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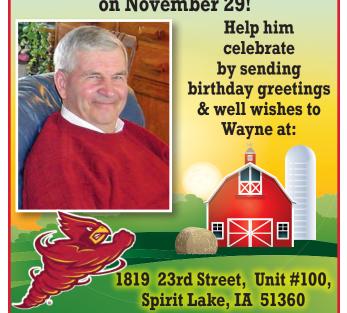


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85th Birthday Announcement

John Solsma celebrated his 85th birthday on Monday, November 20, 2023. Birthday greetings can be sent to 402 Main Street, Hospers, Iowa, 51238.



Attention Pioneer Fans

Team Okoboji, we are excited to begin our winter schedule of activities! Starting next week at Okoboji's first home event (Tuesday, November 21, Girls Bas-

ketball vs MOC-FV) all tickets can be purchased ahead of time on the Bound Ticketing app/website or at the gate through a credit/debit card reader. No cash will be accepted at the gate. Okoboji, the Siouxland Conference,

and many non-conference opponents will also utilize Bound Ticketing for their ticketing needs. You can visit the Bound website https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/okoboji/tickets to purchase an activities pass, individual tickets for all home, and many away events.

- Due to cell phone service, we strongly suggest fans download or snap a picture of their QR code before entering the building.
- The Okoboji Pioneer Booster Club hard copy membership passes will still be accepted at the gate.
- Golden Age passes will be acceptable and are still available at the High School Office during office hours. Thank you and Go Pioneers! Nick Mulder, Activities Director

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Corridor to Host Lunch & Learn

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) will be hosting a Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 30th, from noon to 1:00 p.m., at the RIDES Voss Bus Depot in Spirit Lake. The Corridor is partnering with RIDES for this event.

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!



Christmas Tea Luncheon

First Presbyterian Church will host the Shine Christmas Tea Luncheon, featuring singer/songwriter Jill Miller, on Thursday, December 7, at 12:30pm (doors open at 12:00). The cost is freewill offering (suggested \$15 donation).

Please call 712-336-1649 by December 5 to register. The First Presbyterian Church is located at 3501 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake.



LRH Volunteers Install New Officers

The Lakes Regional Healthcare volunteers organization installed new officers at their fall brunch including (l-r), Corrine Lundell (past president), Marilyn Fleming (corresponding secretary), Ruth Heyne (president), Cheryl Houseman (treasurer), Deb Yellick-Manly (secretary), and Beth Hagberg (vice president).

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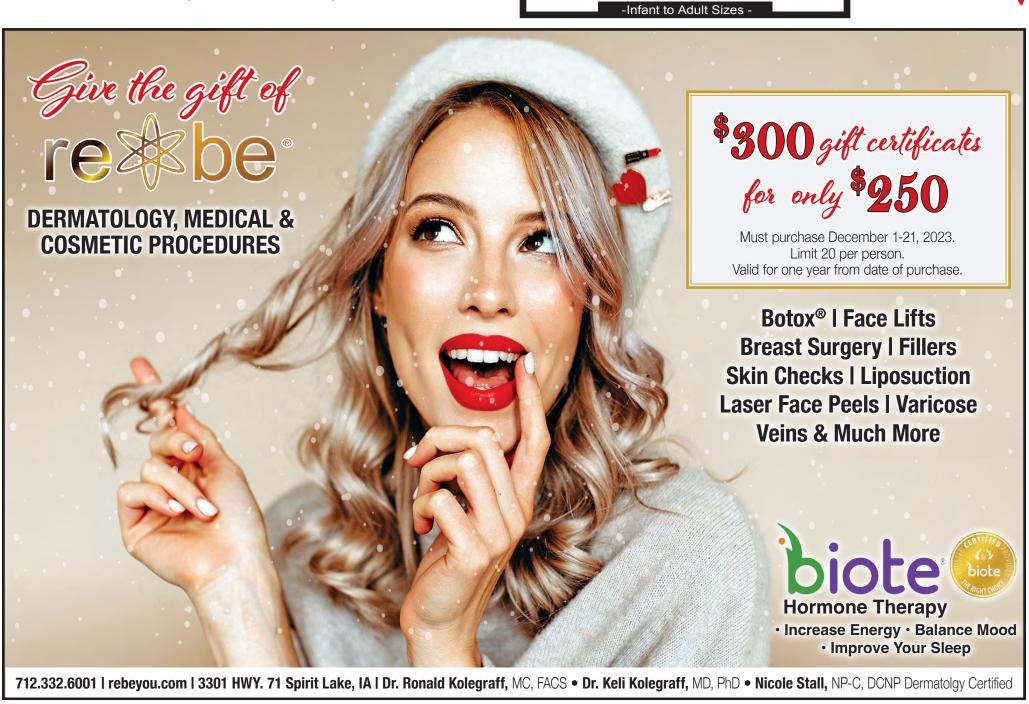
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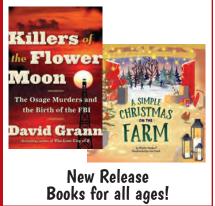
























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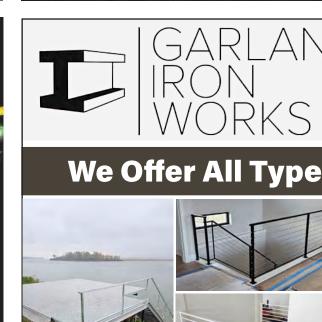
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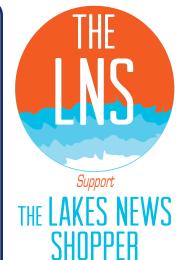








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Celebrating its 35th anniversary as the premier community chorale in NW Iowa, the Many Voices Choir will present its first holiday concert Sunday, November 26th, 3:30 pm, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft. Under the direction of Timothy Schumacher, this year's program "Sing We Now of Christmas" will feature classical, traditional, gospel and jazz selections. Following the tradition of choral excellence and creative programming, the choir will present concerts in three different venues in the area. Various soloists and instrumentalists will be featured including the artistry of their accompanist, DJ Gommels.

"Sing We Now of Christmas" concerts will also take place Saturday, December 2nd, 1:30 pm, in Estherville at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and 7:30pm in Spirit Lake at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Admission is free and a free will offering is appreciated.

The concert begins with Prophecy and Nativity sections and ends with selections of Praise and Celebration. Highlights will include an exciting setting of the timeless carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" adapted from the hit Pentatonix version, a spirited gospel piece, "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" featuring soloist Jeff Griffith, and Handel's "Hallelujah" from "The Messiah" will provide a powerful end to the concert. "I am excited to share this beautiful program sung by these musicians who are so devoted to the art of choral singing," states Schumacher, the choir's long-time conductor and artistic director.

The Many Voices Community Choir has been performing together since 1988. It is a 40-60 member chorale with members from over 15 communities in northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota. Nancy Diekman, a longtime member, reflects, "Singing with the Many Voices Choir draws my creativity and feeds my soul. The Christmas concert is an inspirational way to start the holiday season."

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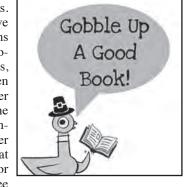
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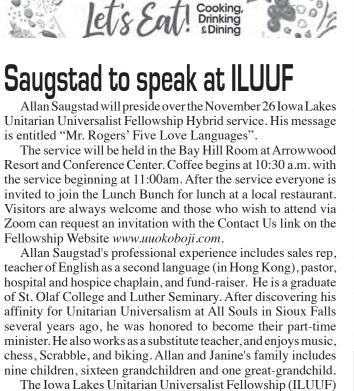
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Resort and Conference Center. Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 11:00am. After the service everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch for lunch at a local restaurant. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

teacher of English as a second language (in Hong Kong), pastor, hospital and hospice chaplain, and fund-raiser. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. After discovering his affinity for Unitarian Universalism at All Souls in Sioux Falls several years ago, he was honored to become their part-time minister. He also works as a substitute teacher, and enjoys music, chess, Scrabble, and biking. Allan and Janine's family includes

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On Small Business Saturday, Lakes Area Farmers Market will hold 'A Handcrafted Christmas' with music, food, and plenty of shopping from local vendors. It's at the Community building on the fair grounds in Spirit Lake from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 25. Register to win one of the four stuffed Christmas stockings to be given away. Vendors at this market will include Mr. Fudge, Cathy' Soap, Pohlman Produce, Porch Box, Karen's Country Crafts and Creations, Palmer Family Crafts, Okoboji Trading Company, Guritz Produce Farm, Tucker's Place, Peckerwood Designs, Birdhouse Bakery, Vickie's Crafts, West River Art Glass, Reflections by Robin M., and crafts from Graanstra, Wolford, and Swanson. The After Prom committee will be selling dish cloths and car wash tickets. Sonya Johnsen will provide Christmas music. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or cocoa and a cookie while you listen and shop. If you need a specific item, some vendors take orders. There will be good things to eat, gifts for all ages, and useful items for yourself. It's Saturday, November 25, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Community building in Spirit Lake. We hope to see you there.

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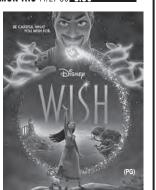
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Dear David.

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Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I'm getting ready for a trip across country and would like to get the best mileage possible. I will be traveling about 6000 miles round trip so even one or two miles per gallon would make a noticeable difference in cost. Is there one thing I can do that will save me fuel that does not cost more than the fuel I will save by doing it? I have not done anything to my vehicle other than oil changes and air filter and I now have about 40,000 miles on the van. I used to get about 28mpg when new and now get about 24.

Melanie in Fisher West Virginia

Dear Melanie,

There are many things that could be contributing to your mpg loss but with only 40,000 miles you are probably in better shape than someone with many more. Spark plugs on newer vehicles usually will last more miles than you have before a major loss in mileage is noticed and you've had the air filter changed. Make sure the tires have proper pressure and if you have never had a professional fuel system cleaning having one done may gain a couple mpg in your case if all other tune up items are in good shape. As a vehicle builds up contaminants in the fuel system efficiency goes down and mileage suffers. A cleaner can restore the lost mpg and is affordable. Cleanings every one to two years is what's recommended.

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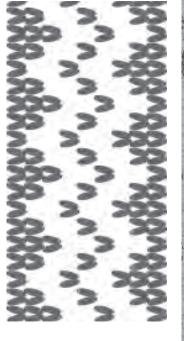
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Local SERVPRO disaster clean-up and restoration specialists urge home cooks to make caution the first ingredient in holiday meal prep The holiday season is almost here, and it is a time when

home cooking activities are at their peak. Unfortunately, all this cooking leads to a related peak in cooking fires, says Ryan Brooks of SERVPRO of

Great Lakes. Cooking fires are responsible for nearly half (49%)

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of all home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). "To help keep your holidays from, literally, going up in smoke, it's critical to know and use safe cooking practices," says Brooks. According to the NFPA, Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home cooking fires, with more than three times the

daily average for such incidents. The NFPA urges home cooks to take some basic safety steps to help prevent cooking fires. Keep your cooking area clean and keep anything that can

burn (dish towels, oven mitts, packaging) at least three feet away from cooking equipment.

Keep a close eye on what's cooking, setting a timer to help you monitor foods with longer cooking times.

Keep in mind that the leading contributing factor to cooking fires and to fire deaths overall is unattended cooking, so plan to be at home and in or near the kitchen at all times when cooking.

"For those who use a turkey fryer to cook their Thanksgiving bird," says Brooks, "it's important to note that more than twothirds of home cooking fires begin with the ignition of cooking materials, including food, fat, and grease. The NFPA strongly discourages the use of these fryers. as they use large amounts of oil at high temperatures. If you do use one, follow all placement, use, and safety instructions carefully."

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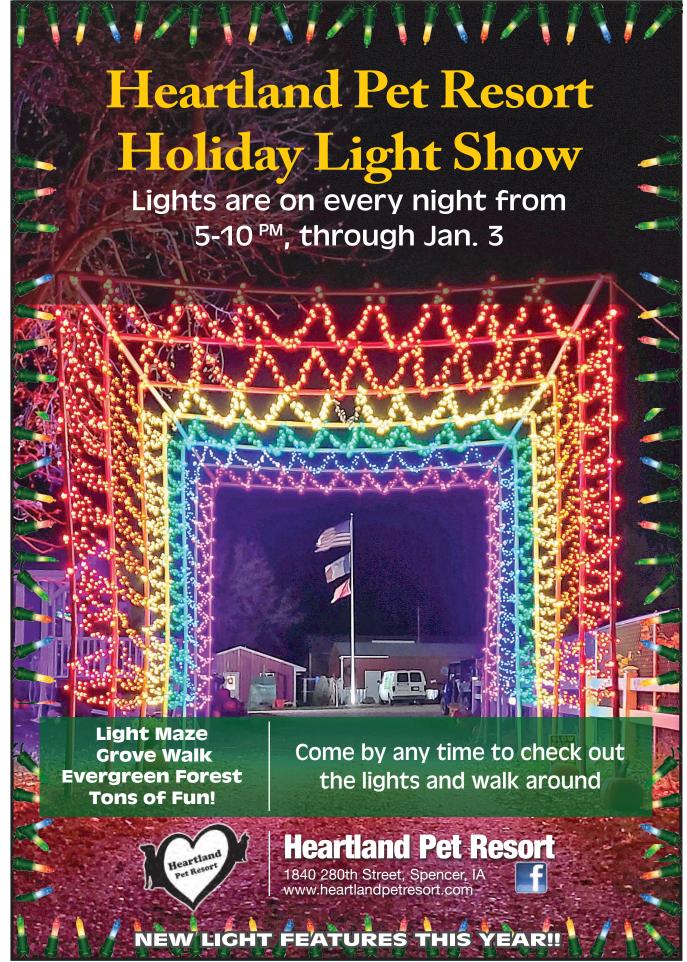
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10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Bingo 1:00 500

Wednesday, November 22

10:30 Tai Chi 11:45 Dig In & Discover - Jody Bulk, Osteoporosis Diagnosis and Treatment

1:00 Canasta **Thursday, November 23** Happy Thanksgiving Friday, November 24 Dinner Date and activities

Monday, November 27

1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Bingo

1:00 Cards

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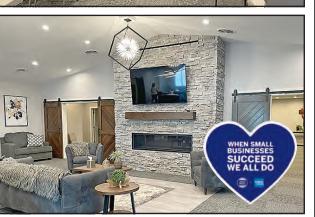
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- Nov. 28 Terry Klein • Dec. 5 - Steve Lang

• Dec. 26 - Terry Klein

• Dec. 12 - Al Lang • Dec. 19 - Tim Horsmann









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Jackson County Library Gingerbread House Contest Jackson County Library & Friends of the Library 4:00 p.m.-Close Holiday Fest Fundraiser Pizza Ranch Pizza Ranch **NOVEMBER 24** 4:00-6:00 p.m. Henning Rental Visits with Santa Historic State Theatre

Free Family Christmas Classic Double Feature Historic State Theatre Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer & Frosty the Snowma **NOVEMBER 25** Salem Lutheran Church Jingle Jog Fun Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Holiday Market Craft Vendor Fair Riverside Elementary Gym 10:00 a.m.-Noon Melynda Tracey Christmas Piano Riverside Elementary Gym

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Santa's Workshop 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cookie Decorating 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Hot Lunch Fundraiser 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Visits with Santa Noon-7:00 p.m. Holiday Market 11:00 a.m. until gone Free Hot Cocoa 1:00 p.m. The Jolly Pops - Free Family Concert 3:00 p.m. 4:15-5:30 p.m.

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In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Parks Marina announced the donation of \$1,000 to the Spencer Hos-

pital Abben Cancer Center in Spencer, Iowa. The Marina was able to raise these funds through limited edition Barefoot Bar t-shirt sales as well as a featured "Booby Drink" sold at Snappers Turtle Bay Cafe and Gardens in the Central Emporium. "This con-

A portion of sales from this year's t-shirts will be tinues to be a donated in support of breast cancer and prostate great tradition cancer research. To purchase a shirt, visit Parks for our compa-Marina in store or go to thebarefootbar.shop. More nies to make an information can be found on the Barefoot Bar impact during Facebook page. breast cancer

awareness month." Debbie Parks, director of marketing for Parks Marina properties, said.

"Our customers and staff are committed to the fight against breast cancer!'

The Barefoot Bar is excited to announce its new limited edition t-shirt, which is available in store and online. A portion of sales from the shirts will again be donated in support of breast

More information on fundraising efforts such as the annual Boatload of Toys Event, among others, can be found on Parks Marina's Facebook Page or website, www.parksmarina.com.

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Carson Farmer, Ag/Commercial Banker, AVP, with Northwest Bank in Arnolds Park, successfully completed the 2023

Iowa Bankers Association's Commercial Lending School held October 2 – 6 in Ankeny.

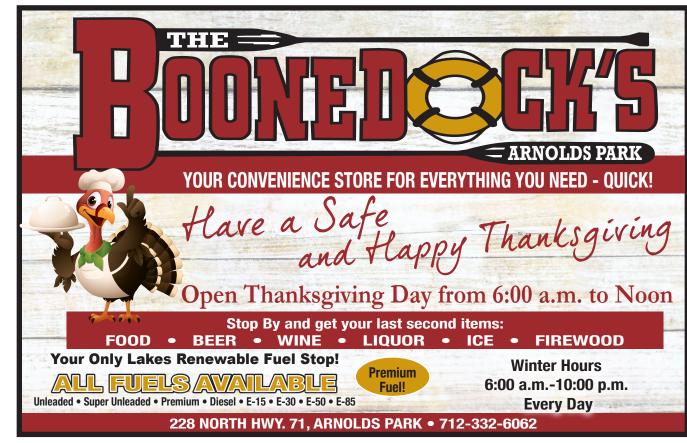
The school is an intense one-week program sponsored by the Iowa Bankers Association. The purpose of the IBA Commercial Lending School is to prepare commercial lenders who have not been exposed to formal commercial lending education or lenders who want to broaden their commercial lending knowledge to serve effectively and profitably as



commercial loan officers. This is accomplished by developing a better understanding of the economy and how it affects the lending decision, how a business is structured and how it competes, and the role of company's management. Attending the school demonstrates commitment to professional growth and expertise and graduates will use their knowledge to further serve their clients and local communities.

Carson specializes in Commercial and Agricultural banking. He joined the Northwest Bank team in 2017 after graduating from the University of Iowa. He currently serves as an Ag/Commercial Banker, AVP. Holding underwriting and risk management roles, building commercial relationships, and interpreting the numbers that help support major loan decisions has given Carson a useful perspective when helping customers reach their financial goals.

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Secret Santa Program

Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, the Campus Women's Club, and the Milford Memorial Library are hosting a Secret Santa

Program in hopes of brightening the holidays for less fortunate children in the area.

Children in the Milford area may be nominated for this program through emailing in fo@okoboj if looring.com, visiting okobojiflooringandfurniture. com, or by stopping into Okoboji Flooring & Furniture in Milford or the Milford Memorial Library! Deadline



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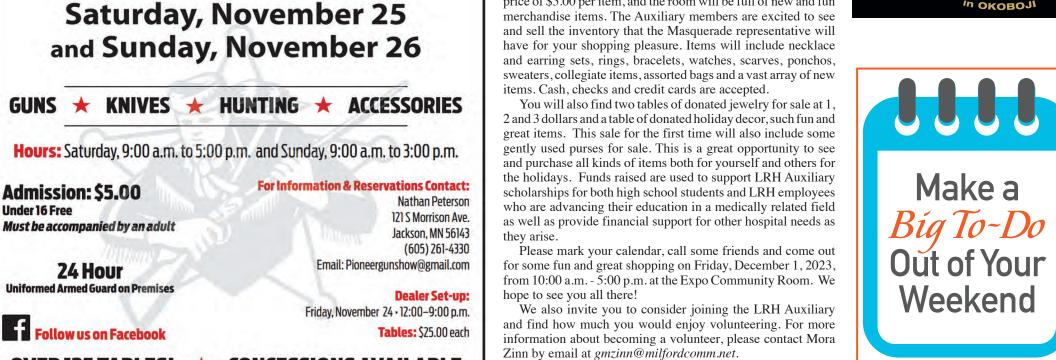
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sale on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the Expo Community Room in Spirit Lake. Masquerade is one of the most recognized hospital fundraising partners. Every Masquerade item in the room will be the unbelievable price of \$5.00 per item, and the room will be full of new and fun

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This year's logo was designed by the talented team at Blink Marketing in Milford. This year's logo grasps the feel of this annual tradition with an emphasis on the great outdoor aspects of this annual tradition.

Mark your calendars for January 25-28th, 2024, for the 44th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games. For a full schedule of events, updated announcements, registration and apparel visit www.uofowintergames.com or check out Facebook page at www. facebook.com/UofOWinterGames.

If you are looking to participate in an event and showcase your business, vendor spots are officially open for the Chocolate Classic & Galleria sponsored by Ingvall Real Estate Team and the Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by Hinn Realty. Forms can be found on the University of Okoboji Winter Games website.

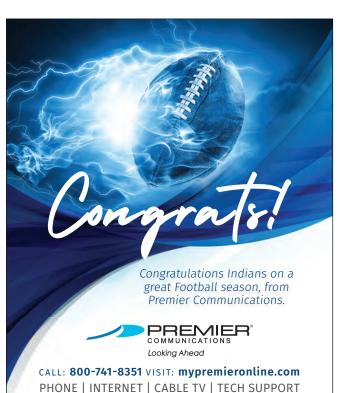
Please contact Morgan Strauss at info@okobojichamer.com or 712-332-2107 with any questions.















Thankful For You!

It's hard to believe that we are already at our Thanksgiving Edition with this week's paper; thankfully it hasn't felt much like a typical November outside, which has been great! As we head into this Holiday Week, we at The Lakes News Shopper wanted to say THANK YOU to our loyal readers and customers who make it possible for us to put out our paper every Tuesday in print and online.

As you know, we are a free newspaper, which is very unique with our format of local news, events and advertisements that make our paper so readable every week. None of this would be possible without our loyal advertisers who trust The LNS to help reach their customers. We would not exist without a strong and loyal customer base that continues to put their faith in us to market their businesses every week. Many people who live outside of this area, especially those in the corporate world, don't understand the strength of community papers, be they free or paid, and we are super grateful that our local business owners and managers understand the strength of community papers, and that they continue to put their trust in us! These businesses could not survive without customers, which are our loyal readers. We are so thankful for the 40,000+ loyal LNS readers who peruse our paper weekly, be it on our print version or our digital edition. It is always very humbling to hear the stories of our readers waiting for our papers to be delivered at local businesses on Tuesdays, or to hear about how The LNS is the first thing people pick up when they get into town to see what is all going on, or to get emails and phone calls about how much people love reading The LNS!

It was also very humbling this past fall when our community turned to The Lakes News Shopper for all that was going on in our area, and even though it wasn't summer, there was A LOT going on! From the school board, school bond and local elections, to the proposed wind turbine complex, people turned to The LNS for Letters to the Editor to share their opinions, as well as run ads to help share their message. Some of those editions were as large and well-read as some of our larger summer Holiday Editions, and we are so thankful that the community would trust us to stay informed.

The words THANK YOU are such powerful words and mean so much to people that you share them with. They are two words that have the power to transform our health, happiness and success. Research shows that grateful people are happier and more likely to maintain strong friendships. Please take the time, not only this week, but on a daily basis to let the people who are close to you know that you are thankful for them and how important they are to you. We at The LNS are very grateful for you and THANK YOU for what you do for us!















THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH in Milford held its 11th Annual Soup Supper on November 4th, 2023. A social hour and soup meal was provided to veterans and guests free of charge to thank them for their military service. A program and door prizes, some made by CDA members, rounded out the evening.





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- Students who have gone above and beyond in the classroom effort or achievement during the previous semester.
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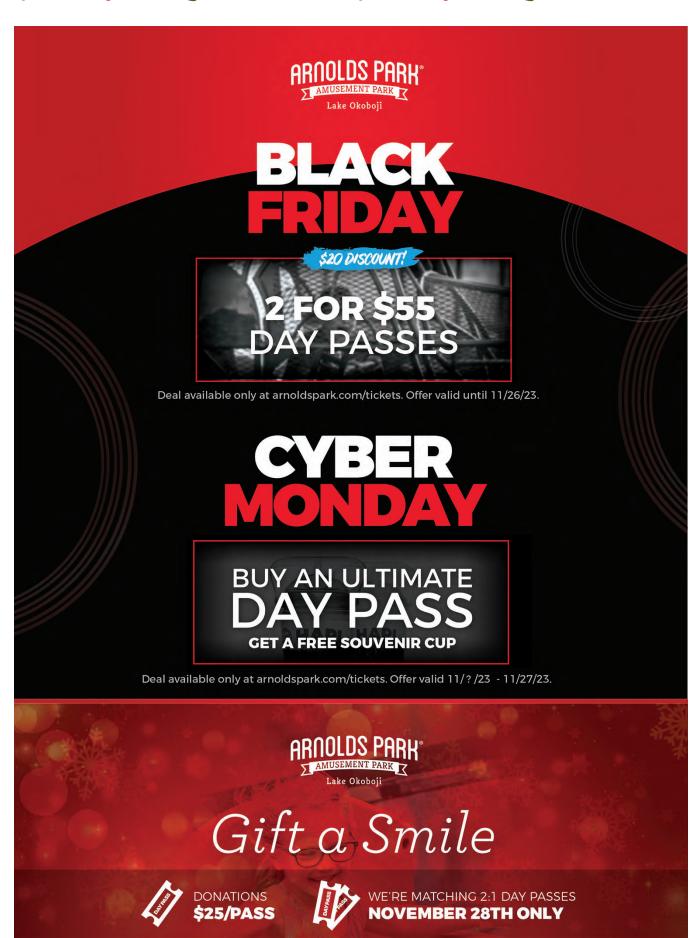
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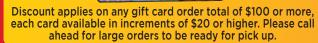








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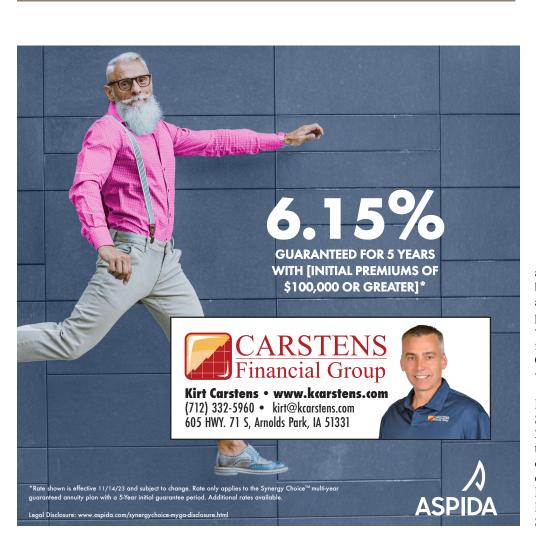












Tues., Nov. 21 - 01:00 AM -Farm retirement auction in Pomeroy, IA. Auctioneers: Winegarden, Malecek & Lynch. 712-335-3117.

Sun., Nov. 26 - 11:30 AM -Gun & Ammo auction in Spirit Lake. IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Tues., Nov. 28 - 10:00 AM -75.59 acres at auction in Jackson Co., MN. Auctioneers: Dan Pike 507-847-3468. www.danpikeauction.com.

Wed., Nov. 29 - 11:00 AM -Farm Machinery auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Sikors & Winegarden. 712-335-3117. www. iowaauction.net.

Thurs., Nov. 30 - 10:00 AM -Farm Retirement auction in Algona. Auctioneer: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Wed., Dec. 6 - 10:00 AM -150 Acres at auction in Gruver. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

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Lakes Area **Activity Center**

November Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center **Tuesday, November 21** 8:30 - Kiwanis 12.30 - Bridge 12:30 - Speaker -Sue Boetcher - IUS Extension Office Wednesday, November 22 9:00 - Exercise Class

1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, November 23 Happy Thanksgiving - No Dinner Date, Center Closed Friday, November 24

No Dinner Date, Center

Closed Saturday, November 25 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, November 26 Dance to live music with Bill and Jackie 2-5pm

Monday, November 27 9:00 - Exercise

1:00 - Pinochle

1:30 - Table Tennis

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed. Call District 2 at 712-580-4406 for more information.

Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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.

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Guys & Dolls a Success at OHS

Congratulations to the Cast, Crew, Pit and Directors on an amazing weekend of performances of "Guys & Dolls" on November 10-12! Crowds raved about the show with toe-tapping songs, fantastic sets and costumes, and the wonderful singing, dancing and acting.

Special acknowledgement to the 8 seniors who have been part of the musical (many of them all 4 years): Adi Frerichs, Izzy Gehrke, Emma Graves, Aubry Knudtson, Maddison Lambert, Rylan Runkle (cast), Hunter Hallengren and Sam Hoggard (pit).

Directors: Jo Gehrke and Zane Knudtson.

Cast: Maddison Lambert, Isabelle Gehrke, Trigg Heimdal, Tyler Christensen, Aubry Knudtson, Aidan Gehrke, Asher Knudtson, Ben Roos, Preston Sires, Owen Riphagen, Hailey Schneider, Finnigan Jack, Paige Orosco, Declan Donovan, Dulce Ortega, Adison Frerichs, Sally Androski, Rylan Runkle, Emma Graves, Ava Evaro, Nora Conover, McKenna Hesse, Lucy Androski, Jo Van Wyhe, Annamaria Simone, Sophia Menicucci-Doll, Bella Sandbulte, Elliana Antoine, Kennedi Layman, Anna Quanbeck.

Stage Crew: Paige Evenson, Mya Whiting, Sam McCauley, Natalie Kollasch, Jennesa Gates, Brilee Fauth.

Lights and Sound Crew: Aiden Clark, Andrew Frerichs, Leo Kinnetz.

Pit Band: Linda Ballah (Director and Piano), Cole Becker, Ella Downing, Lydia Downing, Zoe Drost, Hunter Hallengren, Marc Hoggard, Sam Hoggard.

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 the show.

Thank you also to Sibley High School for costumes, Gary and Linnea Lambert for help with costumes and pit, and the Okoboji Fine Arts for their support.













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Registration is required for this program. Please call or stop in to your local library for more information. Program plans are subject to change.



Discovery House Jessica Amendt Director

One of my favorite things about the holidays is traditions. For Thanksgiving, we move around town going from one extended family to another. Christmas Eve has always been spent baking, wrapping gifts, or relaxing in front of the fire with a Christmas movie on. On Christmas Eve night, everyone gets to open one gift, and every year it is a new pair of pajamas, freshly washed, and ready to put on before bed. Christmas morning the gifts are opened before we begin to make the rounds to extended family again.

Since the beginning of my career, I have also made it a tradition to do something for an individual or family that I have been working with. Some years it was a small gift for each of the kids that I would deliver on Christmas Eve morning, or dropping off gifts to mom or dad to put under the tree from them or Santa because they weren't sure how they would have any otherwise. Some years I delivered a turkey for Thanksgiving, other years a plate of goodies for Christmas. For the last two years, my family has created holidays and new traditions for our residents.

This year, I realized that there won't be anyone celebrating with us that was with us last year during this time. For our residents this year, we aren't practicing their traditions, we are introducing them to ours. We try to make the residents feel like they are part of the family, and this is home. However, we also recognize that some of our residents still have family and want to spend the holidays with them. So, on Thanksgiving Day, everyone is encouraged to visit family or friends if they would like, and a small Thanksgiving meal is available to anyone who stays home. Then, on Saturday afternoon, we have the big Discovery House Thanksgiving and residents have an opportunity to learn how to make some of the foods. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, scalloped corn, cranberries, deviled eggs, rolls, Jello salads, and pies. That is a whole lot of food, but do you have any idea how much it takes to feed 24 Spirit Lake residents, 7 Spencer residents, my family of 8, and former residents who are always welcome back to the table with us? Not to mention figuring out where everyone can sit! After growing up as an only child, I never imagined I would be celebrating with 40 people sitting around our table together. God has certainly blessed me!

When Christmas comes, we will do a similar schedule. Last year, the residents voted to have a non-traditional Christmas meal and we had a variety of appetizers, dips, goodies, and 5 different soups. The residents loved the change and the appetizers and goodies made snacking while we played games and hung out super easy. We played some games, like pass the present, and the reindeer antler ring toss, complete with prizes and a lot of laughs.

I look forward to sharing more about the holidays, our new and expanding traditions, and what fun we found ourselves in this year. And when our new website launches, I hope to be able to share some of the photos that I am always taking. I would also like to thank everyone who has reached out to offer support for expanding the Spencer campus with beds, sheets, pillows, towels, dishes, and miscellaneous other needs. We are also extremely grateful for the gift cards for the area grocery stores, Amazon, gas cards, and food donations. There is no gift too small, and every dollar makes a difference! Thank you! From our homes to yours, we wish you all a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.

In His grace, Jessica



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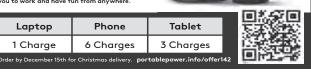




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Holiday Food Safety

by Amy Jones, Human Sciences Specialist, Food and Health

The most wonderful time of the year is already here. Some of us stay home for Thanksgiving; others travel to visit relatives or friends. Regardless of the destination, one thing that does not change is that food is always part

of the celebration. Amy Jones, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Food and Health Field Specialist, recommends these food safety tips to ensure the food you prepare for your friends and family is safe and your holiday season won't be remembered for the wrong reason

 food poisoning. Holiday Food Safety 'To Do' List for Cooking and Traveling Let's start our 'to do' list with USDA's four steps to food safety: CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK and CHILL.

- Clean your hands for 20 seconds with soapy water. Always serve food on clean plates and avoid reusing plates that previously held raw meat and poultry.
- Separate raw and cooked foods so you don't cross con-
- Cook using a food thermometer to make sure food reaches a safe minimum internal temperature.
- Chill leftovers within two hours of cooking. Keep track of how long items have been sitting on the buffet table and

discard anything that has been out longer than two hours. Reminders for Thanksgiving Turkey 1.Do not defrost your turkey on the kitchen counter. Even though the center of the package may still be frozen, the outer layer of the food is in the "Danger Zone" between 40° and 140°

F — a temperature where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly.

- You can safely thaw a turkey using the following methods: Refrigerator Thawing: When thawing in a fridge, allow roughly 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, a turkey is safe in a refrigerator for one
 - Cold Water Thawing: When thawing in a cold-water bath, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. Change the water every half hour until the turkey is thawed. Cook it immediately after thawing.

2. Do not cook your turkey overnight at a low temperature: It is not safe to cook any meat or poultry in an oven set lower than 325° F. Cook your turkey at 325° F or above and ensure all parts of the turkey reach a safe internal temperature of 165° F.

If you have questions about cooking turkey, call AnswerLine at 800-262-3804, open 9 a.m.-12 noon, 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; or the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. On Thanksgiving Day, the Hotline will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

If you are invited to a holiday party and plan to bring your famous holiday dish or if you are traveling to visit relatives or friends, be sure to keep hot foods hot (140°F or above), by carrying them in insulated containers. If you're transporting cold food, keep it cold (40°F or below), by carrying it with cold sources such as ice or frozen gel packs. The best way to ensure that food is being held at a safe temperature while you are traveling is to pack and use an appliance thermometer in the cooler.

Adapted from USDA: https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2023/11/13/keep-risky-habits-out-kitchen-thanksgiving and FSIS https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/poultry/lets-talk-turkey-roasting.









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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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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:

Celebrations are premature for Summit Carbon Landowners targeted for eminent domain by Summit Carbon Solutions won several victories recently, but our fight is far from over. Summit remains a very real threat to private property rights.

Summit suffered significant blows from regulatory agencies in multiple states. The North Dakota PSC denied Summit's permit, and Oliver County denied its injection well permit. In South Dakota, the PUC denied the permit and upheld county ordinances. Summit has moved senior staff into five key counties to find alternate routes and reapply.

Because of permit denials in the Dakotas, Summit's grandiose plan is a pipeline to nowhere. Company CEO Bruce Rastetter recently announced the launch has been delayed two years, if approved.

 $Two\,weeks\,ago, the\,IUB\,concluded\,its\,evidentiary\,hearing\,on$ the permit application. Summit presented its case followed by weeks of testimony from hundreds of Iowans with land targeted for eminent domain. Their stories were gripping, some moving grown men to tears. Videos can be viewed on Bold Nebraska's YouTube postings.

The hearing is finished. Now, the Board must review thousands of pages of records. A decision is months away. Summit's permit could be approved, denied, or approved with conditions. Even if approved, the decision will be tied up in court, possibly for years.

Meanwhile, Summit must obtain permits for hundreds of millions of gallons of water from the DNR and county permits for wastewater disposal, air quality, road crossings, river crossings, and conditional use. Counties are working on ordinances, and state legislators are discussing eminent domain reform.

The permit hearing has ended, but the fight is far from over. Impacted landowners and concerned Iowans will continue to rally against Summit's unconstitutional land grab and dangerous CO2 pipeline. Celebrations are premature for Summit Carbon Solutions.

Bonnie Boeck Ewoldt Milford resident and Crawford County landowner



Iowa Lakes Announces 24th Annual Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste

Hear ye, hear ye! Iowa Lakes Community College's Music Department is delighted to announce the arrival of the 24th Annual Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste. This year, the merriment shall take place at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center in Estherville on December 1 and 2, commencing at 6:30 pm. Ticket sales shall commence on November 1, 2023.

The Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste is a delightful homage to the Christmas Feaste, a cherished annual tradition hailing from early England. It promises a grand spectacle of celebration, where the 12 days of Christmas shall be joyfully celebrated and toasted.

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Farm Bureau Survey Shows Midwest Has Lowest Thanksgiving Meal Cost

The American Farm Bureau Federation reports the average cost of this year's Thanksgiving meal for 10 is \$61.17, a 4.5% decrease from last year. However, the cost is still 25% higher than in 2019.

Those living in the Midwest will reap the benefits of a more affordable Thanksgiving meal, averaging \$58.66.

"Food inflation remains elevated but has fallen in 2023 compared to the last several years," says Dr. Christopher Pudenz, Iowa Farm Bureau economist. "At the same time, the overall cost decrease reflected by Farm Bureau's survey is more appropriately attributed to turkey supply."

There were fewer cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in 2023 compared to 2022. With more turkeys available, the average price of this Thanksgiving centerpiece dropped to \$27.35, or \$1.71 per pound, a 5.6% decrease from last year.

The most significant price fluctuations were 12-ounce bags of cranberries and half pints of whipping cream, which dropped 18% and 23% respectively. Pumpkin pie filling and a 12-pack of dinner rolls saw modest price increases at 3.8% and 3%.

While a less costly holiday meal is welcome news for many, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farmers receive less than 15 cents of every dollar spent on food, with the rest covering marketing, transportation, and labor. Data recently released by the Iowa National Agricultural Statistics Service also shows average annual farm production costs in Iowa exceeded \$420,000. Pudenz adds while high grain prices helped offset record expenses, farm income is forecasted to decline by 23%.

"Agriculture has always played a critical role in Thanksgiving traditions," says Pudenz. "Despite livestock diseases, drought impacts, and high input costs, farmers continue to provide the essential foods for these family gatherings, all while maintaining high standards of animal welfare and conservation. And that is certainly something to be thankful for."

The American Farm Bureau annual Thanksgiving dinner survey is compiled with pricing data provided by Farm Bureau members from all 50 states from Nov. 1-6. Items in the survey include frozen pie crusts, pumpkin pie mix, whipping cream, dinner rolls, fresh cranberries, rolls, whole milk, frozen peas, sweet potatoes and stuffing. An expanded menu, which includes boneless ham, russet potatoes and frozen green beans, increased

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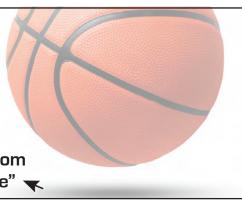


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42 cup dark corn syrup 142 cups heavy whipping cream 11/2 cups pumpkin purée

1 tablespoon rum 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

42 teaspoon salt 1 pre-baked 9 1/2-inch pie crust

Chantilly Cream: 1 cup heavy whipping cream 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

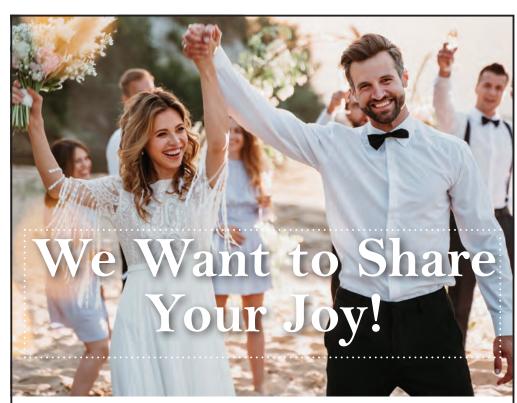
Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar until blended. Add the corn syrup and whisk until smooth. Whisk in

the cream, pumpkin purée, rum, cinnamon, ginger, and salt until well mixed. Pour into the prebaked pie crust. Bake until the filling is set, about 30 minutes. Let cool to room temperature. Serve with the chantilly cream.



Chef's Tip: The pie may be made a day in advance, covered and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before serving. Chantilly Cream: Put the cream, vanilla and sugar in a bowl and whip with an electric mixer on medium speed until soft peaks begin to form. The cream should hold its shape but still be very smooth. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Recipe Courtesy of: Emily Luchetti's "Classic Stars Desserts."



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Obituaries

Funeral services are planned for Robert Allen Gunderson, 86, of Lake Park, at 10:30am, Tuesday, November 21,

Lake Park Methodist Church. Visitation with family members were present on Monday, November 20, at the church.

Bob Gunderson died on November 13, at Aspire of Lake Park Care Center, surrounded by his family.

Robert Allen Gunderson was born on April 3, 1937, the first of three children born to Paul and Verna (Olson) Gunderson, of rural Montgomery. Bob attended school in Lake Park and participated in a variety of activities, including football, basketball, baseball, band,

FFA, and drama. He graduated in 1955 and matriculated to Morningside College in Sioux City, where he majored in

Following his graduation from Morningside in 1961, Bob enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard and served as a U.S. Army medic throughout his six-year commitment.

He married his high school sweetheart, Jeanine Arnold, on June 25, 1961, and the couple made their home in Reinbeck, where Jeanine taught vocal music while Bob worked at a fertilizer plant and finished his student-teaching requirements at the old Northern Iowa University High School in Cedar

The couple moved to Lake Park in 1963, as Bob began farming. In 1964, with assistance from the Lake Park Development Corporation, he started his lengthy career as a bowling proprietor at Silver Lanes, named for Lake Park's

Bob owned and operated Silver Lanes for 43 years, enjoying his role in hosting and participating in dozens of bowling leagues and hundreds of tournaments. He was in his element while building a business and simultaneously developing lifelong friendships with his bowlers, customers, and community members.

Bob competed in the American Bowling Congress national tournament in cities across the U.S. for nearly 40 years. A board member of the Iowa Bowling Proprietors' Association, Bob helped establish the Lakes Conference Bowling Tournament and enjoyed his first 300 game in 2002, at age 64.

Bob retired at age 70 but remained a daily fixture at Silver Lanes and Gunderson's Restaurant, which is now owned and operated by his son, Grant.

Community involvement was part of Bob's DNA and it showed through his participation as Lion's Club President, and an active member of the Harris-Lake Park Board of Education, Lake Park Chamber of Commerce, Silver Lake Country Club, Lake Park United Methodist Church, and the Dickinson County Endowment Fund, among others. Bob was instrumental in founding the Lake Park Little League Association and would go on to coach his children in baseball, football, and softball.

In 2003, he and Jeanine proudly played a role in the growth of their community, working with the late Augie Scheppmann to develop a portion of their farm into West Bay Estates on the south side of beautiful Silver Lake.

A family man at his core, Bob cherished the opportunities he and Jeanine enjoyed in supporting their children and grandchildren in a host of activities that ranged from football and basketball to choir and marching band, and so much more, in a geographic area that stretched across lowa, the Big XII Conference, and into the Twin Cities and Indiana. It was likely his life's greatest joy, with Jeanine at his side, counting their blessings in the gymnasiums and auditoriums, and on the diamonds and fields for decades. It is impossible to fathom how many hours they spent on the road together in this shared pursuit. Dairy Queen and volunteers staffing several hundred concession stands across the Midwest

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Verna Gunderson, his in-laws, Clayton and Florence Arnold, brothers-in-law Donald Krebs and Stanley Heikens, and sisters-in-law, June Krebs and Peggy Gunderson.

Surviving family members include his wife of 62 Jeanine Gunderson. Their children include Lane and Ginny Gunderson, of Lake Park; Gregg and Mindy Gunderson, of Lake Park; Jill and Tim Gallagher, of Storm Lake; Grant and Tonia Gunderson, of Lake Park; Drs. Todd and Kim Gunderson of Jasper, Ind.; and Tara Seifert, of Chaska, Minn.

Grandchildren include Trevor Gunderson, Tyce Gunderson, Connor Gunderson, Macy (Drew) Planteen, Grady (Paige) Gallagher, Paul (Hannah) Gallagher, Ellen Gallagher, Anthony Gallagher, Sally Gallagher, Ryan Mann, Blake Gunderson, Lucas Gunderson, Tessa Gunderson, Quinn Gunderson, Cole Gunderson, Graham Gunderson, Jack Seifert and Owen Seifert.

Also left to cherish his memory are Bob's great-grandchildren Annie Gallagher, Wells Gallagher, Colton Gallagher and Tate Planteen; as well as his brother, Jon Gunderson, sister Deanne (Ed) McCollom, in-laws Jane Heikens and Steve and Jennifer Krummen, and many nieces

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Lake Park Methodist Church, the Alzheimer's Association, St. Croix Hospice, or a charity of one's choice in Bob's name

Bob's family wishes to give special thanks to Pastor Sedar Shako, of Lake Park Methodist Church, St. Croix Hospice, Dr. Andrew Meuting, and Aspire of Lake Park Care Center, and all those who assisted and cared for Bob the past several years. Your devotion and faithful prayers continue to make a difference for Bob and his family.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Seasons Center Spencer Administrative Office Re-Opens

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health's Administrative office, located at 201 E. 11th Street in Spencer, re-opened on Monday, November 20, 2023. The office has been closed for renovation since January. Effective November 20 all adult services will resume at the 11th Street location.

Over the last ten months crews have worked hard installing a new heating and cooling system, a new fire suppression system, a new fire alarm system, upgrading the elevator, and refreshing the overall look of the space. Crews also remodeled a portion of the office to create a brand-new space dedicated to crisis stabilization services.

"We are excited to announce the re-opening of our Spencer office," said Dan Ries, President & CEO of Seasons Center. "We would like to thank our clients and staff for their patience and understanding as we transitioned services to Autumn's Center during construction. The final outcome at the Administrative office was well worth the wait and we are excited for clients and staff to be able to enjoy an updated, remodeled space."

With the hospital's construction project still in progress, clients will need to access Seasons Center from the east. Third Ave. East or East 11th Street will be the most direct routes to the office. We apologize for the inconvenience but are excited for our healthcare partners to have a new emergency department.



Milford Memorial Library News

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You are invited to Milford Memorial Library's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 2, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Join us

for kid crafts (make and take or to go), Santa's visit, Festival of Trees voting, and treats provided by the Friends of the Milford Library. We are looking forward to starting the holiday season with

you! Make MML merry and bright with decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees. You may bring in trees until Friday, December 1. Judging will be on Saturday, De-

cember 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Categories are the following: Best Business, Best Personal/Family, Best Organization, Most Creative, and Librarian's Choice. Winners will receive a prize. If you have any questions please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or

by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. The Holiday Fantasy Food Drive is going on now! Help us fill the empty shopping cart located at Milford Memorial Library. We are collecting non-perishable food items for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines. Share what you can spare.

Join us on Tuesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting, fellowship, and snacks provided by the three local libraries. We will have a special guest teaching us how to paint with watercolors. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 30 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15 for registration. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ adult-program-registration.html



Reference Resources

At the Spirit Lake Public Library, we have a small, but mighty reference section for your perusal. It is located on the west wall below the green "Reference" flag. All the items in this section are strictly for in-library use, meaning they cannot be checked out. The exception is the Spirit Lake High School yearbooks that are on CD. The CDs are available for check out. Let's look at some of the items that are available to use.

Already mentioned are the SLHS yearbooks. We have hard copies of yearbooks beginning in 1950 and going through 2021. The CD copies cover the years 1950-2013. Some other items in the collection are as follows: six volume set Code of Iowa books, 1899 Iowa Geological Survey, Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, genealogy information, and DAR Patriot indexes. There are a couple Pictorial Atlases of Dickinson County from 1981 and 1992 that are fun to look at. There is a three-volume set of Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens from 1915 that is pretty interesting, too!

We have local history which includes cemetery records, 3-ring binders of obituaries from 1993-2023, genealogies of local area families, and historical readings on the Lakes Area. From 1915 there is a two volume set of the History of Emmet County and Dickinson County Iowa. The years of 1911, 1922, 1923, and 1926 are represented in four bulletins of the "Okoboji Protective Association." A popular resource is the binder about the 1944 Raebel Murder Case in Dickinson County. There are several folders with readings of the Spirit Lake Massacre. A copy of the Civil War diary of Philip Roesch is also on the shelf. Speaking of the Civil War, we also have a Soldier's Record from the Civil War Dickinson County that could be useful for genealogical research. There's also a nice scrapbook from World War II and lots of miscellaneous local information.

There are many more interesting items in the resource section at the SLPL. Stop soon and see what you find!

Upcoming Activities at SLPL

- Thursday, November 23, Closed
- Friday, November 24, Closed • Monday, November 27, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, November 29, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters • Thursday, November 30, 10:30 a.m., Story Time
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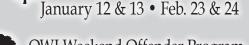
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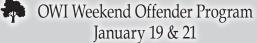
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in 2022, a 13 percent increase over 2021. Travel-generated expen-



7.7% over 2021. Additional data from the Tourism Economics study shows travel-generated state and local tax receipts at \$1.1 billion. Tourism in Iowa also supported 68,607 jobs, comprising 5% of all jobs in the state. The tourism industry employs 306 people in Clay County.

"As the tourism coordinator in Clay County, I'm thrilled to witness the positive impact of tourism on our community. The recent data released by the Iowa Tourism Office highlights the appeal of our local attractions and emphasizes the economic vitality that tourism brings," says Olivia Baxter, Clay County Tourism Coordinator.

The entire report is available at *traveliowa.com*.

The Iowa Tourism Office, part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, works closely with community partners, attractions and events, to promote the state's beautifully vast scenery and unique history. For more information on everything Iowa has to offer tourists, visit traveliowa.com.

For more information please contact: Olivia Baxter, Tourism Coordinator, tourism@spenceriowachamber.org, 712-262-5680

Adopt a Family for Christmas

If you are a Dickinson County family experiencing financial difficulties, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, INC. would like to brighten your

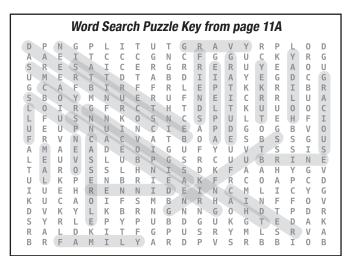
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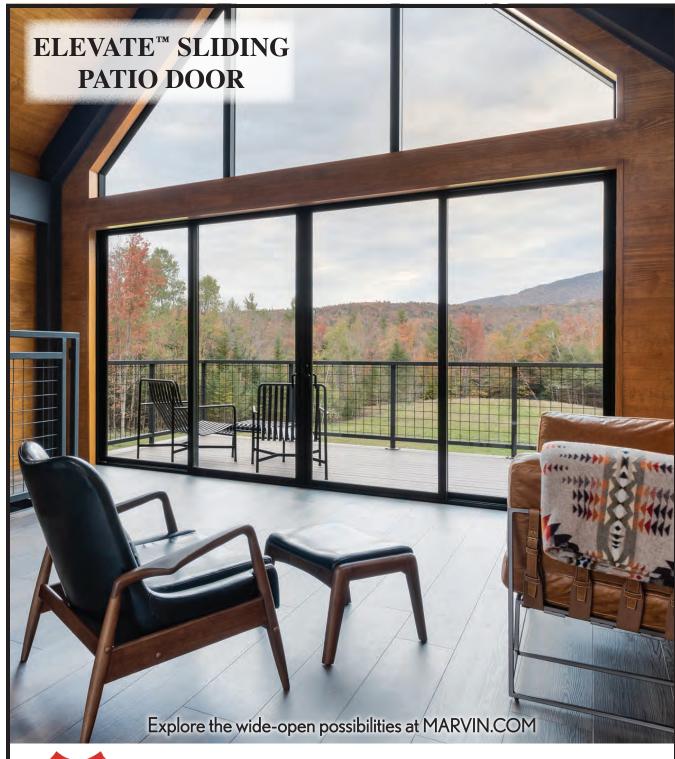
applications for our Adopt a Family program, now through December 1st. Please stop in our office at 1575 18th Street Spirit Lake, IA to pick up your application or you may call our office at 712-336-1112.

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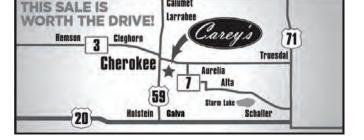




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