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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.
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One entry per person per week. The Lakes News Shopper U-Pick-Em Pigskin Challenge runs weekly through the December 12, 2023 issue. The winner will be whoever picks the most correct games. For rules go to: LakesNewsShopper.com



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.

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Milford Memorial Library News

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Youth Week of November 27 - December 1, 2023
 Milford Memorial Library is excited to see everyone at the upcoming Holiday Fantasy from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. We will have treats, a visit from Santa, voting on the holiday trees, and a take or make craft for the kiddos.
 The December youth programming is ready to go for the families. Here are some events to keep in mind: Building Bookworms at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, December 4 (theme: Santa, craft: Santa belt bag), and December 18 (Kindermusik with Miss Allison). There will be one Minds in Motion, at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, December 11. Lastly, we will have a matinee movie showing of The Bad Guys along with popcorn, at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 14.

View From The Bench
 by John Adams, Jr.

Coaching Gems by Ferentz and Campbell

The regular season is finished for college football, and one could argue that our two Power 5 coaches, Kirk Ferentz and Matt Campbell did their best coaching jobs in their careers this season. Iowa finishes the regular season with a very impressive 10-2 season, including a 7-2 Big 10 record, which earned them a Big 10 West title and spot in the Big 10 Championship game on Saturday vs #2 Michigan. Iowa State, which started 1-2, finishes with a solid 7-5 record, including a strong 6-3 Big 12 record, which was good enough to tie for third place in the rugged Big 12 Conference.

Ferentz has coached for a lot longer than Campbell, and has many more championships and victories, but one would be hard-pressed to find a season facing more adversity than what Ferentz and the Hawkeye team faced this year. We all know that Iowa's offense is very limited, while they have a formula for winning that puts pressure on their defense and special teams, which consistently come through for the Hawks. This year, Iowa not only had to overcome an inept offense, but the Hawks also lost their starting quarterback, two tight ends, and the best player of the season to injuries during Big 10 play, as well as a starting defensive lineman due to the State of Iowa gambling probe. Throw on top the fact that Ferentz's son, Brian, who was in charge of said inept offense, was told he would not be brought back after the Hawks lost to Minnesota, and it made for a season like Ferentz had never seen during his storied career. Iowa topped this season off with their sixth straight win in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Friday in typical Hawkeye fashion, 13-10. Iowa was tied late in the game after blowing a 10-0 lead and not moving the ball at all in the second half. It appeared that the Huskers may have a chance to win the game before Iowa's Ethan Hurkett picked off a pass and returned it into Nebraska territory. Leshon Williams then ran for 22-yards to get Iowa into field goal range, and then Marshall Meeder, the backup place kicker, made his first kick of the season, a 38-yard field goal on the last play of the game to give the Hawks the Heroes Trophy.

Matt Campbell and his staff, much like Iowa, faced a ton of adversity this past off-season and season. The Cyclones lost five starters in the State of Iowa gambling probe, including four offensive starters. ISU was coming off a very disappointing 2022 season that saw them finish 4-8 with a last place finish in the Big 12 with a 1-8 conference mark. The Cyclones then started the season 1-2, including very poor offensive performances against Iowa (no one looks good vs the Hawkeye defense) and Ohio. A rough Big 12 schedule awaited the Cyclones and it appeared they would be well on their way to another losing season. Campbell, his staff and players however rallied around each other, while also changing their offensive scheme to better fit their talent. What makes ISU's 6-3 Big 12 record even more impressive is they are the only Big 12 team to play the other five teams who finished in the top six of the Big 12, and the Cyclones won four straight road games. Iowa State entered Saturday as a double-digit underdog at #19 Kansas State, which was undefeated at home this year and playing as well as anyone in the Big 12. I could write a whole article about the insane Farmageddon game, that saw the Cyclones pull out a 42-35 victory, but I'll keep this summary brief. ISU never entered the red zone and ran almost 70 fewer plays than the Wildcats, and had the ball only 18:00 compared to KSU's 42:00, but the Cyclones won the game due to six very explosive touchdown plays. The shortest of these plays was a 33-yard touchdown pass from Rocco Becht to Jayden Higgins. Freshman Abu Sama ran wild over the Wildcats, gaining 276 yards, including TD runs of 71, 77 and 60 yards. Jaylin Noel also had 79-yard and 86-yard TD receptions, with the later being the game winner with 8:04 left in the game. ISU's defense was able to get one last stop and the Cyclones hung on for the impressive victory.

As we head into December, I think we should all be thankful for the head coaches leading our Power 5 programs, and for the incredibly strong culture they have in their programs. You don't get through adversity like both teams have faced if you don't have your locker room fully invested in each other and your culture. Both teams are also playing their best football of the season at the end of the year, which is another sign of the great coaching job that Ferentz, Campbell and their staffs have done. A true leader is a person who leads his/her team through adversity through sticking together and coming out the other side stronger, and that is truly what Kirk Ferentz and Matt Campbell have done this season! Hey Hawkeye and Cyclone fans, let's go Bowling!!

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Lueders Family Christmas Lights

Lueders Family Christmas Lights are back at 1078 110th St, Lake Park, Iowa. Things look a little different this year. We have made new displays and retired some. We have 200,000+ lights synced to music and you can listen to the music on channel 97.5 on your radio as you watch the light show. The first lighting will be Thanksgiving night at 5:30 pm!! The show runs nightly from Thanksgiving night to New Years Eve from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendar for a visit from Santa!! He will be here December 2, from 5:30 - 7:00pm, with treats for all ages. Just pull up to the end of the driveway to visit with Santa. Be sure to follow our Facebook page, Lueders Ridiculous X-Mas Lights for updates.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our family to yours!"

2023 Iowa PCA Unsung Hero Award Recipient

The Unsung Hero Award from the Iowa PCA celebrates one individual from the whole state of Iowa who has exhibited a remarkable standard of excellence in their endeavors, setting them apart for their noteworthy services and contributions. Candidates eligible for nomination are individuals serving as staff members or volunteers at an Iowa health center, often working behind the scenes without public acknowledgment for their valuable contributions. Nominees showcase a steadfast commitment to the health center's mission and an unwavering dedication to delivering exceptional service to patients.



In the heart of Promise Community Health Center, an unsung hero works to make a difference in the lives of both patients and colleagues. Kailee Jenness, a dedicated social worker, recently received the Unsung Hero Award from the Iowa PCA for her outstanding contributions to Promise Community Health Center!

Kailee's journey at Promise spans just over two years, but in that time, she has made a lasting impact on the lives of the people she serves. Her empathy, compassion, and genuine care for her patients set her apart and make her a beacon of hope for those in need.

One instance of Kailee's selflessness is the story of a patient in need of transportation for a specialist appointment in Sioux Falls, SD—a journey of 1.5 hours each way. Despite facing repeated setbacks with volunteer arrangements falling through, Kailee refused to give up on her patient. Recognizing the urgency and lack of alternatives, she personally drove the patient to the appointment and back, ensuring their well-being and demonstrating an extraordinary level of commitment.

Kailee's impact extends beyond transportation challenges. In her work with OB patients, she ensures that all prenatal patients have the necessary supplies well before the baby arrives. Additionally, Kailee organizes Promise Community Health Center's Christmas Adopt a Family program, going above and beyond to connect with families, gather specific wish lists, and personally deliver wrapped gifts during the holiday season. Her dedication to spreading joy and ensuring that families in need experience the joy of the holidays is truly remarkable.

Kailee Jenness, Social Worker at Promise Community Health Center in Sioux Falls, Iowa | Federally Qualified Health Center serving Rock Valley, Hull, Boyden, Sheldon, LeMars, Rock Rapids, Hawarden, Orange City, Alton, Granville, Hospers, Ireton Iowa

What sets Kailee apart is not just her ability to fulfill specific needs but her determination to find alternative solutions when faced with challenges. She often provides essentials, such as a box of diapers, to offset expenses for patients, allowing them to have funds for appointments or groceries. The depth of her resources and the creativity she employs to make a positive impact on her community are truly astounding. Her patience and encouragement make everyone she interacts with feel valued and supported, fostering a sense of community and connection.

In the eyes of her colleagues at Promise Community Health Center, Kailee is undoubtedly a gem—a shining example of generosity and perseverance. Her commitment to improving the lives of others, coupled with her resourcefulness and genuine care, makes her an invaluable asset to the Promise family.

Congratulations to the Iowa PCA Unsung Hero Award recipient Kailee Jenness! We are so proud to have you be a part of the Promise Community Health Center Team!

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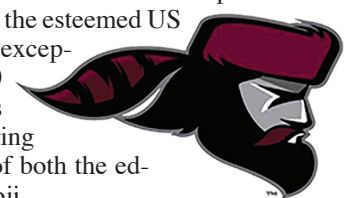
OMS Recognized as 2024 Top 10 School in Iowa by US News and World Report

Okoboji Community Schools is proud to announce that Okoboji Middle School has been named one of the top 10 middle schools in the state of Iowa by the esteemed US News and World Report. This exceptional recognition out of 700 middle schools in Iowa serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of both the educators and students in Okoboji.

The outstanding achievement is a result of their educators' relentless pursuit of academic excellence, innovative teaching methods, and a nurturing environment that fosters growth and development. The educators at Okoboji Middle School continually strive to provide exceptional educational experiences, ensuring that each student has the opportunity to pioneer their pathway.

"We are very honored to receive this prestigious recognition," said Ryan Cunningham, Principal of Okoboji Middle School. "This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible staff and the hard work of our students. It is truly a collaborative effort that has allowed us to stand out among the many exceptional schools in Iowa."

For more information about this achievement, please visit the U.S. News and World Report Best Middle Schools in Iowa website (<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/middle-schools/iowa>).



Home for the Holidays Concert

On Sunday, December 17th, Okoboji Performing Arts will hold its annual Home for the Holidays Concert at 3:00 pm at the SAMI Center in Spirit Lake. This year's concert will feature Jessica Schable, John Moore, Drew Duncan, Brandon Hendrickson, and Jennifer Johnson performing holiday favorites with a reception to follow. The concert is free admission with a free-will donation to be collected to support Okoboji Performing Arts' 2024 season.

Local Boy Scout to Receive Eagle Scout Award

Michael Gonnerman, of Boy Scout Troop 170, will be honored in a special Eagle Scout ceremony on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00pm, at First Lutheran Church, Milford, Iowa. The public is invited to attend.

To earn Scouting's highest award, Michael had to earn 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his troop and complete a community service project. Michael made picnic tables and benches for Wildcat Stadium in Arnolds Park in his service project.

Michael is a senior at Okoboji High School. He plans to enter the High Performance Motor Sport program at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the fall of 2024.



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DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WORSHIP: Joy of Preparation • 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 10 - IN THE SPIRIT: A Celebration of the Season Event at Okoboji Brewing Company • 2:30-4:30 PM

DECEMBER 13 - CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Wednesday "3 Wise Men & a Baby" • 5:30 PM, followed by Potluck

DECEMBER 17 - ADVENT WORSHIP: Joy of Proclamation • 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 20 - Blue Christmas Workshop Service • 7:00 PM

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Steve Lang Country Christmas show will be Thursday, November 30th, at Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park at 10:00am. Join the Respite Angels for Christmas music and refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Chelsie at the church or Kelly at Respite Angels.

Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center.

Tuesday, November 28
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:30 - Bridge
12:30 - Speaker - Fresh Food Conversations - Treva Graves

Wednesday, November 29
9:00 - Exercise Class
1:30 - Table Tennis

Thursday, November 30
10:00 - Strummers
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 Cribbage
5:00 - Zumba Class

Friday, December 1
9:00 - Exercise Class
1:00 - Sewing Group
1:30 - Table Tennis

Saturday, December 2
9:00 - Coin Auction

Sunday, December 3
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Monday, December 4
9:00 - Exercise
10:00 - Class Coffee
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 December 17 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Dance to live music at the Holiday Gala on December 10 from 2-5. There will not be a dance on the last Sunday of December. 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.

Weekly Social Gathering No Dance in Everly for January

You are invited to a weekly social gathering every Wednesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm at the American Legion in Milford. Coffee will be provided. They hope to see you there!

There will be no dance in Everly in January 2024. Dances will resume in February 2024. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Calvary Christmas Dinner

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- Nov. 28: Treva Graves- Fresh Food Conversations
- Dec. 5: Jill Jennings- Library

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Coin Auction Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:00am

Sewing Group Tie Blankets - Friday, Dec. 8

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

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

Sat., Dec. 2 - 9:00 AM - Estate auction in Madelia, MN. Auctioneers: Hartun & Kahler 507-236-7629. www.auctioneerally.com.

Sat., Dec. 2 - 9:30 AM - Large coin auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.

Sun., Dec. 3 - 11:30 AM - Household auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Natress. 712-330-1921. www.natressauctions.com.

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

Wed., Dec. 13 - 9:00 AM - End of business auction in Lake Mills. Auctioneers: Equipment Makers & Appraisers. 319-266-3578. www.equipmentmakers.com.

Day 1 Wed., Dec. 6 - Online only farm machinery auction. Auctioneer: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Day 2 Thurs., Dec. 7 - 10:00 AM - Farm machinery auction in Buffalo Center. Auctioneer: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Tues., Jan. 9 - 10:00 AM - 146.76 acres at auction in Cottonwood Co., MN. Auctioneers: Dan Pike 507-847-3468. www.danpikeauction.com.

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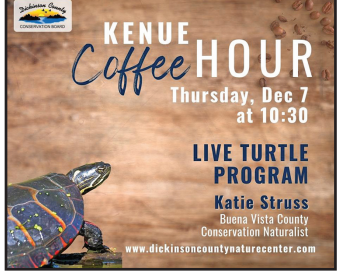
The Dickinson County Nature Center welcomes adults to Kenue Coffee Hour. This free program will be held on Thursday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m.

This month's speaker is Buena Vista Conservation Naturalist, Katie Struss, who will present about turtles. Katie will be bringing several of her scaly friends, including a snapping turtle, a painted turtle, and a map turtle, to name a few.

"I think the audience's reaction to seeing these beautiful reptiles will be a highlight of the program," says EE Coordinator Danika Cox.

She also states, "I am hoping that attendees will begin to form a personal connection with Iowa wildlife, especially turtles, and then nurture that connection by finding ways to help protect and preserve these animals."

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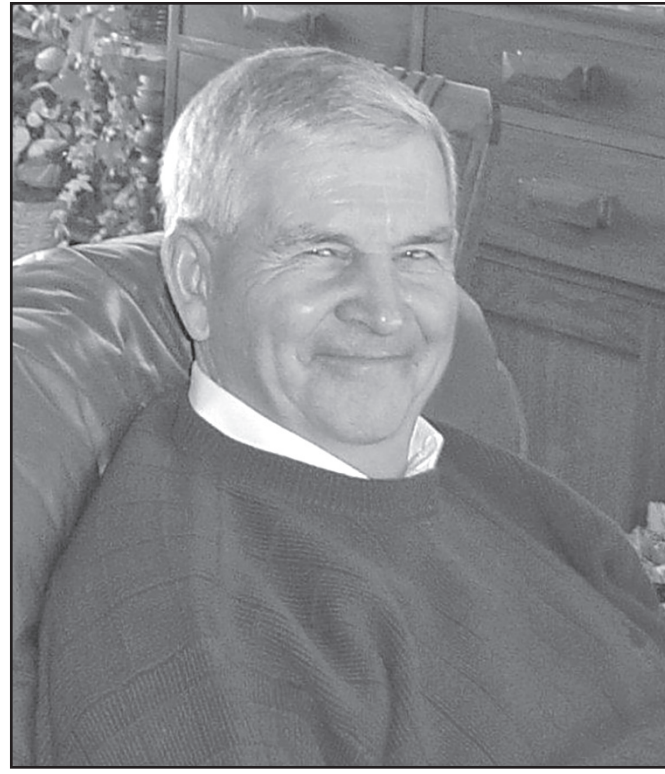
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CULINARY CLASSES Call 712-332-7013 to register.

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Jan. 11: Banh Mi
Feb. 8: Chili Cook-Off
March 14: Boozy Food

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With Jennifer Trittle-Oitzman

6:00pm | \$40/\$45

Dec. 7: Wines of Eastern Europe
Jan. 4: Blind Tasting!!
Feb. 1: Wines of Portugal
March 7: Women Winemakers
April 4: The Science of Wine

Date Night Cooking Class
With Marisa Sidles

6:00pm | \$75/\$80 Per Person

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Upcoming Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center

Tuesday, November 28
10:30 Chair Exercise
1:00 Bingo
1:00 500

Wednesday, November 29
10:30 Tai Chi
11:45 Dig In & Discover - Kim Wilson - Americans with Disabilities Act
1:00 Canasta

Thursday, November 30
10:30 Chair Exercise
1:00 Pinochle

Friday, December 1
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Monday, December 4
1:00 Mah Jong
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Thank You

I appreciate those of you who studied the candidates for SLCS Board and spent time attending both debates. I think it is always best to have choices and some great discussions were launched. Again, we all care about our local schools and, more importantly, want excellent educational support for our students. If nothing else, I hope that the last election unearthed some questions and ideas; and, put front and center the need to be engaged by asking good questions, being open to thorough discussions, and requiring communication and transparency. Thank you to each of you who supported my candidacy.

Linda Moore,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Attention

Okoboji Mattress Co. is not the business working with the Spirit Lake or Okoboji schools in the Fundraisers this weekend. This is a fundraising business out of Des Moines they are using. We have had people come to us thinking it was us. We do have some of the same Beautyrest mattresses and we did do one last year on our own. So that may be where the confusion is coming from. Make no mistake, we are willing to work with our schools. But this event is not with us. And our prices are no higher than their's.

Jim and Shari Weideman
Okoboji Mattress Co. Spirit Lake, Iowa

Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 6, for Dickinson County Library Staff Development Day. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, December 7, at 9:30am.

On Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30pm, an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library. 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.

On Tuesday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m., MML's Book Club will be meeting for discussion on the classic A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you can come and go as you please.

Settle in and share time by completing a jigsaw puzzle from the Milford Memorial Library. MML has a variety of puzzles with sizes ranging from 300 pieces to 1,000 pieces. Stop in and take a look at our puzzle binder and find one to enjoy.

Pick up your library materials from the comfort of your car with Milford Memorial Library's drive-up window service. Place library materials on reserve by calling 712-338-4643, or by going to our online catalog, www.milford.lib.ia.us. The drive-up window is located on the east side of the library. Push the white call button and a library staff member will bring your materials.

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SL VFW Performers

The following musicians will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is only \$5, come and listen to your favorite songs.

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THE LNS Recipe Corner

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Chewy Gingerbread

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12 to 14 slices stale white bread
1 cup honey
1 tablespoon ground ginger
3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 drop of red food coloring
1/2 cup or less sugar (enough for sprinkling)
20 to 25 whole cloves

Grind the bread into coarse bread crumbs in a food processor. Pour the honey into a large saucepan over medium heat, and heat to a rolling boil; the honey will become like syrup. Slowly add the bread crumbs to the honey while stirring until it pulls away from the sides of the pan. Remove from the heat and quickly stir in the ginger, pepper and food coloring. Turn the mixture out onto a sheet of parchment and spread with a spatula. Then, place another sheet of parchment on top, then roll the gingerbread out to about 1/2" thick with a rolling pin. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until stiff, about 2 hours. Once the gingerbread is cool, sprinkle sugar on top and cut into 1" squares or the shape you like. They will be quite sticky, so handle them as little as possible. Insert a whole clove into each piece of gingerbread. Leave the clove in until serving, then remove it just before eating.

Recipe Courtesy of: "Tasting History" by Max Miller.

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Thank you, Devon in Larchwood Iowa.

Dear Devon,
we are so glad you asked this question because many people are unaware of how to take care of their cooling systems and that can lead to very expensive repairs. The antifreeze serves several purposes. It is there to prevent freeze-up, boil-over, and to assist in the prevention of extremely damaging rust and corrosion in the cooling system. Even though coolant looks good and passes a freeze test it may fail a PH test. If the coolant does not have the proper PH rust and corrosion can damage gaskets, the radiator, and heater core, or scale can form in the passages. Test strips used during yearly checkups at a shop will verify the PH and need for changing which usually falls somewhere in the two-to-five-year range. Changing it can save you money.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
I'm ready to buy a new car and I could do it at any time, I'm kind of an impulse buyer. My car is about 8 years old and needs a little work and I have the cash so I may stop by a lot and just buy something that catches my eye. I will likely look for something in the two-year-old or so range with 50k miles or a little more to keep the cost down, which probably means no warranty. Since I usually buy on impulse, I'm not likely to get a pre-purchase inspection done and I know you guys strongly suggest one. What can I do to make sure I get a good car?

Thank you, Tanner in Garretson, South Dakota.

Dear Tanner,
without the inspection you have no guaranty as to what you are buying. While no inspection can guarantee a trouble-free car, it can eliminate many commonly found money robbing issues that consumers could possibly get stuck with when buying a used car. I would suggest that if you don't get the inspection try to buy from a reputable lot that may offer at least a short-term warranty or sale contingent on a passing inspection. Also look for lots offering pre-inspected cars. Many of the credible lots do an outstanding job of pre-inspecting vehicles to keep their customer satisfaction high and will be able to tell you what they have checked over.

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Outstanding Kiwanian Awarded

Dick Anderson recently received the "Outstanding Kiwanian" award from the Milford Kiwanis Club. Dick has been a member of this club for over twenty years, serving on the Board of Directors and as a former President. For several years, he has been the club's "Tent Master". The Milford Kiwanis Club is well known for erecting tents for graduations, weddings and other special occasions in this area. Dick is the guy that fields the phone calls and inquiries from interested clients, schedules when tents are put up and taken down, and then coordinates crews to get the necessary work done. He is truly deserving of this prestigious award. The Milford Kiwanis Club is proud to have him as one of its members.



IBBB to Perform at Everly

The Itty Bitty Boji Band will be performing their last dance of the year at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa, on Saturday, December 2. The dance runs from 7:30 to 10:30. Enjoy the spacious dance floor of the Ketelsen Community Center as you dance to one of the best dance bands in Northwest Iowa. They'll be playing all of your favorite dance music and even adding in a few Christmas dance tunes. It's the perfect way to spend a great evening. Treats are available and a full bar is on location. It's time to celebrate with the Itty Bitty Boji Band on Saturday, December 2.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
The Okoboji Women's Club has been an important part of our community since 1950. We are welcoming new members who would enjoy our speakers, who present a variety of topics and our fellowship and fun. We meet at the Homestead Cooperative at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Our next meeting is on December 1st at noon. We will be having a potluck and Christmas carols. Please bring a dish to share. If you are interested in attending, please call Lyn Marksbury at 712-574-2165 to make a reservation. We encourage you to join us for fun and fellowship. I am looking forward to seeing all of our members and all that would like to try our meetings.
Lyn Marksbury,
President of the Okoboji Women's Club

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Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB

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A Trail Bench With Trail History
Roy and Phyllis Rohlin started Rohlin Construction in 1963 in Estherville and were in business for 41 years. Roy handled construction operations; Phyllis took care of the books and ran the office as the secretary and treasurer.



Bench program coordinator Yvonne Taylor and Executive Director Erin Reed enjoy the new bench in honor of Roy Rohlin.

In the late 1980s Joan Schneider, an early advocate and member of the first Dickinson County Trails Association, approached the Rohlins for help with building the first segments of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail. Roy & Phyllis jumped on board, purchased a small paver and put together a crew just for the trail. The Rohlins eventually bought a condominium at Okoboji Shores and spent 18 years there. With the Spine Trail right next door, Phyllis had easy access to it and walked the trail nearly every day with the exception of when they were wintering in Mesa, Arizona, where she got her walks in with a hiking club down there. Another couple of her favorite trails include the Henderson Woods-Lower Gar Trail and

the Nature Center Trail. As part of a very generous donation to Friends of the Trails, Phyllis chose to place a bench just south of the YMCA along one of the first sections of trail they built back in 1991. We are grateful to honor the Rohlins' many contributions to the Iowa Great Lakes Trails and especially remember her late husband Roy. The bench program continues to grow and is a popular opportunity to honor loved ones and friends. It also helps raise funds for development and provides the trails with appreciated rest areas. If you are interested in replacing or getting a new bench to honor someone in your life, please visit www.dickinsoncountyrails.com for more information and the Bench Program form. **Fall Friends Campaign** The DCTB is excited to build upon the significant growth the trails system has experienced over the last few years, including over 12 miles of new trail development, a beautiful new trailhead in Spirit Lake and

several impactful maintenance projects. We could not accomplish all of this without the generous support of our donors. As we look ahead, the Trails Board continues to focus on connecting communities around the Iowa Great Lakes. This includes finishing the rail trail connection with Lake Park and starting the Spine Trail extension to the south and joining the Clay County trails. Long-term projects include expanding the trails around Big Spirit Lake and East Okoboji Lake, new railing and lighting for the trestle bridge and filling in street route gaps around the lakes. The DCTB continues to apply for and receive local, state and federal grants but we need your help to continue all of this exciting work. Local donations are the key factor for matching funds and grant awards. Your contribution will ensure that we continue to build on all that has been accomplished. It is Fall Friends Campaign season and we hope you consider joining Friends of the Trails. Your gift will enable us to enhance the quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes while making a substantial contribution to the area's health and economy. You can find information about donating to the trails at our website www.dickinsoncountyrails.com. We truly appreciate the community's support in helping us improve and grow the trails system.
As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.
Erin Reed, DCTB Executive Director

Discovery House News
Jessica Amendt
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On behalf of everyone at Discovery House Spirit Lake Campus and Spencer Campus, I would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone who made our Thanksgiving possible. Both communities came together in order for us to have a feast that no one will soon forget.

Each of the residents helped to bring everything together which provided them with an opportunity to learn and practice life skills. A few of the residents set up the buffet tables, put table cloths on, arranged the buffet line, and helped serve. One resident smoked one of the turkeys while another resident took over roasting the second turkey. Other residents helped with the other foods including mashed potatoes and gravy, Stuffing, green bean casserole, scalloped corn, spaghetti squash, rolls, cranberries, two Jello salads, 4 pasta salads, a fruit tray, a veggie tray, pinwheels, pickle dip, deviled eggs, 5 pies, 3 cakes, and an assortment of cookies. While the food was being brought to the dining room, someone came to the door with scalloped potatoes and ham, more salads, several desserts, corn, asparagus, and more that I am sure I'm forgetting.

In all, we served 34 people including residents and a few guests. As everyone finished eating and helping clean up the first round of food, some residents were watching football, others sat at the tables long after the food had been cleared. I found myself sitting back from any single conversation a few times and listening to the various conversations and groups.

I am so grateful for each and every person who contributed in any way to make this possible. Some of our residents celebrated their first holiday without drugs or alcohol, some found themselves at "home" this year, and it is my sincere hope that all of them felt and experienced a Family Thanksgiving. A home filled with love, laughter, great food, and amazing people. A home that offers unconditional love and support to anyone who takes that first step through our doors. A home that provided them with memories to enjoy for years to come. And a home that showed the promise of a future filled with hope, grace, and love. A home that built them.
In His grace.

Secret Santa Program

Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, the Campus Women's Club, and the Milford Memorial Library's Secret Santa Program is well under way, and the time is almost here for sponsoring a child in need of Christmas gifts this holiday season!



As of December 1st, individuals, businesses, and organizations may now begin choosing a numbered ornament off of the Christmas tree, located at 1007 Okoboji Ave., Milford during normal 9-5 business hours. Those who choose to sponsor a child/children will receive an anonymous list of clothing sizes and a Christmas present list. We ask that you please return all presents wrapped and tagged with the number and letter of the child you received, by December 14th. If a business would like to sign up for a child/children, but doesn't have the time or staff to do the shopping themselves, we have a group of volunteers ready to step in and take over the shopping portion for you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Okoboji Flooring & Furniture at 712-338-6161. Thank you to everyone who has sent in nominations. We are looking forward to brightening the holidays for these deserving families!

Mobile Food Pantry In Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, December 7, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the November Food Bank, 552 individuals (197 families) received 6,048 lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa. If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.



Tops Meetings

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

AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

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 manner. A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers. For more information, call 712-336-1649 or Lee Nation at 712-330-1270.

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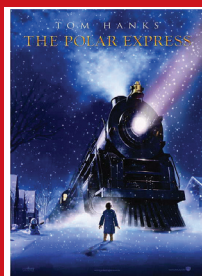
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Holiday Fantasy

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Saturday, December 2

- 9:30 am - 12:00 pm | Milford Library Open House featuring the following:
Voting on the Festival of Trees - Prizes will be awarded.
Free Holiday Crafts For Kids
Free Treats Sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library
- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Visit with Santa (Bring your own camera).
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | Downtown Business Sip and Stroll
- 9:15 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am | FREE Holiday Movie "Elf"
At Milford Pioneer Theatre (Sponsored by the Milford Commercial Club)
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- 11:00 am | Holiday Fantasy Parade
10:30 am | Parade line up at St. Joseph parking lot
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | FREE Chili & Soup | Milford Community Center
Raffle Tickets Available to Purchase at Milford Community Center.
- 12:30 pm | Raffle Prize Drawing | Milford Community Center
Raffle Prize winning numbers will be posted on the MCC website. Need not be present to win.

See milfordcommercialclub.com for details.

Grand Prize Raffle Gifts

- (1) \$500 Gift Card to your choice of MCC Member Business
- (1) \$150 Shopping Spree at Sunshine Foods
- (1) \$100 Gas Card to Boji Junction Cenex
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Events Subject to Change

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SUNNY DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL! **SUNNY DIGITAL DEAL!**

Dunkin Donuts 10-12 oz bag or 10 ct. K-cup

AD PRICE \$7.49
-50¢
\$6.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Fresh Haas Avocados per stalk

2/\$1

SUNNY DEAL!

Highline Portabella Mushrooms 6 oz, sliced or caps

\$3.48

SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Gold or Red Potatoes 5 lb. bag

AD PRICE \$3.99
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LIMIT OF 3

SUNNY DEAL!

Washington Honeycrisp Apples per lb.

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SUNNY DEAL!

Michigan Gala, Fuji, or McIntosh Apples 3 lb.

\$3.48

SUNNY DEAL!

Dole Spring Mix 5 oz.

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SUNNY DEAL!

Sweet Mini Peppers 8 oz.

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

USDA Choice Beef Boneless Rump Roasts per lb.

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SUNNY DEAL!

Sunshine's Own Butcher Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef lb. family pack

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SUNNY DEAL!

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\$2.99

SUNNY DEAL!

Coke 6 pack 1/2 liters

4/\$10

SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

Bellatoria Thin Crust Premium Pizza 12" Thin Crust ONLY

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SUNNY DEAL!

Totino's Party Pizza 9.8-10.9 oz

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MUST BUY 3

SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

Coke Products 24 pack cans

\$10.48

SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Soda Pop 12 pack can flavors

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SUNNY DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL! **SUNNY DIGITAL DEAL!**

Best Choice Mini Cupcakes 12 ct.

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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Okoboji and Spirit Lake Music Departments Hosts 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser Together

If you are looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Okoboji and Spirit Lake Music Departments are excited to announce they will be hosting their 2nd annual Mattress Fundraiser together. Spirit Lake's will be on Saturday, December 2nd, at Spirit Lake High School from 10:00am-5:00pm. Okoboji's will be on Sunday, December 3rd, at Okoboji High School from 11:00am-5:00pm. During this weekend only, both High Schools will transform their gyms into a mattress showroom. For information about the sales, go to: <https://bit.ly/Okoboji4Beds23> for Okoboji and <https://bit.ly/SpiritLake4Beds> for Spirit Lake.



There will be 30+ different mattress styles on display, in all sizes, for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, luxury sheets, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. The brands, including Simmons Beautyrest, come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 3-5 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery and Financing is available. Best of all, the students benefit from every purchase.

The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser in 2005. The company now has over 80 locations and works with more than 3,000 schools nationwide, year after year. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$50 million.



Iowa Lakes Corridor Announces 13th Annual Business Recognition Luncheon Speaker

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is happy to announce Cory Hepola as the speaker for the 13th Annual Business Recognition Luncheon to be held in January.

Cory Hepola is a 3-time Emmy Award Winning TV Anchor and Documentarian. A dynamic leader led by his mission to unite rural and urban America, Hepola recently won an Emmy Award as the creator and host of the popular docuseries, "Rural by Choice," which serves to break down the popular misconceptions of the rural lifestyle. Currently he serves as the Vice President of Communications, Growth, & Strategy at The Brookshire Company.

"Cory has a passion for rural communities that is obvious in every conversation," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "His message of Learn. Listen. Mission. will give attendees a step-by-step process to creating joyful impact on our communities."

While Hepola is in the region for the Business Recognition Luncheon, he will also be working with a production team to film an episode on the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region in The Brookshire Company's new documentary series called "My Town."

The Business Recognition Luncheon will be held at the Clay County Regional Events Center on January 31 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. RSVP for the event at www.lakescorridor.com/luncheon by Monday, January 15, 2024.

Spirit Lake Library News

Christmas Is Coming!
 by Jill Jennings

Don't worry; the staff at the Spirit Lake Public Library can help you find the resources to get ready!

If you are looking for decorating ideas or crafts, go to the non-fiction 745.954 section. You will discover several books in adult non-fiction, and one in juvenile non-fiction. There's also a new one in browsing, The Eco-Christmas Craft Book by Miall.

How about Christmas cooking and baking? Go to adult non-fiction 641.5. There's only one book, The Pioneer Woman Cooks a Year of Holidays by Drummond, that includes a specific section on Christmas recipes, but there are several other cookbooks that could help you with everything from preparing the ham to baking the Christmas cookies. If you are more of a visual learner, we have a selection of videos that show you how to make breads, muffins, and even pizza! Christmas pizza? Why not! They are in the DVD Information section.

Several of our magazines have it all: decorating, crafts, AND recipes! Check out Better Homes & Gardens, Country Living, Food Network Magazine, Good Housekeeping, HGTV Magazine, Mary Jane's Farm, The Pioneer Woman Magazine, and Real Simple.

There are, of course, lots of Christmas-themed books for you to read while you are waiting for those cookies to come out of the oven. There are too many to list, so just look in the card catalog under "Christmas," "advent," or other Christmas-related search terms.

Music! You can't forget the Christmas music! We no longer have music CDs for checkout, but we do have two books of sheet music: The Giant Book of Christmas Sheet Music: Easy Piano (780 DIA), and Reader's Digest Merry Christmas Songbook (783.6 REA).

If you are a Libby user, there are all kinds of Christmas eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and read-alongs available for download. There's an eBook called Devotions for Advent by Morgan, and even an audiobook titled "Classic Radio's Greatest Christmas Shows" that would be fun to listen to!

However you like to prepare for the holiday, the Spirit Lake Public Library is here for you!

- Upcoming Activities at SLPL
- Monday, December 4, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
 - Tuesday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Tuesday, December 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Gingerbread House Building Activity
 - Wednesday, December 6, Closed for staff training
 - Thursday, December 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party
 - Thursday, December 7, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
 - Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Santa's Village - Christmas Craft

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Michelle TeGrootenhuis, left, Graettinger/Terril School District, and Brian Nokleby and Jim Peterson with the Knights of Columbus display winter gear with children from Graettinger/Terril school.



Winter gear funds are donated to Harris/Lake Park school district Elementary Counselor Alysa Murphy by Jed Skogerboe, Brian Nokleby and Larry Chapman with the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 again held its Coats for Kids campaign in October. They distributed new hats, coats, gloves, boots and snow pants to children in the Harris/Lake Park and Graettinger/Terril school districts.

Members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake and the public had helped by donating cash and new winter clothing to help keep these children warm and dry this winter.

Spirit Lake Knights sponsor annual

youth events including the Free Throw Competition & the KofC Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, and their annual Knights of Columbus Golf Open for Special Olympics and other local organizations.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils, with each Knight called to live a life of

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Since the start of the program in 1973, the Construction Technology program, previously named 'the Carpentry Program', has adapted and thrived alongside the ever-evolving construction industry, graduating more than 700 students over the past 50 years. These alumni have made significant contributions to the construction industry, demonstrating the program's enduring impact and the success of its graduates.

"I graduated from the construction program in 1977 under the instruction of Norm Nevenhoven. I believe there were 26 students in my class. We divided it into half, 13 for each group, and built two houses in Emmetsburg. We did everything but dig the hole. We put in the footings, laid a block foundation, laid brick, did the construction, and even did a lot of the electrical and plumbing work. There was no such thing as CAD training back then since we did not have computers. After I graduated, I worked in construction for 37 years. Building materials and the construction process have changed tremendously for the better from then until now", shared Colin Menning, an Iowa Lakes Construction program alumnus.

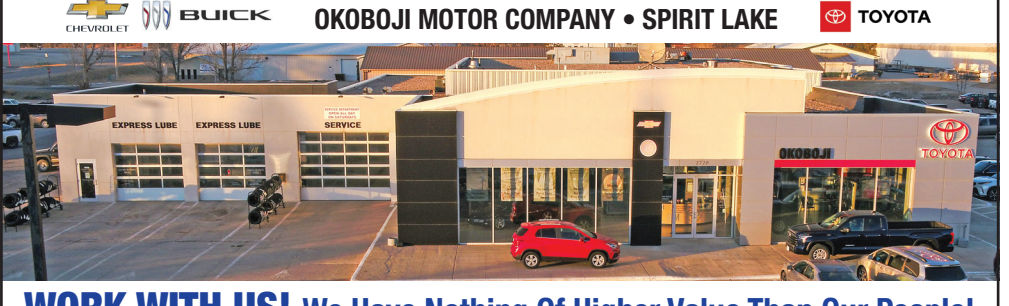
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Corey Menning, Construction Technology Program Coordinator, has been with Iowa Lakes for over 20 years. "Being part of such a wonderful program here at Iowa Lakes is an honor! My father graduated from the Carpentry Program in 1977. He and my mom met at Iowa Lakes while she was in the nursing program. I am also a graduate of the program, so Iowa Lakes Community College has a very special place in my family's heart! I have a huge passion for construction, and I love seeing that passion grow in my students. The way the Construction Technology program has grown and adapted over the years is what makes us unique. There are not too many programs like ours that allow the students to design and build a house from the ground up. We focus on energy-efficient building techniques; we always perform home energy diagnostics testing on the home once it is complete to show the students how energy-efficient the home is because of our building techniques. I am so thankful for the opportunity to stay in contact with many of the graduates of my program. Several of them have become good friends, which is a bonus of teaching at such a great institution!"

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