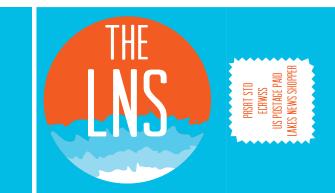
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H-LP Red Cross Blood Drive

The Harris-Lake Park FFA will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 8, at Lake Park Community Center, from 11:00 to 4:00.

Individuals may sign up for the blood drive by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HARRISLAKEPARK

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Saturday, November 11th, s Veterans Day. On this day we recognize all living and deceased veterans who served in our country's military uniforms to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy today and every day.

American Legion Post #371, in Lake Park, will be having a Veterans Day pro-

gram on Friday, November 10th, at 1p.m., in the Middle School/ High School gymnasium. Guest speaker will be Purple Heart Veteran, Connie Johnson, M. Ed, from Brandt SD. We encourage the public to attend.



MILFORD CUB SCOUTS HELPED CLEAN UP THE TRAIL The beginning of the bike trail in Milford was the focus for October, for Cub Scout Pack 67's meeting. The Scouts collected multiple bags of garage and even found a rocking chair. They discussed the Outdoor Code more in depth and practiced ways we can be conservation minded while serving our community.



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Burns Chiropractic Center will change its name to Eckard Chiropractic Spencer but will continue its dedication to the care of each individual patient as Dr. Burns has for 35 years.

Dr. Matt grew up in Milford and completed his undergraduate education at the University of Iowa and his doctorate from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He currently practices in Milford at Eckard Chiropractic. Dr. Shaela is from Carroll and completed her undergraduate education at Iowa State University and her doctorate from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.





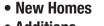






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# Lessons and **Carols Service**

St.Albans Episcopal church in Spirit lake will be presenting their 4th annual Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 17th, at 7:00pm. Elizabeth Knudtson, music director at St Albans, is searching for 10-15 singers for this evening of music making and readings to help us all get into the Christmas spirit. Elizabeth Knudtson is also seeking readers for this service. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Elizabeth Knudtson at 970-222 -4461 or Knudtsonsmusic@ gmail.com. The Lessons and Carols service on December 17th is open to all and there will be a reception following the



service in St.Albans Parish hall.



## Okoboji High School Presents "Guys and Dolls"

Okoboji High School is proud to announce the upcoming opening of their High School Musical "Guys and Dolls." Performances will be November 10th and 11th at 7pm, and November 12th at 1pm at the Okoboji High School Auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. NEW THIS YEAR! Tickets must be purchased through the Bound app on phone or computer and you choose your reserved specific seat (click on the QR code here)!

Go to https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/okoboji/tickets

Choose your seat for each specific show! Either choose: Friday, November 10 at 7 pm; Saturday, November 11 at 7 pm; or Sunday, November 12 at 1 pm

Guys and Dolls tells the overlapping stories of high-roller Sky Masterson, who falls in love with mission worker Sarah Brown, and lovable rapscallion Nathan Detroit, engaged for 14 years to Miss Adelaide, a headliner at the Hot Box Club. Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.

We have a wonderful group of 47 kids involved in the show on stage as well as working in other areas involving the set, marketing, costumes, lighting, sound, choreography, props and crew who help backstage with moving sets and curtains.

This year the musical also had involvement from the Art Society and Art classes at the High School. Laura Turner and her classes took time out of their current class projects and chipped in to help create signs and a beautiful mural for our show! We are so thankful for their involvement and additions!

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## Blue Star Memorials Dedicated

A Blue Star Highway Memorial dedication ceremony was held at the flag area at the crossroads of State Hwy 9 and US 71 in Spirit Lake, on Friday, October 27, at 11:00 am. Members of Spirit Lake VFW Post 4514 and American Legion Timpe Post

123 were in attendance as well as Spirit Lake Mayor Bruce Keenan and other dignitaries. The memorials are sponsored by Spirit Lake VFW Post 4514, American Legion Timpe Post 123, and the City of Spirit Lake. The second memorial, a Blue Star Byway Memorial, is located at Memorial Park, in Spirit Lake.

The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. Iowa is the only state that has "Blue Star Counties", where every community within the county has a Blue Star Memorial. Iowa now has 4 such counties, including Clay County, and local organizers have a goal of making Dickinson the 5th Blue Star County.

According to Marian McNabb, a key local organizer, "I just love veterans, and I cannot say

enough about the sacrifices they have made for our country. My

husband was a veteran, so this is near to my heart. The Spirit Lake suggestion developed from a conversation I had with a local veteran, Terry Kinnetz. We approached the City of Spirit Lake about sponsoring a memorial and we ended up with two! We are also working with other Dickinson County communities with Terril, Wahpeton, and Milford all in different stages of approval." The Blue Star Program was started by New Jersey Council

of Garden Clubs in 1944 with the planting of 8.000 dogwood trees as a living memorial. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) who adopted the program. The program began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.

For more information, or to speak directly with the organizers, please contact Clay Norris at *claynorris10@gmail.com*.



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# HAPPY **VETERANS DAY**

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## Premier Communications to Purchase Royal Telephone Company

Premier Communications of Sioux Center, Iowa, has entered into a definitive purchase agreement with Royal Telephone Com-

pany to purchase its telephone, cable television and



VISION and Internet business. "Premier is uniquely positioned to

continue Royal's legacy of providing exceptional service to customers in and around Royal, Iowa," comments John Noah, General Manager of Royal Telephone Company. "We expect this transaction will have immediate and long-term benefits to Royal's customers, who can count on continued high



ers, who can count on continued high levels of service and investment in the community from Premier."

"Over the years, Premier and Royal have shared many strategic partnerships," adds Ryan Boone, CEO of Premier Communications. "We believe the addition of Royal is a natural fit to our existing service area and we pledge to serve these new customers with the same cutting-edge technology and great customer service that Premier is known for."

The closing is subject to routine regulatory approvals, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year.



# 10 OHS Students Sing at Heartland Honor Choir

Congratulations to the 10 students who represented Okoboji High School at the Heartland Honor Choir on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Heartland Honor Choir had students from ELC, Okoboji, Pocahontas Area, GT-RA, North Union, LeMars, East Sac, South O'Brien and Newell-Fonda as well as the Iowa Lakes vocal groups. Representing OHS was: Annamaria Simone, Bella Sandbulte, Emily Quanbeck, Paige Orosco, May Whiting, Amelia Sirola, Elliana Antoine, Asher Knudtson, Tyler Christensen, and Declan Donovan. Their choir director is Erin Chappas.

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## | Iowa Lakes Corridor Seeking Nominations for Business Awards

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is excited to announce the nomination period for the thirteenth annual Business Recognition Luncheon to be held in January. This ceremony thanks the businesses and individuals in our region for stimulating the region through job creation, investment and fostering quality of life throughout Corridor communities.

Nominations are open for four awards to be given during the luncheon: Small Business Excellence (fewer than 30 employees), Large Business Excellence (30 or more employees), Entrepreneur of the Year and Young Professional of the Year. Businesses may be nominated for various reasons: contribution to the local economy, recent expansion, new product or service, customer service, management practices and community involvement.

The business or individual must be located in one of the Corridor counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson or Emmet. A person can submit a nomination for any for-profit business, entrepreneur or young professional in any of the four categories. Businesses and individuals may nominate themselves. Multiple nominations are accepted.

Nominations will be reviewed and judged by a selection committee consisting of business owners and community leaders throughout the region. All information is confidential, and answers provided will be used solely by the judges for award purposes.

If you would like to nominate a business, entrepreneur or young professional, please visit *lakescorridor.com* to download nomination forms and see a list of past winners. Nominations can be submitted via email at *info@lakescorridor.com* or mailed to the Corridor office at 520 2nd Avenue East, Suite 2, Spencer, IA 51301. All nominations are due by Monday, January 8 at 3 p.m. For further information, please contact the Corridor at 712-264-3474.







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Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> • 1 PM Sat., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> • 9 AM, 1 & 3 PM Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> • 1 PM

> Fri., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> • 1 PM Sat., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> • 1 & 3 PM

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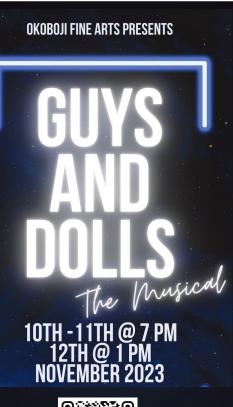
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come Lexi Marshall. Her expertise will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce, fostering relationships and connecting residents and visitors alike with local businesses.

For any questions or further information, please contact Sheriffa Jones, Executive Director, Spencer Chamber, director@ spenceriowachamber.org, 712-262-5680.





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port Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

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### ● PLEASE CALL 712-336-5247 BY 1:00 PM FRIDAYS TO RESERVE A MEAL FOR THE NEXT WEEK ● Elderbridge suggests a donation of \$5 - \$9 or whatever is affordable. Dinners are provided by CARSTENSEN'S of Lake Park.

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Nov. 14: Mary Dreier- Dickinson County Museum

• Nov. 21: Sue Boetcher- ISU Extention Office

November 19 at 8:30am Breakfast Fundraiser

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**November 17 Sewing Projects** 

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A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers. For more information, call 712-336-1649 or Lee Nation at

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## Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association

The traditional Rock4Vets event is set for 6:00pm on Thursday, November 9, in the Majestic Pavilion at Arnolds Park.

For many years the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association has honored this country's military veterans with a funfilled evening of music and dancing. This year's music will be performed by the wellknown Northwest Iowa band Galaxy with Glenn Henriksen.

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Marine Corps veteran and popular entertainer Terry Klein will be guest emcee for the evening.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. with music from 6 to 8 that night. The bar and snack area will be open during that time as well. Red, white and/or blue attire is anticipated to be prevalent among the attendees at this annual event.

All military veterans are admitted free. Tickets for the general public are \$15 with IRRMA members admitted at \$12. Season passes will be honored that night as well. Lake Street from West Broadway north to the Bedell State Pier will be closed to allow for the parking of the antique and classic cars whose owners regularly gather for Rock the Roof each week during the summer.

Sponsoring Rock4Vets this year is Exit Realty Midwest along with several generous anonymous donors.

Everyone is invited to put on their dancing shoes to honor the area's military veterans and thank them for their service at Rock4Vets on November 9.





5:30 - Doors Open

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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. **To the Editor:** 

It is important this election season that we vote for candidates with strong decision-making skills and experience, so I'll be voting for John Klopstad for Okoboji School Board. John is seeking a second term as a board member and has proven himself to be a valuable member at that board table, making important decisions for the district and our community over the past 4 years with his diverse experience in teaching, coaching, and business. Over his term, the district has successfully navigated through the building of a new Okoboji Middle School, adopted two new education curriculums in math and literacy, and continues to display sound financial decision-making.

The upcoming years will be just as important as the last 4 years for the district and our community. There are many key measures that need to be evaluated and reviewed. John has displayed the ability to review all matters and ask important tough questions to determine the best path forward not only for one side but all sides from the students to staff to the taxpayers. Often concessions need to be given and John does an excellent job finding a middle ground on these key topics that make sense for all parties.

Please join me in support of keeping trusted and proven experience at the board for our upcoming election by voting for John Klopstad, Okoboji School Board.

Jim Hussong,

Mayor Arnolds Park President Kozy Heat Fireplace

# Iowa History 101: People and Places Mobile Museum

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce they will be hosting Iowa History 101: People and Places Mobile Museum

from Wednesday November 8th to November 10th in the parking lot behind our building from 10am to 4pm daily along with Saturday November 11 from 10 am to 3pm. Admission to the Mobile Museum is free.

Admission to the Clay County Heritage Center and Parker Museum is always free thanks to sponsorship from Spencer Hy-Vee.

For further questions regarding this event, please call the Clay County Heritage at (712) 262-3304.

## Dickinson County Endowment Fund Awards 2023 Grants

The Dickinson County Endowment Fund, in support of eighteen projects led by Dickinson County non-profit organizations, has distributed grants totaling \$123,751.95.

Chairman Sue Blake recognized the 2023 Advisory Council, which is made up of volunteers who broadly represent the County's residents: Evan Bensley – Lake Park, Sue Blake – Spirit Lake, Sandi Bueltel – Superior, Greta Gruys – Spirit Lake, Cheryl Hessenius – Wahpeton, Jim Kennedy – Okoboji, Dawn Matthews – Terril, Annie Wasson – Milford, and Marilyn Vos – Arnolds Park.

DCEF Council Advisor Ann Ditsworth also noted, "The Council thoughtfully reviews and considers each application and its impact for our citizens. It is rewarding to see how our Non-profit organizations continually strive to serve the diverse needs and opportunities throughout the county. We're excited to support these many positive projects in our communities." This year's grantees include:

		Funds
Applicant organizations	Project	Allocated
Lakes Area Senior Center	Restroom Upgrades	\$5,500.00
Dickinson County Museum	Bringing the Depot to LIFE	\$12,429.40
UDMO - Head Start	Creating Healthy Early Learning Environments	\$5,946.98
Elderbridge Agency on Aging	Congregate & Home-delivered Meals	\$5,000,00

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## Lakes Area Activity Center November Activities at the

Lakes Area Activity Center Tuesday, November 14 8:30 - Kiwanis 12.30 - Bridge 12:30 - Speaker - Mary Dreier - Dickinson County Museum Wednesday, November 15 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, November 16 10:00 - Strummers 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, November 17 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 Sewing Project 1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, November 18 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, November 19 8:30 - Breakfast Fundraiser (Free Will Offering) Monday, November 20 9:00 - Exercise 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 weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be in December from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month from 2-5pm. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in

Spirit Lake.

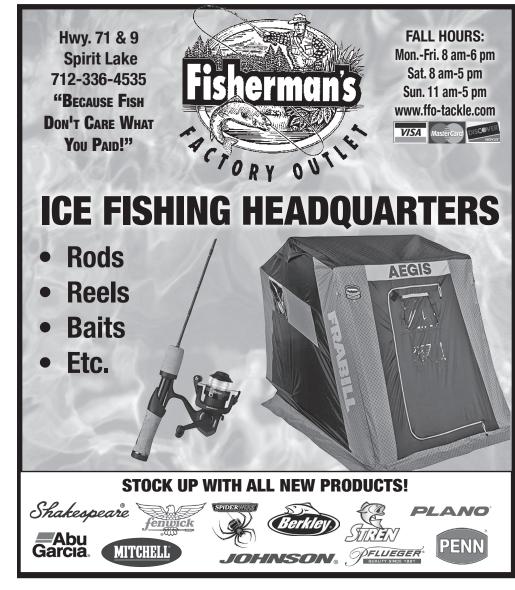
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Seasons Center for Behavioral Health	Family Wellness Baskets	\$1,000.00
Harris-Lake Park Elementary School	Playground Revival	\$2,433.35
Friends of Milford Library Fdn	Yearbook Digitization	\$2,500.00
Humane Society of Northwest Iowa	Dog Kennel & Training Renovation	\$15,000.00
Pearson Lakes Art Center	Youth - Senior Arts Programming	\$6,610.00
Okoboji Performing Arts	Youth Performing Arts Ed Programming	\$6,000.00
Okoboji Middle School	Reading is Dynamic	\$2,000.00
Voluntary Action Center	Meals on Wheels Subsidized Meals	\$18,000.00
No Boundaries MS - OMS	Leaving a Legacy 5.0	\$10,000.00
Harris-Lake Park CSD	Lighting at City Park & Athletic Fields	\$15,000.00
Conservation Fdn of Dickinson Cnty	Shades for Maser Monarch Lodge	\$5,000.00
Atlas of the Lakes Area	Benevolence Need of Atlas Ministry	\$5,000.00
Next Life Foundation	First Aid Education	\$832.22

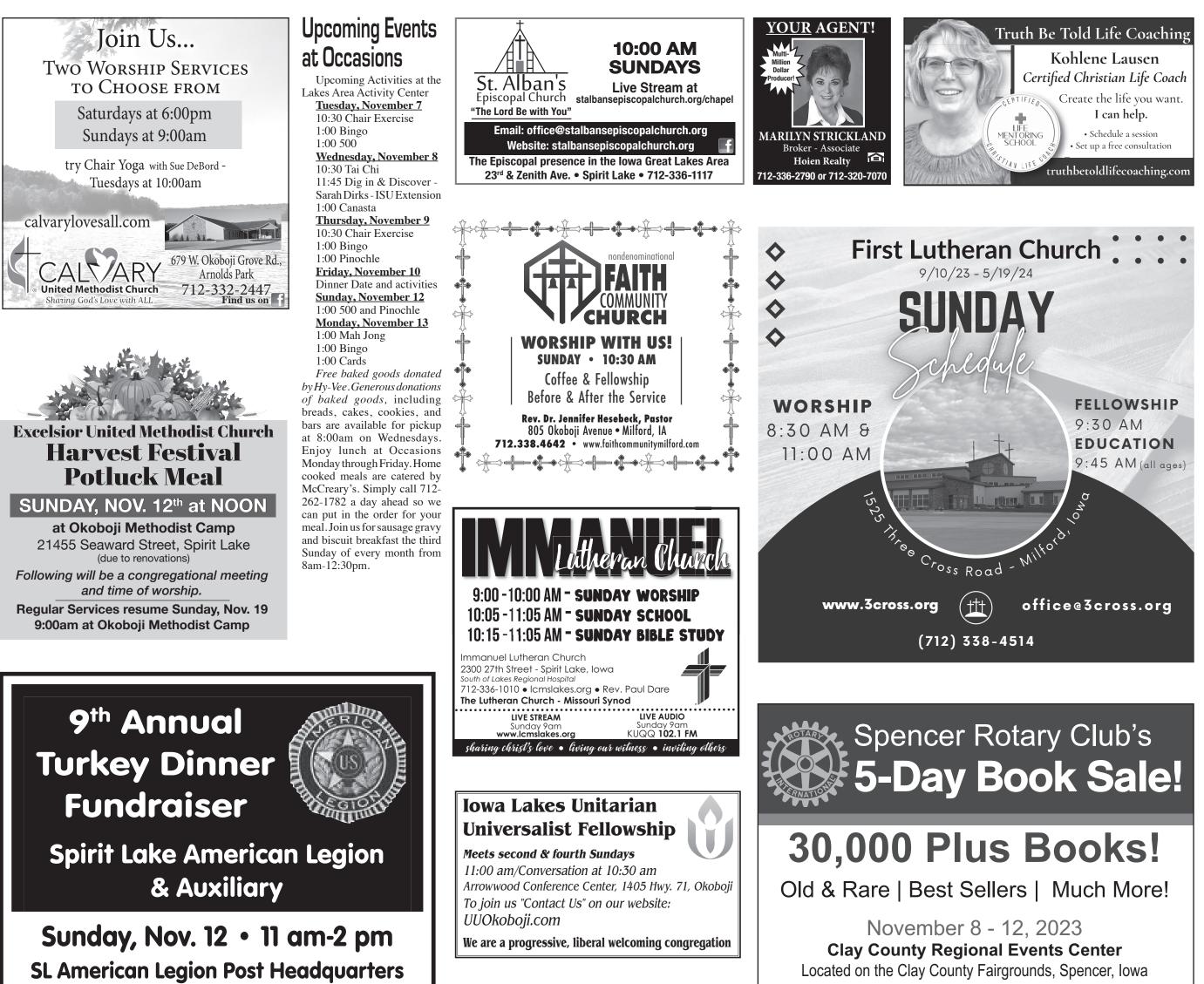
In eighteen years of grant making, Dickinson County Endowment Fund has provided funding support totaling \$1,748,410. We have collaborated with 98 Dickinson County Nonprofit Organizations and each School District by awarding grants 427 projects affecting every community in the County.

For more information on the Dickinson County Endowment Fund – to make a donation or plan future grant requests – visit http://dcefund.org/









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This year the musical also had involvement from the Art Society and Art classes at the High School. Laura Turner and her classes took time out of their current class projects and chipped in to help create signs and a beautiful mural for our show! We are so thankful for their involvement and additions!

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## Improbable Dobbs Saves Vikings

by John Adams, Jr.

Most Viking fans, myself included, figured Minnesota's season was probably over last Sunday when Kirk Cousins tore his Achilles tendon in the fourth quarter at Green Bay. The Vikings would hold on to win that game 24-10 for their third straight win, but all of that momentum appeared to go out the door with Cousins' injury. Cousins was having an All-Pro season, leading the NFL in touchdowns and passing yards after eight games, and is the undisputed team leader in the locker room and on the field. The only healthy backup on Minnesota's roster was rookie Jaren Hall, who had not taken a snap before the injury to Cousins.

Minnesota did go out and trade for Cardinals' starting quarterback Joshua Dobbs on Tuesday, but did not plan on the well-traveled QB to play on Sunday with just three days of preparation to learn an entire new offense. Hall had his first start on Sunday in Atlanta, but with the Vikings trailing 3-0 in the first quarter Hall tried to extend a third down run to the end zone but was hit hard and ended up leaving the game with a concussion. Dobbs entered the game and quickly was sacked in the end zone to give the Falcons a 5-3 lead. That lead would grow to 11-3 before Dobbs would get his rhythm going and lead the Vikings to their first TD on a nice pass to Alexander Mattison to trim the lead to 11-10 at halftime.

The second half was a crazy one, with Atlanta appearing to take control of the game with a screen pass that turned into a 60-yard touchdown and give the Falcons a 21-13 lead. This is when Dobbs would shine; scrambling for an impressive 18-yard TD after a big fumble recovery by the defense, and then tie the game on a 2-point conversion pass to Trishton Jackson. The Vikings' defense would again come up big with an interception by Byron Murphy that led to a Greg Joseph field goal, which gave Minnesota their first lead of the game at 24-21. The Falcons would not go away, driving down the field while wearing down the Vikings' defense with 12 straight runs, ending with a 5-yard Tyler Allgeier TD run to put Atlanta up 28-24 with just 2:08 remaining. Dobbs would shine brightest on the game-winning 75-yard drive. Dobbs would keep the drive alive with an impressive 22-yard scrimmage on fourth down, and then would put the Vikings up for good on a 6-yard TD pass to Brandon Powell with just :27 remaining to give the Vikings their fourth straight victory.

It would be impressive for any backup quarterback to come in and do what Dobbs did on Sunday, but what made this even more impressive and improbable was that Dobbs had zero reps during practice this week, had never taken a snap from starting center Garrett Bradburry, and hadn't even thrown a practice pass to any receivers before warmups on Sunday. The Vikings are the fifth team that Dobbs has played for in just the last calendar year. Another thing that made this win more improbable was that the Vikings were playing without star receiver Justin Jefferson, starting tackle Christian Darrisaw and also lost starting receiver K.J. Osborne during this game with a concussion and running back Cam Akers with an ankle injury. Dobbs definitely had his hiccups on Sunday, losing two fumbles and being sacked for the aforementioned safety, but kept bouncing back and making big plays with his legs and arm. Dobbs would end up with 158 passing yards and two touchdowns as well as rushing for 66 yards and one more touchdown. After a rough 1-3 start to the season, the Vikings now find themselves in the thick of the playoff hunt and have fought back to improve to 5-4. If this team can get Jefferson back and Dobbs can continue to grow with the offense, what once looked like a lost season could turn into an improbable playoff run; Skol Vikings!



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Dean John Ricker, son of Earl Kenneth and Pearl Margaret (Broadbent) Ricker, was born February 6, 1927, in Park Rapids. Minnesota.

He spent his childhood years growing up on a farm and attended school at Park Rapids School. He enlisted in the Army/Airforce. After his military service he moved to Spirit Lake, lowa, and was employed by Iowa Electric Light & Power Co for the next 35 years, which he was very proud of. Dean dated and fell in love



Milford and was married at the Little Brown Church on October 14,1950.

Following their marriage, they moved to Peterson in1953 and raised their four daughters, Marcia, Debra, Donna & Karen.

He was a member of the Congregational Church in which he was a Board member for several years, a member of the American Legion, served on the Peterson City Council and thereafter became Mayor of Peterson. After the death of his wife Reva in 1972 and his daughter Donna in 1973, Dean married Cleta Bedwell in 1974 and to this marriage a son John was born in 1975.

In 1978 he returned to Spirit Lake and continued working for IEL&P until his retirement.

After his retirement he was not ready to completely retire and began to work for Doc's Flag Cars for a few years and upon Doc's retirement created his own business D. R. Flag Cars. He always kept busy working around the yard and his garage seemed to be his "home away from home". He especially enjoyed his time with family and friends. In 1998 his wife Cleta passed away.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Marcia (Glenn) Taylor of Spencer; Debra (Robert) Starkey of Spirit Lake; Karen (Jon) McAllister of Long Beach, CA; John (Erica) Ricker of Tinley Park, IL; and a sister-in-law, Patty (Kinkade) Billings of Sun City, CA; 7grandchildren: Benjamin (Amber) Anderson, Brandy Geisinger, Brittney Potter, Amanda Gilson (Massimiliano) Totaro, Dean John Ricker-Manning, Elliot Ricker, Heather Potter-Jack: 8 great-grandchildren: Seth Anderson; Adam V. Anderson, Kayleigh Anderson, Bryce Marie Anderson; Lauren(Josh) Bauer, Anna Dirksen; Anthony (Cassandra) Coker; Lucia Totaro; 1 great-great-granddaughter expected in February. Deanwas preceded in death by his wife, Reva; wife,

Cleta; daughter, Donna Jean Ricker; grandson, Adam J. Anderson; great-granddaughter, Bailey Geisinger; brother, Leon K. Ricker and sister, Doris E. Kirsch.

# Spirit Lake American Legion Fundraiser 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey/Ham Dinner

Spirit Lake American Legion Timpe Post #23 and Auxiliary are having their 9th Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the Post Headquarters at 1102 15th street from 11:00 - 2:00. Cost is a free-will donation (suggested \$10 donation). Children under 5 are free. All donations go toward the operating funds for the upcoming year.

The American Legion supports many programs for boys and girls across the nation, state, and local communities. Post #23 sponsors Boy Scout Troop 68, sends boys to Hawkeye Boy's State each year and gives a scholarship to a deserving senior from Spirit Lake High School each year. The Post along with VFW Post #4514 maintains the Avenue of Flags and provides for the Funeral Honors Program for any deceased Veteran in Spirit Lake/Dickinson County.

Join us for one of the best Turkey dinners in the area to honor our Veterans. See you Sunday, November 12, 2023, 11:00 - 2:00, at the Post's Headquarters - 1102 15th Street in Spirit Lake.



Susan MacMillan, 72, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Aspire Nursing Home in Estherville, Iowa.

A memorial service for Susan will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome. com. Susan was born on June

9, 1951. She was raised by Elston and Vivian (Arthur)

Frost. After graduating from high school, she attended a few years of higher education. After she returned home, she was united in marriage to Austin "Mac" MacMillan in 1973 in Clearwater, FL. She will be remembered by her coworkers and those who knew "Sue Mac" in her industry.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading books, crossword puzzles, birdwatching, and trivia. She also enjoyed watching movies as she was known by her family and friends as a movie buff.

She is survived by her son Ben MacMillan and fiancée Kareen Parchment of Spirit Lake; grandchildren Kaanen MacMillan and Krishanua Allen. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Mac.



Elayne Stoller, 98, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at her residence at Keelson Harbour in Spirit Lake.

A private family graveside service will be held in the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. A public celebration of life will be held at the Oakwood Inn in Spirit Lake on Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com. Elayne was born on April 22,

1925, in Harlan, IA, to Ben and Jennie (Saltzman) Cohn. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1942. She went on to receive a Liberal Arts degree from the University of Iowa. She was united in marriage to Leonard Stoller on May 31, 1953, in Omaha, NE.

In her free time, she enjoyed golfing, tennis, needlework, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the American Bridge Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Andrea (Jeff) Schwarck of Spirit Lake; daughter-in-law Karen Stoller of Spirit Lake; grandchildren, Alex and Sophie Schwarck, Austin and Bailey Schwarck, Brandon and Whitney Stoller, Sam Stoller and Summer Stoller; great-grandchildren, Ivory Schwarck, Everly Schwarck, Presley Schwarck, Aubrey Stoller, Jace Stoller, and Duke Schwarck; and many loving relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leonard, son Larry Stoller, and her sisters Dorothy White and Geraldine Burstein.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lakes Regional Hospice or the favorite charity of your choice in Elayne's name.



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# Obituaries

Mary Lou Korwes, of Spirit Lake, passed away peacefully at the Accura Nursing Home in Spirit Lake on October 30, 2023, at the age of 87.

A funeral service for Mary Lou Korwes will be held Saturday November 11, 2023, at 10:30am, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a time of lunch and fellowship following the burial at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Mary Lou was born in Bradgate, Iowa, on October 3. 1936. After graduating from

Rolfe High School, she attended Buena Vista College and became an elementary school teacher. She devoted her life to working with young children and taught for 39 years, primarily teaching in Ackley. Upon her retirement, Mary Lou continued to teach as a substitute in and around the Iowa Great Lakes for several years. She enjoyed running a daycare at Village East and volunteering at the library.

Mary Lou was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Mary Lou also served as a eucharistic minister, was a member of the Catholic Daughters, religious education teacher and served as a church volunteer. As a volunteer, she provided meals and support for fellow congregants. Mary Lou enjoyed visiting with friends and keeping up with the news about town and also enjoyed the occasional day trip to the casino.

When at home, Mary Lou was a meticulous housekeeper and an outstanding cook. She made the best cookies, pies, bars, and all manner of delicious desserts. Her potato salad was perfection. Mary Lou was a voracious reader and enjoyed Hallmark movies. Mary Lou adored her granddaughters and spoke of them often to her friends and family. She delighted in and celebrated their accomplishments at every opportunity and was rooting for them always. Mary Lou enjoyed traveling and she and Gilbert frequently traveled to Texas to enjoy time with Lisa, David, and the girls.

Mary Lou is survived by her daughter Lisa Gear, sonin-law David, and her twin granddaughters, Madison and Savannah. She is also survived by her brother, Richard (Margaret) Dailey; and sisters, Patricia O'Connell and Karen Widestrom.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Gilbert Korwes; parents, Glenn and Pauline Dailey; and her brother Merle Dailey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dickinson County Conservation Nature Center, the Spirit Lake Public Library or Lakes Regional Hospice.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Ron G. Heller, 52, of Brandon, SD passed away Sunday, November 5, 2023 after a short, courageous battle with cancer

at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He was surrounded by his loving family. Visit www.georgeboom.com for a complete obituary and online guestbook.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Friday, November 10, 2023, at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, SD. Visitation will be on Thursday, November 9 at George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon, where the family will greet friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00

PM



A Memorial Service for Keith Abens, age 72, of Arnolds Park,formerly of Webster City,will be held on Sunday,

the middle child of three sons. He loved to tell "poor boy" stories

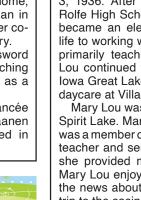
November 12, 2023, at 4:00pm, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. A visitation will immediately follow the service on Sunday, at the Majestic Pavilion in Arnolds Park, from 5:00-8:00pm. An additional visitation will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 5:00-7:00pm, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Webster City. Keith Dale Abens was born

February 3, 1951, in Fort Dodge, Iowa,to Kenneth Ray Abens and Colleen Olson Abens. Keith was



about his childhood (possibly exaggerating), enjoying many fun times with the Olson and Abens aunts, uncles, and cousins. At 5yrs old, he contracted spinal meningitis and the doctors told his parents he would never be very strong. Keith became the first Humboldt yo-yo champion in grade school and he never looked back. He went out for the basketball team in 9th grade and halfway through he decided to switch to wrestling. He was Humboldt's first state champion as a sophomore. He won again as a junior and Humboldt won the team Class 1A State championship. He was Humboldt's first 3 time state champion his senior year. Keith graduated from Humboldt in 1969 and received the Marvel Friesth award for the outstanding senior boy. Keith was awarded a full ride wrestling scholarship to Iowa State University. On August 29, 1970, he married his high school sweetheart, Jolene (Jo) Freeburg, after their freshman year in college. Keith wrestled for ISU from 1969-1973. He won the Big 8 and was awarded the Outstanding wrestler, placed 2nd and 4th in the NCAA, was captain of the team his senior year, and won the Hugo Otopalik award for ISU Outstanding wrestler On and Off the mat. Keith graduated in 1973 with a BS degree in Industrial Education and taught 1 year at Mason City Jr High and was asst. HS wrestling coach, and then at Webster City High School and head wrestling coach for a few years, before joining his wife in the real estate business. Keith and Jo had their son, Tyler Ray,in 1977 and their daughter, Tracy Jo, in 1979. Keith was loyal to his men's morning coffee group at Leon's for over 40 years. The family enjoyed years of fun weekends at Lake Okoboji on the boat, on the dock, swimming, skiing, playing cards in the cabin with family, vacationing together, but also working hard. He was known as "Mr. Fix it" and always said "Nothing is unfixable!" Keith was very involved in community service in Webster City through Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The couple worked together building Abens Realty for 43 years before retiring in 2017. He was so proud to have son Tyler come back home and carry on the family business. He had a great love for music, enjoyed playing the guitar for pleasure and at church, and having family jam sessions. He always had a hard time not crying at church to certain contemporary worship songs. They enjoyed traveling together and especially loved all 18 cruises. In retirement, they moved to Arnolds Park/Lake Okoboji and have since enjoyed their children, grandchildren, relatives, the beautiful lake, wonderful entertainment, and fun people! His greatest joy was bragging about his grandkids Jayce, Wesley, and Hampton! Keith loved attending First Lutheran Church in Milford, playing and singing with the Boji Strummers ukulele group, TGIF at Emerald Hills Golf Club, and YMCA aqua fitness. Keith had a big presence, a booming voice, and a great life full of fun and laughter with family and friends! He will be inducted into the Humboldt Hall of Fame, now posthumously, on Nov 19, 2023. Most of all, Keith loved the Lord, thanked God every day for his many blessings, and will be our family's guardian angel from heaven. He was ready to meet the Lord.

Keith is survived by his wife, Jo of 53 years; son, Tyler (Sara) Abens of Webster City and their son, Jayce Abens of Ames; daughter, Tracy (Lance) Evans, and their children, Wesley Ray and Hampton Jo Evans of Arnolds Park; brother, Maury (Judy) Abens of Humboldt; nephew, Bob Abens of Humboldt; nephew, James (Megan) Abens of Grimes; brother, Harlan Abens of Huntington, Texas; nephew, Uriah (Taffi) Abons of Huntington TX sister-in-law/brother-in-law & David Gibson of Sioux Falls, SD; nephew, Scott (Melissa) Gibson of Sioux Falls, SD; nephew, Bill (Amy) Gibson of Dillon, CO; sister-in-law/brother-in-law, Janet & Rick Briggs of Arnolds Park; nephew, Ryan (Debbie) Briggs of Matthews, NC; nephew, Tony (Kristin) Briggs of Pella, IA; uncle & aunt, cousins, nephews, great-nephews and nieces. Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Ken and Colleen Abens: his in-laws. Ray and Virginia Freeburg: sisterin-law, Debbie Abens, as well as several uncles, aunts, and cousins. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.





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Ronald Gene Heller was born to Leonard and Arlene (Kramer) Heller on February 22, 1971, in Emmetsburg, IA. Ron grew up near Terril, IA, and graduated from Terril High School in 1989. While in high school, Ron was very active in sports. He played football, basketball, and was on the track team. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. During his 20 years in the service, he was stationed at several bases across the United States as well as in other countries. In 2000, he was deployed to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. First, in support of Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. And then later, he served in Operation Iragi Freedom. He served in Intelligence Operations and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He received several distinguished awards. While in the service, Ron also received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Intelligence Studies and his Master of Arts Degree in Management. He graduated with honors.

In 2021, Ron decided to come out of retirement and started his own business - Borderline Butchering, LLC. He loved making his signature beef sticks and jerky. He was very proud of his business and enjoyed all the friendships he made with local farmers and customers.

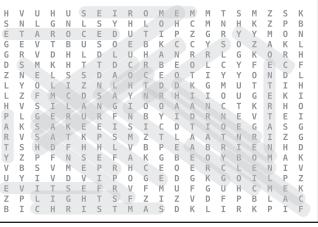
Ron was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed ice fishing and looked forward to going on trips with his friends. He loved to make his own wine and beer. In 2023, he even started to sell his craft beers at Borderline Butchering.

Ron was united in marriage with Kari Kirkeby on September 29, 2007, in Brandon, SD. The couple made their home in Brandon where they raised their two children, Ella & Brielynn. Ron loved his family very much. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his girls, teaching them how to throw and play catch, and having movie night on Sundays. He was very proud of his family.

Grateful for having shared his life are his loving wife, Kari, his children Sara Vig and her husband Garrett, Mud Butte, SD, Ella Heller, Brielynn Heller; one grandson, Nolan Vig; four sisters, Tammy Brant and her husband Al, Garner, IA, Sandy Enderson and her husband Todd, Esterville, IA, Sue Wilburn and her husband Walt, Seneca, SC, Amy Bunkofske and her husband Derek, Milford, IA; four brothers, John Heller and his partner Trisha Booth, Milford, IA, Will Heller and his wife Jennifer, Clear Lake, IA, Tom Heller and his wife Bethany, Mason City, IA, and Lee Heller and his wife Jenni, Alleman, IA; several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Raymond and Loretta Kramer, Harry and Clara Heller, and his father-inlaw, James Kirkeby.

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## **Dickinson County Republican Meeting**

The Dickinson County Republican Central Committee invites the public to attend their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 5:30pm. It will be held at the Spirit Lake Library. Please enter through the side back door.





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Vanessa Mouw will perform with Varsity Spirit All-Americans in the parade before thousands of fans lining the streets of Waikiki Beach. This trip marks the 82nd Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The parade theme is "remembering the past and celebrating our future." We honor our veterans and their families while recognizing that once bitter enemies can become loyal friends and allies.

Besides being able to perform for true national heroes, athletes will have the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across that nation and enjoy a traditional Hawaiian luau and a memorable trip to the Pearl Harbor Memorial and the USS Missouri Battleship.

The Varsity Spirit All-American program is celebrating more than 30 years of honoring camp standouts. For more information, visit Varsity Spirit Pearl Harbor Parade in Hawaii.



Page 14 **Dickinson County Voting Sites and Times** 

Please get out and vote on Tuesday, November 7th! There are five polling locations in Dickinson County and the hours on election day are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. These locations are:

- Lake Park Community Center
- Terril Memorial Building
- Milford Community Building Arnolds Park City Hall/Fire Station
- Spirit Lake Expo Building

People can check where they vote on the secretary of state's website: sos.iowa.gov. On the right hand side there is a quick link labeled "Find Your Polling Place".



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

On Friday, October 27th, sixteen children celebrated reaching their goal of reading 1,000 books before entering Kindergarten! The special event was held at the Spirit Lake Elementary School. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Lori Lynn Ahrends of Overall Buddies. Ms. Ahrends gave a musical concert which include lots of audience participation. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time!

The 1000 Books Foundation is operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes. The objectives of this organization are:

• to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers

• to encourage parent and child bonding through reading Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5-6. Before then, parents and caregivers are the first education providers during the 0-5 early critical years. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple (read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) and very manageable endeavor. Go to 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org for more information.

To sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at the Spirit Lake Public Library, just stop in during open hours: Monday -Thursday 9 am -6 pm, Friday 9 am -4 pm, and Saturday 9 am -2pm. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the SLPL is supported by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library. Upcoming Activities at SLPL

- Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m., Story Time
- Saturday, November 11, Closed for Veterans' Day
- Monday, November 13, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 p.m., Children's Chess Club
- Tuesday, November 14, 4:30 p.m., Chess All-Play (Open to anyone who wants to play!)
- Wednesday, November 15, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, November 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party
- Thursday, November 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

## **Tourism Director Goes to DC**

**By Rebecca Peters** 

Last week I was invited by Senator Joni Ernst to Washington DC to testify at the Senate Small Business Committee hearing on the Great Outdoors: Small Businesses and America's Outdoor Recreation Economy. Senator Ernst is the ranking member of the committee and invited 2 of the 4 witnesses who testified - both Iowans.

Senator Ernst's staff reached out to me a couple of weeks ago to gauge if I would be interested in testifying in DC. They were

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still working out details, but wanted an Iowan's voice who could share the impact of outdoor recreation on small businesses. Okoboji is a great example of a business community that thrives on outdoor recreation. After confirming my interest, they got back to me a few days later to give me details about the hearing and preparing my testimony. I quickly set to work to write a 5-minute speech that expressed how Okoboji blends our values of water quality, small businesses, and the outdoors

to welcome visitors year after year. It's challenging to limit myself to 5 minutes when talking about Okoboji!

After I submitted my written testimony, I communicated with the Small Business Committee to become prepared for the format of the hearing. The Chair of the committee would welcome everyone and speak for 5 minutes, followed by Ranking Member Ernst who would speak for 5 minutes. Then the witnesses would be introduced and each would have 5 minutes to speak. After the witness testimony, each of the 19 Senators would have 5 minutes to question the witnesses. We needed to be prepared to answer! I filled my head with facts and figures about our community and the tourism and recreation industries in Iowa!

Then it was time to fly to DC and tell everyone how great Okoboji is! It was a whirlwind trip of 36 hours in DC. I made the most of my time by meeting with Congressman Feenstra's staff to discuss federal funding options for water quality projects and the potential of adding electric car charging stations in our area. Following that meeting, I met with Senator Ernst's staff to tour the Capital and answer any last-minute questions I had about the upcoming hearing. The hearing started a little late due to Senate votes but went very smoothly. Senator Ernst even asked me the final question giving me an opportunity to fill the room with smiles as I told them about our Okoboji Winter Games Kite Festival!

After the hearing, I met with Tom Sullivan, the VP of Small Business Policy for the US Chamber of Commerce. I toured their office and shared with him about some of our small businesses and the challenges our business community faces. Each community is a little different, but it's important to share our perspectives with those helping to shape policy that could affect us.

Overall, it was an incredible opportunity to share a little bit of Okoboji with those in DC. Outdoor recreation is important to us here, and across the country. I was glad to help communicate that with several of our nation's Senators. You can read my testimony or watch the recording at www.sbc.senate.gov.







This month MML's Adult Craft Series will have a special guest! Join Ann Williamsen for card making on Wednesday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m.,

and learn the art of making handcrafted paper cards. Participants will get the chance to work with the different tools Ann has and create their own card. Cost for this program is \$5 and registration is required. To register and for more information contact the Milford Memorial Library at (712) 338-4643.



Everyone is welcome to Community Connections on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Join us on Thursday, November 16, at 10:30 a.m., at the library. This month Gillian will be speaking about RAGBRAI. Community Connections is open to adults wanting to learn and socialize. Coffee and refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Milford Library. This is a free program and attendees are encouraged to socialize after presentations. Bring your questions!

Any fourth through twelfth graders looking to level up their game are invited to join Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Exile Gaming for Young Adults' Video Game Day will be on Monday, November 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Milford Memorial Library. Exile Gaming will be providing game consoles and multiplayer games. This is a free, come-andgo event with no registration required.

MML's Young Adult Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge Box, is available Tuesday, November 14, through Tuesday, November 21. This is a free activity, but does require registration. You may register by calling MML at 712-338-4643 or online at this link, http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html.

Join MML's Book Club on Tuesday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. The featured book, Beartown by Fredrik Backman, can be found in our library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

Start planning now for your entry into the Festival of Trees. Milford Memorial Library will be accepting trees from Friday, November 17, through Friday, December 1.

Are you looking for a book similar to Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus? Milford Memorial Library recommends you visit these following titles, Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt, Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin, and The Maid by Nita Prose. Go to MML's online catalog, www.milford.lib.ia.us, to find summaries and to place a reserve.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I voted for Trump two times and have no choice but to vote for him again unless the Republicans can put forth a better candidate.

Trump is just about everything Jesus teaches us not to be, and worse yet, Trump owns four of the seven things God hates according to Proverbs 6:16-19.

It seems that neither party can put forth any better candidate than the other, which only proves we get the government we deserve, which just happens to be a principle laid out in the Bible.

Part of that problem is centered in the fact that we have become a nation of OMG-ers for all seasons and reasons (good - bad, happy - sad), along with other infractions of the Ten Commandments. We use God's and Jesus' names in shameful ways, and much of this is coming from people who call themselves "Christians," or at least CEO Christians. The politicians say we have a serious drug problem on our southern border and several conservative candidates are threatening to wipe out the drug cartels (because of all the people in America their drugs are killing.) There's your clue Sherlock. I say the drug problem is not on our southern border but all over America. It's a supply and demand issue, based in and on a curse and not a blessing. Kill all the cartels you want, but someone is standing in line to supply "our needs" with no fear of death. "Follow the money." I can't prove it; but if it looks like a curse, smells like a curse, acts like a curse and kills like a curse, it's probably not a duck, and should be avoided at all costs.





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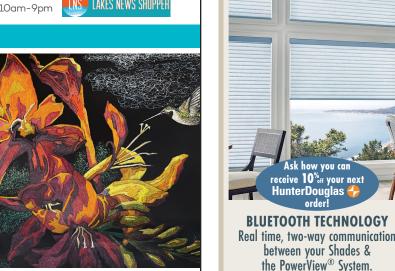
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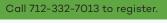
#### 12:00pm or 6:30pm | \$40/\$45 Nov. 9: Taco Tastic - Noon class is full

Dec. 14: Pizza Party

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Wine Class

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## Winter Games - The Countdown is On

For the past 43 years, thousands of people have gathered to

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new and many classic events. Challenge yourself individually or gather your friends and family for a team event. Registration is open online at uofowintergames.com. Sign up soon as spots fill up quickly!

From classic Winter Games events such as Broomball, Chili Cook-Off, Snow Softball, 5K Fun Run, Axe Throwing Tournament, Snow Softball and much more, you are sure to stay entertained all weekend long! Check out the full schedule of events on our website and start planning your festivities for this annual frozen tradition!

For more information and additional updates, visit uofowintergames.com or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/ UofOWinterGames.

## Eastwood to Present at ILUUF

Becca Eastwood will be the guest speaker for the November 12 Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. Join the ACLU of Iowa for important updates on the status of reproductive freedom in our state and information on how we can work to ensure Iowa's future includes the right to access an abortion. With the overturn of Roe v. Wade and most recently, the passage of a near total abortion ban in Iowa (working its way through the courts), we are facing a future where Iowa families are not able to decide what reproductive healthcare decisions are best for them.

For those comfortable meeting in person, the service will be held in the Bay Hill Room at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. After the service, everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch for lunch at a local restaurant. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

Becca Eastwood is the Advocacy Campaign Manager with the ACLU of Iowa. She works with Iowans across the state to protect and expand civil rights and civil liberties. Through education, outreach, & advocacy Becca works to make sure Iowans know their rights and are empowered to advocate for civil liberties.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Why is Trump Calling the Shots?

We all know about the mess with the Speakership in the House for the past 3 weeks. I was no great fan of Kevin McCarthy, but the way he became Speaker and lost the Speakership both point to Donald Trump who, as former president, should no longer have a say in the workings of our government. Then others put their names forward to take McCarthy's place. Those who Trump favored lasted longer as candidates, with Trump going so far as to say of Tom Emmer that he "never respected the Power of a Trump Endorsement".

In other words, a Trump endorsement is needed to be the Speaker. But, seriously, why is Trump allowed to be involved?? And why are these hard-right Republicans so beholden to him



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SPIRIT LAKE HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS:** Owen Meerbeek (trombone), Nick Frangenberg (percussion), Blake Fullmer (trumpet), Philip Partello (tenor sax), Isaac Ostovic (alto sax), Sam Hawkins (euphonium), Jackson Currell (alto sax), Tucker Nikkel (horn), Benson Zheng (clarinet), and Callie Taylor (bari sax) who is not pictured. These students were selected to perform on January 6th in the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band in Sioux City.



The Northwest Iowa Concert Band, directed by Rich Nicklay, and the Northwest Iowa Jazz Band, directed by Scott Benjamin, will present their Holiday concert, Sunday, November 12, 7:30 p.m. at Estherville VFW, 314 South 1st St. The VFW offers easy access to the building and adequate parking. The VFW will be serving a burger Basket (beef, pork) meal, starting at 6pm and going throughout the concert. Volunteer members in the groups come from 14 cities, up to 70 miles away. Music styles on the program will be marches, ragtime, English Carols, jazz ballad, samba and musical depiction of "Love in a Graveyard." The community bands are partially sponsored by Excel! Esther-

ville, a non-profit corporation and affiliated division of the Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce. Free Admission and refreshments.

Towns represented are: Estherville, Emmetsburg, Ruthven,SpiritLake,Superior, Okoboji,Armstrong,Ringsted, Bode, Swea City, Corwith, Wallingford, Hardy, Jackson.

# Al-Anon Meetings

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



John Michael McWhorter. Mike. I used to tell him that his name made him sound much cuter than he was. He would laugh and say, "I love you" while sticking his tongue out or showing some other hand gesture. He called me Mama Jess like some of the other residents do. For Mike, this wasn't just a nickname, it was a relationship. When Mike said he loved you, he meant it with every ounce of his soul. And he loved everybody! Last year, my assistant took Mike to Walmart to do a little Christmas shopping. When she returned with him, she shared with me that Mike had greeted several people with a hug and a quick "I love you". It was never clear whether Mike actually knew these people.

Mike held back nothing. Within the first hour of him being a new resident at Daniel House, anyone within ear shot knew 10 years' worth of information about him and knew that he loved to say, "Let me tell you this," or "I'm gonna tell you this right now," or "Imma be honest with you,". Mike said this so many times in a single conversation that I would sometimes redirect his attention to what he was saying by asking, "are you going to tell me this right now?" or "are you going to be honest with me?" It initially started as a powerful way of helping him to slow down and say what he wanted to say rather than talking just to be heard. This was Mike's trauma response. It was not his only, but it was a significant one. More than anything else, Mike wanted to be heard.

Sometimes when he called, he was in a great mood and couldn't wait to share all the exciting things going on in his life, while other times he would call and just need someone to listen while he cried and shared his struggles. It was hard not to get mad at Mike sometimes, because he would talk about the things that he was having a tough time with and most people listening knew that Mike was his own worst enemy. Regardless of any warnings or advice, Mike had a knack for choosing the most difficult roads. You always knew when he was about to tell you that he did something that had been talked about as a bad idea when he would call and say, "Go ahead, you can say I told you so,". But he knew that he would not hear those words here. More often than not, when Mike asked for your thoughts or opinions, it was just expected that he would do the opposite or some variation of it. This wasn't an act of defiance, but rather his attempt to make other people like him. He was a people-pleaser to his core and always put others in front of his own needs. This often resulted in negative consequences that Mike was left to deal with.

I spoke with Mike the day before he left this earth. I wasn't alone in that. I have talked to several people who got a call from him the day before as well. Most of them shared that he seemed happy and talked about how good things were going. I have my thoughts on this, as I am sure others do as well. No one will ever have all of the answers, but I know this: Mike is reunited with his beloved Granny and is free from the pain and suffering that he lived with in his worldly life. "The only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold him now," (Casting Crowns, Scars in Heaven, 2022). There will be a Celebration of Life for John "Mike" McWhorter on Monday, November 13, 2023, from 5 pm – 7 pm, at Discovery House, located at 1411 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake. There is parking off the alley behind the house.





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that they can't make a move without his blessing?

Sixty-five percent of Republicans say that loyalty to Trump is important for anyone working in our government. His most loyal followers would support him as POTUS from prison. At least a third of Republicans consider themselves supporters more of Trump than the Republican party. This is a large enough group that the thought of alienating them affects how Trump's opponents operate. They do not call him out directly. They choose their words carefully, flip flop on positions and concede to Trump's wishes when he calls them.

Only Liz Cheney has had the courage and fortitude to speak publicly against the intimidation and violence. She stated that more people need to advocate for the Constitution and be willing to say, "No, I won't accept this or stand for it."

The encouraging part is that liberals and conservatives tend to want the same things. We just come at it in different ways and use different language to express it. Most of us claim to love our country and want to keep our democracy! But we have Trump and MAGA followers telling us that their way is the only way. Both sides call each other fascist and blame each other instead of working together.

It is difficult to see any middle ground. I do know that it exists! I have heard people on both sides say that they wished they had another choice for President this time around. Who will be willing to stand up and be willing to speak the truth and truly help to save our democracy?

**Cherie Haas Owatonna, Minnesota** *Daughter of Ray & Marilyn Miller*  s Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church

in Arnolds Park have closed. Call District 2 at 712-580-4406 for more information.

# Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/county-resource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

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## Iowa Lakes Commemorates Veterans Day

Iowa Lakes Community College proudly announces its upcoming annual Veterans Day program, scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus, and the college invites the public to participate in this meaningful occasion.

"We are truly honored to recognize the brave men and women who have valiantly fought for the freedoms and liberties we all cherish. Iowa Lakes wants to convey our deep appreciation and utmost respect for Veterans through this event. The Veterans Day Ceremony is a heartfelt tribute to the service of all Americans who have answered the call to duty, including our esteemed student Veterans," stated Tim Ireland, Veterans Center Director at Iowa Lakes.

This year's keynote speaker is Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3) Curtis Rubendall, currently

serving in the Iowa Army National Guard as an Instructor Pilot, Functional Check Pilot, and Safety Officer for the Army Aviation Support Facility in Davenport, Iowa.

CW3 Rubendall joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1997 while attending high school in Aurelia, Iowa. After graduation, he attended basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C., followed by Advanced Individual Training in Fort Eustis, VA., to become a Blackhawk helicopter mechanic based out of Boone, Iowa. In 2001, CW3 Rubendall joined the ROTC program while attending the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After graduation, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant and began flight school in Fort Rucker (now Fort Novosel), Ala., in 2004. After flight school, he was a MEDEVAC team leader based out of Waterloo, Iowa, and deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009. Shortly after being promoted to Captain and becoming a Maintenance Test Pilot in the Blackhawk helicopter, he deployed to Afghanistan in



2012-2013. After returning from Afghanistan, he accepted a company command position as the commander for an aviation maintenance company out of Boone, Iowa, and deployed to Kosovo in 2013-2014. Returning from Kosovo, he reverted to CW2 and joined the Security and Support Aviation Company based in Waterloo, Iowa, as a Lakota helicopter pilot in 2015. He then became a full-time Functional Check Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Instrument Flight Examiner, and Safety Officer in Davenport, Iowa. His unit was most recently deployed to the Southern Border for a year, returning in October of 2022, during which he served as the Company Maintenance Officer and managed a program that flew over 3,000 hours in support of border security. He lives in Long Grove, Iowa, with his girlfriend Jennifer and their 3-year-old daughter, Ava.

CW3 Rubendall has conducted countless missions to include MEDEVAC, border security, domestic operations in support of law enforcement, static displays/fly-ins around the Midwest, Vice President and President security, COVID-19 testing, and most recently spent two weeks in South Dakota supporting Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and local law enforcement agents with Sturgis Rally security. CW3 Rubendall has over 26 years of military service and has flown over 3,700 flight hours.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Lorenzia Henderson, who brings his military background and accomplishments to the event, including 32 years of military service, seven years in the Marine Corps from 1978 to 1985, 25 years in the Army from 1991 to 2017, and a Master Sergeant E-8 (Ret). Additionally, the Estherville VFW John W. Bradford Post 3388 will be responsible for presenting the colors.

The program will also feature captivating musical performances by the Iowa Lakes Choir and Band, directed by Professors Carol Ayres and Brett Fuelberth.

After the ceremony, Iowa Lakes will offer a complimentary lunch to Veterans and their spouses in The Max dining hall from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Iowa Lakes remains dedicated to creating a military and Veteran-friendly environment and has accumulated many awards due to a solid commitment to serving the military community, including 2022-23 Military Friendly School® Silver, 2022-2023 Military Spouse Friendly School, Top Veteran-Friendly School from U.S. Veterans Magazine for seven years, 2021-22 Top 10 Military Friendly® School, and CHAMP designation.

For those unable to attend the ceremony in person, the event will be streamed at *iowalakes.edu*.

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Week of November 6-10, 2023 Milford Memorial Library is starting out November with lots of interactive programs. Afterschool Adventures (small group

fun) will take place at 3:30 p.m. this Thursday, November 9. We will be making foil art which involves using string, foil, and markers to make something



unique. Then we have two Building Bookworms (storytime) at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, November 13 and 27. The first one will focus on Splat the Cat (craft: painted shapes Splat), and the second one will focus on foxes (craft: yarn wrapped fox). Lastly, we have another Minds in Motion (sensory play) at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 20. If you have questions, please email Miss Becca (beccas@milford.lib.ia.us) or give the library a call (712-338-4643). All of us at MML are excited to see your faces!



Dear readers of the Lakes News Shopper,

This week, we are discussing "Is Your Portfolio Underperforming...Compared to What?"

Ah, we restless humans. Sometimes, it pays to strive for greener grass. But as an investor, second-guessing a stable strategy can leave you in the weeds. Trading in reaction to excitement or fear tricks you into buying high (chasing popular trends) and selling low (fleeing misfortunes), while potentially incurring unnecessary taxes and transaction costs along the way. Still, what do you do if it feels as if your investments have been underperforming? It helps to lead with this key question, to decide if the impression is real or perceived: How am I doing so far ... compared to what? Compared to the Stocks du Jour?

It's easy to be dazzled by popular stocks or sectors that have been earning magnitudes more than you have and wonder whether you should get in on the action. You might get lucky and buy in ahead of the peaks, ride the surges while they last, and manage to jump out before the fads fade. Unfortunately, even experts cannot foresee the countless coincidences that can squash a high-flying holding or send a different one soaring. To succeed at this gambit, you must correctly-and repeatedly-decide when to get in, and when to get out ... in markets where unpredictable hot hands can run anywhere from days to years.

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the global stock market and sit tight, you'll probably already own today's hot holdings. You'll also automatically hold some of the next big winners, before they surge (effectively buying low). Rather than comparing your investments to the latest sprinters, be the tortoise, not the hare. Get in, stay in, and focus on your own finish line. It's the only one that matters.

#### Compared to "the Market"?

What if your investments seem to be underperforming not just the high-flyers, but the entire market? Maybe you're seeing reports of "the market" returning several percentage points more than you have lately. What gives?

Remember, when a reporter, analyst, or others discuss market performance, they're usually citing returns from the S&P 500 Index, the DJIA, or a similar proxy. These popular benchmarks often represent one asset class: U.S. Large-Cap Stocks. As such, it's highly unlikely your own portfolio will always be performing anything like this single source of expected returns.

Most investors instead prefer to balance their potential risks and rewards. For example, if your portfolio is a 50/50 mix of stocks and bonds, you should expect it to underperform an all-stock portfolio over time. But it also should deliver more dependable (if still not guaranteed) returns in the end, along with a relatively smoother ride along the way.

Even if you're more heavily invested in stocks than bonds, a well-diversified stock portfolio will typically include multiple sources of risks and returns, such as U.S., international, and emerging market stocks; small- and large-cap stocks; value and growth stocks; and other underrepresented sources of expected return. Thus, we advise against comparing your portfolio's performance to "the market." Usually, any variance simply means your well-structured, globally diversified portfolio is working as planned.

#### **Compared to a Similarly Structured Portfolio?**

At last, we reach a comparison that makes more sense. Your portfolio should be structured to reflect your financial goals and your ability to tolerate the risks involved in pursuing your desired level of long-term growth. Thus, a more appropriate comparison is made among the "building block" investments available to achieve this ideal.

Once you've built a portfolio that reflects your goals and risk tolerances, there are only two reasons your particular selections might underperform similar investments:

1. Poor fund management: Are your products or solutions accurately capturing the specific sources of return they're meant to deliver?

2. Excessive costs: Are there lower-cost choices for achieving the same aim?

If your investments are accurately capturing the sources of return you're seeking, you aren't spending too much to make this happen, and you or your portfolio manager don't have to make constant adjustments just to stay on course ... any other comparisons become largely irrelevant for your investment journey.

**Compared to What?** 

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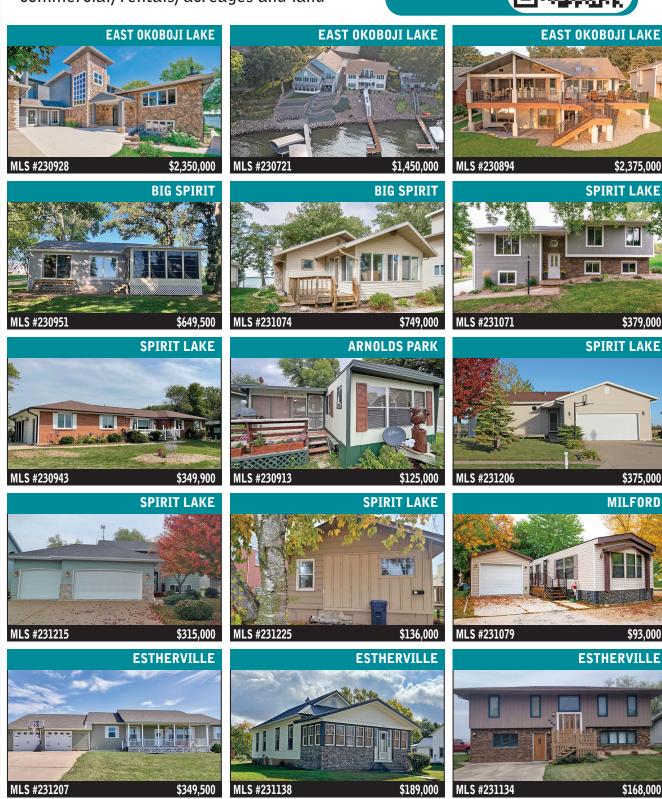
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preciated to help ensure a rapid response by the Fire Department in the event of a fire during the winter.

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All mailboxes must be located with the front of the mailbox a minimum six inches behind the back edge of the curb. The City *will* repair or replace a damaged or destroyed mailbox if it is deemed to result from a <u>direct</u> hit by plow equipment. Mailboxes damaged by snow load off the plow equipment will not be eligible for repair or replacement by the City.

## Garbage Collection

•Residential garbage collection is every Tuesday unless Monday is a holiday then collection will be on Wednesday. Please have all garbage containers to the curb no later than 7 a.m. If you forget

Milford tax payers only. All others should contact their city or county for green waste sites or bring to the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a 1/2 mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/rcc/

#### **Posting Your Address**

For emergency purposes it is imrtant that all occupied buildings post addresses that are clearly visible to the street in figures not less than 2 ½ inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

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- •What happens if I throw, push, or place snow/ice from private property onto a street or alley? You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor. •What happens if I push snow/ice across any portion of a street in Recycling a residential neighborhood? You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
- •How can I get notifications when there is a snow emergency for **Milford?** Register for notifications at www.dcem.us (Dickinson County Emergency Management) Drive carefully, obey posted speed lim-
- its, and adjust your speed according to the current conditions. (Note: the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted)

#### Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles may only be operated on city streets when traveling directly to or from the nearest designated snowmobile trail on the most direct route.

#### ATVS

ATVs may be driven on city streets by licensed driver's age 18 years or older. The only two places to cross over Green Waste Site Hwy 71 is 6th and 10th Street. For a full VIV Please be aware that the Milford listing of regulations visit <u>www.milford</u>. ia.us located under Frequently Asked Questions.

#### Fire Hydrants

Please keep snow cleared around fire hydrants following each snow event. Clear a wide enough perimeter (about 3 feet) around the hydrant for firefighters to work. Your assistance with this is apto place your garbage container to the curb you will have to wait until the next scheduled Tuesday collection.

If you have extra bags of trash that will not fit in the cart, bag tags can be purchased at Milford City Clerk's office for \$3.00 per tag.

•Tags for <u>white goods</u> may be purchased at the City Clerk's office at any time during the year. Items such as furniture, mattresses etc. you may contact Waste Management at 888-960-0008 to arrange a pickup or you may take those items to the landfill east of Bridges Bay for disposal.

•Residential curbside recycling service is split into two weeks, Gold Week and Green Week, both serviced on Tuesdays every other week. All residences located on the South side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Gold Week. All residences located on the North Side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Green Week.

•The Dickinson County Recycle Center is available to assist residents for disposal of unique and difficult items. Electronic Waste, Tires, Batteries, and Household Hazardous Materials. Or visit their SWAP shop of many unused items that are free of charge to the public. The Dickinson County Collection Center is located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a ½ mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/rcc/

Green Waste site is only for Milford residential residents with green waste originating within the Milford city limits. Those not living within the city limits of Milford are not permitted to drop off at this site. Those with a Milford mailing address but living outside city limits ie. Dickinson County, Wahpeton, West Okoboji and the like can be charged for illegal dumping. This site is for the City of

mission (5 year term) to fill the (remainder ofterm through 6/30/2026). The Planning and Zoning Commission is in charge of adopting rules and regulations pertaining to planning, zoning and building matters and is an excellent opportunity for community involvement. A small stipend is also paid to board members. The addition of a female representative would help comply with the gender balance rules.

The City of Milford is seeking three (3) applicants to serve on the Airport Board of Adjustment. The Airport Board of Adjustment is separate from the current City Zoning Board of Adjustment. This is not a policy making board, but rather a quasi-iudicial board governed by the provisions of the City Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zoning Ordinance, lowa Code Chapter 329, and other general and zoning ordinances of the City. If interested please contact: LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator at 712-338-2741, or Email: Ireinsbach@milford.ia.us or, visit www.milford.ia.us for a board member application.

All appointments will be in accordance with Milford City Ordinances, Iowa Code 69.16 concerning gender balanced boards, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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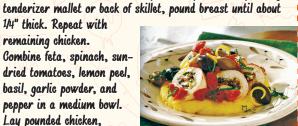
## Stuffed Chicken Breasts

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts 8 ounces feta cheese, crumbled 3 cups chopped fresh spinach leaves 1/3 cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped 1 teaspoon minced lemon peel 1 teaspoon dried basil, oregano or mint 1/2 teaspoon garlie powder

1/4" thick. Repeat with remaining chicken. Combine feta, spinach, sundried tomatoes, lemon peel, basil, garlic powder, and

pepper in a medium bowl.

Lay pounded chicken,



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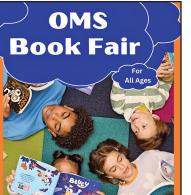
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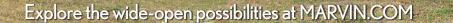
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste smooth side down, on work 1/2 cup all-cured olives

(If using pitted olives, add to the slow cooker in the final hour) Cooked Polenta (optional to serve)

15 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained surface. Place about 2 tablespoons feta mixture on wide end of breast. Roll tightly. Repeat with remaining chicken. Place rolled chicken, seam side down, in slow cooker. Top with diced tomatoes with juice and olives. Cover; cook on low 51/2 to! 6 hours or on high 4 hours. Serve with polenta.

**Recipe Courtesy of:** "Crock\*Pot 365 Year-Round Recipes" by the Crock\*Pot Kitchens.







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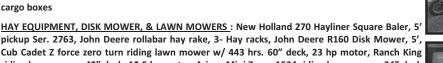
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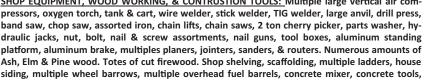
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## **Premier Communications to** Purchase IGL TeleConnect

Premier Communications of Sioux Center, Iowa, has entered into a definitive purchase agreement with Great Lakes Com-



"My family and I started IGL TeleConnect 11 years ago to provide high-quality telecommunications services to rural Northwest Iowa," comments Josh Nelson, CEO of Great Lakes Communication Corp. "In working with Premier on this transaction, we have found that Premier shares that same desire, and our current customers can count on continued high levels of service and investment in the Great Lakes area."

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"Premier is currently making a multi-million-dollar investment in Spirit Lake, IA and plans to continue this fiber expansion further south to Milford, so this acquisition made perfect sense in light of IGL's current network and customer base," adds Ryan Boone, CEO of Premier Communications. "I can't emphasize enough how excited Premier is to continue IGL's community-based approach to serving the lakes region; we are committed to serving this area with the same cutting-edge technology and great customer service that Premier is known for throughout Northwest Iowa."

The closing is subject to routine regulatory approvals, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

## **Dickinson County Historical Society** Launches Capital Campaign to Revitalize the Dickinson County Museum

The Dickinson County Historical Society proudly announces the launch of a comprehensive capital campaign aimed at

raising \$250,000 for the renovation and enhancement of the Dickinson County Museum. With a primary focus on restoring the 140-year-old depot and introducing interactive exhibits, this initiative seeks to offer visitors an



enriched and educational experience, preserving the heritage of our community.

The Dickinson County Museum has been a cornerstone of preserving the history and cultural heritage of our county. In a significant step towards rejuvenating this landmark, the Society aims to refurbish the 140-year-old depot, a historic site that stands as a testament to the county's rich railroad legacy.

"We are thrilled to embark on this transformative journey to revitalize the Dickinson County Museum," said Jonathan Reed, President of the Dickinson County Historical Society. "The museum's depot, a living artifact of our history, deserves preservation and restoration to maintain its significance for future generations."

The capital campaign will allocate funds towards meticulous renovation of the depot, ensuring its structural integrity and historical authenticity. Additionally, the initiative will introduce hands-on exhibits and immersive experiences that aim to engage and educate visitors about the vibrant history of Dickinson County.

"Through the addition of interactive exhibits, we aspire to create a dynamic learning environment, providing visitors with a hands-on experience to connect with the past," Reed added. "Our goal is to make history come alive and inspire a deeper appreciation for our county's heritage."

The Dickinson County Historical Society welcomes and encourages the support of the local community, businesses, and patrons passionate about preserving the area's legacy. Contributions to the campaign will play an instrumental role in the success of this endeavor.

To support the Dickinson County Historical Society's capital campaign, please visit dickinsoncountymuseum.org or contact Museum Director Mary Dreier for further details on donations and sponsorship opportunities.

The Dickinson County Historical Society remains committed to inspiring engagement by preserving our pastand looks forward to the support and enthusiasm of the community in this significant undertaking.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact: Mary Dreier, Museum Director 712-336-5928 staff@dickinsoncountymuseum.org.

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If interested in the position, please contact Milford Municipal Utility Board Chairperson Kae Hoppe MMUTrustee2@milford.ia.us or Milford Municipal

Utility Manager Brad Willemssen 712-338-2401, email bwillemssen@mmuia.us or visit www. milford.ia.us for a board member application. Deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday November 23rd, 2023 or until the position is filled. The appointment will be made by the mayor with city council approva and will be in accordance with Milford city ordinances, Iowa Code § 69.16 concerning gender balanced boards, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy. The addition of a female representative would help comply with the gender balance rules.

## **DICKINSON COUNTY: Board Representatives Needed**

Dickinson County is seeking applicants to consider for appointment on County Board and Commissions. Applications are available on the County Website: www.dickinsoncountyiowa.gov or from the Dickinson County Auditor. All applications for consideration of the current openings should be submitted to the Auditor's Office by December 13, 2023, at 4:30 P.M. The following Boards have an opening effective January 1, 2024: ·Board of Adjustment · Board of Health·

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All applicants must read the Appointment Policy and submit a signed copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy with their

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If interested in the position, please contact Milford Municipal Utility Board Chairperson Kae Hoppe MMUTrustee2@milford.ia.us or Milford Municipal Utility Manager Brad Willemssen 712-338-2401, email bwillemssen@mmuia.us or visit www. milford.ia.us for a board member application.

Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on Friday December 1, 2023 or until the position is filled. The appointment will be made by the mayor with city council approval and will be in accordance with Milford city ordinances, Iowa Code § 69.16 concerning gender balanced boards, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy. The addition of a female representative would help comply with the gender balance rules.

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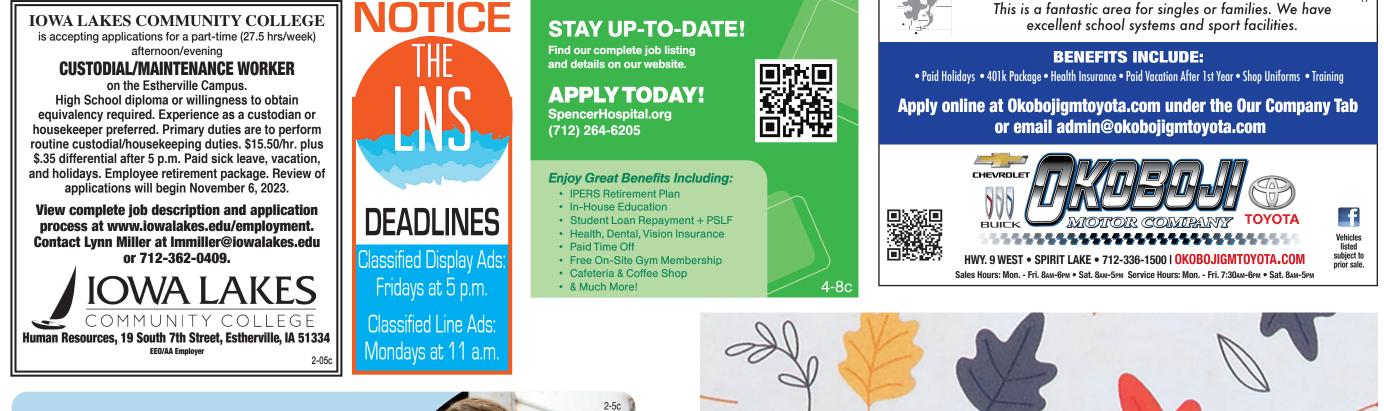
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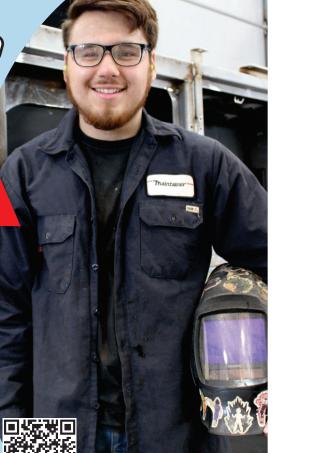


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RIDES has contracted with Enterprise for their Commute with Enterprise program. Commute with Enterprise partners with public agencies to expand the reach of their transit systems while increasing funding and program efficiency. The program connects 4-15 local individuals with similar destinations, allowing them to select a vehicle to share, and drivers take turns commuting. The program will help RIDES to increase service options for the communities they serve, including the Corridor region. "RIDES is an amazing asset to our region, and the addition of the Commute with Enterprise program will allow them to offer more local services for our population and employers," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "We look forward to hearing more about how our businesses can partner with RIDES." The Corridor's Lunch & Learn events are free to attend for all Corridor investors, but RSVPs are required. Please contact the Corridor office at 712-264-3474 or info@lakescorridor.com to reserve your spot!

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The Tour of Homes will have open visiting hours from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Patrons are invited to visit the homes in any order \$20 per person and may be purchased online at https://www. artsongrand.org/other-events.php, at Arts on Grand and the Clay County Heritage Center on Grand Avenue in Spencer. Tickets for the tours will also be available the day of the event at these



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The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, con-

## Time to Get Your Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines

Ahhh, fall - the season of cooler weather, changing colors, pumpkin pie spice-flavored everything and vaccine updates. It's time to get your flu shot and the updated COVID-19 immunization shot. Here are important things for you to know.

Everybody needs the new COVID-19 injection. Getting vaccinated protects you, your family and your community against serious illness. The updated shot is protective against the strains that emerged last winter, spring and summer and that are occurring now. My suspicion is that we're going to have an updated COVID immunization every fall along with an updated flu immunization.

It's absolutely okay to get your flu shot and your updated COVID immunization on the same day, even in the same arm. Doing so will not affect the immunity that you have or will develop for either flu or COVID-19. Getting both vaccines during one visit might be a better idea than doing them one or two weeks apart. What if something comes up and you forget to come back and get that second shot?

If you've not gotten COVID-19 injections in the past, you do not need to have the previous vaccinations. Consider yourself updated when you get this fall's injection.

Everybody should be able to get the new COVID-19 vaccine. You can get it through private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and the Bridge Access Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this program provides free COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured individuals. Your health care provider, pharmacy or local health center know how to access the program.

For the COVID-19 vaccine, don't wait longer than three months since your last vaccine or the last time you had COVID. In either case, your immunity starts waning after four to six weeks. You need the updated shot especially if you're at higher risk with underlying health conditions.

People who had a strong allergic response to a COVID-19 vaccine should talk with their health care provider before getting the updated COVID-19 immunization. When I say "allergic response," I'm talking about a full body rash, tongue or lip swelling, difficulty breathing and a trip to the emergency room. I'm not talking about feeling tired or achy or experiencing headache for a day or two after your injection. Those symptoms mean your body recognizes something new is there it doesn't recognize, and it's building antibodies to fight it in the future and keep you protected. I get these "low key aches" after I get flu and COVID shots, too, and it makes me happy because I know I'm less likely to get seriously ill later.

Everyone six month of age and older is recommended to get both flu and COVID-19 shots. Both vaccinations are available for individuals ages 5 and older.





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