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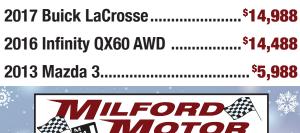
cal daycares, and school classrooms up to 2nd Grade? Each month she finds new books to read and supplies each group with supplemental activity/ coloring sheets. Miss Becca is definitely busy each month, but she enjoys working with kids and spreading the joy of books and literacy. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions or thoughts (beccas@milford. lib.ia.us).



Milford Memorial Library has two more January pro-

grams, and we would love to have your family join us. We have Minds in Motion (sensory play) at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 22, and Building Bookworms (storytime) at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29.





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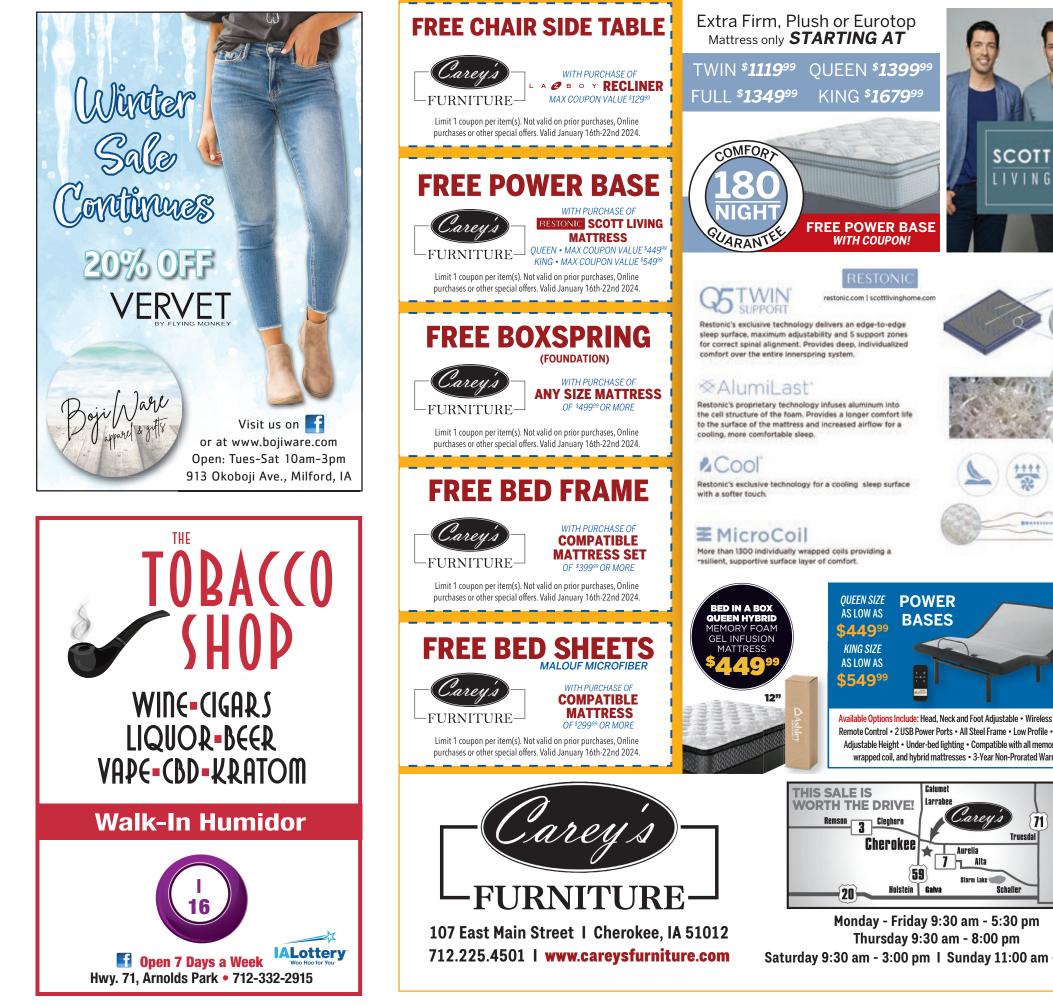
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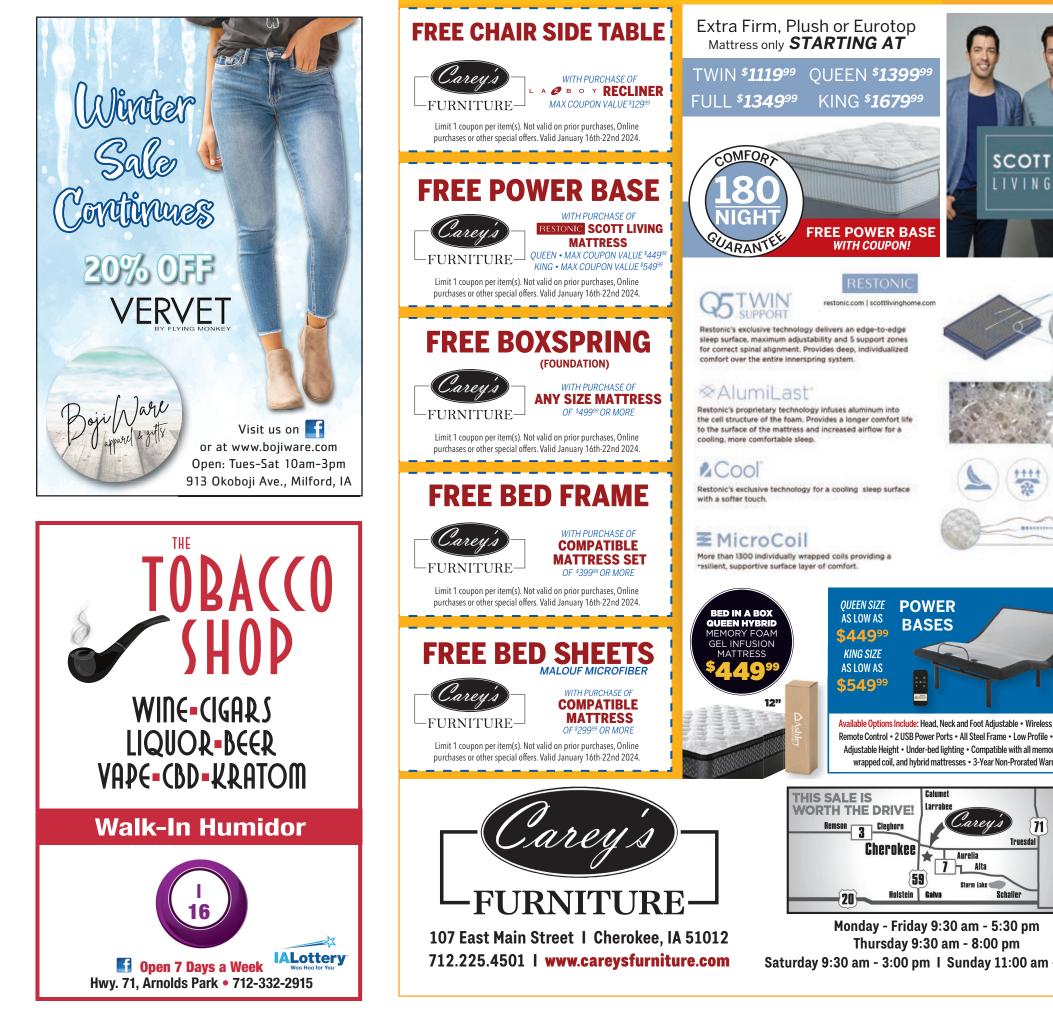
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Natural Heritage Foundation Secures Acres On East Side Of Big Spirit Lake

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Aerial view of the recent purchase of 132 acres from the Gruhn family, highlighted in yellow. Photo proated in vided by INHF. Spirit

ed, close to Big Spirit Lake, land use on the property rect impact on water quality to and in the lake. Future ion will prevent soil disturbance and enhance its ability b high volume rain events. This will, in turn, help with n into groundwater. Currently the entire slough is in ownership. Acquisition will also protect remnant prairie ortion of the Sandbar Slough shoreline and access.

aerial map gives a visual of the location of the secured land off in yellow. As noted on a map, the Gruhn farmstead nain under family ownership, and the acquired property tend north of the farmstead to the gravel road and then a parcel of land which was acquired in 1997 (Pottoff property), also called the Hales Slough WMA. That 160-acre project, now in DNR ownership, is part of the 274-acre Hales Slough property, located across 270th Avenue.

As shown on an aerial map, the Gruhn purchase then heads west to the northeast shoreline of Sandbar Slough (Sandbar Slough is the white/purple area on the map) and then back across to the north along the backside of the farmstead.

According to Joe Jayjack, Communications Director for the INHF, "The purchase of this property will allow for additional wetland restoration on the existing public wildlife area. The property is in an identified Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Priority Area. Many migratory bird species will benefit from the restoration of this project."

According to John Smeltzer, president of the Spirit Lake Protective Association, "The Spirit Lake Protective Association is delighted to hear about the acquisition of the Gruhn Farm by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. This action fits perfectly into the mission of SLPA: 'Quality of Water, Quality of Life'. Congratulations to the Gruhn family and INHF for their lasting commitment to the wellbeing of the entire Iowa Great Lakes

Jayjack added that the INHF will likely be raising funds for future native habitat restoration on the property.



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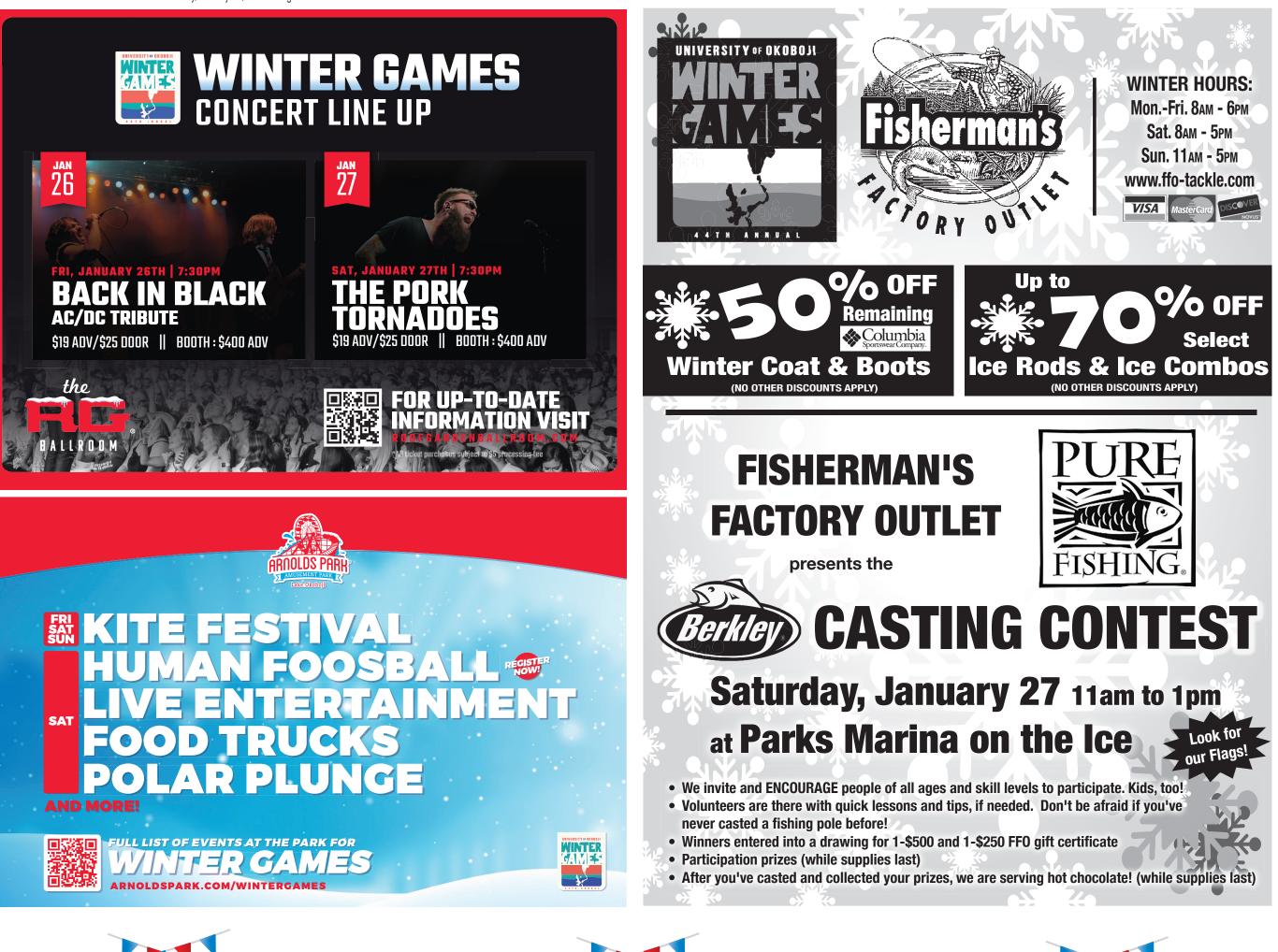
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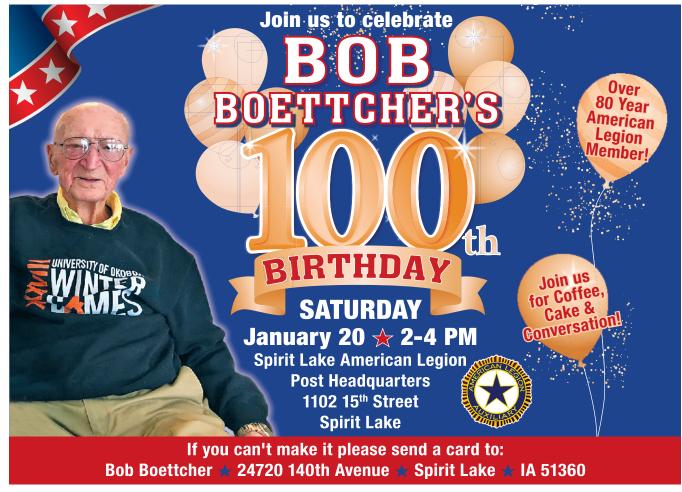
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Jones of the Spencer Chamber Completes Third Year at Institute for Organization Management

Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce that Sher-

iffa Jones, Executive Director, of the Spencer Chamber, has recently completed her third year at Institute for Organization Management, a four-year nonprofit leadership training program at Winter Institute located at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice

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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 712-332-2107.

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.

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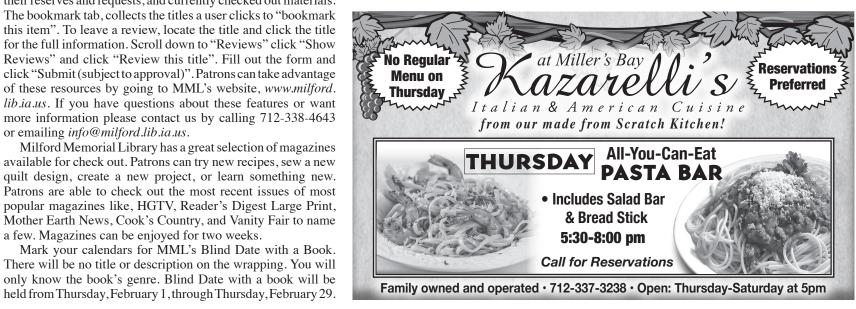
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Katzfey Named to Dean's List The following area students were recognized for their out-standing academic performance over the fall 2023 semester at

Vance Katzfey of Okoboji has been named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade-point average is required for academic eligibility.

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!

KES NEWS Auction Calendar

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

Thurs., Jan. 18 - 10:00 AM -143 1 Acres at auction in Freeborn Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartung & Kahlers. 507-236-7629. www. auctioneeralley.com.

Sat., Jan. 20 - 9:30 AM -Coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Toering Auction Service. 712-395-0165.

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elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics," ruled by the conniving queen bee Regina and her minions when she makes the mistake of falling for Regina's ex-boyfriend She must learn how to stay true to hersel while navigating the most cutthroat jungle of all: high school

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Black Manta is driven by the need to avenue his father's death, who will stop at nothing take Aquaman down. He wields the power o

standing academic performance over the fall 2023 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have

earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students that received a 4.0 GPA are indicated with an asterisk. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement.

Benjamin Borchers* of Estherville; Haley Berends, James Rickerl, Zachary Schoelerman and Tyson Tessum of Everly; Ava Rasche of Lake Park; Lauren Early, Kylan Green*, Elli Hanson, Nathan Kollasch* and Kyle Thompson* of Milford; Sean Connor*, Landon Ellis, Kaylee Hansen*, Janae Hassman, Kiersten Hogge* of Spencer, Grace Honkomp, Kaylee Iedema, Sadie Nelson, Sydney Stanley*, Connor Tigges, Gavin Timmer and Ashley Vreeman of Spencer; Bailey Berquist, Daniel Browning*, Sophia Butler, Kaitlyn Kelly*, Sophia La Doux, Kendyl Summers and Carter Toews of Spirit Lake; Ashlyn Bohl, Mackenzie Henning*, Meta Tewes, Jocelyn Tillman* of Jackson, Minnesota; Haley Tvinnereim and Emma Winter* of Jackson, Minnesota; and Nathaniel Post of Lakefield, Minnesota.

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Winter Games

olic Church, Milford. Doors will open at 11 a.m. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served promptly at 11:30am with party bridge to begin by 12 noon or so. Afternoon refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost will be \$13 per person. Reservations by Wednes-



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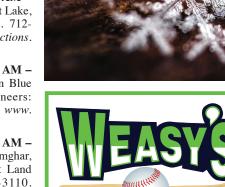
Tues., Jan. 30 - 10:00 AM -132.50 Acres at auction in Blue Earth Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartung. 507-236-7629. www. auctioneeralley.com.

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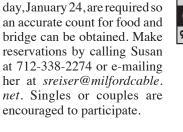
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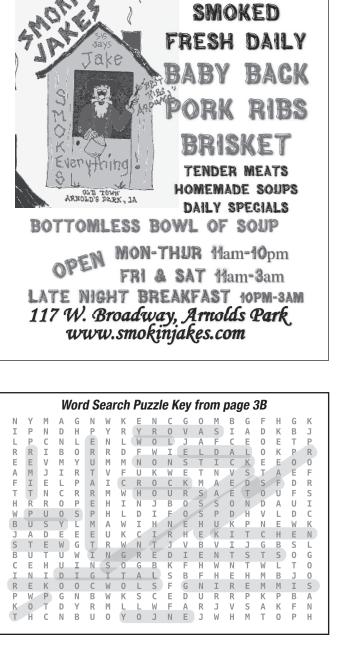


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Local Physician Receives Honorary Degree from the American Academy of Family Physicians

David Stephen Keith, DO, a family physician with Avera Medical Group Spencer, has achieved the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing nearly 127,600 family FEIIU

physicians, residents and medical students. Dr. Keith was one of more than 250 family physicians who received his FAAFP degree last fall during the American Academy of Family Physicians' annual meeting held in Chicago. Dr. Keith also holds a Master's of Science in Public Health degree, in addition to a host of other certifications.

"I have been working toward Fellow for some time and finally achieved it," Dr. Keith commented. "I was able to receive it due to my activities over the normal care of my patients, while working with Clay County Public Health, and hospice, and also teaching students and working on projects with

Avera and our hospital. I am grateful to have finally attained this honor.'

Established in 1971, the AAFP Degree of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development. This year's fellowship class brings the total number of AAFP Fellows to more than 18,270 nationwide. AAFP Fellowship entitles the physician to use the honorary designation, "Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians," or "F.A.A.F.P."

Criteria for receiving the AAFP Degree of Fellow consist of a minimum of six years of membership in the organization, continuing medical education, participation in public service programs outside medical practice, conducting original research, and serving as a teacher in family medicine.

The AAFP was the first national medical specialty organization to require its members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical education every three years. It is the only medical specialty society devoted solely to primary care.

"I truly believe family medicine is a key part of the solutions to the struggle that our medical system faces. I get to know my patients and their families and I am able to find the resources they need as well as the treatments they require to improve their lives and manage their diseases,' Dr. Keith commented. "Family medicine physicians are dedicated to treating the whole person across the spectrum of ages. I don't believe you can get better care than when your provider knows you and your family."

Nearly one in four of all office visits are made to family physicians. That is 208 million office visits each year - nearly 83 million more than to the next medical specialty. Today, family physicians provide the majority of care for America's underserved and rural populations.







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Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/coun*ty-resource-guide*. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

Obituaries

William "Bill" Landegent, 95, formerly of Rock Valley, lowa, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Family will be present for visitation at Heritage Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from 3:00- 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Funeral services will be at First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa, at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, January 19, 2024, with fellowship to follow. Grateful for sharing Bills's

life are his children, Susan Nordby (Jan), Scott Landegent

(Rita); grandchildren, Alison Elliott, Brian Nordby (Laura), Phil Landegent (Erin), Caija West (Logan) and his stepgrandson Keygan Bogenhagen; his great-grandchildren, Graham, Elise, Mason, Madelyn, Mathious, Wilder, Belle and Fiia; beloved sister, Kay Van Otterloo, Aldwin Lorica and numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Alma Landegent, his son, Bruce Landegent; his infant son, Wayne; his brothers, Hupe, Case, John and Adrian and his sisters, Helen, and Johanna.

In memory of Bill Landegent, if you are so inclined, the family requests that donations be made to Lyon County Conservation Foundation (Lake Pahoja) in lieu of flowers. Heritage Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, SD has been

entrusted with the care of Mr. Landegent. www.heritagesfsd.com



by Jill Jennings

Attention all college parents or soon-to-be college parents: if you have a student who will be enrolling in post-secondary ed-

Federal Student Aid which offers grants, loans, work-study, and more to help you pay for college or career school. At the Spirit Lake Public Library, we have a digital resource that can assist you!

The Brainfuse HelpNow resource can help you navigate filling out the FAFSA form and it has live help for those tough questions that might come up. First, go to our website *slpublib*. com. Scroll down and click on the bright blue Brainfuse HelpNow icon. Next, log in with your library card number. Under the tab Expert Help, click on Featured Service. There you will find the Live FAFSA Help! You can check tutor availability (HelpNow tutors for FAFSA assistance are available Mon. - Thur., 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. CST.), adjust your preferences (with or without audio), or click on the Get Live Help button.

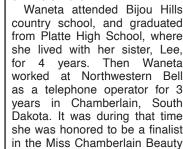
After you submit that FAFSA form, spend some time playing around with this BrainFuse resource. There are so many more ways you can use it!

- Upcoming activities at the SLPL:
- Monday, January 22, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Tuesday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, January 24, 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, January 25, 10:00 a.m., Story Time
- Thursday, January 25, 1:00 p.m., Mah-Jong

Obituaries

Waneta Joy (Houska) Bosworth was born August 3, 1934, to Floyd and Faye (Brakke) Houska in Grandma

Brakke's house in Pukwana, South Dakota. She was the fifth of nine children.





contest. She married Joseph Bruce Bosworth in June of 1955 and celebrated 68 beautiful years together.

Their first home was in Chamberlain, South Dakota, until Bruce reported to military duty in Fort Benning, Georgia, where their first child, Kelly, was born in 1956. They returned home to Plankinton, South Dakota, where their two girls, Tamra and Jodi, were born. The family then moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where their son, Brett, was born in 1962. In 1963, the family then moved to Linton, ND, where they remained for approximately 6 years. They then moved to Jefferson, Iowa, for a brief time before they moved to Estherville, Iowa, in 1970. They built their retirement home in Spirit Lake, Iowa, in 1995. Waneta traveled across the country raising her four

children. She was involved in her children's lives and activities as a Teacher's Aide, and a 4-H leader. She was a member of the United Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher and engaged in various social groups. After her children left home, she surrounded herself with wonderful friends and neighbors and kept active in the local communities.

Waneta enjoyed life to its fullest. Her greatest joy was her family: her children - Kelly (Mary) Bosworth of Deephaven, Minnesota; Tamra Fries (Greg) of McKinney, Texas; Jodi Edlin (Lance) of Surprise. Arizona: and Brett (Sue) Bosworth of West Des Moines, Iowa; her nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Waneta was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce, who recently passed; her parents; and her eight siblings.

To send flowers to the family of Waneta, please visit the floral store at www.caldwellparrish.com.



Cliff Hinderman Memorial Sale

The Grace Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake will be hosting a garage sale July 11, 12, and 13 next summer in Cliffs honor. 100% of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots, Cliff's passion. Cliff spent the last 24 years of his life helping extremely poor children in Oaxaca, Mexico get an education through this organization. Cliff always said you can give a child a taco and it is good for today. If you give a child an education it is good for a lifetime. He was instrumental in helping over 2,000 children complete high school and over 150 complete university.

Of you have saleable items that could be included in the sale and/or want to learn more about Oaxaca Street Children, sponsor a child or donate money, please contact Pastor Jami at the Grace Lutheran Church, 712-600-4548 or email at support ministries@ gracespiritlake.org or Dennis Lippon, 712-330-7241 or email at dennislippon47@gmail.com. Your help will change the futures of these children and their families. Sorry, we cannot accept appliances, electronics, exercise equipment or mattresses for the sale.



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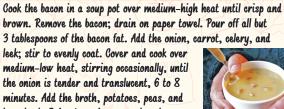


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4 strips bacon, minced 1 medium onion, diced (11/4 cups) 1 carrot, diced (about 1/₃ cup) 1 celery stalk, diced (about 1/2 cup) 1 leek, white & light green parts, diced (11/4 cups) 6 cups chicken broth 2 white potatoes, peeled & diced 1/2 lb. split green or yellow peas, or lentils 1 smoked ham hock Sachet: 1 bay leaf, 1 whole clove, 1 garlic clove & 4 to 5 peppercorns tied in a cheesecloth pouch Salt & pepper to taste 1 cup croutons



Clip this recipe card to save

Serves 8

ham hock. Bring to a simmer and cook over medium heat, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally Add the sachet and simmer until the split peas

are soft, about 30 minutes. (Skim away any seum during simmering.) Remove the sachet and discard. Remove the ham hock and set aside to cool. When cool, cut the ham off the bone, dice, and set aside. Strain the soup through a sieve, reserving the liquid. Puree the solids and return them to the pot. Add enough of the reserved liquid to achieve a thick consistency. Blend well. Stir in the ham and bacon. Season with salt and pepper. Serve garnished with croutons.

Recipe Courtesy of: "The Culinary Institute of America Book of Soups" by The Culinary Institute of America.



Spirit Lake K of C Crowns Youth Free Throw Champions

Nearly twenty girls and boys ages 9 to 14 participated in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship January 7, and seven earned the right to compete at the District level. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake sponsored the local competition at the Bedell Family YMCA, drawing kids from Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Milford.

For the boys, the 9-year-old winner was Camden Kruger, the 10-year-old winner was Kalen Heronimus, the 11-year-old winner was Sam Graves, the 12-yearold winner was Kaiden Mueller, and the 13-year-old winner was Cole Donnenwerth. On the girls' side, the 11-year-old winner was Norah Strouth and the 12-yearold winner was Clare Kruger.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts for the Council level championship.

Every participant received a recognition certificate. Each winner received a plaque and certificate and is eligible to compete

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in the District competition Feb. 11 in young parish priest in New Haven, Con-Emmetsburg, with an eye toward moving to the Regionals. That is followed by the State competition in Ames, and then International awards are presented.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family, community, and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a

necticut.founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with more than 1.9 million members in over 16,000 local councils.

Last year, Knights around the world donated nearly 49 million service hours and nearly \$200 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families, reflecting Blessed McGivney's devotion to helping the widowed and the orphaned. Examples of their work include distributing 8,891 wheelchairs, supporting more than 1,200 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and giving nearly 181,000 coats to help warm children in need.

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. Food for Thought:

I'm going to start by saying I agree we need to try to save our planet. For everybody who thinks wind energy is the answer, I'd suggest you put one in your backyard and supply all your neighbors with clean, inexpensive energy. I have a 450' tower that is 150' off our property line. My wife and I get to enjoy the swishing sounds and disgusting shadows every day, but I have

never complained. What bothers me is it has had mechanical issues from the beginning that makes worse noises. When I complain, a supervisor will send a technician out for a band-aid fix. The corporate office is in Connecticut and doesn't seem to care. Now they tell us turbines are obsolete and need to be refurbished, but they don't have the manpower. I'd suggest a lot more research happens before two hundred 650' towers grace our county.

P.S. I find it ironic that none of their service trucks or equipment are electric.

THE LAKES NEWS

Auctions

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Ed Packebush Milford, Iowa

SL VFW Performers

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

your favorite songs. Jan. 16 - The Senders Jan. 23 - Al Lang Jan. 30 - Terry Klein Feb. 6 - Steve Lang Feb. 13 - The Senders Feb. 20 - Al Lang Feb. 27 Terry Klein Mar. 5 - Steve Lang Mar. 12 - Itty Bitty Boji Mar. 19 - Al Lang Mar. 16 - The Senders

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to be used! This area has a private





feeling to it as there is one main road in and out. Looking for lake access at a great price, don't let this one get away and start making memories in the Iowa Great Lakes! MLS#240033 Listed by Ben Sexton \$175,000



20600 168th ~ Spirit Lake 1.6 acre lot steps away from West Lake Okoboji with spectacular views. This lot is situated on a quiet dead-end road, graded flat but there is plenty of dirt to make it a walk-out or daylight window basement. There is a common sprinkler system run off of a well

for all 5 lots in this development. All utilities are on lot and ready to connect. \$399,000 MLS#231035 Listed by Chad Baker

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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 2: Step-by-Step Estate Planning".

In our last piece, we emphasized the importance of estate planning as the greatest gift you can bequeath to your loved ones, to reduce their painful stress load during an already stressful time. If you've been putting off your estate planning, taking the initial steps can be daunting-but liberating. So, let's get started today, one hurdle at a time.

Hurdle #1: Deciding Who Gets What

A great first step is to think through what you'd like to have happen after you die. You can always build on this base over time, but your biggest benefits will come from resolving that which you care about the most.

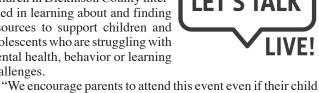
Who Gets What? A Handy Checklist

- Estimate your net worth, including assets and debts. For now, just ballpark it.
- Identify key beneficiaries, including heirs, charities, and any other significant relationships.
- Think about how you would like to divide the bulk of your estate among your beneficiaries.
- Think about prized possessions you would like to pass on to specific people or places.
- Consider to whom or what entity you might like to leave these particular possessions.
- Identify who you'd like to name as legal representatives and/or administrators, to settle or manage your estate once vou pass.

Let's Talk Dickinson to Host Parent Panel On February 13th

The Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition and Iowa Great Lakes Rotary are excited to announce that Let's Talk

Dickinson LIVE will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. This free event is open to any parent of school-aged LET'S TALK children in Dickinson County interested in learning about and finding resources to support children and adolescents who are struggling with mental health, behavior or learning challenges.



hasn't been diagnosed or appear to have any behavioral or mental health challenges," said Beth Will, Community Services Director for Dickinson County. "We want parents to learn about potential signs as well as how to check in with their child to start conversations about promoting healthy mental health development."

The event will feature a panel discussion at 6:30 pm with additional area behavioral resource representatives and materials available. Panelists will include:

- Beth Will, Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Community Services
- Michelle Vore, Flowstate/Emergency Room Process
- Darci Grave, Plains Area Mental Health Open Access
- Marta Sandoval, Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency (AEA)

Lynn Park, University of Iowa Child Specialty Clinic "Our primary goal is to increase awareness of the resources available here locally as well as to reduce the stigma of asking for help," said Katy Carey, Director of Population and Public Health for Dickinson County. "We know that parents regularly deal with daily stressors, and the recent effects of Covid and social media have not made that any better."

In addition, a burger/hot dog meal will be provided by Burger & Company at 6:00 pm before the event and childcare will be provided at no cost to attendees. Organizers are requesting RSVPs by February 2 to get a count to ensure enough food and childcare is available. Confidential questions can also be submitted via the RSVP for panelists to answer at the event.

Iowa Great Lakes Rotary is partnering with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition to organize the event. The Coalition is a group of local providers, school counselors, program directors, public health officials, government resources and volunteers committed to the healthy mental well-being of Dickinson County residents. Let's Talk Dickinson will continue to provide outreach and additional resources throughout the county over the next year.

To register, or for more information about Let's Talk Dickinson and a list of resources, please visit LetsTalkDickinson.org.

Support



While the temperatures outside were brutally cold with near-record lows last week, the Division I basketball teams in the State of Iowa were on fire last week. Drake, Iowa, Iowa State and Northern Iowa all posted a perfect week of hoops with their men's and women's teams; something that I can't ever remember happening since we moved back to Iowa in 2006. The eight teams went a combined 14-0 mark during the

Faith Community Church Bake Sale

Faith Community Church in Milford is having a bake sale on Saturday, January 27, from 9:00-12:00. The church is located at 805 Okoboji Avenue in Milford. Stop by and purchase some treats for your Winter Games guests or family.

Students Names LIVE! to Dean's List

Morningside University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Chris Spicer announced the following area students were named to the Dean's List:

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-." Students that achieved a 4.0-grade point average are denoted with an asterisk (*). Margaret Bergeson and

Haley Hallengren* of Milford; Madelynn Morony*, Isaac Pingel, Olivia Ruden* and Brady Schlaeger of Spencer; Owen Coburn and Anna Fuelberth* of Spirit Lake.



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- Also identify anyone you might want to explicitly exclude from inheriting anything, such as ex-spouses or estranged family members.

Hurdle #2: Making It Legal

Once you've got an idea of what you've got, to whom you'd like to leave it, and how you'd like to implement your plans, the next step is to create a legal road map for others to follow.

It's possible to tackle this hurdle on your own, but we don't usually recommend it. A generic template rarely replaces a reputable estate planning attorney who takes the time to get to know you, translates your wishes into legally binding documents, and collaborates with your financial partners to seek the strongest outcomes for you and your beneficiaries. After you've established the relationship, it also will be easier to maintain your estate plans over time.

What if you die intestate (without a will)? It usually takes a lot more time and money to settle even a simple estate, leaving a spouse, parent, or adult child with extra work during a painful time. Plus, your heirs will likely inherit less, as extra settlement costs eat into their inheritance.

Another common question is *which* legal document(s) will best serve your needs:

- **A Will:** Nearly everyone should have a will to specify who gets what when you go.
- A Revocable Living Trust (RLT): If your relationships and/or financial affairs are more elaborate, you might want to supplement your will with a revocable living trust (RLT).
- Other Specialized Trusts: If you're preparing for a business succession, philanthropic endowment, multigenerational legacy, or similar higher goals, a specialized trust may help minimize tax ramifications and facilitate optimal outcomes.

Hurdle #3: Getting It Together

Once you've formalized your estate plans, the final hurdle is to complete the goals you established during your initial "Who Gets What" planning. In other words, it's time to organize the important loose ends-and keep them organized over time. How Do You Get It Together? A Handy Checklist

- List your financial assets in detail (investment and bank accounts, retirement plans, etc.).
- List who should receive specific collectibles, heirlooms, etc.
- List key professionals your trustees, executors, and/or beneficiaries might need to contact.
- If you've got an RLT, make sure you've funded it with most or all of your major assets, otherwise the trust can't fulfill its purpose.
- With or without an RLT, make sure your home(s), vehicles, and other major assets are correctly titled.
- Make sure all beneficiary designations are correct and current in your financial accounts, retirement plans, and insurance policies.
- Go through your home(s) and clear out any decades of accumulated clutter.

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frosty week, helping give us Iowans, who were stuck inside for much of the week, something to watch and something to definitely cheer about! Four of those 14 wins were against ranked opponents, and what is also very impressive is that all 14 wins came against conference foes.

The Iowa State men got the ranked wins started on Tuesday night as they took down previously unbeaten and #2 Houston 57-53 in one of the most physical games I have seen. The Cyclones raced out to a 20-4 lead but the Cougars would battle back and even take a one-point lead late in the game. Freshman Milan Momcilovic hit a Larry Birdesque fade away jumper to give ISU a 55-53 lead with just :30 remaining and would salt the game away later with two clutch free throws. Tamin Lipsey had his usual strong game for ISU with 14 points and 4 rebounds while Momcilovic chipped in with 11 points, all in the second half. The ISU women kept the ranked teams falling in Hilton Coliseum on Wednesday with a 74-64 win over #24 West Virginia, rallying from a 19-point 3rd quarter deficit behind 22 points and 11 rebounds from freshman (and Algona native) Audi Crooks. The comeback win was head coach Bill Fennelly's 600th career victory. The ISU women then topped off the perfect week at Hilton with another come-from-behind victory, this time over #4 Baylor, 66-63. The Bears had a 24-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, but ISU would chip away and cut that lead to eight by halftime and just two entering the fourth quarter. Crooks would score with :24 left in the game to give ISU a 64-63 lead and Hannah Bellanger would add two free throws late to give the Cyclones the 3-point win and push them to 5-0 and first place in the Big 12. Crooks had another impressive game for ISU, scoring 23 points and grabbing 6 rebounds.

One of the most impressive sites of the weekend was the crowd at the Iowa vs Indiana women's game on Saturday night, a nationally televised game on Fox that featured their marquee basketball announcer, Gus Johnson. With a Blizzard Warning in effect throughout the state and the game on national television, I figured you would see Carver-Hawkeye Arena about half-full, which still would have been impressive. Wow, was I wrong, as 15,000 crazy Iowa fans gave the Hawkeyes another huge homecourt advantage and helped Iowa coast to an 84-57 win over the 14th ranked Hoosiers. The Hawkeyes improve to 17-1 on the season, and are in first place in the Big 10 with a 6-0 record. Iowa will probably jump up to #2 in the national rankings as well this week after another perfect week of conference hoops. Caitlin Clark had another huge game for Iowa, with 30 points and 11 assists, while Molly Davis added 18 points and Kate Martin had 12 rebounds to go along with 10 points, showing that Iowa has more than just the best player in the nation.

Drake's (men) 89-78 win over Indiana State put the Bulldogs in a first-place tie with the Sycamores at 5-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Drake women also are in a tie for first place in the Valley after their 82-62 win over UIC on Sunday. Iowa's men got their most impressive win of their season on Friday night, taking down a very hot Nebraska team 94-76. If Fran McCaffery's team can figure out how to take their offense on the road, they could be a tough out in the Big 10!

We are so fortunate to have so many Division I teams in the State of Iowa, let alone as many teams as we do competing at a very high level. As of Monday, four of our teams are at least tied for first place, and although the rankings aren't out as we go to press, I'm guessing that the Iowa State men and women will be ranked along with the 2nd ranked Iowa women. While the weather may be brutally cold outside, things are just heating up in this Iowa Hoops Heaven!







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Congratulations to our following winners of this year's LNS College Bowl Challenge. First and 2nd place tied with 16 correct picks, but Jill Traynor won the tiebreaker; and 3rd and 4th tied with 15 correct picks with Craig Snider winning the tiebreaker. Here are the winners of this year's Challenge: Jill Traynor, Omaha-1st Place-\$150; Scott Seeger, Milford-2nd Place-\$75; Craig Snider, Spirit Lake-3rd Place-\$50; Brandon Dittman (not pictured), Ankeny-4th Place-\$25.

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Thank you, Glenna in Illinois.

Dear Glenna,

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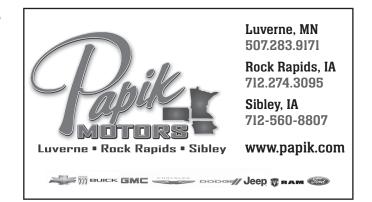
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Counties are duty-bound to pass CO2 ordinances

As 2023 ended, CO2 pipelines topped the list of newsworthy items in Iowa. This is not surprising as many counties are in the footprint of Summit Carbon Solutions' CO2 pipeline. County Boards bear a heavy responsibility as they deal with ordinances while the state awaits the IUB's decision on Summit's permit application.

Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) is not new. CO2 pipelines have been used by oil companies for over thirty years to do Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), a process that renews reserves in abandoned oil wells. Most of the 5,300 miles of CO2 pipelines existing in the US today are used for EOR. They are located in low-population areas such as the oil-rich Bakken region of North Dakota where people are not likely to be harmed by a break in the pipeline. Nothing on the scale of Summit's 2,000-miles of pressurized CO2 pipeline through populated areas has ever been attempted.

I was aware of the dangers of pressurized CO2 before I attended Summit's first informational meeting in Spencer in October 2021. Imagine my surprise when I heard a Summit executive acknowledge there would be breaks in 2,000 miles of pipeline, but this would be inconsequential because the CO2 is just a "harmless gas that dissipates."

In the fall of 2023, Summit executives testified at the IUB's evidentiary hearing. During the two years since that informational meeting in Spencer, the CO2 evolved from a harmless gas into a substance so dangerous that it was a national security risk. Citing the possibility of a terrorism threat, Summit refused to share its plume study model at the hearing. Only under pressure from landowners and Sierra Club attorneys did the company agree to show its data in closed session. The public has yet to see Summit's plume model. However, data from Navigator's plume model for its now-defunct pipeline is available online.

Local control is paramount in the face of Summit's unbridled corporate power. Even with the looming threat of litigation, County Boards must exercise due diligence. They are duty-bound to protect their communities and keep citizens safe. Summit plays fast and loose with the facts. County Board members must do their own research on CO2 pipeline safety and pass updated CO2 pipeline ordinances as soon as possible. The IUB's decision on Summit's permit is imminent.

Bonnie Ewoldt

Milford resident and Crawford County landowner

Caregivers Support Group

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Below is an email I sent to the Chairman of the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. In December, we requested the BOS save their live-streamed meetings to YouTube. I emailed this letter on Tuesday, Jan 9th; as of 9:30 am Friday, I have not received a response, but that is not unusual. Bill.

First of all, after agreeing with my point that the Supervisors meetings need to be saved on YouTube for future viewing, it is disappointing that you chose not to second Steve Clark's motion to retain BOS meetings on YouTube.

In a quick search of other Iowa counties that save their meetings publicly on YouTube, I found 23 Iowa counties; Woodbury *County has 10 years of saved meetings. Tim's argument of one* person being discouraged from speaking because they would be recorded on YouTube falls flat. I am much more concerned about the countless number of people not being able to inform themselves by watching meetings at will or to be able to research through previous videos. The BOS said it was the citizen's job to be informed; could you tell me how that can be done conveniently?

Also, Jeff Thee's suggestion to use OBS or other recording programs was under-researched and ill-informed. OBS would take plug-ins and an above-average technical ability. If a layman could figure out how to make this work, the URL changes with each live-stream, making it improbable to set it to record like a VCR.

Today, I live-streamed the BOS meeting rather than driving This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every to the courthouse. With the start time change, I pulled up the YouTube channel a few minutes late. I went back to see what I missed. I had 5 minutes of viewing left when your meeting ended, and at that point, poof it was gone. The information Cole gave about snow removal could be very useful to the public; it's too bad that it was only viewed by 14 people.

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12:00 - 6:00 Red Cross Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve

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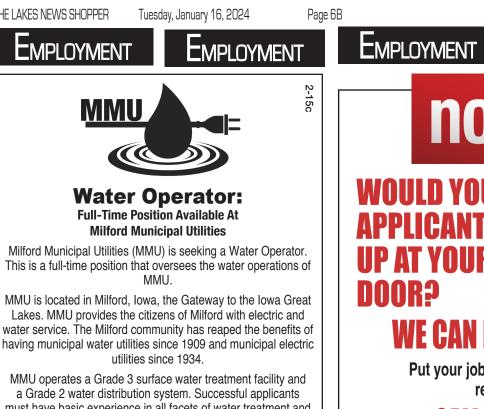
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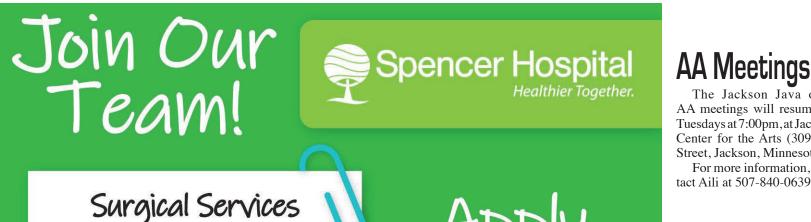
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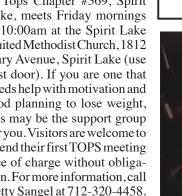
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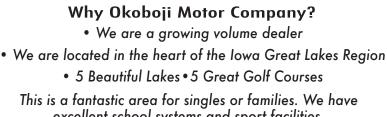
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