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## OKOBOJI TRAP TEAM took FIRST PLACE in the USA Clay Target Fall League!

25 Okoboji Student Athletes Competed in the National (Multi-State) League against teams from Florida & North Carolina.



## Named to the 2024 AIM



All-State Sub-Jr. Team



# OKOBOJI TRAP TEAM INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Kaleigh Hauschen** 

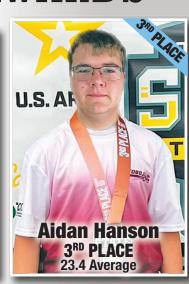
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## **OKOBOJI FALL LEAGUE SHOOTERS**



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Team Name	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total	Standi
Okoboji High School	202.50	198.00	205.50	207.00	207.00	1,020.00	1
McKeel Academy of Technology	105.50	92.50	94.00	105.00	86.00	483.00	2
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The student athletes, parents, and coaches all want to thank the following sponsors for their generous support: The Dickinson County Conservation Endowment, Okoboji Foundation (Y.I.P.), Mr. Dan Wells, Twin Forks Trap and Skeet Club, Midway USA Foundation, C&C Screen Printing, and Total Outdoorsmen.

50x50 **Travis Luitjens** 



**Tate Mertens(3)** Austin Hamann(2) **Brayden Yungbluth(2) Travis Luitjens(2)** 

**Kade Dodge Brekken Packebush Aiden Hanson Chayce Forbes Oliver Miller** 



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## **Christmas Concert in Dunnell**

It's that wonderful time of year again - The Glenn Henriksen Christmas Concert at Immanual Lutheran church, in Dunnell, Minnesota, will be held December 17, at 2:00pm.

All are welcome for Christmas treats following the concert. This music is sure to enhance your Christmas Season!



## **Spirit Lake Community School District** Board Member Honored for Excellence

Spirit Lake Community School District board member Greta Gruys was honored with an Individual Achievement Award through the IASB Annual Board Awards program. This award is given to individuals who dedicate time and effort to improve their knowledge and skills by attending IASB-led learning events.

IASB Board President Elizabeth Brennan commended Gruys for her hard work. "Learning truly makes a difference at the board table and for students. This group of award winners went the extra mile to ensure they are informed and capable as they strive to improve outcomes for students," Brennan said.

This acclaimed award was presented to 218 school board, area education agency (AEA) and community college board members. A full list of winners is available on the IASB website: https://www.ia-sb.org/the-learning-hub/annual-board-awards/ award-recipients.

About the Annual Board Awards: Annual Board Awards highlight commitment to professional growth. Individual board members, board teams and superintendents/chief administrators/ community college presidents can earn hours for these awards through participation in IASB learning opportunities. Learn



**Discovery** House News Jessica Amendt Director



The beds are on their way! After receiving some amazing support from the community of Spencer, we were able to purchase the beds for the Spencer House that were still needed. This week, we welcome two new residents.

Many in the Dickinson County area are familiar with our annual No Show Charity Ball. Because of the addition of the Spencer Campus, we decided to do things a little different this year in order to include the residents of Clay County too. You should start seeing the invites in your mailbox very soon. We appreciate the support that we have gotten through this event each year, and we are anxious to see what new level we can hit this year with the expansion.

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## **Festival of Giving Trees**

This Holiday Season, you can help bring joy and cheer locally to those in need by donating to the Upper Des Moines food pantry.

Upper Des Moines has teamed up with the Great Lakes Mall again this year to help collect non-perishable food items that are needed for their pantry.

their pantry.
The Festival
of Giving
Trees is held
in the Great
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December 1st
- 24th. Local
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by decorating them based on items Upper Des Moines is in need of.

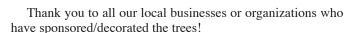
You can vote for your favorite tree by bringing in donations that represent your favorite tree. So come on in, pick a tree and donate to the best decorated tree!

On December 26th we will pick two winners. One winner for having the most creative tree and one winner for receiving the most donations. Each winning tree/business will receive \$200 to their choice of charity.

Below is the list of items you can donate to help fill Upper Des Moines pantry.

Please donate the listed items: Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Soup, Pasta Noodle or Pasta Sauce, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Instant Potatoes, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Granola Bars, Ramen Noodles, Crackers and place the item underneath the right tree.





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- Peanut Butter and Jelly Spirit Life Fellowship Church
- Pasta Noodles & Sauce- Spirit Lake 4-H
- · Cereal-K Kids Kiwanis
- · Instant Potatoes- Terril Fun Day Committee · Pancake Mix & Syrup-Hope Haven
- · Granola Bars- Lakeside Lab · Ramen Noodles-Lake Daughters of American Revolution (DAR)
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## Bake Sale in Spirit Lake

The American Legion Auxiliary will host a Bake Sale on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00-3:00, at the Spirit Lake Legion (1102 15th Street). Proceeds go to help veterans at Christmas. There will be coffee and hot apple cider. Come for holiday goodies.

## Birthday Announcement

Caroline Tritle turns 80 on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Let's shower her with love by mailing cards to 2305 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

## **SL VFW**

The following musicians will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesdays from

## 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).



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## 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday Announcement

Ted Carpenter will celebrate his 101st birthday on Saturday. December 16, 2023. Please help him celebrate by mailing cards and greetings to 1305 Jeppeson Road, Suite 205, Milford, IA 51351.



## Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, December 7th, 2023, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. We invite you to join us for grocery store still pick-up inside the church. You will need to bring your own bags or boxes to collect your groceries and take them home. Do not arrive before 3:30 pm, do not line up at the door, the



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## 'Tis The Season to Give Back: Blink Marketing "Meals on Wheels" Angel Tree

Blink Marketing will be hosting their 10th annual Meals on Wheels Angel Tree. This program was designed to bring in donations that will directly go

towards the local Meals On Wheels program managed by the Voluntary Action Center of Dickinson County.

The Meals on Wheels Angel Tree is set up at Blink Marketing located at 1020 10th St in Milford, Iowa, just a block off hwy 71, turn at The Milford Coffee Shop. The public can stop in to purchase a custom designed ornament, for \$5.00 each, which covers the cost of a meal for an individual in need in our area or you can mail your donation to: Blink Angel Tree, PO Box 168, Milford, Iowa 51351.

"At Blink, we deliver meals for Meals on Wheels in December and January each year since it is often the time when nobody wants to deliver those meals, due to the cold. These people need a little extra help

this holiday season," said Jill Harms, President of Blink Marketing. "If you have the ability to give back you should. It's a small

effort, but it makes a big difference. We know it has been a difficult year for so many, but, if you can and are able to give, please consider giving to this program," said Harms. The Angel Tree will be up until December 22nd at Blink Marketing in Milford.









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#### Our theme for Advent this year is JOY.

**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 Fun Christmas Sweater Sunday!

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

**DECEMBER 24 - ADVENT WORSHIP:** Joy of Anticipation • 9:30 AM

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## **Upcoming Events** at Occasions

Upcoming Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center **Tuesday, December 5** 

10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Bingo

1:00 500 Wednesday, December 6

10:30 Tai Chi 11:45 Dig In & Discover 1:00 Canasta

Thursday, December 7 10:30 Chair Exercise 1:00 Bingo

Friday, December 8 12:30 Christmas Movies Sunday, December 10 1:00 500 and Pinochle

Monday, December 11 1:00 Mah Jong

1:00 Bingo

1:00 Pinochle

1:00 Cards

Free baked goods donated *byHy-Vee*. Generous donations of baked goods, including breads, cakes, cookies, and bars are available for pickup at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Enjoy lunch at Occasions Monday through Friday. Home cooked meals are catered by McCreary's.Simply call 712-262-1782 a day ahead so we can put in the order for your meal. Join us for breakfast with Santa, Sunday December 17 from 8am-12:30pm. We now offer blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, French toast, the favorite Biscuits and Gravy, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake and Mimosas.

# Calvary Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9, 2023 • 10 AM - 1 PM •

Large assortment of homemade holiday cookies and goodies! **\$9.00**/lb

Calvary United Methodist Church 679 W Okoboji Grove Road, Arnolds Park, IA (Across Highway 71 for Emerald Hills)

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Call the church office at 712-332-2447, email calvarylovesall@gmail.com, or message us on Facebook.

## Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place Monday nights on Zoom through April 14, at 7:30pm.

In-persom meetings will take place at St. Joseph Church April 15 through October 15, at 7:30pm. Use west classroom

Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed.

For more information, go online to Iowa-Al-Anon.org, meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IS 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

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Activities at the Lakes Area

12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker

- Jill Jennings - Library

9:00 - Exercise Class

Wednesday, December 6

**Tuesday, December 5** 

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## **Sorry! Activities Canceled**



Tie Blanket Making with the sewing group

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Blankets will be donated to **Upper Des Moines** 

## **Christmas Tea & Nativity Set Display**



Bring a Nativity Set to Display!



# Weekly Social Gathering

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!

## Respite Angels

Thursday, December 7th, at 10:00am, the 3 Sisters will be leading a Christmas Carol sing-along and also sharing some of the history of the carols at Calvary Methodist. The 3 sisters, Pam, Sandy, and Teri will have information on the songs and will also allow time at the end for people to choose a song that they would like to sing. Get in the holiday spirit and join the Respite Angels for singing and refreshments. If you have any questions, contact Chelsie at the church 712-332-2447 or Kelly at Respite Angels 712-229-6064.

#### 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, December 7 10:00 - Strummers 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, December 8 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group making Tie Blankets 1:30 - Table Tennis

#### Saturday, December 9 1:00 - Christmas Tea, Nativity Sets on Display 2:00 - Strummers You are invited to a weekly Sunday, December 10 Dance to live music at the Holiday Gala on December

Monday, December 11 9:00 - Exercise 1:30 - Table Tennis

10 from 2-5.

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.

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## Celebrate the Holidays a Old School Mercantile

The beauty of the holiday season will be showcased at Old School Mercantile this year. The once lively atrium in the old Okoboji Middle School has been brought back to life and transformed into a winter wonderland. On December 10, from 1-3 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be greeting children of all ages. Carolers will be sharing Christmas music and holiday treats, and cider will be available for a freewill donation.

"We are bringing this 1914 building back to life and love that our Christmas party will be located in the heart of this beautiful building," said Old School Mercantile manager Shar Schmidt. "There will be specials throughout the store, caroling around the beautiful piano, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be welcoming our guests. It will be a joyous time celebrating the season!"

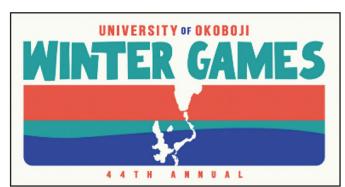
Local artists associated with the blossoming enterprise will have their work featured along the walls of the atrium and are available for sale. The freewill donation for the holiday treats will go towards the Dickinson County Humane Society.

"It will be one of our first big events in this space and we are excited for the year-round potential this building provides to the community," said owner Katie Slater. "In the atrium, we desire to bring in a coffee shop and develop the courtyard for the summer, providing another place for people to gather and meet. We are quickly remodeling and filling spaces with interested artists and entrepreneurs."

The common area will continually host different local artists, with some using rooms throughout the historic building

\*Article courtesy of Lake Life.





## Winter Games Cheerleader Nominations Sought

In the true spirit of community fun and recognition, the University of Okoboji Winter Games Committee is giving the public the opportunity to nominate someone to serve as a 2024 University of Okoboji Winter Games cheerleader. Nominees must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Dickinson County.

Each nominee should exhibit: - a ready smile, generous heart and good nature

- an enthusiasm for all that our University of Okoboji campus

- a sincere desire to give their time and talent to enhance the quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes Area

Eight selected cheerleaders will cheer, cheer, cheer for O-K-O-B-O-J-I during the 44th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by GrapeTree Medical Staffing on January 25-28, 2024.

Nomination forms are available at unfowintergames.com under the "Cheerleader" tab or at the Chamber office in Arnolds Park. The deadline for nomination forms is at 5 PM on December 31st, 2023. For more information, contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 712-332-2107.

















## Holiday Gala at LASC

The Lakes Area Senior (Activity) Center will be hosting a Holiday Gala on Sunday, December 10, from 2:00-5:00pm, with a potluck lunch at 3:00pm.

Music will be provided by Steve Lang Country Show. Admission is 5.00 There will be some door prizes available.

This will be the only dance in December at the Center. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Avenue goods or recruiting volunteers.



## 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.

## Kenue Coffee Hour

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."

Attendees do not have to pre-register. For more information, visitwww.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-635. Keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook and Instagram.

## Okoboji SCRIP Fundraising Program

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\$13,095. We are so grateful for the support of the SCRIP program! Place your SCRIP order with Erin Frerichs (712.320.2286) or Kristy Miller (712.330.1836), Okoboji SCRIP Co-Coordinators. Orders can also be emailed to okobojiscrip@gmail.com.

## **Nature Tots: Monkeying Around**

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites children 2-5 years old with a chaperone to Nature Tots: Monkeying Around. This free program will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at 10:30am and 1:30pm, at the Nature Center.

Naturalist Britney Snell says, "Our young explorers will love transforming into a monkey during an interactive game, designing their very own take-home monkey, and discovering where in the world monkeys can be found!'

She says, "The Dickinson County Nature Center recognizes the importance of animal conservation across the globe and uses holidays like National Monkey Day to spark interest in our young explorers."

Sign your young one up today for a wild time they won't forget. Please pre-register by visiting the programs page at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352. Registration ends on Monday, December 11, at 5:00pm. Keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook and Instagram.

## St. Albans to Host Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17

Come join in the celebration of Advent, at 7:00pm, on Sunday, December 17, as we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Singers from different churches from all over the community make up the Choir and will help us work our way to Bethlehem. The Choir is under the direction St. Alban's director of music,

Elizabeth Knudtson and accompanied by Allison Antoine. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this service of Lessons and Carols that prepare us for Christmas. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

St. Albans Episcopal Church is located at 2011 23rd Street directly east of the Hospital in Spirit Lake.

## Saugstad to Speak at ILUUF

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. His message is entitled "Jesus and the Disinherited."

The service will be held the Lakes Area Activity Center (Senior Center), 2101 Zenith Avenue, Spirit Lake. Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. After the service everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch for lunch at a local restaurant. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

Allan Saugstad's professional experience includes sales rep, 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 middle school behavior facilitator, and enjoys music, chess, Scrabble, and biking. Allan and Janine's family includes nine children, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

## 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.



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## Dear Darlene,

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How often should I replace the shocks and struts on my vehicles? Is there a time or mileage limit to follow and is that a rule or can they be checked? My current 5-year-old minivan has never had them replaced, has 110,000 miles, and I plan on keeping it another 3 years or so.

Thank you, Scott in Fort Morgan Colorado

## Dear Scott,

Shocks and struts play a vital role in the ride comfort and safety of your vehicle keeping your tires in contact with the road and smoothing the ride. When they start to fail you may feel more bounce in the suspension or even feel the chassis bottom out over hard bumps. Usually before you feel the bounce braking distance and handling will be decreased. As they age the compressed gas/oil mixture that is used internally will begin to leak, first the gas which goes unseen and next the oil which can usually be detected leaking down the body of the units. Any sign of leakage or excessive bounce indicates that it is time for replacement. Mileage wise at about 50,000 miles or so they will start to lose performance. If you were to drive a vehicle with new units then drive yours, you would probably see a noticeable difference. This difference can mean shorter stopping times, better handling, and a smoother ride. For your vehicle with 110,000 miles and five years it is time for replacement.



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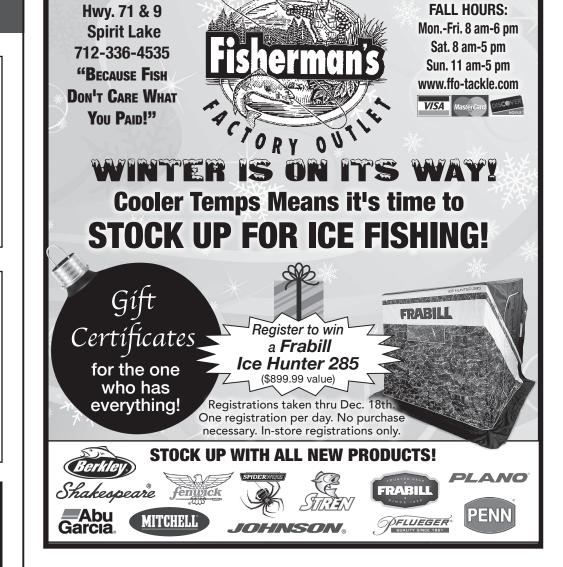
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# Demoney Elementary Presents Winter Concerts

Demoney Elementary first- and second-grade students will perform for families, staff, and community members during their concert on Thursday, December 14.

The concerts promise an enchanting evening filled with holiday cheer and delightful melodies. First graders will perform first at 6 p.m., followed by second graders at 7:00pm. Both shows will take place in the Demoney Elementary Gymnasium.

"Our students have worked diligently to prepare for this event, and we are excited to share that hard work with the community. We hope you will join us in a celebration of our students' musical talents," said Katy Wilson, TK-4th Grade General Music Teacher.

Parents, family members, and community members are invited to attend the performances. Attendees are asked to enter through the main doors of Demoney Elementary and proceed to the gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:40 p.m., and there is no admission fee for the concert.

The Winter Concerts have become a tradition at Demoney Elementary, providing an opportunity for students to shine on stage and for the community to come together in celebration of the holiday season.

For further information or media inquiries, please contact Katy Wilson at katy.wilson@elc-csd.org or 712-362-2181.

## Iowa Lakes Receives \$240,000 **Grant for CDL Training Program**

Governor Kim Reynolds recently unveiled the recipients of the CDL Infrastructure Grants, and Iowa Lakes Community College was among the beneficiaries. The grants, totaling \$4.84 million, have been awarded to 10 of Iowa's esteemed community colleges. These funds will facilitate the acquisition of new equipment and the establishment or renovation of driver training facilities. These grants are estimated to increase annual program participation by 1,305 individuals collectively.

Iowa Lakes Community College receives \$240,000 of the awarded monies through a Future Ready Iowa grant to build a cutting-edge Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training program. This program is a significant step towards addressing the increasing demand for CDL drivers in the Iowa Lakes region and will be instrumental in advancing this much-needed program.

Iowa Lakes will make critical investments in the CDL program by purchasing two truck and trailer combinations and a stateof-the-art simulator to provide students with a comprehensive learning experience. Students enrolled in the CDL Program will gain the theoretical knowledge and hands-on driving skills needed to thrive while learning within a controlled environment.

Additionally, Iowa Lakes plans to run the CDL training program concurrently with existing programs, including Agriculture, Construction Technology, Farm Equipment & Diesel Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology.

"We wish to express our gratitude for this invaluable grant, which will enable us to contribute significantly to the CDL driver workforce in our region. We look forward to providing high-quality CDL training that will prepare individuals for successful careers in the transportation industry while addressing the critical shortage of CDL drivers," explained Jeff Soole, Dean of Career and Technical Education and Workforce.

Iowa projects needing more than 10,000 commercial drivers annually between 2020 and 2030. The state recognized this demand and launched the CDL Infrastructure Grant program through the Future Ready Iowa initiative to eliminate financial barriers to driver training and, consequently, foster more licensed commercial drivers across Iowa.

To learn more about the Iowa Lakes CDL training program, please contact Jeff Soole at 712.580.8628 or jsoole@iowalakes.





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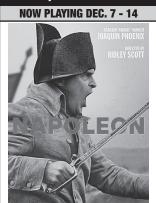
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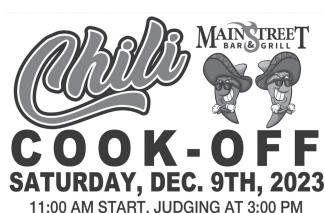
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National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is proud to announce that Jersey Mike's Subs, a fast-casual sub sandwich franchise with more than 2,600 locations nationwide, has issued a #GivingTuesday challenge to help raise funds to sponsor veterans' wreaths for placement at Arlington National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, December 16, 2023.



Jersey Mike's has once again stepped up to help WAA reach its goal of placing a fresh, handmade balsam veteran's wreath on every eligible marker at Arlington National Cemetery. Every \$17 wreath sponsorship made at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/JerseyMikes through Friday, December 8, 2023, will be matched by the company, up to \$250,000!

Since 2010, Jersey Mike's has supported WAA's mission with contributions totaling more than \$3.5 million dollars. Last year, across the country more than 2.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths were placed in honor of veterans, including on all the eligible markers of those buried at Arlington National Cemetery. "Jersey Mike's franchisees across the country support the yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom," said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO.

"The incredible team at Jersey Mike's Subs has been such a tremendous part of the growth of the program for more than a decade," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. "Their continued support ensures that we will be able to fulfill our mission in remembrance of the brave men and women who committed themselves unselfishly at the most critical moments in our nation's history to ensure our freedom."

For more information about volunteering at Arlington on National Wreaths Across America Day - this year, Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 - please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ARLING. To find a participating location near you to support or to learn how you can volunteer locally in your community please click here.





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## **College Football Fumbles**

I have written enough about how Iowa's elite defense deserves so much more from their offense, and that was the case again in the Big 10 Championship game that saw Iowa get another topnotch effort from their defense but still lose 26-0 to Michigan, so I'm not going to rehash that game here. Instead, I'll take a different twist and write about something nationally, this year's College Football Playoffs and how 13-0 Florida State was left out of the battle for the National Championship.

This is the final year of just four teams making the College Football Playoffs (CFP), as next year the Playoffs will expand to 12 teams. The final year of the four-team format is bringing the most controversy we've had with the CFP since it started in 2018. The top two teams were pretty easy to figure out as Michigan and Washington both won their Power 5 conference championship games and ended the season with perfect 13-0 records. Florida State, which also went 13-0 and won their Power 5 conference championship, also appeared to be a safe bet to earn the #3 seed. However, as is the case with college football and the craziness of realignment, money talks and several people control how things go. Those powers that be, determined that since Florida State was playing without their star quarterback, Jordan Travis who suffered a season-ending injury in a mid-November game vs South Alabama. The Seminoles still went on to win at rival Florida and on Saturday beat #16 Louisville 16-6 in the ACC Championship game with their third-string quarterback as Travis' backup, Tate Rodemaker was out due to a concussion suffered in the Florida game. Florida State also held key wins vs (rankings at the time of the games) #5 LSU and #16 Duke during the season. ESPN televises the CFP, and next year will have priority rights to the Southeastern Conference Football games. The narrative is that ESPN was not going to allow a CFP without at least one SEC team, and since Texas had already beaten Alabama this year, they figured they had to definitely include Texas if they were going to include Alabama, who upset #1 Georgia in the SEC Championship Game on Saturday, causing much of this madness.

While Florida State is definitely not the same team without Travis, they have earned the right to compete for a National Championship by winning games on the field, with and without Travis. The CFP argues that without Travis, the Seminoles aren't one of the top four teams in college football, which is a totally subjective point of view. Florida State could have been deceitful with Travis' injury (like many college teams with injuries disclosures) and said they hoped to have him back for the Playoffs, but they were honest that his injury was season-ending, and sadly were punished for that honesty. Games, and championships are meant to be won on the field, not in meeting rooms. Sadly, for Florida State, that is not the case with the CFP system, which like much in the college sports (Transfer Portal, NIL) is totally broken!





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## Christmas in the Gallery and Open House Featuring Paper Moon at AOG

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Arts on Grand is pleased to announce its current gallery exhibit, Christmas in the Gallery. Exhibit dates are as follows: Thursday, November 22, 2023, to Thursday, January 4, 2024. A free come and go open house will take place featuring Paper Moon Jazz Quartet from 6:00 – 8:00pm on Friday, December 15, 2023. Enjoy background music while gandering through

Shop locally this holiday season by purchasing gifts for your loved ones ranging from ornaments and cards to jewelry, decoys, hanging artwork and more! Featured artists of this exhibit are Cecelia Comito, Ingrid Finn, Gary Hoard, Theresa McKee, Rosalise Olson, Nancy Parliman Schoenewe, Lee Schoenewe, John Smock, Paris Spencer, and Allen D. Wadsworth. Many other gift items are available for purchase in the gallery as well and are great for holiday gift giving.



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## Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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.



The Milford Pioneers 4-H Club sponsored a Veterans Day coloring contest involving 3rd

Front row: coloring contest winner Camryn Wolff, 4-H members Olivia Breuer, Amelia Myhre,

grade students at Okoboji Elelmentary School. Milford American Legion post 384 members

Steve Bonnell, Tom Arends, Daryl Christensen and Milford Pioneers 4-H leader Mary Weaver

Carter Johnson, coloring contest winner Kayden Kreider. Back row: Rowan Lindgren, Scarlett

Amesquita, Lennon Umscheid. Missing from the photo is coloring contest winner Briella Simone.

Veterans Day Coloring Contest

were on hand to present awards.

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February 22

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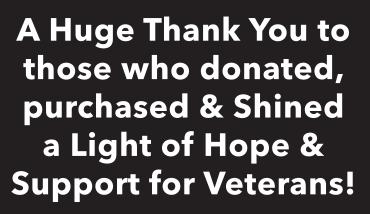
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**Date Night Cooking Class** With Marisa Sidles

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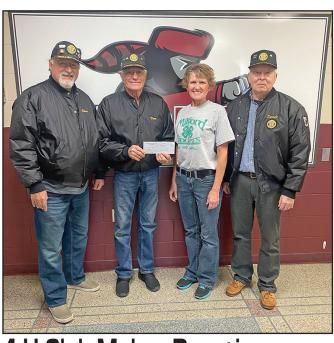
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## Operation Green Light was a huge success!

The Dickinson County Veterans Affairs and the Lakes News Shopper collected \$432.00. 100% off these proceeds will be split between The Milford American Legion, Spirit Lake VFW, **Lake Park American Legion and** Spirit Lake American Legion. Spring Jones, Dickinson Co. Veteran Affairs Service Officer - 712-336-0883 ext. #1





## 4-H Club Makes Donation

The Milford Pioneers 4-H Club gave a monetary donation of gratitude to the Milford American Legion post 384. Present were Milford American Legion members Steve Bonnell, Tom Arends, Milford Pioneers 4-H leader Mary Weaver and legion member, Daryl Christensen.



## Milford Memorial **Library News**

Kindermusik.

Youth News Week of December 4, 2023

Ho! Ho! Ho! Looks like December and the snow is here! Milford Memorial Library is a great place to warm up while

your kiddos explore the youth area. We have new book displays, holiday decorations, toys, STEAM kits, and so much more. We are open daily starting at 9:30

At the Lakes a.m. (except Sunday). We have a special Building Bookworms (storytime)at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18, with the talented Kindermusik program. Miss Allison always brings the excitement! Minds in Motion (open play) takes place only once this month at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 11. Then last, but not least, our

library is showing a matinee movie (plus popcorn) of The Bad Guys at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14. Spread the word about the youth library programs.

## Writers and Writing

by Michael Tidemann

The Family Chao, a Riot of Characters Sometimes a book not only suggests, but requires, a second reading.

That is most certainly the case with The Family Chao by Iowa Writers' Workshop director Lan Samantha Chang, a native of Appleton, Wisconsin. The book received the 2023 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award.

At the heart of the novel is Big Leo Chao – philanderer, control freak and owner of a Chinese-American restaurant in Haven, WI, a town that accepts the Chaos solely because of their quality cuisine. The rest of the

family is comprised of Winnie, Leo's long-suffering wife who finds solace in a Buddhist convent;

Dagou, who returns home to take over the family business; Ming whose unbridled ambition blinds him to his family roots; and James, a pre-med student who, as youngest, is in a position to observe the cacophonous spider web of love, hate and intrigue that binds the Chao family. Ironically, it's Dagou, who seems most bent on preserving the

family legacy, who falls victim to his own design. He abandons his fiancee, the wealthy and brilliant attorney Katherine Corcoran, for Brenda Wozicek, a server in the Chao's restaurant, "that pansexual demon of his high school days," most likely because she is not Chinese, like Katherine.

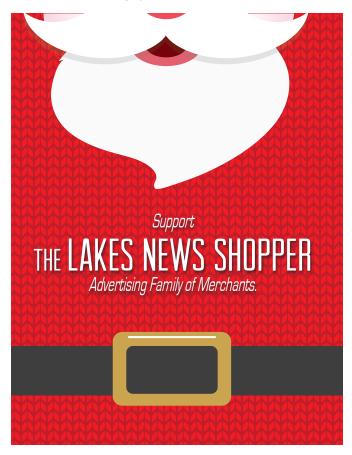
When Dagou plans on taking over the family business from his 70-year-old father, Leo says he has sold it, only later to say he was joking. Dagou takes his frustration to the airwaves of 88.8, his illegal pirate radio station, and blurts out the motive, means and opportunity he may have to kill his father by taking a key from the freezer room and locking Leo inside so he freezes to death – the exact manner in which Leo dies.

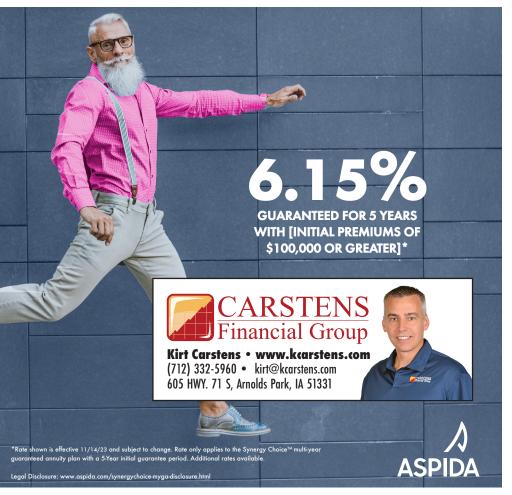
Against the better advice of everyone, Dagou is his own worst witness when he testifies at his trial, repeating his desire to kill his father and telling how, right up the point where he says he didn't do it.

There are clues, though, that counter Dagou's claim. What happened to the stranger's blue bag containing \$50,000 James found in a train station? What happened to the priceless jade ring Dagou gave Katherine? And who, if anyone, could have carried out Leo's murder except for Dagou?

Chang hits us with a lot of characters all at once. That's why a second reading is helpful. That's when it's possible to pick apart the plot elements that reveal how caring – and really unselfish and unlike their father – the Chao sons are.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)







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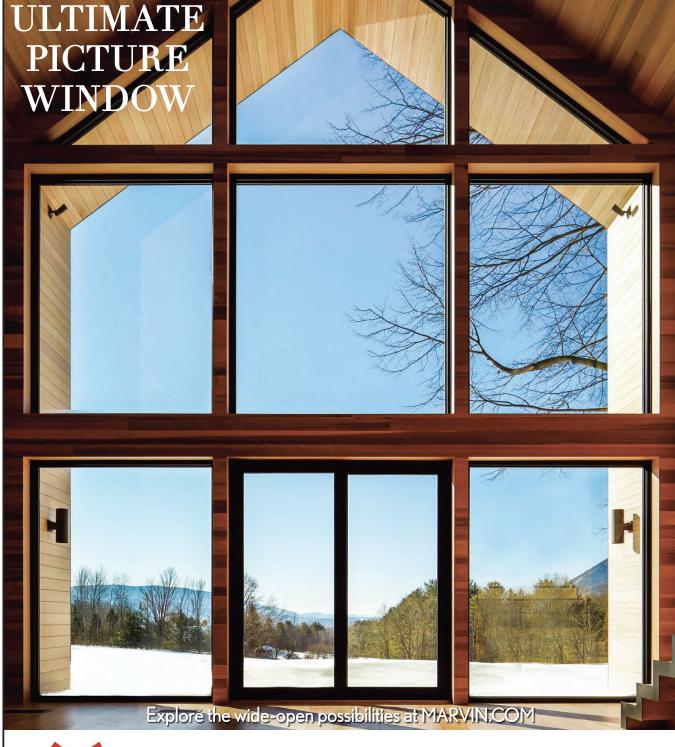














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## **Milford Memorial Library News**

On Tuesday, December 12, MML's Young Adult Last Minute Gift Challenge Box will be available for pick up. Fourth through



young-adult-registration.html. Friday, December 22, is the last day to register.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 6, for Dickinson County Library Staff Development. We will be looking forward to seeing you when we reopen on Thursday, December 7, at 9:30 a.m.

This month MML's Adult Craft Series will have a special guest! Join Ann Williamsen for card making on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m., and learn the art of making handcrafted paper cards. Participants will get the chance to work with the different tools Ann has and create their own card. Cost for this program is \$5 and registration is required. To register and for more information, contact the Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643.

Friday, December 15, is the last day for the Holiday Fantasy Food Drive. With your help, we can fill the shopping cart for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines with non-perishable food items. Share what you can.

On Tuesday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m., MML's Book Club will be meeting for discussion of 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.

Everyone is welcome to Community Connections on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Join us on Thursday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m., at the library. This month, Dickinson county Nature Center will be discussing Animal Albinism. Community Connections is open to adults wanting to learn and socialize. Coffee and refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Milford Library. This is a free program and attendees are encouraged to socialize after presentations. Bring your questions!

It's starting to look a little more like the holidays in the library. Stop by to see trees and other decorations in the library. **NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL!** 

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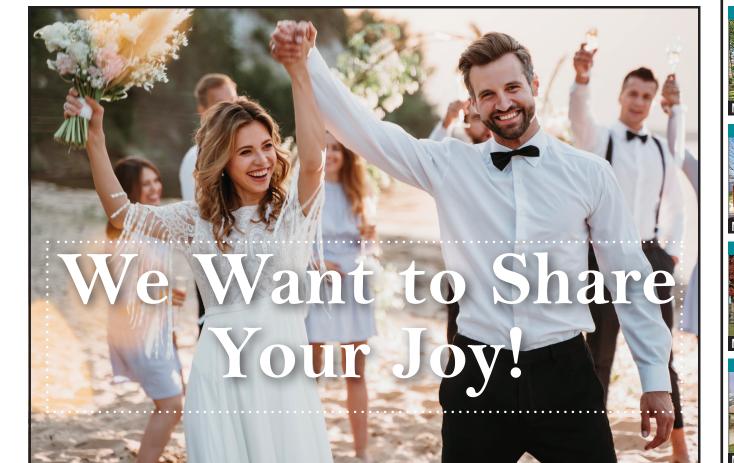




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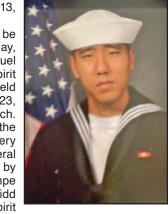


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Christopher Kim Petrick, 36, of Shoreline, Washington, formerly of Spirit Lake, passed away unexpectedly from natural causes in Shoreline.

WA, on Monday, November 13, A memorial service will be

held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. at the church. The burial will be held in the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. Military Funeral Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514, both of Spirit



Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Chris was born on February 26, 1987, in Seoul, Korea. He met his adoptive parents, Dave and Bev Petrick, on July 31, 1987. He was baptized and later confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Chris graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 2005. He received his BA degree from Simpson College in 2009. While attending Simpson he received his EMT certification. He also served as a worship leader for Lutheran Church of Hope and continued with that after his graduation from Simpson and later with THRIVE. He also completed his paramedic certification and worked as a paramedic for the West Des Moines and Clive fire departments.

He enlisted in the US Navy where he served as a hospital corpsman and was deployed to Afghanistan and later to Japan. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Des Moines where he continued his training to become a lead paramedic and then a flight paramedic. He continued working for West Des Moines, Clive, and Mercy Hospital. He moved to Washington when he was offered a full-time flight paramedic position with Life Flight. In 2022, he became an Organ Donor Coordinator for LifeCenter Northwest.

He is survived by his parents, Dave and Bev Petrick, his beloved dog Bo, aunts, and uncles: Dan and Kathy Petrick, Carlo and Linda Petrick, Sue and Bill Preuss, Lois and Roger Watson, Dea and Bill Otte, Rose Rosenberg, Lynne Bremer, Becky and Keith Bicknase, many cousins and friends throughout the country.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Mildred Petrick, Arthur and Annette Bremer, Uncle Roger Thorson, Uncle Dave Rosenberg, and Uncle John Bremer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Wounded Warriors Foundation; Camp Okoboji Wahpeton, IA; the backpack program at the Spirit Lake and Okoboji Schools; or to anyone's personal choice.

#### Word Search Puzzle Key from page 10A

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A funeral service for Jan Wiese, 74, of Lake Park, was held Monday, December 4, 2023, at Turner Jenness Funeral

Home in Spirit Lake. Burial was at Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park. Memorials in memory of Jan can be given to the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jan Wiese was born June 18, 1949, the second of three children, in Spirit Lake, lowa, and daughter of Glen E and V Lorraine (Woodrum) Bush. Jan was raised and educated near Lake Park, Iowa, graduating from Sioux Valley High School in 1968.

Jan was united in marriage to James J Wiese on July 22, 1967, in Lakefield, Minnesota. Serving as Best Man for the ceremonies was Pat Wiese, and the Maid of Honor was Lorren Bush.

The couple made their home in Lake Park, where they raised their children, Jill, Justin and Jordan. In November of 1997, Jan & Jim moved to her childhood acreage east of Lake Park. In her free time, Jan found joy in reading, gardening, shopping, decorating her home and cherished moments spent with her family.

Jan passed away Monday, November 27, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare at seventy-four years of age after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jim Wiese, Lake Park, IA; their children, Jill and Kurt Vanderhoef, Iowa City, IA; Justin Wiese, Waukee, IA; and Jordan and AJ Wiese, Minneapolis, MN. Their grandchildren include Cyan Vanderhoef, Alia Vanderhoef, River Vanderhoef, Parker Wiese, Spencer Wiese, Cooper Wiese and Jaxson Wiese. Also left to cherish her memory is her brother-in-law Don Smith, brother and sister-in-law, Shane and Bette Bush, in-laws Pat and Barb Wiese and Jan and Dale Johnson, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glen and Lorraine; sister, Lorren "Rennie" Smith; nephew, Ryan Bush. Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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With more than 20 years of experience, LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center has worked hard to earn the trust of the families that we serve. In 2004, the LaCanne family opened their first funeral home in Windom and expanded to Jackson in July 2022, with a newly constructed funeral home. Expansion will continue with a third facility, as LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center operates the existing Osterberg funeral home in Lakefield.

LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center strives to earn the trust of the families we serve with dedication and commitment to honor you and your loved one. Their communities are very important to them, and they are dedicated to serving each family and the unique needs that each present, with dignity and grace. Their professional staff will continue to support the business and families with compassion and care.

The LaCanne family tradition will continue for many years to come, as the LaCanne's oldest son, Kaleb LaCanne, is earning a degree in Mortuary Science and plans to join the family business. While earning a degree, Kaleb will be a licensed intern in early 2024, and shortly after will become a licensed funeral director.

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3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 42 teaspoons baking powder

other orange flavored liqueur 1/8 cup chopped, candied orange peel

Beat egg yolks with 34 cup sugar until light and sugar is dissolved. Stir in the melted butter, nuts, Grand Marnier, and candied orange. In a separate bowl beat the egg whites until they just begin to form peaks, and gradually beat in remaining

sugar until whites form stiff peaks. Sift flour and baking powder together and alternately fold 1/3 of flour and egg white mixtures into yolks until well combined. With floured hands, divide



dough into two logs approximately 1  $^{1}$ /2" in diameter. Arrange logs on a parchment lined baking sheet and bake in a preheated 325°F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until logs are lightly brown. Remove from oven and let logs cool on baking pan on a rack for 10 minutes. On a cutting board, cut logs crosswise on the diagonal into 1/2" widths. Arrange biscotti cut side down on baking pan and bake for 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until biscotti are very lightly browned and crisp. Cool on racks and store airtight.

Recipe Courtesy of: Chef John Ash's from www.chefjohnash.com.



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# Crop Advantage Series returns to Northwest Iowa in January 2024

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The 2024 Crop Advantage meetings will give producers a solid foundation of current research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for their farming operation.

The meetings are an opportunity for farmers and crop advisers to hear current research and crop production information from Iowa State University. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists will travel to 12 locations around Iowa from Jan. 3-30, providing updated management options and recommendations on crop production issues facing Iowa growers.

Meetings include continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers and pesticide applicator recertification. All sites offer private pesticide applicator continuing instruction for an additional fee of \$30.

"There is no other program in our crop production education year where we are able to bring this many Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists together to sites across the state. We're excited to provide the quality, in-person education farmers and retailers have come to expect," said Gentry Sorenson, local field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach based near Algona.

Program topics vary by location and are selected for regional issues. Examples of topics this year include crop market updates, herbicide carryover and weed management strategies, climate outlook for 2024, corn rootworm variant management, soybean disease updates, manure management, cover crops impact on the nitrogen cycle and more.

To view an exact schedule of topics for each location, visit http:// www.aep.iastate.edu/cas.

"Our goal is always to prepare producers to manage potential issues when they arise, or even before they arise, by sharing the most up-to-date scientific knowledge from Iowa State University researchers," said Leah Ten Napel, local field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach based near Le Mars. "Each location's program is unique as content is driven by local needs and production issues."

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations:

January 3 – Sheldon

January 4 – Storm Lake

January 5 – Mason City January 10 – Ankeny

January 11 - Burlington

January 16 – Cedar Falls

January 18 – Atlantic January 19 – Davenport

January 23 – Okoboji January 24 – Templeton

January 25 – Coralville

January 30 – Le Mars Early registration for each location is \$75; late registration made less than seven days prior to the meeting, or on-site, is \$100. Registration includes lunch and CCA credits. Private pesticide applicator recertification fee is \$30 paid to the local county Extension office.

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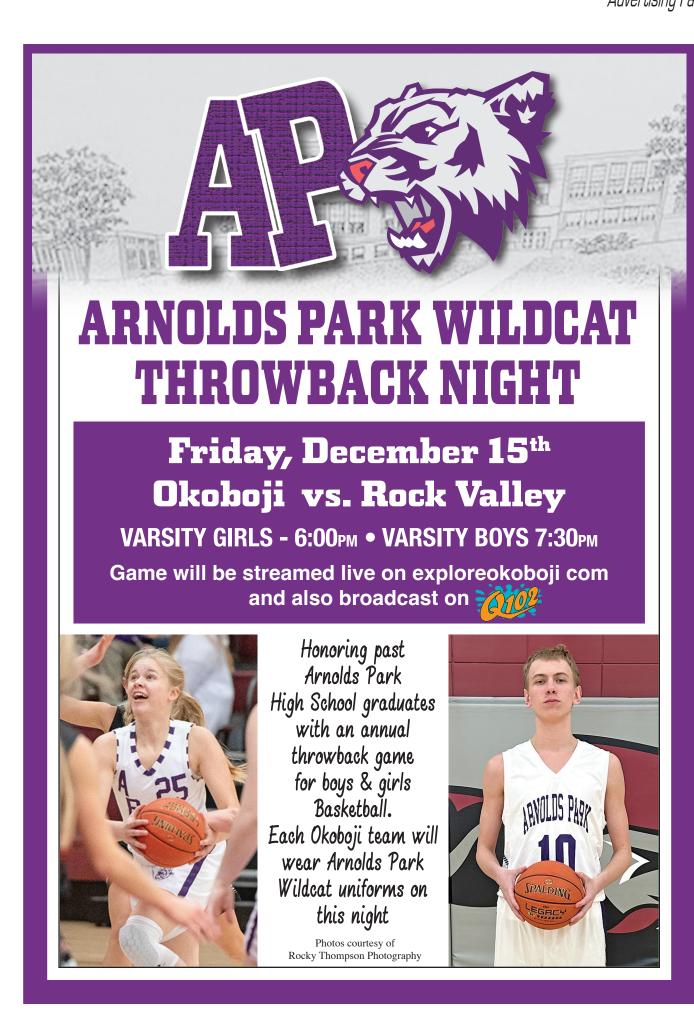
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## **Milford Memorial Library News**

On Tuesday, December 12, MML's Young Adult Last Minute Gift Challenge Box will be available for pick up. Fourth through

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Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 6, for Dickinson County Library Staff Development. We will be looking forward to seeing you when we reopen on Thursday, December 7, at 9:30 a.m.

This month MML's Adult Craft Series will have a special guest! Join Ann Williamsen for card making on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m., and learn the art of making handcrafted paper cards. Participants will get the chance to work with the different tools Ann has and create their own card. Cost for this program is \$5 and registration is required. To register and for more information, contact the Milford Memorial Library at

Friday, December 15, is the last day for the Holiday Fantasy Food Drive. With your help, we can fill the shopping cart for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines with non-perishable food items. Share what you can.

On Tuesday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m., MML's Book Club will be meeting for discussion of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend. It Lake Park, Iowa. Things look a little different this year. We have is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you can come and go as you please.

Everyone is welcome to Community Connections on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Join us on Thursday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m., at the library. This month, Dickinson county Nature Center will be discussing Animal Albinism. Community Connections is open to adults wanting to learn and socialize. Coffee and refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Milford Library. This is a free program and attendees are encouraged to socialize after presentations. Bring your questions!

It's starting to look a little more like the holidays in the library. Stop by to see trees and other decorations in the library. yours!"



## 4-H Club Makes Donation

The Milford Pioneers 4-H Club leader and fellow Auxiliary member, Mary Weaver, (green shirt) presented a monetary donation of gratitude to Milford American Legion Auxiliary Unit #384 members LaVonne Siemers, Joann Gano, Linda Bonnell.





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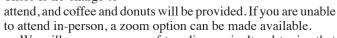
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## **Extension Ag Coffees for Ag Producers**

During the winter months, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach works hard to bring local producers important

information to help their operations. We put on many annual programs, and this year we are excited to offer a new series focused on trending agricultural topics.

"Extension Ag Coffees" are a new series geared towards agricultural producers and rural community members. This series will be hosted once a month from December to April from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Moville City Hall. There is no charge to



We will cover an array of trending agricultural topics that affect our community.

The first topic to be covered on December 8th will be carbon credits. Iowa State University Associate Professor Alejandro Plastina will go over the current carbon markets, what they require of producers, and touch on the uncertainties that come along with these programs.

On January 12th, Leah Ten Napel, Extension Field Agronomist, will present a harvest and growing season recap. At this session we will go over growing season issues like herbicide carryover and pest resistance, and a summary of harvest outcomes around the area. This topic will be open to discussion with the group on how they felt their growing season went, and things we can do differently for the upcoming crop.

On February 9th, the climate outlook for the 2024 growing season will be presented by Dennis Todey with the USDA Midwest Climate Hub. Drought in Iowa has been in place since 2020 and continues to impact agriculture, water, and a variety of other issues. A very strong El Niño is in place for the winter of 2023-24. Dennis will tell us what all these things mean for next spring and the growing season, and he will also review soil moisture situations and the possibility of refilling the soil moisture profile.

On March 15th, Beef Specialist Beth Doran will talk about beef trends going forward. With the uncertainty in the marketplace, this is a conversation about the beef industry you do not want to miss!

The final session on April 5th will focus on land conservation. NRCS Soil Health Specialist, Jeffrey Reichter, will talk with us on different soil health practices that producers or landowners can implement, and the impact those changes can make.

Each session will have a presentation with time for discussion from the audience. We look forward to the participation from the community to learn more about what types of issues you are facing right now, and future programming you'd like to see in the area.

For more information or to register, please contact Karrie King at the ISU Extension and Outreach Woodbury County Office at 712-276-2157 or karriek@iastate.edu.



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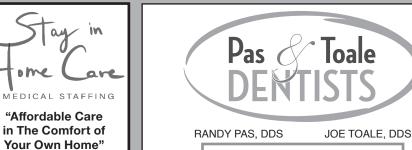
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