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Tuesday, January 9 8:30 - Kiwanis 11:00 - Tai Chi

12.30 - Bridge 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker -Milt Nolting - Brain Health Wednesday, January 10

9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, January 11

10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class

Friday, January 12 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group 1:30 - Table Tennis

Saturday, January 13 Facility Available for Rent Sunday, January 14 Card Room Reserved Monday, January 15 9:00 - Exercise

1:30 - Table Tennis Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. New in January! Tai Chi is starting on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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









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Join the Dickinson County Republicans in Precincts 1 through 12 **MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

Arrowwood Resort & Convention Center 1405 U.S. Highway 71, Okoboji, IA

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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Kroll Named to Dean's List

Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota, is pleased to announce that Benjamin D Kroll of Spencer, Iowa, is among the Fall 2023 Dean's List Honorees. The Dean's List Honoree at Mount Marty University is defined as a full-time undergraduate student completing a full-time load of graded course work with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5.

Coaches vs. Cancer Night at Okoboji

All are welcome Thursday, January 11th, as Okoboji hosts Spirit Lake in boys and girls basketball in a Coaches vs. Cancer game.

Both schools will be raising funds to fight cancer with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

There will be several items handed out to fans who attend the game, including the following: pink beads, temporary tattoos, pink bracelets and pink ribbons.

Between the boys and girls varsity games, there

will also be a passing of the bucket to help raise funds.

The Okoboji and Spirit Lake Special Olympics athletes will be playing at halftime of the girls game, which will be around

Both schools are asking all fans to wear pink to the games on this special night.









THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Locals 'Pre-Games' Party w/Winter Games Cheerleaders (NO COVER) **5 PM** 6-7PM The Barefoot Bar's 11th Annual Charity Battle of the Bartenders featuring: Diageo, Sazerac, Prestige, Chopin Imports & Ghost Tequila 6:30 PM

IV Play on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 **ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show**

KUOO Get Up & Go Show (SNAPPERS/BOAT CLUB) 6 AM 6 - 10 AM Snappers Turtle Bay Cafe open - breakfast buffet Boat House Bars & Muff Wader Tap Truck open NOON

3 - 6 PM DJ Aventi 6-8PM

Tristan Marquardt on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

Hanging Bar Competition open

8 PM Johnny Holm Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show

Barefoot Blowout Clothing Sale Winter Games Photo Wall **Hanging Bar Competition**

Muff Wader Tap Truck in the Boat House

8 AM The Barefoot Bar & Boat House bars open

Flag Football on the pond sponsored by Parks Marina

10 AM Ice Oval Races presented by Parks Marina

Snappers open

Food Truck & Trackside Bar open 11 AM Goodroad on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

Ice Bar & Shot Bell

11 AM - 1 PM Kid's Fun Zone

Great Plains Zoomobile Cy meet & greet sponsored by A&M Laundry

Herky meet & greet sponsored by Clary Lake Service

11 AM - 5 PM Inflatables

Mini Golf Course

Casting Contest by Pure Fishing (ALL AGES)

Bean Bag Toss & Tubing Hill

NOON DJ Aventi at Barefoot

Human Dogsled Races sponsored by Parks Marina & Doll Distributing 1PM

2 PM The Fishheads on the Boat Club Stage

Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Exile Brewing Co. (BOAT HOUSE) 2:30 PM

3-4 PM Monster Arm Wrestling (BOAT HOUSE)

3:30 PM Rylan Fowler Band on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage **8 PM** Pop Rocks on the Cobalt Boats Main Stage

MARINA DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS **JANUARY 25-28TH, 2024**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

8 AM - 5 PM West Boutique is open The Fish House is open NOON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

O'Farrell Sisters is open 7 AM - 2 PM 8 AM - 5 PM West Boutique is open The Fish House is open

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 7 AM - 2 PM O'Farrell Sisters is open

8 AM The Fish House, MissChievious & C-Store open Ice Bar sponsored by Chief's Bloody Mary Mix

8 AM - 4 PM Broomball Tournament in Smith's Bay 9 AM - 5 PM West Boutique is open

11 AM Food by Buffy

11 AM - 12:30 PM "Strutt Your Mutt" Dog Show sponsored by NW Iowa Humane Society & Arnold's Bark-ery

12 - 7 PM Karaoke & Dance tunes with Big Nacho 1 - 2:30 PM Smooshing Races sponsored by Exit Realty

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 O'Farrell Sisters is open 7 AM - 2 PM

11 AM The Fish House is open - 1/2 PRICE DRINKS! 1 PM Sunday Funday with Kirkhart



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CROWN ROYAL WATER BREAK BUS SCHEDULE

THU | 8:30 - 11:30 PM (FREE) FRI I 7 PM - 12 AM (WRISTBAND) SAT | 11 AM - 12 AM (WRISTBAND)

*Stops: Barefoot, OBW, Gardens, Arrowwood, Bridges Bay

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 **4 PM** Gardens is open

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

11 AM Gardens is open

9:30 PM Music with the Ryan Fowler Band

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9 AM Gardens is open Deckside Ice Bar by McCormack Distributing

11 AM Music with Josh Quirin Band

1 PM

Bean Bag Tourney sponsored by the Gardens **4 PM** Keg Toss by Doll Distributing & the Gardens

4 PM Music by She's With Us **9 PM** Music with the Jeremy Dewall Band

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

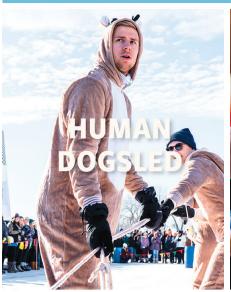
11 AM

2 PM Music with the Fishheads

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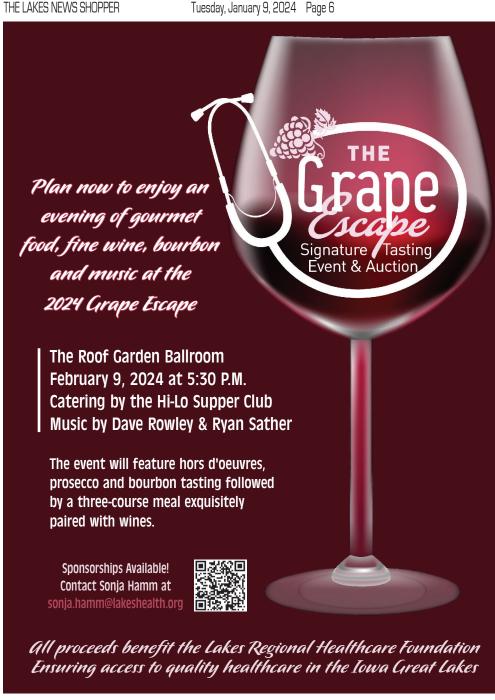
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LOCAL COMPETITION

Thursday, January 25th **Okoboji Middle School Media Center**

Registration at 3:30 • Contest begins shortly after registration Hosted by St Joseph Council 7284 Knights of Columbus - Milford

Open To Anyone In Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7 Public School, Private School, Parochial School and Home School Students

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 24 at Noon. That allows us time to prepare certificates. We will accept registration at the door the day of competition.

Contact Don Breuker for Registration Forms and Word Lists: bfsdonb@msn.com or call/text 712-461-1321

Registration Forms and Word Lists are also available at the following schools: Okoboji, GTRA, & Harris-Lake Park



Okoboji Foundation Invites Grant Applications for 2024

The Okoboji Foundation, serving as the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes, is pleased to announce the commencement of its 2024 grant application **OKOBOJI**

Nonprofit organizations within the area

process.

are encouraged to submit applications for funding, particularly those with capital projects aiming to enhance the quality of life in the lakes region. The foundation is specifically interested in proposals related to arts and culture, outdoor experiences and recreation, lake quality and environment, as well as economic development. The deadline for submitting applications is March

Mindy Gress, President of the Foundation, stated, "During the application review process, our committee considers various factors, including the overall impact of the project on the region. We assess metrics such as the number of individuals benefiting from the service, the cost-effectiveness, community support, and the projected longevity of the project."

Since its inception in 1988, the Okoboji Foundation has played a crucial role in addressing significant community needs by awarding over \$5.1 million in grants from the Foundation's discretionary funds to a diverse range of nonprofit capital projects.

Organizations seeking clarification or guidance regarding the grant application process are encouraged to contact foundation staff. They can be reached by phone at 712-332-7177 or via email at info@okobojifoundation.org. All applications must be submitted online through the foundation's website at https://okobojifoundation.org/grant-application/ and are due by 11:59pm on March 1, 2024.

U of O Winter Games Chocolate Classic & Galleria - Applications Being Accepted

One of the most popular events on campus during the University of Okoboji Winter Games weekend is the Chocolate Classic & Galleria. The INGVALL REAL ESTATE TEAM will again sponsor this delicious and decadent annual experience to help cure those winter blues from 1:00-3:00pm at the Dickinson County Expo Building.

Chocolate Classic vendors are asked to bring 500 or more sweet sample-sized treats available for the attendees to enjoy at the event or to take home. Chocolate Classic vendors will be compensated 50-cents per \$1 ticket redeemed. The taste-testing crowd will then vote for their favorite sweet treat, and winners will be announced following the event as well as during the Burning of the Greens and Fireworks Extravaganza at 6:30pm on Saturday, January 27th.

Vendors are encouraged to decorate their serving areas and use this opportunity to promote their nonprofit, catering, restaurant, or other businesses to the 1,200+ people with a sweet tooth visiting this Winter Games tradition.

Shopping with Galleria vendors is another great part of this afternoon. Vendors pay their \$50 registration fee to have their cash 'n carry items at the event for groups of people looking for a little retail therapy to accompany their sweet treats.

Registration forms for both events are posted on uofowintergames.com. For more information, please contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber: kiley@okobojichamber.com or

Enjoy a fun-filled, warm, indoor U of O Winter Games tradition and either attend or participate in the Chocolate Classic and Galleria. Winter Games 44 will be the sweetest games to date.



Rieke to present at ILUUF

Dan Rieke will be the guest speaker for the January 14 Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. Dan will present an informed but also compassionate way of uplifting all the people currently living in Israel/Palestine area. This will include inspiring examples of groups and individuals currently making a difference in the West Bank and Israel to promote peace.

The service will be held at the Lakes Area Activity Center (Senior Center), 2101 Zenith Ave, 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.

Dan was born in Seattle, became Lutheran pastor and served as missionary in Cameroon for 8 years. He served parishes in Minnesota, southern Idaho, and southern Washington. He is retired and has three children and 7 grandchildren. He grew through love of sciences and broader spirituality to feel at home with UU church. He has traveled to Israel and toured the West Bank area twice.

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.







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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.

Atypical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

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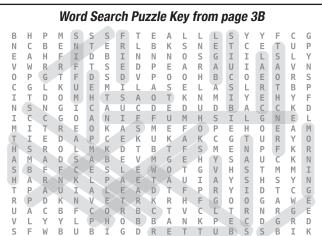
the cash to the winners. Congratulations to Dale Breberg (\$125),

Pat Svoboda (\$125), Mike Lund (\$125), and Teresa Berg Anderson

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Tired of eating alone? Enjoy socializing and nutritional meals! Lakes Area Activity Center Dinner Date is the place for you!

15 Monday Cheeseburger on a Bun Vegetable **Fruit/Dessert**

16 Tuesday **Tuna & Noodles Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit/Dessert**

17 Wednesday **Taco Salad** Fruit/Dessert

18 Thursday **Pork Loin** Slices Vegetable Fruit/Dessert

19 Friday Scalloped Potatoes & Ham **Dinner Roll** Vegetable **Fruit/Dessert**

• PLEASE CALL 712-336-5247 BY 1:00 PM FRIDAYS TO RESERVE A MEAL FOR THE NEXT WEEK • Elderbridge suggests a donation of \$5 - \$9 or whatever is affordable.

Dinners are provided by CARSTENSEN'S of Lake Park.

SPEAKERS ON TUESDAY at 12:30pm • Jan. 9: Milt Nolting - Brain Health

• Jan. 16: John Adams & John Jr. -50 years, Lakes News Shopper

• Jan. 23: Gayle Mayer - Current Events

• Jan. 30: Treva Graves - Healthy Food Conversations New in January!! TAI CHI Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:00am

Sign up & stay for dinner date! **SEWING GROUP 1-3 FRIDAYS!**

Coin Auction January 20th at 9:00am

Call the office between 9:30am & 2:30pm Mon.-Fri. LAKES AREA ACTIVITY CENTER 2101 Zenith Ave. • Spirit Lake, IA • 712-336-5247

Winter Games Cheerleaders: The Votes are in

After collecting nominations for all of December and holding a community-wide voting on January 3rd & 4th, the Winter Games Committee has officially tallied up the votes! This year, over 1,100 ballots were counted both electronically and in person at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber. We now present to you the 2024 University of Okoboji Winter Games Cheerleaders!

Rob Catlin - "Rob is a long-time resident of the Okoboji area. He has kids in the Spirit Lake District and has always been very involved with the community. Rob is well-known for being a local DJ at the bars as well as the occasional wedding and school event. He strives to make the Lakes area a better place by listening to the community on views that are soonto-be talked about at council meetings. He truly loves the Lakes!"

Kolette Delperdang - "Kolette is always willing to go above and beyond for people in her community. She currently works as a realtor at EXIT realty. She always has a smile on her face and is happy. She also volunteers in her free time at Make-A-Wish, working at the Grove in the fall and delivering meals with meals on wheels."

Charlie Leissler - "Charlie has been a regular name in the Okobojis for over a decade and a great friend to many. Charlie serves the Iowa Great Lakes as a local Real Estate Agent for RE/MAX of Okoboji. Charlie's character embodies everything that it means to be a Winter Games Cheerleader and would be a great addition to the Winter Games Family. He has such a fun, outgoing personality, and always does his best to make people smile. From bartending and managing The Gardens, to his success as a realtor with RE/MAX, Charlie is everything Okoboji and the surrounding Dickinson county communities represent!"

Katie Luinstra - "Katie does nothing but cheer for her students (and all the students) at OES. She has taught more than one of my children, and while my two kids are VERY different, she has managed to connect with them each so perfectly--she knows what makes her students tick. She goes above and beyond to encourage

there. Her passion for their success is awe-inspiring and is visible in absolutely everything she does. Katie consistently makes even the most boring spelling words fun for her first graders (I'm looking at you "down"), and there's always some fun activity the kids come home talking about. She makes school fun and puts big smiles on the faces of everyone she sees there. She is the

Rob Rodriguez - "Rob owns Boji Surf in Arnolds Park. He is the ultimate cheerleader and lights up a room with his laugh and

epitome of positivity and

kindness.'

friendly nature. Whether you meet Rob at his store or on the water, he always greets you with a big welcoming smile. In the summer, you can find Rob working with all ages of people on and off the water. He spends his spare time teaching people how to surf, giving them pointers to increase their surfing abilities, and being a great host to visitors of Okoboji. Rob is a natural coach and cheerleader. He rallies people to cheer others on and gets everyone to celebrate. He loves making a difference and being in on the action."

Brandon Vodraska - "I believe Brandon meets the requirements because he is always full of energy and positivity! There's never a moment you have to second guess him, he will always do what he can to lighten the mood and put a smile on your face! He is very willing to help others, has a contagious smile, and loves his community. Brandon will give others the shirt off his back even if it was to be his last. He loves helping kids and adults no matter the situation and doesn't ask for anything in return. He has a heart of gold!"

Heath Williams - "Heath is an asset at Oak Hill Marina and within our community. He always has a smile on his face and his work ethic is unmatched. He is

her students to the point where they no willing to push himself out of his comfort longer question their confidence--it's just zone to increase his skill set. Heath is a



great leader. He instills pride, ambition and the importance of having a strong work ethic into his young adult employees. Heath has spent many years working in Okoboji and building connections. To know Heath, is to love him. He is always willing to help his community members out whether that be helping with boats, serving as a handyman, assisting with stereo/remote start needs etc. Heath is a jack of all trades. I think he would make a great cheerleader!"

Vicki Willison - "Vicki has been an tive community member and supporter for 60 plus years. She has given up many hours of her time this last year in helping the Humane Society in capturing and giving medical needs to many abandoned felines left behind and helping find them a safe home. You can often see her out and about with a smile for everyone. Vicki cares very much about the Lakes Region! She is a fun loving, go-go girl who loves Okoboji! Never a dull moment with this gal! Vicki is such a cheerleader of the Lakes area. She has passion, compassion and high, high energy! She would be a fantastic representative of Winter Games."

Winter Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Winter

Bingo Nights Thursday, January 11, and Thursday, January 25, 2024. Card sales begin at 5:30 and BINGO is from 6:00-8:00. A light meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for a free will donation. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs,



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First Baby of 2024 Makes **Surprise Arrival**

Spencer Hospital's Birth Center initially had a quiet start to the New Year; that is until Jessica Rojas and Juan Lopez ar-

rived unexpectedly on Tuesday evening, January 2, with Jessica in active labor. At 4:00am on Wednesday, January 3, little baby Liam Lopez made his arrival into the world, earning him the distinction of Spencer Hospital's first baby of 2024.

"It was very quiet when we first arrived at the birth center, so I expected that there already was a New Year's baby. We were surprised to find out that our little Liam was going to be

the first baby born in the New Year at the hospital," Jessica shared. Baby Liam weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 18.25 inches long. Jessica said that they chose the name "Liam" because she loved the meaning of "strong-willed warrior" as they had complications during their pregnancy and little Liam was a fighter. Fortunately, the delivery went smoothly, and Dr. Nathaniel Meyer of Avera Medical Group Spencer delivered the healthy baby boy.

of Spencer, as well as his six-year-old big sister, Aislynn Lopez. In honor of having Spencer Hospital's first baby of 2024, baby Liam's family received two gift baskets, one full of baby items from the Spencer Hospital's Auxiliary Gift Shop volunteers and the other filled with various gifts from the Spencer Chamber of Commerce and area businesses. The Chamber gift basket included items from Winther, Stave & Co., Pizza Ranch, Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School, Agriland, Inc., and the Spencer Chamber of Commerce.





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INTERESTING & FUN FACTS ABOUT 1973

- Shrinky Dinks are invented by Betty Morris and first sold in Wisconsin. Tonight Show host Johnny Carson makes a fictitious joke about a toilet paper shortage. Viewers respond by going out and buying extra toilet paper that actually resulted in a
- KISS plays their first show at the Coventry Pub in Queens, New York, Fewer than 10 people showed up and they earned \$50.
- Battle of the Sexes Tennis Match pitted Billie Jean King (29) against Bobby Riggs (55). King easily won the match in 3 sets.
- Hip Hop is born August 1973 At a Bronx, NYC block party Clive Campbell, aka DJ Kool Herc, scratches and stretches popular music tracks and unknowingly creates a new
- Burger Chef launches the Fun Meal (Burger, dessert & toy), later McDonald's would own this segment with the Happy Meal.
- Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon is released. The album ended the year ranked as the #11 album in sales. However, Dark Side of the Moon would remain on Billboards chart for at least 724 and maybe as many as 741 consecutive weeks (found varying facts, but until 1988) and be noted as one of the greatest rock albums of all time. As of Jan. 2023, the album has charted on Billboard for 966 weeks.
- Secretariat wins the triple crown, becoming the first horse to do so since 1948.
- Style Afros, long straight hair, and muttonchop sideburns were trendy. Clothes Bell Bottoms, Polyester Clothes (Shirts, Pants, Suits), Denim, Bold plaids, pais-
- leys and tie-dye were in fashion. Outdoor clothing company Patagonia is created by rock climber Yvon Chouinard in Ven-
- tura, California. Baby Alive Doll that eats, drinks, and wets itself is introduced by Hasbro.
- NASA launches the Mariner 10 Mercury probe spacecraft.
- Led Zeppelin had over \$200,000 in cash stolen from a safe deposit box while on tour in
- The iconic Sydney Opera House with it's unique angles opens in Sydney, Australia. The Sears Tower (now Willis Tower) opens in Chicago and becomes the world tallest building for 25 years. The song "You're So Vain" by Carly Simon was released in late 1972 and hit No. 1 in Janu-
- ary of 1973. The song sparked a decades long mystery as to who the song was about. In 2015, Carly noted verse two is about Warren Beatty, but the rest is a mystery The first handheld mobile phone (weighing 4.4 lbs.) was demonstrated by Martin Cooper
- of Motorola in NYC. New York's World Trade Center Twin Towers open after 14 years being proposed by David
- The Oldsmobile Toronado becomes the first car with a passenger airbag sold to the public. The Exorcist becomes a horror blockbuster and the first horror film to be nominated for
- an Academy Award. Female White House staffers are allowed to wear pants because the energy crisis. Prior to this change female staffers had to wear skirts, but the energy crisis resulted in the lower-
- ing of building temperatures to save money and pants were now acceptable! 1973 Soap Box Derby winner, 14 year old Jimmy Gronen, stripped of title after his race-
- car is found to have an electromagnet in the nose. Choreographer Bob Fosse becomes the only person to have won Oscar, Emmy, and Tony
- awards in the same year (1973). NASA sends two spiders, Arabella and Anita, into space to see if they still spin webs without gravity. The answer... Yes - They created finer and more complex webs in space
- Notable bands formed in 1973 AC/DC, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, Bad Company, Journey, Kansas, KC and the Sunshine Band, Kiss (some say late 1972 other 1973), and Quiet
- Word factoid first used Norman Mailer uses the term to define something that is not necessarily true, but repeated so often believe it to be true.
- David Winfield is drafted by (4 Teams in 3 different sports) the MLB San Diego Padres, NBA Atlanta Hawks, ABA Utah Stars, NFL Minnesota Vikings. He chose to play baseball and later was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Worst financial decision of 1973 Basketball Hall of Famer Spencer Haywood took \$100,000 instead of 10% stake in Nike. as of January 2023, 10% of Nike would be worth just over \$19 billion!

https://www.partygameideas.com/1973-trivia-facts-news-what-happened-in-73/!

Students Named to Dean's List

Wartburg College has recognized Maxwell Miller and Megan Sandison, of Spirit Lake, who were named to the 2023 Fall Term Dean's List.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. To The Editor:

The Dickinson County Planning and Zoning Committee has proposed updates to the 2009 Wind Energy Ordinance and a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 15th @ 10 AM for the discussion of their revised wind energy ordinance. While there are some changes which support the interest of Dickinson County and participating landowners, we are EXTREMELY disappointed in this revision as it has NOT corrected the negative impact of industrial wind turbines on the health and safety of our rural citizens!!

Here's a partial summary of what we requested to address the health/safety concerns based on research data compared to the proposed revised ordinance:

1. Setback distance of 4x the total turbine height from the property line. ex: 591 ft height would be 2364 ft setback from property line. Proposed revision: 1200 ft current and revised from home to base of turbine so NO increase in setback to accommodate for the 591-599 ft turbines.

2. Noise level: 35 dBA nighttime and 40 dBA daytime on all property. Proposed revision: from the exterior of human occupied dwelling shall not exceed 45 dBA.

3. No shadow flicker on non-participating landowner's property. Proposed revision: 30 hrs per year and 30 minutes per day on average from the centroid of the Human Occupied Residence.

We have been notified by neighbors in the RedRock Wind/ Invenergy project that Invenergy is actively pursuing 'Good Neighbor' agreements with the intention of reapplying to the Board of Adjustment in 2024. It's our understanding that these agreements would offer these neighbors a small monetary payment to waive their rights for any concerns or complaints regarding negative impacts of these industrial wind turbines. We're told that Invenergy's strategy is to convince the BoA that the number of concerned rural citizens is small and doesn't reflect the majority of the impacted landowners. We do not believe that this is truthful which was evident by the participation at the October Board of Adjustment public hearing!!

It is critical that our concerns and voices are heard at the January 15th public hearing!! If this ordinance is accepted as presented at the public hearing, it will be used to evaluate the Three Waters Wind and RedRock Wind Projects expected to be submitted this year as well as any other projects in the future. Please voice your concerns about these detrimental revisions by emailing the P&Z and Zoning Administrator Megan Kardell: mkardell@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov and/or by showing up to speak at the Jan 15 P&Z hearing at 10:00 AM.

We must continue to protect those living in rural Dickinson County now and for our future generations!

Kris Van Kleek Milford, Iowa

*A portion of this letter was paid for by the Dickinson County Concerned Citizens



Youth News Week of January 7, 2024 January is off and running, and Milford Memorial Library

has great things happening for your family. We have three more opportunities this month for youth programming. They include

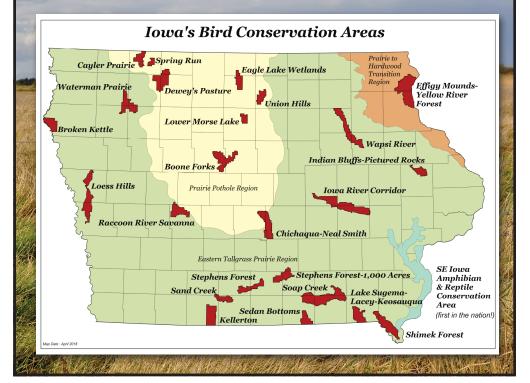
two Building Bookworms (Jan. 15, at 10:30 a.m. & Jan. 29, at 10:30 a.m.) and Minds in Motion (Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m.). If you haven't checked out our library website (milford.lib.ia.us) or our Facebook page, you are definitely missing out. We have so much information, pictures, and program reminders. When you find some books for your family, reserve them in your account. Then we will find and have them waiting for you. Miss Becca is excited to see new and old faces so stop on by MML.

Dickinson County is home to 2 Designated **Bird Conservation Areas.**

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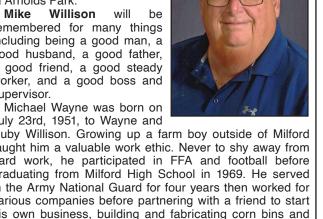


A Mass of Christian Burial for Mike Willison, age 72, of Milford, was held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Milford. Inurnment was at Calvary Cemetery in Milford. Visitation took place on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the Majestic Pavilion in Arnolds Park.

Mike Willison will remembered for many things including being a good man, a good husband, a good father, a good friend, a good steady worker, and a good boss and supervisor.

July 23rd, 1951, to Wayne and



Ruby Willison. Growing up a farm boy outside of Milford taught him a valuable work ethic. Never to shy away from hard work, he participated in FFA and football before graduating from Milford High School in 1969. He served in the Army National Guard for four years then worked for various companies before partnering with a friend to start his own business, building and fabricating corn bins and seed mills. The business proved successful, winning Mike and Vicki a trip to Monte Carlo when Mike's company built the largest Chief grain bin for the year. Mike drew attention from his success. He went on to work on the road for the Ken Bratney Company and later Agra Construction. These jobs took him to several states and Puerto Rico. At times he oversaw more than 100 people. As his experience grew, another company, AEC, hired him away and Mike found himself being requested by Monsanto to oversee construction projects in countries such as Romania and Indonesia. Mike was a leader and had the uncanny ability to read people. When he was called to fix a troubled project, Mike could walk around the site, talk to a few people, observe for a brief time, and then identify the changes needed. On Mike's arrival in Romania, he insisted on meeting every employee at the gate in the morning and gave them each a bottle of water. Mike earned the respect of many during his widespread career.

Mike was a steadfast husband of 52 years, even though he joked that he was able to stay with Vicki only because he was gone half of the time. Mike and Vicki were married in Milford on June 5, 1971. Mike's patience and integrity were evident throughout the years beginning with starting a family while working on the road, later moving to a new home, managing multiple properties, caring for numerous animals, and welcoming his mother-in-law to live with them.

Mike loved his children, Heather and Heath, and grandson, Dayton, and loved spending time with them. Mike found joy and supported his daughter in all her endeavors. Mike displayed his rock presence as the couple faced heart-wrenching hospital stays with their son. He always did whatever his children needed from him. He sought to create a solid foundation for his grandson, who was the light of his later life. He always stood by his family through thick and thin. He was known for being firm but fair and could often be heard encouraging responsibility and the spreading of young wings. The family enjoyed trips to places like Disney World, Montana, and Colorado. Mike and Vicki enjoyed several trips and lively memories to Cancun with friends. Mike loved to travel and stopped only because of health issues.

Friends knew Mike was always there to help, and many times he offered a hand even before being asked. He loved to laugh and have fun. Mike loved to have large bonfires at their acreage, with plenty of food and libations. A party at the Willison farm was never a dull one. Mike did not like to miss a chance to play a joke on someone but was a good sport on the receiving end also.

Mike and Vicki shared a passion for horses which was sparked by his father and uncle, from whom he learned as he watched them work with their driving teams. Mike loved to hitch up a team and drive them in a parade or have a hayride with friends. Over the course of 18 years of attending the Waverly horse sale, Mike accumulated a substantial amount of driving harnesses, buggies, and several beautiful draft paint horses. Mike never came home empty handed.

Even after moving to a house on Lower Gar Lake, the ove of the farm never left Mike. He started buying cattle and goats and had great pride watching his grandson show them in 4-H, winning many ribbons. He would count the days to the Clay County Fair and spend every moment he could watching the livestock events and taking in all the other experiences. The 4-H days are long over, but a few cattle can still be found at the farm.

Mike's laugh, smile, calmness, and wisdom will be missed by all who knew him.

Mike passed away on December 23rd, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Vicki Willison of Milford; children, Heather and Heath Willison of Milford; grandson, Dayton Willison of Milford; sister, Pat (Jack) Wilson of Aurelia; brothers-in-law, Mark (friend, Elaine) Vogel of Bigfork, MT and Kent Simonson of Milford; sisters-in-law, Mari Vogel of Durham, NC and Alyce (Bruce) Vogel-Hauglid of Minnetrista, MN; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Willison, and mother, Ruby Willison; sister, Linda Simonson; father-in-law, Lyle Vogel; favorite mother-in-law, Lucille Vogel; brother-in-law, Brad Vogel; Micki, Maude, Mercedes, and Benz, draft horses waiting to be hitched up again.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





Gentiva Hospice 101 by Jill Jennings

On Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m., the Spirit Lake Public Library will host the presentation "Hospice 101 with Gentiva Hospice." The speaker for the evening will be Christine Hindt. This will be an opportunity to learn about the history, mission, and purpose of hospice services. Hospice, as a service, has evolved greatly over the past few decades. This educational program will explore myths and facts surrounding hospice eligibility and practices. Additionally, learn more about signs that someone in your life may be ready for hospice, how they can utilize their current medical benefits to enroll, and what to look for in a hospice provider. When you arrive for the program, please use the west entrance (facing the parking lot).

The local Gentiva Hospice office is located at 1370 Lake Street in Spirit Lake and the telephone number is (888)436-8482. If you would like to look up more information on-line, the website for Gentiva is www.gentivahs.com.

Upcoming activities at the Spirit Lake Public Library:

- Monday, January 15, 10:30 a.m., Book Club (To Kill a Mockingbird by Lee)
 - Monday, January 15, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong • Monday, January 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., No School "Snow
- Day" Crafternoon • Tuesday, January 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., Gentiva Hospice 101
 - Wednesday, January 17, 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, January 18, 10:00 a.m., Block Party • Thursday, January 18, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong

Lois Newman (Long, Ross) of Alta, Iowa, formerly of Spirit Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Bernard and Ruth Long (Robbins,

Dailey) passed away Saturday morning, December 23rd, 2023, at the St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, at the age of 73.

A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024, from Noon - 3:00pm, at the Legion in Milford, Iowa. Condolences can be sent to Lois Newman C/O Erin Sundall, 1207 H Avenue, Milford, Iowa 51351. Flowers can be sent on Saturday,



Lois was first and foremost a loving mother of four. They spent a great deal of time together as she was raising them teaching them how to cook, bake as well as many other necessary skills they would need later in life. While raising the kids, she also worked at the Coke Plant in the Office, Dinner Date and the Near New Shoppe. In 1987, Lois and the kids moved to Alta, lowa, where Lois would pursue her longtime goal of becoming a Beautician by attending Faust Institute of Cosmetology in Storm Lake, Iowa. After graduation she opened up her own business, Lookin' Just Right Beauty Shop, in the back of her home for nearly thirty years. In 1996, on November 30th, Lois married Dean Newman and they celebrated nearly 30 glorious years together. Lois loved cats and dogs and was always willing to take in a stray and try to help find its forever home, in addition to her longtime dog, Barney & cat Jenny. She also loved to sew whether it was a clothing repair, quilt or the pet beds that she was so fond of making. Lois had many friends in the lakes area but made many more in the Alta area with her husband Dean over the past 30 plus years. Many of them from their favorite hangouts, the Olive Branch in Alta, Dinner Date & the Bakery in Storm Lake.

She was preceded in death by her Father: Bernard Long and Mother: Ruth Long (Robbins, Dailey).

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Dean Newman of Alta, Iowa; brother, Michael & (Carla) Long of Newnan, Georgia; son, Michael and (Autumn) Ross of Spirit Lake, Iowa; son, Ryan Ross of Milford, Iowa; daughter, Erin & (Kris) Sundall of Milford, Iowa; son, Andrew & (Cara) Ross of Washta, Iowa; niece, Lora Ellis of Middleton, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Jade Hanson of Indianola, Iowa and Trevor Ross of Washta, Iowa; Alex & (Kari) Menefee of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Hunter Menefee of Zimmerman, Minnesota; Justine & (Whitey) Pierce of Odebolt, Iowa; Three Great Grandchildren; Dean's Daughters: Linda, Lori, Tammy & Patti.

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Virginia "Ginny" Yore, age 93, of Milford, Iowa, was held Friday, January 5, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church

in Milford. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Milford. Visitation was Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in

Milford. Virginia Agnes (Rathai) Yore was born on August 22, 1930, in New Richland, Minnesota, to Aloysius and Agnes (Dusa) Rathai. She graduated from Wells High School. On September 1, 1956, she married John A. Yore in Wells, Minnesota, marking the beginning of a

beautiful and enduring partnership. Their life's journey led them through various communities including Delavan and Vernon Center, Minnesota, before settling in Milford, Iowa, in 1959. Ginny was an integral part of the community, known for her warm spirit and dedication to the Rosary Altar Society. She had a love for the sun,

passion for dance, appreciation for music, and enjoyed Virginia passed away December 30, 2023, at the St. Luke

Lutheran Home in Spencer, Iowa, at ninety-three years of age. Ginny is survived by her devoted husband, John Yore; her children, Craig (Maxine) Anderson, Lynnette (Bill) Cook, Kimberly (Bryan) Martin and Erin Yore; nine grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren. Her memory lives on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aloysius and Agnes Rathai; brothers, Roger Rathai and Leo Rathai; nephew, Shawn Rathai; sister-in-law, Leora Rathai and brother-in-law, Dean L. Johnson.

Ginny's legacy of love, kindness, and joyful spirit will forever remain in the lives of those she touched. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her memory will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

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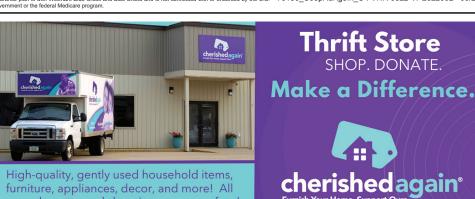


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Obituaries

Paul Andrew Neppel, age 94 years, died peacefully at his home in Spirit Lake, Iowa, on Friday, December 29, 2023.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Alice Caroline (Simon) Neppel, as well as children Paula (Herman) Richter of Milford, Iowa, Christine (Ron) Olney of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Mark Neppel (Ann) of Dolliver, Iowa; Mary Alice McClelland (John) of McHenry, Illinois; and John Paul Neppel (Becky Morgan) of Oak Park, Illinois. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Irma and Irene, as well as brother Leo, and second daughter, Peggy (Neppel) Darrah. He



leaves behind grandchildren Matt, Mia and Mark Richter, Hannah Olney (Jason) Schoneman and Beth Olney (Joe) Muggli, Michael Neppel and Julie Neppel (David) Lovell, Grace Vaziri (Christopher Sullivan), Grant Vaziri, Olivia, Ryan, Lucas, and Charlotte Neppel, as well as greatgrandchildren Indigo and Aloria Schoneman, River and Rowan Muggli, and Ryder, Hazel and Graham Lovell. Also surviving are sisters-in-law Phyllis Neppel of Chatfield, Minnesota, Faith Simon of Sacramento, California, and numerous nieces, nephews.

Paul was known for his faith, his bold farming philosophy, his civic involvement, his athleticism and his love for his family and friends. Born November 24, 1929, on the farm near Estherville, Iowa, to Engelbert and Apollonia (Thelen) Neppel, Paul attended country grade school and graduated from Dolliver High School. After high school, Paul farmed in partnership with his father, attended community college in Estherville and dated Alice Simon. He joined the United States Air Force in September 1950, then, returning on leave, Paul and Alice married on April 19, 1951, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong, Iowa. The newlyweds were stationed in Ogden Utah, and then San Antonio, Texas, where they started their family. After his discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1953, they returned to Northwest Iowa to farm on rented land near Estherville.

In 1965, Paul and Alice moved their family to their newly purchased farm west of Armstrong. Over the next 20 years, Paul built successful farming and livestock/cow-calf operations, served on numerous state and local boards, worked closely with state and national politicians, and was active in Rotary International, particularly in support of the foreign exchange program. Through the years, Paul received numerous acknowledgments for his leadership in embracing innovative agribusiness technologies including Farm Manager of the Year from Iowa State University Ag Business Club in 1973 and a Distinguished Service Award from Iowa Lake Community College Farm Foundation in 1988 for his support of the farming and wind turbine

In 1982, Paul and Alice moved to the Iowa Great Lakes Area, ceding most day-to-day farm operations to their elder son, Mark. With farming deep in his veins, Paul played a supportive role working with Mark on crop production, cattle, and hog operations. He also orchestrated the construction of the first farmer-owned wind turbine in Iowa. Paul then became a farm and residential Realtor with the Stockdale agency in Okoboji, and to fill out any spare time, he and Alice traveled, played bridge, tennis, snow skied, and biked.

Paul loved Alice fiercely with all his heart through their 72 years of marriage, along with loving his six children, his 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and his horse Dolly, who was with him for more than 30 years. Always proud to call himself a cowboy, he was also proud of having served his country in the military.

Paul enjoyed being involved in his church community, first at St. Mary's parish in Armstrong, then St. Mary's parish in Spirit Lake, where he was involved with many ministries. He was most proud of his involvement with Father Albert Grendler and church leadership in the construction of the

present church on Hill Avenue. Vigil Service and Visitation are scheduled 5-7pm, January 1, 2024, at the Robinson Funeral Home, 2317 32nd St, Spirit Lake. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, January 2, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1005 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa, with Fr. Brian Hughes, and Fr. Paul Kelly officiating. The Rite of Committal, burial and luncheon will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

The Neppel family would like to express their appreciation to the Veterans Affairs Health Care Team and the broader community for their love and support during this time of

ter: Milford, IS 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406. Weekly Social Gathering

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

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.

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- » Read over-the-counter labels -- most cough and cold medicines are not recommended for children under 6 years old.
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- » If having difficulty breathing, seek medical care right away

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View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Bowl Sadness for Cyclones and Hawks

What was shaping up to be two great bowl games for our instate Power 5 teams, Iowa State and Iowa turned into two days of misery for Cyclone and Hawkeye fans. Iowa State, got the sadness started on December 29th with a disappointing 36-26 loss to Memphis in the Liberty Bowl; Iowa outdid the Cyclones with another pathetic offensive performance in a 35-0 loss to Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl on January 1st.

We'll start with the Cyclones since they played first. For some reason, ISU did not show up at all in the first quarter, as Memphis scored early and often on their way to a 19-0 lead heading into the second quarter. The Cyclones did make a game of it by closing the gap to 19-13 late in the second frame, but a late field goal by the Tigers gave them the momentum back and a 22-13 halftime lead. That momentum stayed with Memphis as they scored the first two TDs of the second half to take a commanding 36-13 lead. Iowa State would chip away and trim the lead to 10 with 10:00 remaining but could not muster any more points the rest of the way. What hurt ISU during the season in their losses cost them this game; an inability to put pressure on the quarterback, as the Tigers Seth Henigan was very comfortable all day, passing for 364 yards with four TDs and zero interceptions. ISU also struggled to run the ball in their losses, and in the Liberty Bowl, against a Memphis defense that had been pourous against the run all season, the Cyclones had ZERO rushing yards! ISU was able to pass the ball, as freshman QB Rocco Becht had an awesome game with 446 passing yards and three TDs with zero interceptions, and receivers Jayden Higgens (214 yards, 1 TD) and Jaylin Noel (79 yards, 1 TD) also had huge games. For whatever reason, Memphis looked much more excited to play this game, and ISU could not recover from their slow start. Memphis has a very good team, and finished with 10 wins, but they were a team that the Cyclones should have been able to beat; instead, ISU finishes a good year with a 7-6 record and returns 20 of 22 starters for what should be a great 2024 season.

Iowa was facing a Tennessee team that was playing without quite a few starters who had either entered the transfer portal or opted out of playing in the Citrus Bowl. The opening line for this game was Tennessee by 10.5 points, but that had dropped all the way to 5.5 points by kickoff after news that the Vols starting QB, Joe Milton III, was opting out and preparing for the NFL Draft. Iowa started the game with a nice drive on their second possession, but quarterback Deacon Hill was intercepted in the end zone, and the Vols would march down the field to make it 7-0. Tennessee would score on their next drive to make the score 14-0 at halftime, and with Iowa's offense once again being inept, you knew this game was over. The only drama in the second half would be if the under would hit again for an Iowa game, and although it got close (36.5) it did hit with Iowa keeping the Vols out of the end zone late to preserve the 35-0 loss and streak of hitting the unders for the Hawks. Iowa was thoroughly dominated in this game, gaining a meager 173 yards with 11 first downs while giving up 383 yards, 25 first downs, and turning the ball over three times to zero for Tennessee. Vols freshman QB Nico Iamaleava was very good against Iowa, as most teams that do give the vaunted Hawkeye defense have dual-threat QB, and Iamaleava definitely showed he has a bright future for Tennessee with his arm and speed. Iowa finishes the season with an impressive 10-4 record, but head into 2024 with a lot of question marks on the offensive side of the ball, including who will be their offensive coordinator and will head coach Kirk Ferentz let that person change their archaic offense? The Hawkeye defense appears set to be as strong as ever, but with a tougher schedule in 2024, Iowa will have to improve drastically on offense to have any chance of competing in the new Big 10.

THE LAKES NEWS SHOPPER

Butcher Named to Dean's List

Monica Butcher, of Spirit Lake, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman 6:00pm | \$40/\$45

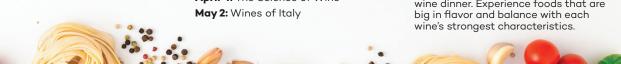
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Applicants Sought for Healthcare Scholarship & Loan Programs

Applications are now being accepted for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholar-

ship, as well as the Cornwall Loan Program. All programs are designed to



help area students pursue healthcare careers.

The Shine scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons who have completed at least one semester of a nursing or allied health program, such as radiology, therapy programs (respiratory care, speech, physical or occupational), medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, pharmacy, etc. These programs are not intended to fund individuals pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant or veterinary science. The Adam J. Anderson scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons pursuing education and training to become certified EMS providers (EMT through Paramedic).

Ben Shine was a long-time trustee of the Spencer Hospital Board. His wife, Ernestine Shine, was active in the hospital auxiliary and served as president of that organization. The Shines recognized the importance of quality health care for their community and were actively involved in maintaining a quality and progressive hospital. One effort toward achieving this goal was the establishment of the Shine Scholarship.

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program was created by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who had received quality hospital care and later home care from Spencer Hospital during an extended illness. The Cornwall family wished to help local people interested in receiving healthcare education. To accomplish this, a low-interest loan program was created.

The Adam J. Anderson Scholarship was created by Duane Anderson of Webb and Marcia Anderson Taylor of Spencer in memory of their son Adam who died in January 2001 of cancer. Adam had worked as a volunteer on the Terril ambulance crew after graduating from Iowa Lakes Community College and later took a job as an EMT for Spencer Hospital. According to his mother, Adam's goal was to obtain his paramedic certification and he was accepted into paramedic school in August 2000; however, his illness had progressed so much he was unable to attend. The scholarship is intended to honor Adam's memory and his spirit, and to enable others to fulfill the dream to be of service to others as paramedics.

The application deadline for both the Shine & Adam J. Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2024. Recipients will be notified of their award in May. Applications are available on the

Spencer Hospital Website at www.spencerhospital.org/scholarships. For questions, please contact Danelle Stumbo, Spencer Hospital Educational Coordinator at dstumbo@spencerhospital.org.



Winter No School Camp Registration

No school? We have you covered! If you have a 5th-8th grader off from school, register for Winter No School Camp

hosted by the Dickinson County Conservation Board. The camp will be held on January 15th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, at Horseshoe Bend. Environmental Education Coordinator Danika Cox looks forward to attendees creating shelters, learning about survival skills, and learning how animals survive harsh,



snowy conditions. Cox said, "I always love to see kids get creative when they are given a survival-related task. They really put themselves in that situation in their minds and ask themselves, 'What would I do if this was really happening to me'?"

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She included, "This is a great opportunity for kids to spend some time with their friends outside of school in a fun and safe learning environment and get the chance to maybe meet a few new people," Cox stated, adding that kids usually enjoy learning outdoors instead of a confining classroom.

Register your child by going to www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com under Events/Programs. The cost is only \$15, and children must be brought to Horseshoe Bend at 9:00. A hat, gloves, boots, coat, snow pants, and any additional winter clothing are required. Please send a sack lunch and a filled reusable water bottle with each child; the education team will provide two snacks. All children will need a signed liability waiver that can be found on the Tubing Hill page under the Visit Us tab on our website; if you have any questions, call the Dickinson County Nature Center at 712-366-6352.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

Does County P&Z Lookout for Citizens or Commercial Interests?

In June the P&Z Commission decided they needed a new subcommittee to study changes to the Wind Turbine Ordinance since the 2008 Dickinson County Wind Turbine Ordinance was adopted. During those 14 years wind turbines have grown from 250-feet to more than 600-feet in height. There was much confusion about who would be on this new subcommittee. After much delay the subcommittee members were chosen by the Zoning Administrator (Megan Kardell) and the County Attorney (Steven Goodlow). The final Subcommittee selection was two members from the wind turbine area, two members from the wind turbine industry, and three members from the County P&Z Commission.

Unfortunately, whenever the two members from the wind turbine area suggested health and safety improvements to make wind turbines safer for the people living in the wind turbine area their ideas were shot down as unacceptable. It would be easy to review the minutes of this subcommittee to see how this happened, except no minutes were taken. As a result, the wind turbine ordinance changes being proposed at the January 15th P&Z meeting to the Wind Turbine Ordinance will have no meaningful impact on how wind turbines will be implemented in Dickinson County.

Another thought about how zoning approvals should be considered in Dickinson County. The owner of farmland should be able to decide what happens to the land; like corn or beans or whether to erect a barn or silo. The zoning issue of erecting a 600-foot industrial wind turbine is a whole other matter. County Approval of a 600-foot industrial wind turbine should not be granted unless the neighboring landowners agree to it. The 600-foot-tall industrial wind turbines are so tall they can be seen for many miles destroying the country lifestyle for many people.

Phil Petersen, Okoboji, Iowa

Democratic Party Caucus

The purpose of this year's caucus is to:

The Dickinson County Democratic Party Caucus will be held Monday, January 15, 2024. Doors open at 6:00pm, the Caucus begins at 7:00pm. Meet at the Milford Community Building located at 806 N Avenue, Milford, Iowa.

-Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform

-Elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention
-Elect Precinct Committee persons to the County Central

The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party. All Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Babies Born at Spencer Hospital in 2023 Match with Names from A-Z

Babies born at Spencer Hospital throughout 2023 covered the alphabet from A to Z with baby girl names ranging from Adalynn to Zyanya and baby

boys named Aengus to Zion.
For baby girls, names beginning with the letter "A" were most popular with 20 little girls receiving names starting with A, including Amelia, Alice and Anastasia, among others. For baby boys, the letter "C" was the most popular starting letter with 11 little boys getting "C" names, including Crew,

Caspian and Clay.

The most any name was used was three times, such as three baby boys named Walker and three little girls receiving the name of Lainey. Several names were given at least twice to 2023 babies, including Archer, Grayson and Mateo for boys, and Hazel, Lily, Miley and Sophie for girls.

"We love being part of each Sias and welcomed by his two older family's birth experience at brothers, Ezequiel and Gabriel.

Spencer Hospital," remarked

Ann Polaschek, birth center director. "It's fun learning what names parents have chosen for each child. Each baby is special and often we see their personalities emerging from day one."

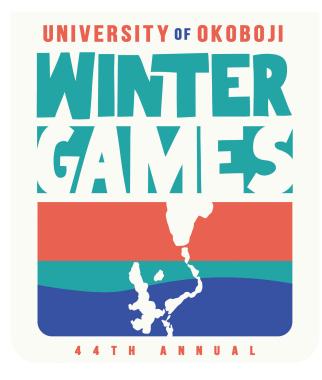
Zion Ross Sias was born on April 12,

2023, to Jayden, Spencer Hospital's

Birth Center nurse, and Esteban

Polascheck emphasized the importance of having a medical team who can provide personalized, professional care. "We're so fortunate to have an experienced group of family practice physicians at Avera Medical Group Spencer who specialize in obstetrics," she said. "They provide excellent women's health services before conception, then guidance through pregnancy and delivery, and pediatric care once baby is born."

She added, "In addition to our great physicians, we also have a team of registered obstetrical nurses that are here to provide outstanding clinical expertise along with facilitating your once-in-a-lifetime birth experience, and provide support once baby arrives through lactation consultation services. Our birth center was carefully designed to provide families with an exceptional labor and delivery experience, with amenities of a luxury hotel suite along with access to all the medical supplies and equipment that may be needed. We invite anyone who is either planning a pregnancy or already expecting a baby to contact us to learn more about our services or arrange a visit."



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Letter The Editor:

We are at war. There is a force within determined to destroy our nation as we know it. It is an internal cultural war. It is in the realm of morals. Other nations of the past have been destroyed by disintegration of moral character. It does not take too much convincing to know that we live in an immoral crossover culture.

The pillars of our American foundation are being torn down. All is under attack, including our Supreme Court, so where is our civic freedom? Cancel culture is infringing on our lives in ways we never could have imagined.

275,000 illegal immigrants marched across our border in December. With them come all the diseases, criminals and drugs. Texas spent millions of dollars to seize 400 million doses of fentanyl. This is insanity. Cartel leaders are profiting 32 million a week from all the immigrants. Twelve million immigrants are now in the US, 64 million babies have been aborted. Yes, we are allowing ourselves to be destroyed from within unless something drastic is done before it is too late. Time has almost run out. Our citizens' taxes are paying for our own destruction.

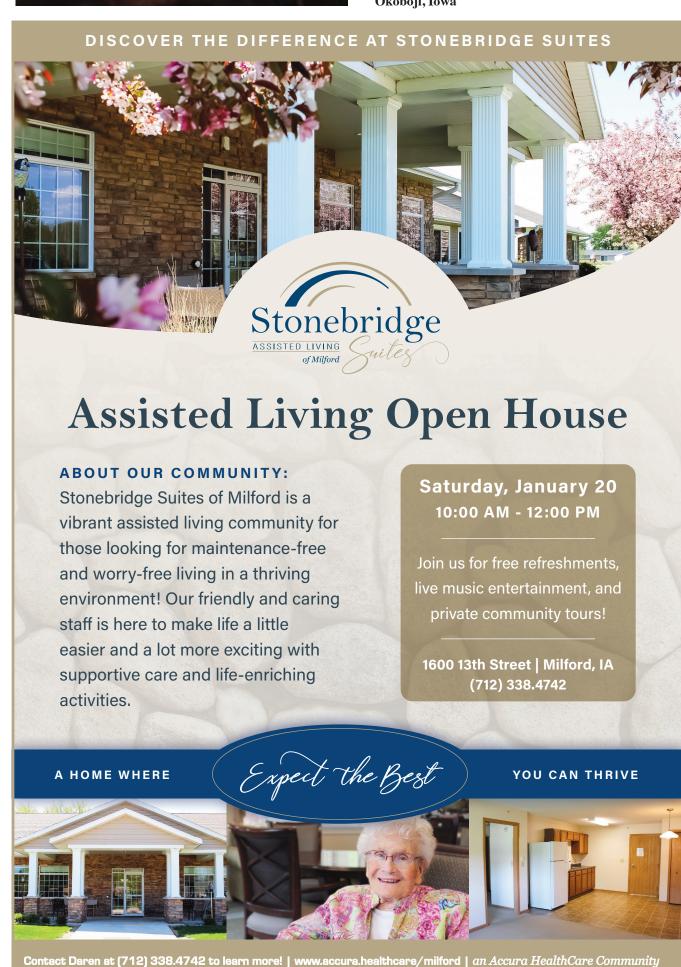
We need a new fresh administration before it is too late. I would admonish you to take a serious look at Vivek Ramaswamy. Vivek2024.com There are great interviews on YouTube. He has visited each county in Iowa twice. I have heard him both times. He is new, fresh, unburdened by former political debris. Be sure and check it out before you go to our Iowa caucus. Iowa sets the stage for the 2024 election.

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If you agree with these principles be sure and attend the caucus. **Judy Valen**,

Spirit Lake, Iowa









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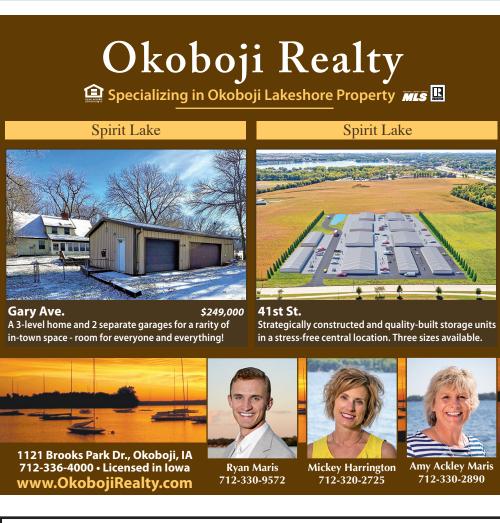


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Tues., Jan. 9 - 10:00 AM -146.76 acres at auction in Cottonwood Co., MN. Auctioneers: Dan Pike 507-847-3468. www. danpikeauction.com.

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

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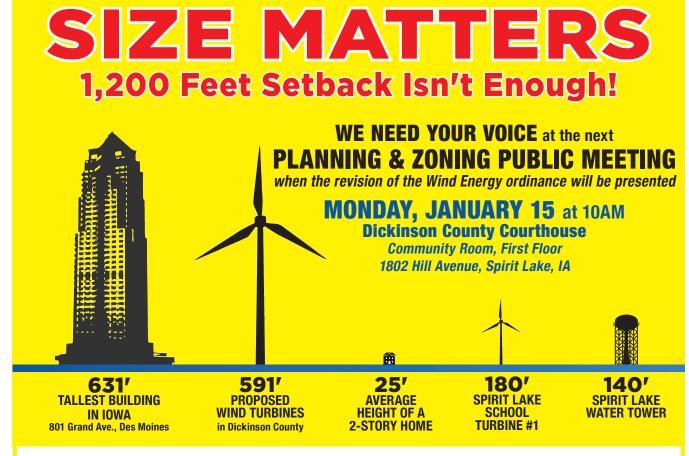
Heat oven to 400°F. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until soft, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the rice and wine and cook, stirring, until the wine is absorbed, 1 to 2 minutes. Add 2 cups water

and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper to the saucepan. Simmer, covered, until the water is absorbed and the rice is tender, 18 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile, on a rimmed baking sheet, toss the shrimp, tomatoes, thyme, and garlic with the remaining

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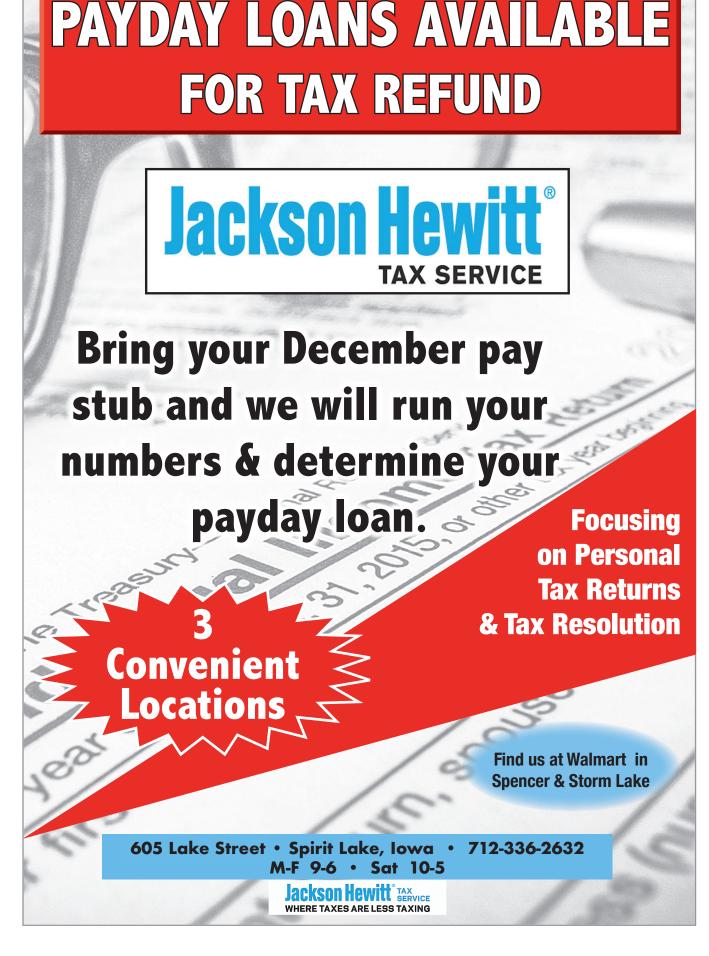
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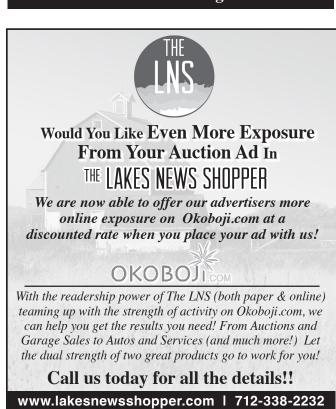
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Dickinson County Planning and Zoning has scheduled a public hearing for January 15, at 10:00am, in regard to changes to the zoning ordinance regulating wind energy (giant windmills). I am asking for the public to please review this document which is available on the county website and express their views to planning and zoning by letter, email, or at the public meeting. The proposed changes still have setback distances far too close to homes, don't adequately protect property rights or have a sound decommissioning plan. Drainage networks that aren't in drainage districts would have no protection for damage to their drainage tiles. Please help protect our beautiful county.

Randy Heikens, **Dickinson County Resident**

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Brown Named to President's List

Bethany Brown, of Spencer, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

 $Full-time\ under graduate\ students\ who\ have\ earned\ a\ minimum$ grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Clay County Fairgrounds to host the Red Power Round Up 2024

Clay County Tourism and the Clay County Fair & Events Center are honored to announce that Spencer will be hosting

the Red Power Round Up in June 2024, celebrating the 100 years of Farmall. This landmark event is scheduled to take place from Thursday, June 20th, through Sunday, June 23rd at the Clay County Fair & Events Center. Exhibitors



are expected to begin arriving Monday, June 17. The event is anticipated to draw approximately 15,000 - 20,000 attendees from around the globe.

The Red Power Round Up is a unique experience for enthusiasts, collectors, and the community at large. Attendees will have the opportunity to witness a showcase of vintage International Harvester machinery, explore exhibits, and engage in activities that pay homage to a century of innovation in agriculture and

In addition to the festivities at the Clay County Fairgrounds, participants of the Red Power Round Up will be exploring local businesses, showcasing the warmth and hospitality of our community. This presents a tremendous opportunity for local businesses to connect with a diverse and passionate audience.

Given the expected attendance of 15,000 - 20,000 people, we anticipate increased traffic flow during the event dates. Local businesses, residents, and city officials are encouraged to plan accordingly to ensure a smooth experience for all.

We look forward to celebrating this historic occasion and showcasing the best our community has to offer.

For more information, please contact: Olivia Baxter, Tourism Coordinator, tourism@spenceriowachamber.org, 712-262-5680 or Alicia Kopriva, Event Services Director, events@claycountyfair.com, 712-580-3000.

Christmas Tree Drop-off Points for Burning of the Greens

The Burning of the Greens is one of the many favorite traditions of Winter Games, and we need your help to make it happen! Once you've had the chance to fully enjoy your holiday decorations, we would love to take your Christmas tree and other live greenery off your hands! 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. Special thank you to Diamond Concrete for donating the storage containers!

In just a few weeks, we'll transform your holiday greenery into one amazing bonfire during the University of Okoboji Winter Games Burning of the Greens & Fireworks Extravaganza, sponsored by Bank Midwest, to be held on Preservation Plaza at Arnolds Park Amusement Park on Saturday, January 27th,

We'll announce the winners from the various events, the 8 cheerleaders will show you what they're made of, then those same 8 people will ceremoniously 'LIGHT! THAT! FIRE!'. Stay to watch the fireworks display, enjoy the night kite show. and celebrate all of the fun from the weekend's festivities.

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 www.uofowintergames.com or Facebook.com/UofOWinterGames for updates.



Milford Memorial Library News

Fourth through twelfth graders, are able to build a wood block snowman and create a giant brown paper bag snowflake by regis-

tering for MML's Young Adult Snow Challenge. This is a free activity and runs until Friday, January 19th. Registrations can be made by calling MML at 712-338-4643 or online at http://milfordlibrary.weebly. com/young-adult-registration.html.

Wednesday, January 17, is Open Craft Night! This Adult Craft Series will be kit only. Available crafts include 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:// mil for d library. we ebly. com/adult-program-registration. html.

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.

Join us on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting provided by the three local libraries. This month we will be joined by special guest Kris Walker and she will lead us though a simple landscape painting using only two colors. The cost is \$15 for registration. You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.weebly. com/adult-program-registration.html

Did you get a new device for the holidays? Have questions about how to use it? Want to know more about the Libby App from the library? Join us for Tech Help Hour on Tuesday, January 30, from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., for help with your new device or help setting up Libby. Patrons will get a limit of 15 minutes of help if there are others waiting.

Want to write a book review? Login to your MML Online Catalog account. Locate the title and click the book cover for the full information. Scroll down to "Reviews" click "Show Reviews" and click "Review this title". Fill out the form and click "Submit (subject to approval)". The reviewing process starts at MML's website, www.milford.lib.ia.us. If you have questions about this feature or want more information please contact us by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing info@milford.lib.ia.us.





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This January 15th I will be caucusing for Vivek Ramaswamy. Vivek truly stands apart from all of the rest of the candidates because he articulates specific strategies on how to fix the biggest problems we are facing as a nation. For example, he talks about the importance of having our military protect both our Northern and Southern border as a primary method to stop the large influx of illegal immigrants. He also goes into detail on how to drain the swamp by cutting the federal government by 75 percent. He will keep our border safe and our country safe from bureaucratic no-name government officials in Washington D.C. by using laws that are already on the books.

Vivek has "Ten Truths" he shares with voters everywhere he speaks. My personal favorites include: Number 5: "An Open Border is No Border"; Number 9: There Are Three Branches of the U.S. Government, Not Four"; and Number 10: "The U.S. Constitution is the Strongest Guarantor of Freedoms in History".

I encourage folks to learn more about Vivek by going to an event before caucus day and visiting www.vivek2024.com to watch some of his best clips.

Sincerely,

Katy Sporrer Milford, Iowa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I'm writing on behalf of the American Red Cross which has been coming to Spirit Lake four times a year for a blood drive. We were scheduled to have a blood drive on January 22 and because the Red Cross has been doing some reorganizing, our

staff is coming out of Omaha instead of Mankato and cannot do it until February 26, 2024. Another scheduled date is April 29, 2024. These drives will once again be in the Senior Center in downtown Spirit Lake.

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them, or nothing has really changed now that things are back to "normal". Everything has changed. I am extremely grateful today. I am blessed beyond measure and I am living my own best life. I have an amazing husband, family, and career. I spend (nearly) every day with people who have nothing, ask for even less, and are appreciative of anything. They are my inspiration. People who have been cast out by people who loved them, shut out by family, shunned by their church, disowned, and believe they have become unlovable to anyone else. And then there is the other side of it. I also talk with people on the other side of this disease. The moms who have lost a child to an overdose, spouses who have become single parents because mom or dad just can't seem to stop, and the kids who may never know who their mom or dad used to

be told, the entire world's population could benefit from some

therapy to work through these experiences. Instead, so many

are walking around like nothing happened, nothing impacted

It can become overwhelming. I want to help everyone who calls, but my beds are full and I have a waiting list of 15-20 people at any given time. My heart hurts on the days I come home from work knowing that, during that day, I had to turn someone away and I wasn't able to help them. In those moments, I am reminded that I am one person and I can't save the world (I've been trying to get my superwoman cape to work for years), but I can help the 33 I have here today. Just one at a time. One hour, one day, one step, one person.

To whoever needs to hear this, don't be so hard on yourself or your loved ones. Practice grace upon grace. Forgive more and criticize less. And when given an opportunity, always choose

I pray for your best year for everyone. In His grace, Jessica

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THE LAKES NEWS SHOPPER Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Page 3B Milford K of C Holding Youth Free Throw Challenge

Boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge. The local contest will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at the Okoboji High School south gymnasium in Milford. Registration and practice begin

Registration forms for this free competition are available the day of the event at the school, or email dough 2169@gmail. com. Children of all faiths are welcome to enjoy a positive and healthy competition with other youth in the community. There is no entry fee to participate and awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place.

Each contestant is allowed 3 warm up shots followed by 15 free throw attempts for the Local Level. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions. Each year there are more than 130,000 shooters participating in more than 3,000 local competitions.

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state competitions.

Milford Council 7284 is active in the community. This year the Milford Council baked over 2000 apple pies as a fund raiser to help fund various organizations and community projects. Milford Council 7284 sponsors five \$750 scholarships for graduating high school seniors every year. In addition to the scholarships, they contribute to Coats for Kids, Echo Plus & Special Olympics, several Disaster Relief Funds, UDMO, Grotto of the Redemption, Discovery House, Cherish House, CASA and many other organizations or groups in need. The Milford Council also contributes and distributes Christmas food baskets for area families. In addition they engage youth with their creative talents in sponsoring a Christmas poster contest, free throw competition, hosting a local spelling bee as well as local family, community, and service projects as well as parish needs. In the past year they contributed more than \$12,000 to local community needs. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for persons with intellectual disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting local organizations.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 15,900 local councils. Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity. One hundred percent of the funds we raise go to

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Deborah in Larchwood Iowa

Dear Deborah,

Many vehicles on the road have poor wipers. Either they have just not been looked after or they have only been partially repaired. Most good quality wiper blades will last about a year but with weather conditions can deteriorate in less time. We always recommend the best quality name brand blades you can find and they are not that expensive. You can change them at home on most vehicles. Instructions are usually included and most require no tools. The following is important! The blades are not the only part of the wiper. The arms need to be working correctly or the blade will never do its job. If they are bent or they don't move on their hinge freely they won't apply proper pressure to the blade and that's likely the issue with your vans rear blade. If the arm is bad parts stores usually carry the entire arm to resolve your issue.

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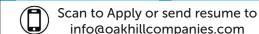
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Those interested please complete & submit a cover letter & resume. You may email to jfischer@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov, mail to Dickinson County Sheriffs Office PO Box 214, Spirit Lake Iowa, 51360 or drop it off to the **Sheriffs Office at the Dickinson County Court House.**

Questions please call 712-336-2525 Dickinson County Sheriffs Office is EOE. Taking resumes until the position is filled.

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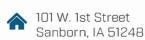
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City of Spirit Lake

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