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- Jan. 2 - Steve Lang
- Jan. 9 - Tim Horsman
- Jan. 16 - The senders
- Jan. 23 - Al Lang
- Jan. 30 - Terry Klein

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

Tues., Jan. 16 - 10:00 AM - 80 Acres at auction in Southernland, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

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Dear readers of the Lakes News Shopper, This week we are sharing how to "Protect What's Yours (After You Pass) - Part 1: The Importance of Estate Planning".

Fact: When you pass, you will leave behind an estate, and somebody will need to settle it. Your estate may be worth a little or a lot, but there's no escaping death and taxes. So why do so many families put off their essential estate planning until push comes to shove?

Estate Planning Is an Act of Love

Since 2015, Caring.com has been conducting a periodic survey of Americans' estate planning habits. Its most recent results suggest the pandemic has spurred an uptick in estate planning, especially among younger adults. That's good news. But still, an enormous divide remains:

Some 60% of those surveyed agreed it's important to have a will. But, as of December 2020, only about a third of them actually had one.

Among those without a will, the top reason cited across multiple years remained the same:

"I haven't gotten around to it." This isn't surprising, given the logistical and emotional stumbling blocks involved. Plus, most families are plenty busy with interests that seem more immediate ... right up until they're not.

The Upsides of Estate Planning

In short, if you've been procrastinating on your estate planning, you're not alone. But regardless of your age or net worth, let's correct that oversight today, because a well-structured estate plan is the greatest gift you can bequeath to your loved ones to reduce their stress load during an already stressful time.

According to a 2018 EstateExec survey, it typically takes just under 700 hours to settle an estate valued between \$1-\$5 million. Every painful task and each extra hour you can take care of in advance will be one more way you can give back to the loved ones you leave behind, granting them the space they'll need to grieve and process the emotional toll of their loss.

Estate planning also brings important practical advantages to nearly every family:

Clarity: Your actual wishes are far more likely to be realized if you've written them down and made them legally binding.

Speed: Your estate is likely to settle far more quickly, with less red tape and fewer frustrating delays before your beneficiaries receive their inheritance as hoped for.

Cost Savings: Faster settlements usually translate to fewer costs.

Tax Benefits: Estate planning can include basic and advanced strategies for facilitating a more tax-efficient wealth transfer.

Protection: By addressing potential problems in advance, distributions are less likely to end up in the wrong hands, such as estranged family members or debt collectors.

Step-by-Step Planning

So, what's stopping you from getting a grip on your estate planning? In our next post, we'll take you through the three common hurdles that stand between you and your effective estate planning. These include: (1) deciding who gets what, (2) making it legal, and (3) getting (and remaining) organized.

Reach out to info@invest-northwest.com with any questions.

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12:30 - Bridge
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker
Beth Will - Dickinson County Community Services
Wednesday, January 3
9:00 - Exercise Class
1:30 - Table Tennis
Thursday, January 4
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 Tai Chi
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
5:00 - Zumba Class
Friday, January 5
9:00 - Exercise Class
1:00 - Sewing Group
1:30 - Table Tennis
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Monday, January 8
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. New in January! Tai Chi is starting on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 11:00am. Sign up and stay for dinner date. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be the third Sunday in January from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. There will be no dance in January. 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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Flu Facts and Info on Other Respiratory Illnesses

Our region is seeing a surge of respiratory illnesses with the top three culprits being influenza (flu), RSV and COVID.

- All three viruses have similar symptoms which makes it challenging to know the difference without a test.
- Antibiotics will not work on viruses; however, a few antiviral medications are available for flu and COVID.
- Most of the time symptoms for these respiratory illnesses can be managed at home:
 - » Get rest and drink plenty of fluids
 - » Treat a fever and discomfort with over-the-counter medications
 - » Read over-the-counter labels – most cough and cold medicines are not recommended for children under 6 years old.
 - » Stay home from school, work and public areas until fever-free for 24 hours
 - » If having difficulty breathing, seek medical care right away

Prevention is always key in staying healthy:

- Avoid close contact with someone who is ill
- Frequent handwashing
- Cover your cough and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth
- Stay home when you're ill

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- Crackers -Faust Institute of Cosmetology
- Mac & Cheese - T-Mobile
- Tuna & Hamburger Helper- Coca Cola
- SpaghettiOs and Chef Boyardee- Dickinson Co. Nature Center

The outcome of our Festival of Giving Trees was outstanding this year; we collected a total of 3,135 items of non perishable items. So many families will benefit from these awesome donations. We had so many amazing trees this year and we are very excited to announce the winning trees. The winner of the most donations goes to GrapeTree -Canned Soup with 1,347 donations. The winner of the most creative tree goes to the K Kids Kiwanis. Such an adorable tree. Thank you so much for everyone who participated and helped us fill the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry.

Happy New Year!
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MONDAY, JANUARY 15

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Doors Open at 6:00 PM • Caucus Activity Begins & Doors Close at 7:00 PM



The Precinct Caucuses will perform the following functions:

- Elect 2 persons, Republican residents of the precinct to serve on the County Central Committee.
- Elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Dickinson County Republican Convention held on Saturday, February 17, 2024.
- Propose and vote on platform planks to send to the Dickinson County Platform Committee.
- The Republican Presidential poll will be conducted.

Voter Registration forms will be available to Register to Vote or update your information. You will be asked for proper identification, showing who you are and where you live.

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WE NEED YOUR VOICE at the next PLANNING & ZONING PUBLIC MEETING

when the revision of the Wind Energy ordinance will be presented.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 at 10AM

Dickinson County Courthouse
Community Room, First Floor
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to help protect the health & safety of those living near the wind turbines with this proposed ordinance.

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Why Become a Master Gardener?

by Beth Ellen Doran, Beef Specialist and Master Gardener

Someone asked me why an Extension beef specialist writes gardening articles. The answer is simple – I am a Master Gardener who enjoys gardening and participating in the Master Gardener program!

The Master Gardener program helps garden enthusiasts learn and teach others about plants and gardening in the home landscape. To be a “Master Gardener,” you must complete required hours of gardening education and community service. But both requirements are easy to achieve.

Iowa State University offers a variety of educational opportunities. Ten free winter Master Gardener webinars can be viewed from your home Tuesday evenings beginning January 9 and continuing through March 12. Here is a sampling of the topics that will be offered – tomatoes, grapes, insect pests, climate change and garden design. More information and registration are at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/>.

Another benefit of the Master Gardener program is interacting with other gardeners. For example, Sioux County is

hosting an informal “Cat Chat” in late January for gardeners to bring their favorite seed catalog

and share what they like.

A new opportunity for gardeners is the Siouxland Gardening Symposium on March 16 at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA. Keynote speaker is Stephanie Barelman, founder of the Bellevue Native Plant Society, who will inspire you with the beauty and importance of incorporating native plants in your garden. Check out the details at: <https://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>.

Sometimes gardeners feel intimidated by the community service hours, but they can be easily met. For instance, Sioux County will be hosting a plant sale in May with plants grown by Master Gardeners. Or volunteer to help at the Butterflies and Blossoms Garden Open House next to the Sioux County Extension Office.

Other community service projects have involved reporting weary houseplants for city merchants, working in a community garden, writing judges’ comments at the local county fair, giving a gardening presentation at your local library, helping at a local garden tour, or planting flowers in a public area. The only limit is your imagination!

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1973 was an extremely eventful year in history. Some memorable 1973 headlines include the opening of the iconic London Bridge, the release of Pink Floyd's landmark album "Dark Side of the Moon", and the opening of the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, which connected two continents: Asia and Europe.

Other remarkable 1973 newspaper articles cover topics such as the marriage of Princess Anne to "commoner" Captain Mark, Billie Jean King's defeat of Bobby Riggs in a "battle of the sexes" tennis match, and the death of iconic martial artist and actor Bruce Lee. A 1973 newspaper is a wonderful keepsake gift idea for anyone with an interest in history or the year 1973 in particular.

- 1st January 1973 The United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Denmark enter the European Economic Community, which later becomes the European Union.
- 14th January 1973 Elvis Presley's concert in Hawaii is watched live by over a billion people worldwide.
- 20th January 1973 U.S. President Richard Nixon is inaugurated for his second term.
- 22nd January 1973 Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States (b. 1908) dies after suffering his third heart attack.
- 17th March 1973 The Queen opens the modern London Bridge.
- 17th March 1973 Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" is released and later becomes one of rock's landmark albums.
- 4th April 1973 The World Trade Centre officially opens in New York City with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- 1st May 1973 An estimated 1,600,000 workers stop work in support of a Trade Union Congress "day of national protest and stoppage" against the Government's anti-inflation policy.
- 23rd June 1973 A house fire in Kingston Upon Hull kills a six-year-old boy and is passed off as an accident. It is actually the first of twenty-six fire deaths caused over the next seven years by arsonist Peter Dinsdale.
- 20th July 1973 Bruce Lee, Chinese-American martial artist and actor (b. 1940) dies.
- 29th July 1973 Formula One racing driver Roger Williamson dies in an accident, witnessed live on European television, during the 1973 Dutch Grand Prix.
- 15th August 1973 The U.S. bombing of Cambodia ends, officially halting twelve years of combat activity in Southeast Asia.
- 20th September 1973 Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in a televised tennis match named "The Battle of the Sexes".
- 20th October 1973 The Sydney Opera House is opened by the Queen after fourteen years of construction work.
- 30th October 1973 The Bosphorus Bridge is completed in Istanbul, Turkey. It connects the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus for the first time in history.
- 14th November 1973 Princess Anne marries a commoner, Captain Mark Phillips, in Westminster Abbey. They would eventually divorce in 1992.
- 31st December 1973 The Three-Day Week electricity consumption reduction measure comes into force in the United Kingdom, due to coal shortages caused by industrial action.

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Writers and Writing

by Michael Tidemann

Love's Guest offers inspiration and reflection

Every once in a while, a little book comes along that punches far above its weight, that offers more than initially meets the eye.

That's the case of Love's Guest, a slim, inspirational volume by Marc Aronoff of Lenox, Mass. The book is a collection of annotated selections from The Spiritual Dialogues by Saint Catherine of Genoa, born as Caterina Fieschi Adorno in Genoa, Italy, in 1447.

Aronoff tells us that Saint Catherine experienced stigmata and healed a paralytic which led to her canonization by Pope Clement XII on April 30, 1737, more than 200 years after her death. Saint Catherine's other book was The Treatise of Purgatory.

Regardless of one's creed or religious inclinations, Aronoff and Richardson present a beautiful little volume, adorned with Richardson's lovely artwork. As I read through this inspirational text, I kept thinking of the poet Rumi, and sure enough, Aronoff offers us a Rumi poem at the end of the book.

Short, inspirational reflections appear on each page. If you're looking for a quick read-through, that could be done in an hour. However, if you're looking for something beyond that, you'll find an opportunity for hours of quiet contemplation.

The following passage probably best describes how one should regard Saint Catherine's treatise:

"Whoever hears or reads these words without the sentiment of Love makes little account of them, and they pass by like the wind. But if I could express the joy, the pleasure, and the peace which it brings to the beloved heart, all people who hear or read these words surrender without resistance."

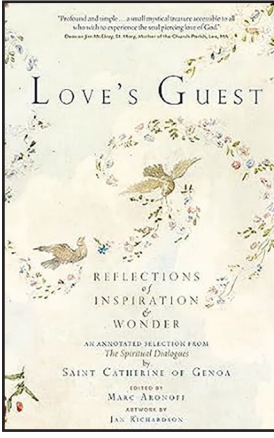
The following two passages could have come straight from Rumi:

"Oh, Love, with thy sweetness, you break the heart that is harder than adamant and melt it like wax in the fire."
"Oh, Love, you make great people esteem themselves as the least of the earth, and the richest, as the poorest."

We can all benefit by reflecting on what Saint Catherine, by way of Aronoff, has written. In a time of war and political unrest, spiritual inspiration can take us above the dissension and conflict of everyday life. And that's the true value of this little book.

Love's Guest would make an ideal gift for someone at a special time - confirmation, graduation, wedding or for consolation. Aronoff has succeeded in appealing to all such occasions.

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




Milford Memorial Library News

Youth News Week of January 1, 2024

Happy New Year library friends and families! The youth area at Milford Memorial Library is all set with new book displays and decorations. Plus, we have our monthly programming starting next week. We have Minds in Motion (sensory play) at 10:30 a.m. on January 8, and Afterschool Adventures (group fun) at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 11 (craft: marble maze). We hope to see you all soon, and please reach out to us if you have any questions.

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Milford Memorial Library News

On Tuesday, January 16, at 1:00 p.m., the Milford Memorial Library Book Club will be meeting for discussion of Homecoming by Kate Morton. 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.

Young Adults, fourth through twelfth graders, are invited to register for MML's Young Adult Snow Challenge. They will be creating their own giant paper bag snowflake and designing a wood block snowman. This activity runs from Tuesday, January 9, through Friday, January 19. This is a free to-go activity, but does require registration. To register, call MML at 712-338-4643 or go online to <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html>.

Wednesday, January 17, is Open Craft Night! This Adult Craft Series will be a kit only event. Participants will be able to sign-up for available crafts including a Painted Popsicle Sign, Wood Wick Flower Candle, Stained Glass Votive, Live Evergreen Centerpiece, Clay Jewelry, Book Clock, and Foam Snowman. The cost is \$5.00 per kit and registration is required. You can register by contacting the Milford Memorial Library or by going to <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>.

Join us on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting, fellowship, and snacks provided by the three local libraries. This month we will be joined by special guest Kris Walker and she will lead us through a simple landscape painting using only two colors. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 30 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15 for registration. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html>

The time for tax forms will be arriving soon. The cost to copy or print a tax form at the Milford Memorial Library is \$0.10 per page for blank forms and \$0.20 per page for filled-in forms. The winter weather is starting to move in. Remember you may pick up your requested library materials at the drive-up window located on the east side (side closest to Highway 71) of the library.

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Obituaries

Edward "Ed" Purdy, 83, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A celebration of life was held on Friday, December 29, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com
Edward Allison Purdy was born on February 17, 1940, the son of Harry and Eliza (Jetter) Purdy in Sioux City, Iowa. He moved to Spirit Lake his junior year, where he not only met the love of his life, but also got involved with activities like debate that would be so important to him. After graduating from Spirit Lake High School, Ed continued his education receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Iowa, where he was on the debate team. He then went on to further his education at South Dakota State University earning a Master of Arts degree. Ed was a Speech Communication Teacher at Iowa Lakes Community College for years, but after retirement spent time working at the Spirit Lake campus of Iowa Lakes as well as spending time working at the Abbie Gardner cabin. He had so much interest in history and in sharing that with others.

He was united in marriage to Janice Baker on August 18, 1961, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, and they welcomed their daughter Marcy in 1971. They were a very close family and enjoyed so many activities together, from early morning skiing in the summer to various trips in the winter... they took advantage of their time together. He was very proud of his daughter who took his advice and went into teaching. He was also so proud of his grandson and was excited to see the direction Carter's life would take.

If you knew Ed, you knew that the most important thing to him was taking care of people. He cared so much for his family, and he was brought so much joy making them happy... From thoughtful presents at Christmas to the safest car for his grandson, he spared no cost to make these things happen.

In his free time, Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, spending the winters in Florida with Jan for many years. Some of their travels brought them to Caribbean Islands, Mayan ruins, whitewater rafting, ghost towns, Civil War battlefields, and many more. As Jan says, "We were two drifters off to see the world." Ed was excited that his daughter and family had the chance --thanks to him-- to also experience traveling.

He also enjoyed cheering on his grandson Carter at sporting events. Many of you remember his tried-and-true vintage stadium seat that he carried into the bleachers each time.

Ed also loved to spend time with friends playing cribbage or poker or backgammon.

Ed had a wonderful sense of humor... And a wonderful smile and glint in his eyes as you can see in so many pictures of him.

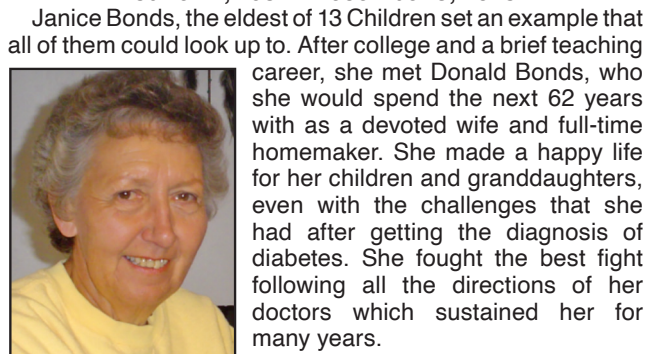
Also, Ed loved a good dark chocolate, which we are hoping many of you will enjoy with us as we celebrate his life.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Jan of 62 years; daughter Marcy (Mark) Toews of Spirit Lake; grandson Carter Toews of Spirit Lake; sister-in-law Joyce Tague of Council Bluffs, IA; many nieces and nephews; his dog Lucy and grand dogs Tripp and Huck.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Obituaries

Janice J. Bonds
June 24, 1937 - December 8, 2023



Janice Bonds, the eldest of 13 Children set an example that all of them could look up to. After college and a brief teaching career, she met Donald Bonds, who she would spend the next 62 years with as a devoted wife and full-time homemaker. She made a happy life for her children and granddaughters, even with the challenges that she had after getting the diagnosis of diabetes. She fought the best fight following all the directions of her doctors which sustained her for many years.

At the end, she was ready to leave her suffering behind and requested to not have any funeral/formal memorial service.

Janice is survived by her husband, Donald of Evergreen, CO; daughter, Denise Bonds of Littleton, CO; son, David Bonds of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; son, Jeffrey Bonds of Lakewood, CO; granddaughters Amanda and Jaclyn Foster of CO.

Surviving siblings include Jodelle Fliss of Arnold's Park, IA; Jeralyn Martinez of Sanford, FL; Vern (Tammy) Schwarting of Spencer, IA; Janine Novotny of Oakland, NE; Kevin (Marlee) Schwarting of Lakefield, MN; Kent Schwarting of Apopka, FL; and Jill (Max) Miller of Bancroft, SD.

Surviving in-Laws include Eleanor (Wesley) Bonds of Durango, CO; Elaine (Edgar) Bonds of Cortez, CO; Gerald Bonds of Farmington, NM as well as many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and other relatives and friends.

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

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

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Sweet-and-Sour Baked Salmon Serves 8

- 8 salmon fillets, about 5-6 oz. each
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup 100% pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, regular or seasoned
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 ground ginger
- Chopped green onions for serving

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Coat a shallow baking dish with a thin layer of olive or vegetable oil. Pat the salmon fillets dry and place them in the prepared pan. Season the salmon with salt and black pepper. Set aside. In a small saucepan, whisk together the pineapple juice, ketchup, brown sugar, rice vinegar, soy sauce, cornstarch, garlic, and ginger. Set the pan over medium heat and bring to a simmer. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the sauce thickens, stirring frequently. Spoon the sauce over the salmon. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, until the salmon is fork tender (a meat thermometer should register 145°F). Top the salmon with the green onions, and serve.

Tip: You can make this dish spicy by adding hot sauce or sriracha sauce to the glaze. Also, this thick sauce is versatile, so it can be used on chicken, beef and shellfish.

Recipe Courtesy of: "30-Minute Meal Prep" by Robin Miller.

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The resources that are available to only our Provisional and Residential Patrons are as follows: A to Z World Travel, BookFlix, Hoopla, Libby, Transparent Languages, and Tumble Books. To use these, you will need to sign in and/or create an account. Provisional and Residential Patrons are those who live within the city limits of Spirit Lake or live where library services are contracted and paid for. Those contracting cities/areas are Okoboji, Orleans, rural Dickinson County, West Okoboji, and Wahpeton. The digital resources listed above are paid for either by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library or the library itself, which is funded by the taxpayers of Spirit Lake and the contracting cities.

The digital resources which are available to all are as follows: Brainfuse, Dickinson County Cemetery Records, Dickinson County Digital Newspaper Archive, Foundation Directory Online, OCLC WorldCat First Search, and Wowbrary.

To find our website and all these electronic resources, go to publib.com. By the way, we will be launching a new website at the beginning of 2024, so keep your eyes open for that!

- Upcoming activities at the SLPL:
- Monday, January 8, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
 - Monday, January 8, 5:15 p.m., Library Board Meeting
 - Tuesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 p.m., Children's Chess Club
 - Tuesday, January 9, 4:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
 - Wednesday, January 10, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Thursday, January 11, 10:00 a.m., Story Time
 - Thursday, January 11, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong



Did You KNOW?

In January, 1973

- January 1**
 - CBS sells the New York Yankees baseball team for \$10 million to a 12-person syndicate led by George Steinbrenner (\$3.2 million more than CBS paid for the Yankees).
- January 14**
 - Elvis Presley's concert in Hawaii is the first worldwide telecast by an entertainer watched by more people than the Apollo Moon landings. However, it is not shown in Eastern Bloc countries because of communist censorship (with the sole exception of East Germany, where it is shown on Der schwarze Kanal). In the United States and Brazil, it does not air until April of this year.
 - Super Bowl VII: The Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins 14-7 to complete the National Football League's first (and only, thus far) perfect season.
- January 15**
 - Vietnam War: Citing progress in peace negotiations, President Richard Nixon announces the suspension of offensive action in North Vietnam.
- January 20**
 - President Nixon and Vice President Agnew are sworn in for their second term.
- January 22**
 - Former President Lyndon B. Johnson dies at his ranch in Johnson City, Texas, leaving no former U.S. president living until the resignation of Richard Nixon in 1974.
 - George Foreman wins boxing's World Heavyweight Championship, defeating Joe Frazier by technical knockout in the second round at Kingston, Jamaica.
- January 23**
 - President Nixon announces that a peace accord has been reached in Vietnam.
- January 27**
 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords. The U.S. military draft is also abolished on this same day, as the Nixon administration announces on this day that there will be no draft calls in 1973, and that it will not request an extension of the U.S. government's draft authority, which goes on to expire on June 30 of this year.
- January 30**
 - G. Gordon Liddy is found guilty of Watergate charges.
- January 31**
 - Pan American and Trans World Airlines cancel their options to buy 13 Concorde airliners.

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A Rally Cry: Never Give Up

by Steve Weisman

As a former teacher and coach, I've always liked motivational speakers and quotes that challenge us to do better and to "reach for the stars." There are a lot of great ones out there, but there is one that still gives me goose bumps. This one belongs to the inspirational message by the late Jim Valvano.

The year was 1993 and the evening of the annual Espy Awards. The words came from Valvano, the former North Carolina State men's basketball coach. Terminally ill with bone cancer, Valvano shared with the audience just how much he cherished and relished life and how much he wished that everybody could do the same. The entire speech was awesome, and there are so many moving parts, but these are the words that moved me the most. Valvano said...

"We should do three things every day of our lives:

- Number one, laugh. You should laugh every day.
- Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought.
- Number three is that you should have your emotions moved to tears."

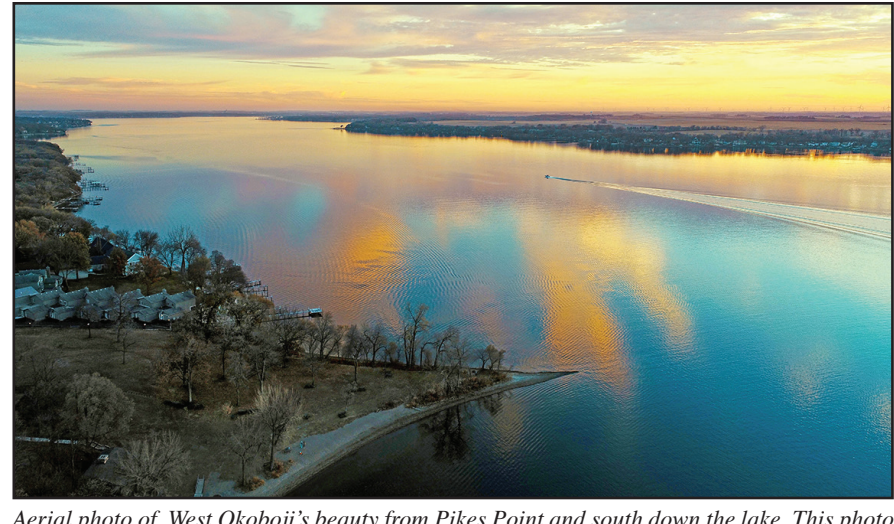
How powerful is that? It's really about being ALIVE and LIVING life, no matter the cards we are dealt. It's not about being fair; no, it's about living life to the fullest and making the most of our opportunities. Then Valvano ended his speech with these seven words of encouragement that I think of every day... "Don't give up! Don't ever give up!" No matter our age or our calling in life, following Valvano's advice can help make us all that much better! We need to take life and run with it!

Relating to our lakes: never give up

As I look at our battle to protect Iowa's lakes and rivers, I encourage all of us to remember Valvano's words. Yes, we have seen unwanted exotics get in our lakes. We dodged the bullet so to speak with the Asian carp threat, and the electric fish barrier effectively stopped their entrance.

Of course, our fight against zebra mussels has not been as successful. First discovered in 2012, they have expanded to be along most shorelines in East Okoboji, West Okoboji, Upper and Lower Gar, Lake Minnewashta and Big Spirit Lake.

Of course, we have also been hit with curly leaf pondweed, and most recently Eurasian watermilfoil and brittle naiad. At times, I almost give up. When will it stop? Probably never, BUT we cannot



Aerial photo of West Okoboji's beauty from Pikes Point and south down the lake. This photo captures just why we can't ever give up in trying to protect our waters. (photo by David Thoreson)

just throw in the towel. Valvano's words echo in my mind, "Don't give up! Don't ever give up!"

In this time of frustration, I remember the words of Fisheries Biologist Mike Hawkins who has worked so diligently to improve and protect our lakes. These were his words of wisdom at the time that Zebra mussels appeared. "Zebra mussels will impact our lakes, but they will not 'ruin' our lakes. Recreation, fishing, and the natural environment will not collapse, and our lakes will continue on. I believe this is an important consideration as we face a problem that does not have a clear solution. Zebra mussels are here to stay; at least until a breakthrough is found, and we must continue working on other critical but related issues." His words were spot on!

His next words are now part of my rally cry! "Studies from around the world have shown the impacts of invaders can be mitigated by maintaining healthy native plant and animal populations and protecting water quality. Our community's efforts to reduce sediment and nutrients entering the lakes, protect shorelines from erosion and over-development, and enhance aquatic habitat are all critical in our long-term battle against zebra mussels and other aquatic invaders. It makes sense that a healthy lake ecosystem is more resilient to an invader."

At the same time, efforts to stop or slow the spread of other invading exotics are paramount. I encourage all of us living here in the Iowa Great Lakes and those that visit or reside here in the summer to become part of the solution. Individually, we need to follow the simple message: clean, drain and dry. We do that and exotic hitchhikers will not get into our waters.

It's so simple, yet so many people seem to be totally oblivious of this.

Join others

That old adage, there's power in numbers, works here. Throughout the state of Iowa, there are lake protective associations that have as their mission to improve the quality of their local water bodies. Working as a unified group, they can have a unified, profound impact.

Here in the Iowa Great Lakes, we have several options: The Okoboji Protective Association, The Spirit Lake Protective Association, the East Okoboji Lakes Improvement Corporation, Center Lake Improvement and Preservation, the Iowa Great Lakes Association and the Silver Lake Improvement Association. Although their names might reflect a specific lake, when a huge issue arises that affects the entire Iowa Great Lakes, they all come together as one! Again, power in numbers equal a good fighting chance. Join one of the many protective and environmental organizations that work so diligently to protect our resources. It is gratifying when a huge project comes to fruition.

At the same time in this area, there are other organizations that will team up with these protective associations: The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the Iowa Environmental Council, Dickinson County Clean Water Alliance, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.

No matter the area of the state that you live, there are nonprofit groups and organizations with the goal to protect Iowa's water bodies!

As we move into 2024, I hope we can all work together to protect and enhance our area lakes. Above all, remember Valvano's words, "Don't give up! Don't ever give up!"

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Thank you to Jensen Real Estate for matching ALL of the Food Bank bag purchases! Thank you to The Lakes News Shopper for helping us to spread the word with donated advertising!

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And THANK YOU to all of our loyal customers who purchased the Food Bank bags and supported our program!

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.
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PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION
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Master Gardener Home Gardening Series Begins Jan. 9

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener program will again host the Home Gardening Webinar Series, beginning in January and ending in March. Sessions will take place every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. Central time, ending March 12.

Designed for anyone who is interested in gardening or horticulture, the series aims to inspire and educate. Throughout the series, participants will hear from experts at Iowa State, Cornell University, Jung Seed, Seed Savers Exchange, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The sessions are free and open to the public. Attendees can register to join through Zoom or join on Facebook Live. Some county Extension offices will also hold in-person showings.

Four sessions in January will cover edible topics including tomato diseases and disorders, grape pruning and canopy management, identifying and managing fruit and vegetable insect pests and seed saving.

February sessions will focus on environmental factors that can greatly impact gardening success. Topics will include soil health, climate extremes, cover crops for home gardeners, and compost quality and use.

In March, the series will conclude with two presentations about landscape design. Both will be led by Lisa Numamaker, owner of Paper Garden Workshop, and will discuss planning a theme garden and budget garden design.

"The Home Gardening Webinar Series is for everyone, regardless of gardening experience," said Alicia Herzog, state Master Gardener coordinator with ISU Extension and Outreach. The topics chosen will appeal to a wide range of viewers. This program has been a great success with our audience, and we look forward to bringing them another engaging season."

The series is a good educational opportunity for existing master gardeners, those interested in becoming master gardeners and those who just want to learn more about these topics.

Zoom registration for the series is available at <https://go.iastate.edu/UOOQEJ>. To join the Facebook Live, visit the event listing and RSVP as "attending" at <https://www.facebook.com/iamastergardeners>. Or attend an in-person showing of each program at the ISU Extension and Outreach Cherokee County Office located at 209 Centennial Dr., Cherokee.

All webinars will be live with question-and-answer at the end. Zoom participation is limited to the first 500 attendees. Attendees will be directed to Facebook Live if the Zoom room is at capacity.

For more information, contact Alicia Herzog at 515-294-3627 or mgardener@iastate.edu.

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As we wrap up the holiday season, the IGLA Chamber would like to remind our Lakes Area community of the classic Winter Games tradition of the Burning of the Greens. Once you have enjoyed your holiday decorations, please drop your natural Christmas tree, wreath, or any other greenery (without any lights or decorations) off to the trailer in the main Arnolds Park Amusement Park parking lot or at the Dickinson County Expo Building parking lot in Spirit Lake. A special thank you to Diamond Concrete for donating the storage containers! With your help, we will be able to continue this tradition of creating a spectacular bonfire from old Christmas greenery.

Join us Saturday, January 27th at 6:30 pm at Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park for the closing ceremonies of the 44th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games with our Burning of the Greens and Firework Extravaganza, sponsored by Bank Midwest.

We hope to see you at the 44th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games presented by Grape Tree Medical Staffing January 25-28, 2024. For more information on getting involved in the Winter Games fun, please visit uofowintergames.com or give us a call at 712-332-2107.

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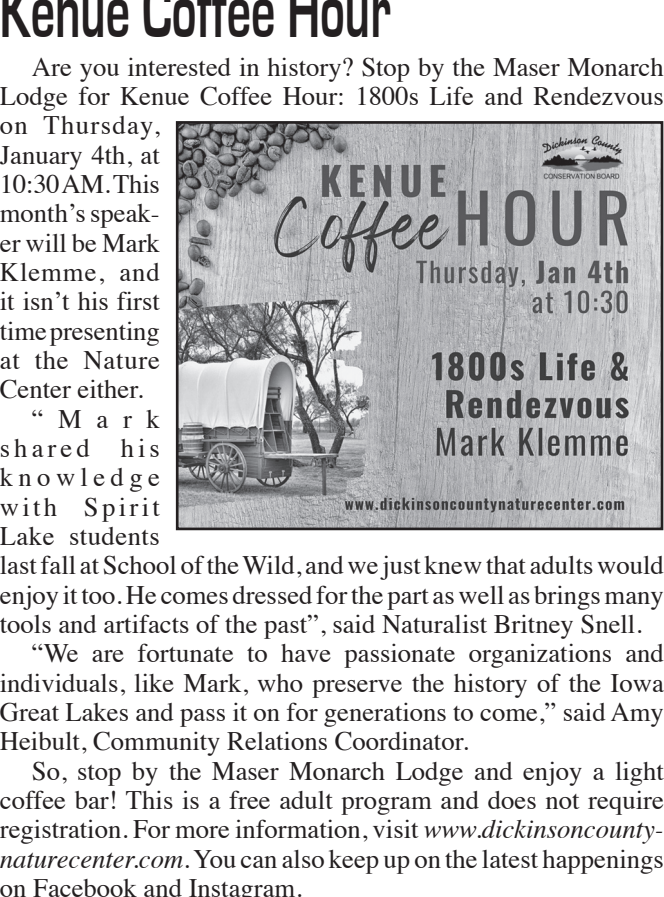
Kenue Coffee Hour

Are you interested in history? Stop by the Maser Monarch Lodge for Kenue Coffee Hour: 1800s Life and Rendezvous on Thursday, January 4th, at 10:30AM. This month's speaker will be Mark Klemme, and it isn't his first time presenting at the Nature Center either.

"Mark shared his knowledge with Spirit Lake students last fall at School of the Wild, and we just knew that adults would enjoy it too. He comes dressed for the part as well as brings many tools and artifacts of the past", said Naturalist Britney Snell.

"We are fortunate to have passionate organizations and individuals, like Mark, who preserve the history of the Iowa Great Lakes and pass it on for generations to come," said Amy Heibult, Community Relations Coordinator.

So, stop by the Maser Monarch Lodge and enjoy a light coffee bar! This is a free adult program and does not require registration. For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. You can also keep up on the latest happenings on Facebook and Instagram.



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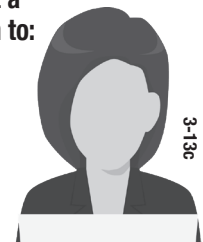
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