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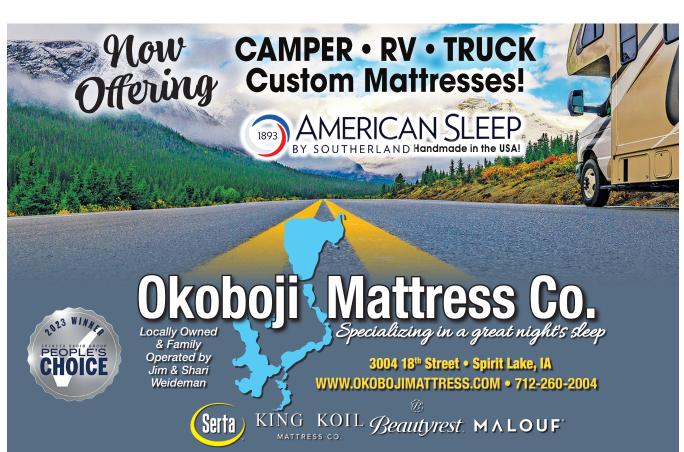
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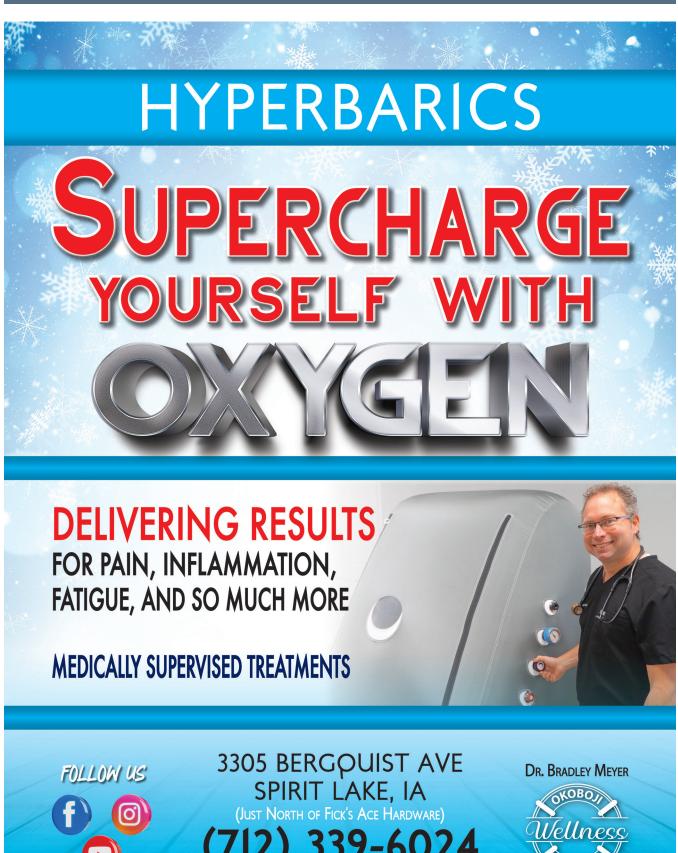
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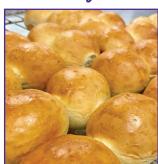
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- Students who have gone above and beyond in the classroom effort or achievement during the previous semester.
- Students who exhibit excellent character throughout the school environment.
- Students who have participated and excelled in co-curricular and athletic programs and have exhibited hard work, perseverance, good sportsmanship, kindness, and willingness to help others.



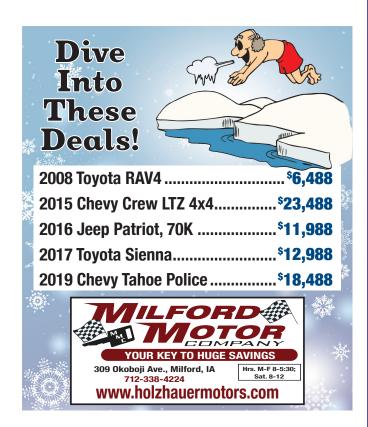




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# **University of Iowa Awards Degrees**

The University of Iowa awarded the following area undergraduate, graduate and professional students degrees: Erickson Phillips, Ethan Schmidt and Kelly Izard of Spencer; Grace Elser of Lake Park; Jack Batman and Sara Thompson of Milford; and Kayley Brown of Spirit Lake.







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person, performance and meal - \$10 / adult, school age - \$5. Additional pie slices will be available

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**Registration & Coffee 8:30 AM Card Playing Begins 9:00-Noon** 

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# \$5 Lunch is available at noon!

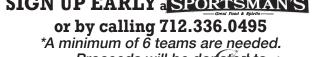
# **Lakes Area Activity Center**

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Proceeds will be dor The mission of Mentor lowa is to provide trained volunteer mentors to abused, neglected and delinquent children who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. We will do this by working partnership with the children, their families and the community.

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# 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 *supportministries@ 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.

# Iowa State Honors Graduates

The following area graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this fall. Graduate and undergraduate ceremonies were held December 15-16 at Hilton Coliseum. Congratulations to the following graduates:

Emmetsburg - Jason Holt and Morgan Jamison
Everly - Emily Joenks, summa cum laude
Lake Park - Marianne Nebelsick and Bryce Schott
Milford- Bradenn Droegmiller, magna cum laude
Sioux Center- Damon Walhof, magna cum laude
Spencer - Noah Heiter, magna cum laude; Cade Hopkins;

Marcus Klemme, magna cum laude; Cade Hopkins; Marcus Klemme, magna cum laude; Emerson Mohr, cum laude; Autumn Noah, cum laude; Jisela Pavon Meyer, magna cum laude; and Joseph Schendel, summa cum laude

Spirit Lake- Cail Donkersloot, summa cum laude and Gavin Harms.







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Locals 'Pre-Games' Party w/Winter Games Cheerleaders (NO COVER) 6 - 7 PM The Barefoot Bar's 10th Annual Charity Battle of the Bartenders

featuring: Diageo, Sazerac, Prestige, Chopin Imports & Ghost Tequila

6:30 PM IV Play on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**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 NOON Boat House Bars & Muff Wader Tap Truck open

3 - 6 PM

6 - 8 PM Tristan Marquardt on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage

Hanging Bar Competition open Johnny Holm Band on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

ALL DAY **Boats on Ice Boat Show Barefoot Blowout Clothing Sale** 

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 Ice Oval Races presented by Parks Marina, C&B, Castaway Tattoo, 10 AM

Winter Games Photo Wall by West O Beer

Interstate Batteries, Ducky's Marine, and Arnold Motor Supply Snappers open

Food Truck & Trackside Bar open

11 AM Goodroad on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage

Performace Food Service Ice Bar & Sazerac Shot Bel

Surf Rider sponsored by Roswell 11 AM - 1 PM Kid's Fun Zone

Great Plains Zoomobile sponsored by Lakes News Shopper

Cv meet & greet sponsored by A&M Laundry Herky meet & greet sponsored by Clary Lake Service Casting Contest by Pure Fishing (ALL AGES)

11 AM - 5 PM Inflatables sponsored by First Premier Bank

Mini Golf Course sponsored by Liberty Bank

Bean Bag Toss & Tubing Hill

NOON DJ Aventi at Barefoot

Human Dogsled Races sponsored by Parks Marina & Doll Distributing

2 PM The Fishheads on the Barletta Boat Club Stage

Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Exile Brewing Co. (BOAT HOUSE) 3:30 PM

Rylan Fowler Band on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage Monster Arm Wrestling - Weigh in 3-4 PM (BOAT HOUSE) 4-8 PM Pop Rocks on the Drip Okoboji Main Stage





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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 8 AM - 5 PM

West Boutique is open NOON The Fish House is open

FRIDAY **JANUARY 26** 

7 AM - 2 PM O'Farrell Sisters is open 8 AM - 5 PM West Boutique is open 10 AM The Fish House is open

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

The Fish House, MissChievious & C-Store oper Ice Bar sponsored by Chief's Bloody Mary Mix 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 Bia Nacho 1 - 2:30 PM Smooshing Races sponsored by Exit Realty

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7 AM - 2 PM O'Farrell Sisters is open The Fish House is open - 1/2 PRICE DRINKS! Sunday Funday with Kirkhart



8 AM

8 AM - 4 PM

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

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

# Gardens is ope

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 Gardens is open

9:30 PM Music with the Ryan Fowler Band

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Gardens is open

Deckside Ice Bar by McCormack Distributing Music with Josh Quirin Band

Bean Bag Tourney sponsored by the Gardens Keg Toss by Doll Distributing & the Gardens Music by She's With Us

Music with the Jeremy Dewall Band

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Gardens is open - 1/2 PRICE DRINKS! Music with the Fishheads



4 PM

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OST Omelet Brunch Fundraiser &

available at the meeting and the omelet brunch.

OSTA is a non-profit organization.

Discipline."

**Announcement of 2024 Productions** 

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association will be holding their annual Omelet Brunch Scholarship Fundraiser at the Winter Games, Saturday, January 27, 8:00am-12:30pm, at the Okoboji Bible Conference Community Center (Arnolds Park). Proceeds from the omelet brunch go towards Okoboji Summer Theatre student scholarships. At 1:00, the 2024 Okoboji Summer Theatre lineup will be revealed by Okoboji Summer Theatre staff, from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. The Summer Theatre will present four musicals and three plays during the 2024 season. Summer Theatre Discount Voucher books for \$150 will be

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association has been supporting

summer theatre in the lakes area since 1953 by encouraging atten-

dance, providing scholarships to Stephens College students, and

sponsoring one show each season. For membership information

about OSTA, contact president Mike McKim, 712-330-7467.

**Upcoming Parenting Workshops Offered** 

Research conducted by Zero to Three (2016), found that

parents need and want information and support. Eighty percent

of parents work to be better parents, and 69 percent of parents

say if they knew more parenting strategies, they would use them.

Despite this motivation, however, almost half of parents say

they aren't getting the support they need during times of stress.

scheduled online workshops to help parents learn strategies to use.

derstanding Research and Reality," "Understanding Tempera-

ment," "Children's Ages and Parenting Stages," and "Positive

search-based information that fits each family's own reality. In

the first workshop, you will discover how we can connect what

research is telling us about parenting to our everyday lives. The

second workshop is all about temperament – or the unique traits

we all have and how to navigate them. The third helps parents

and caregivers better understand child development, and the

fourth addresses the common question of "How do I practice

February 8, online, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Registration is online

at https://go.iastate.edu/2K4XRF. This workshop is approved

February 15, from noon to 1:00pm. Register online at https://

Thursday, February 22, from noon to 1:00pm. Register online

29, online from noon to 1:00pm. Register online at https://

go.iastate.edu/UHJQP6. This workshop is approved for foster

to register ahead of time to receive the class link and materials.

Contact Morgan Newell with any questions at mnewell@iastate.

"Understanding Research and Reality" will be Thursday,

"Understanding Temperament" will be held online Thursday,

"Children's Ages and Parenting Stages" will take place online

"Positive Discipline" is scheduled for Thursday, February

These workshops are free for participants, but you are asked

For more information, visit www.scienceofparenting.org.

positive discipline and manage my child's behavior?".

for foster parent credit hours.

at https://go.iastate.edu/SVL0RE.

edu or call/text 515-991-5892.

go.iastate.edu/KXFK2A.

parent credit hours.

The Science of Parenting team from Iowa State University has

The four workshops being offered in February are "Un-

These workshops all focus on the objective of sharing re-

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# SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th



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**27 JORDAN BEEM** JAN 6PM-9PM











Loading ice blocks on West Okoboji. Left to right: Bill Krueger, Franc Clark, Bob Barron, and Charlie Banning. Taken about 1938 in Cass

# Ice Harvest Challenge at the Dickinson County Museum

Ice harvesting was an important and vital business in the Lakes area for decades yet has been mostly forgotten. The Dickinson County Museum has a large collection of ice harvesting tools, videos, photos, and information. A new, exciting exhibit has been created in the Depot highlighting this collection.

Friday, January 26, from 1:00-4:00, the Museum is entering the fun of Winter Games with the first "Ice Harvest Challenge" - a competitive ice throwing contest - to see who can throw the most ice in a short time. All ages are welcome to try their ice throwing skills! Guides will be present to share stories and videos of ice harvesting. There may even be a visit from the one of the last people to harvest ice in the area – and his stories are amazing!

# Saugstad to Speak at ILUUF

Allan Saugstad will preside over the January 28 Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. His message is entitled "UU Principles and Values for Us."

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.

Allan Saugstad's professional experience includes sales rep, teacher of English as a second language (in Hong Kong), pastor, hospital and hospice chaplain, and fund-raiser. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. After discovering his affinity for Unitarian Universalism at All Souls in Sioux Falls several years ago, he was honored to become their part-time minister. He also works as a middle school behavior facilitator, and enjoys music, chess, Scrabble, and biking. Allan and Janine's family includes nine children, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

# Dance 4 Fun

The Dance 4 Fun Everly Dance will be held at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly on Saturday, February 3rd. The starting time for the dance has *Changed* - new starting time is 7:00pm. So, the dance will be from 7:00 - 10:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. The band is the Norgaard Country Band. Feel free to bring snacks to share. Everyone is welcome! Come join us for a Fun evening of

dancing!

# Ostovic Named to President's List

Tiffany Sanderson, Lake Area Technical College (Watertown South Dakota) President, announced Isabella Ostovic of Spirit Lake was named to the 2023 Fall President's List. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.











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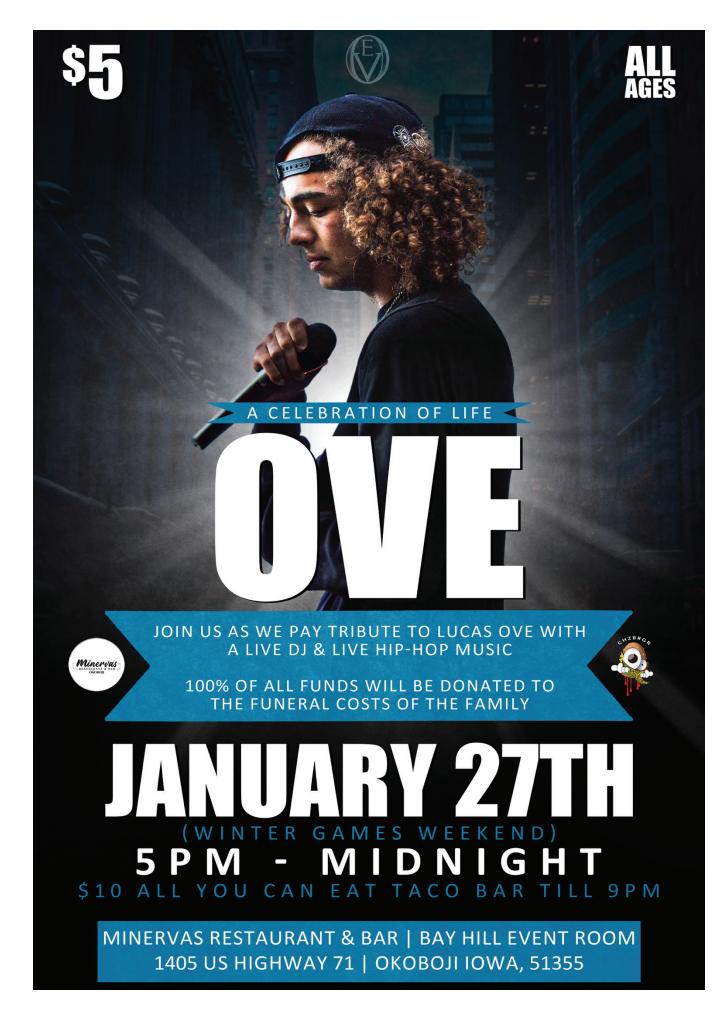
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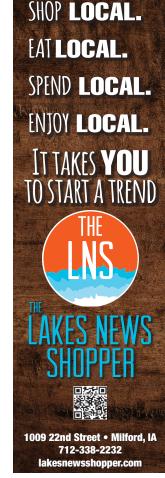
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# Tuesday Speakers at the LAAC

The Lakes Area Activity Center features important speakers every Tuesday. The Speakers for January 16 were John Adams, Sr. and John Adams, Jr., talking about 50 years of The Lakes News Shopper. John, Sr. was a teacher prior to starting The Lakes News Shopper. The Tuesday Speakers share a variety of very interesting topics.

The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake. Call 712-336-5247 and sign up for Dinner Date and enjoy Speakers on Tuesday.





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# 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 process.

Nonprofit organizations within the area 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 1, 2024.

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.





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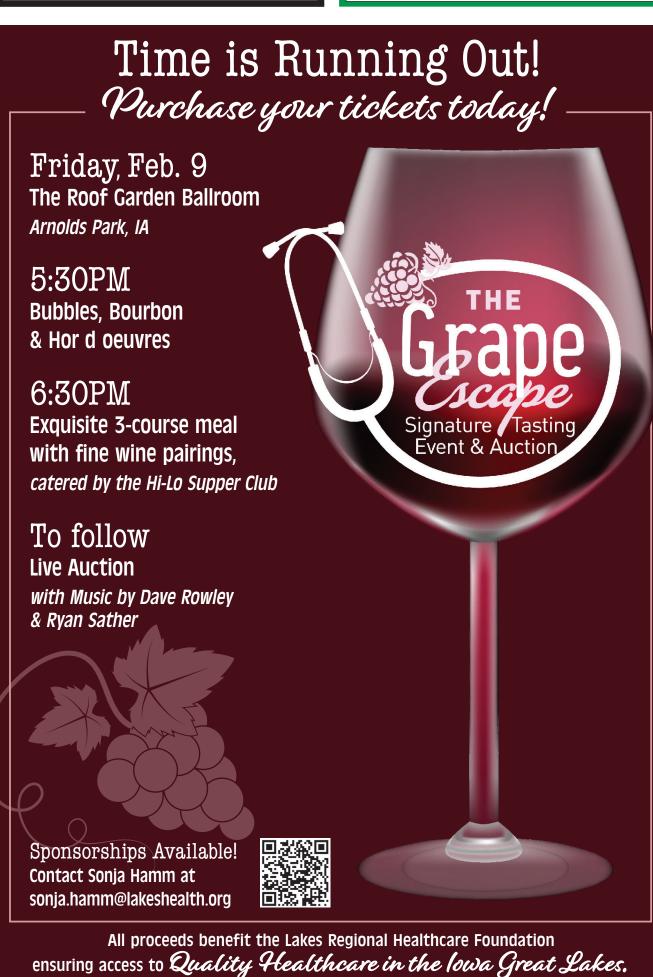
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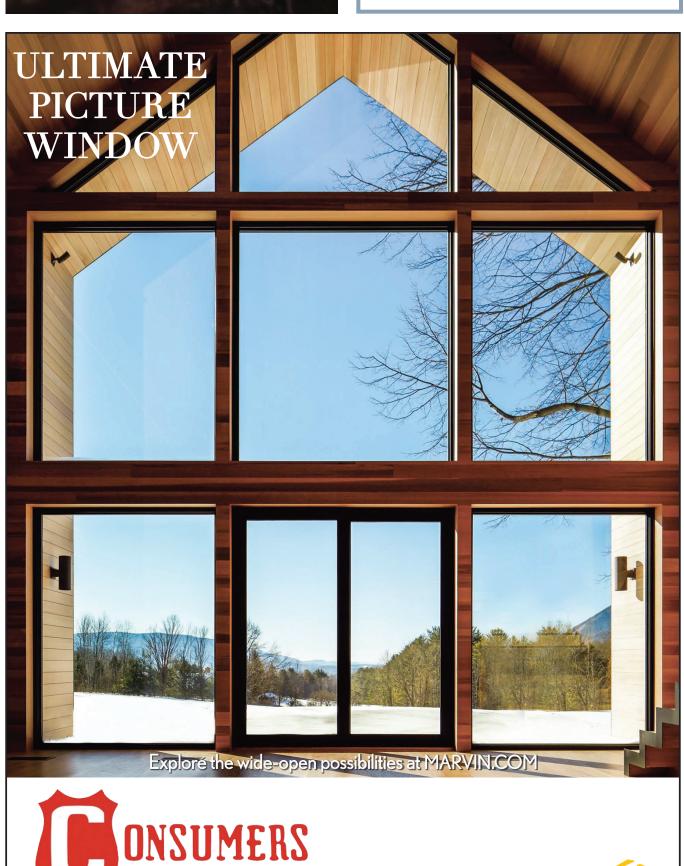
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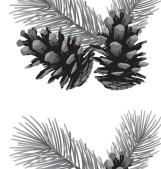
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# Winter Games **Bridge Tournament**

Calling all bridge players! It's time to register for the Annual Winter Games Bridge Tournament will be held Friday, January 26 at St. Joseph Catholic 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

Reservations by Wednesday, January 24, are required so an accurate count for food and bridge can be obtained. Make reservations by calling Susan at 712-338-2274 or e-mailing her at sreiser@milfordcable. net. Singles or couples are encouraged to participate.



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# Kroll Named to Fall Honors List

Nebraska Wesleyan University has announced that Natalie Kroll of Spencer has been named to its 2023 fall semester academic honors list for students enrolled in traditional and adult undergraduate programs.

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# 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:

I am responding to a letter printed last week concerning the preservation of open meeting video on the Dickinson County YouTube page.

It is shameful that the Chairman of our board of supervisors lacks the courtesy to respond to public questions or requests. I was in a meeting where the chairman told a citizen that no response is an answer and the answer is NO. To me, that is demeaning and unacceptable.

I attended the Planning and Zoning Board hearing on Monday, January 15th, concerning the update of the Wind Electric Conversion System (Industrial Wind Turbines) and the CO2 hazardous pipeline ordinance. I find it interesting that 2 of the 7 board members were out of town and had to attend the meeting through a Zoom connection, but when asked by a community member why the board is not live streaming the meeting the response, "we decided it wasn't necessary". When asked why it wasn't necessary, they said the County Attorney and Zoning Administrate said we didn't have to. You could watch the video to

This hearing was on a Monday morning in January. It was very cold, the hearing went all day (I think it was 3:30 before it was adjourned), we have a lot of residents/property owner that go south or don't live in Dickinson County (like the two board members that attended over Zoom), and people work or have other appointments. People who cannot attend in person should have the option to view live or the hearing later when their schedules allow.

see this exchange for yourself, but whoops, there isn't any video.

The minutes of a meeting never tell the whole story. What does Dickinson County not want the public to see? What are they hiding?

Chris Murphy, Spirit Lake, Iowa

# Lakes Area **Activity Center**

Tuesday, January 23 8:30 - Kiwanis 11:00 - Tai Chi 12.30 - Bridge 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker- Gayle Mayer -

current events Wednesday, January 24 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis

Thursday, January 25 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 1:00 - 500 Cards

5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, January 26 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group

3:00 Cribbage

1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, January 27 Facility Available for Rent Sunday, January 28 Facility Available for Rent

Monday, January 29 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 Tuesday's and Thursday's at 11:00am. Sign up and stay for dinner date. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be the third Sunday in February from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. There will be no dance in January. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call 712-336-5247 or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in

# AA Meetings

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The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

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> We are very sorry for the homeowners' property loss and are thankful no one was seriously injured.

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# **Behavioral Health Resources** for Parents in Dickinson County

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 | 6:00pm Meal | 6:30 pm Panel Pearson Lakes Art Center | 2201 U.S. Hwy 71, Okoboji



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A burger/hot dog meal will be provided by Burger & Company at 6 pm before the parent panel and childcare will be provided for children elementary age and younger. Please scan the code below to RSVP to ensure enough food and childcare is available.





# Panelist Resources

The event will feature a panel discussion at 6:30 pm with area behavioral resource representatives, including:

- Beth Will, Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Community Services
- Michelle Vore, ER support system/ staff and Flowstate • Darci Grave, Plains Area Mental Health Open Access
- Marta Sandoval, Area Education Agency (AEA)
- Lynn Park, University of Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinic

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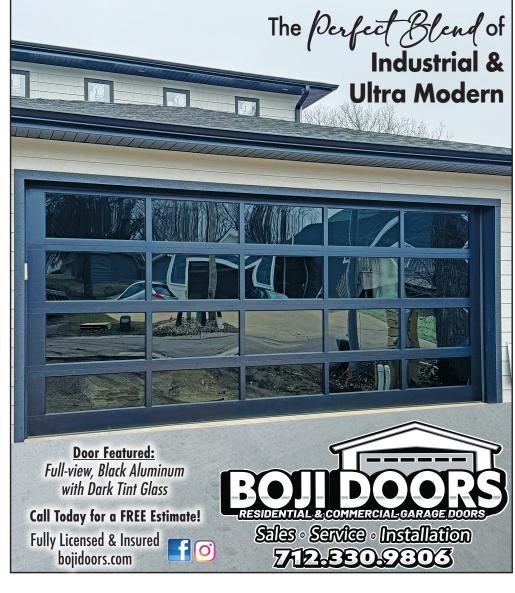
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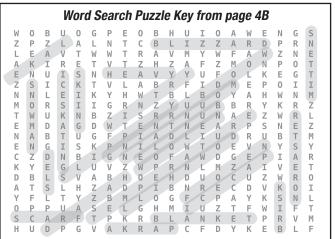
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### The Clay County Fair & Events Center and Raise 'em Rank are excited to announce the return of bull riding to the Clay County Regional Events Center on Friday, March 8th, and Saturday, March 9th, with the Inaugural Bulls & Brews. Bull riding produced by Raise 'em Rank Rodeo will kick off start-

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ing at 7:00pm and will include some of the top bull riders and animal athletes in the industry. Join a night full of entertainment for the entire family as Raise 'em Rank brings bull riding back to the Clay County Regional Events Center. It's sure to be a great time and we can't wait to see you there!

Doors open at 5:00pm and at that time event attendees will have an opportunity to participate in sampling of craft beer from local and regional breweries. Sampling for the event will be from 5:00pm - 8:00pm each night. In addition to samples, there will be a bar open where you can buy full size cans from your favorite craft beer and other drink options will also be available for purchase. Concessions will also be available throughout the event.

"We are excited to have multiple breweries be a part of the craft beer sampling portion of our event," said Fair & Events Center Event Services Director, Alicia Kopriva. "We are fortunate to have many breweries in our region that enjoy coming to events at the Fairgrounds to showcase their products."

A full list of participating beer sampling vendors will be available in the coming weeks at www.claycountyfair.com.

Tickets, which include sampling of craft beer and admission to the bull riding event, will go on sale at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 16th. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$22 day of show and can be purchased at the Events Center Box Office (M-F, 9a-5p), online at www.midwestix. com, or by phone at 515-244-2771. All tickets, regardless of purchase location, are also subject to a ticketing fee which is not included in the advertised price.

Special VIP Experiences Tables are available for \$750 and include 8 admission tickets for the event. The VIP floor level tables are the best view in the house, as close to the action as you can be. Please contact Jason Brockshus at 712-580-3000 ext. 217 or by email at Jason@ claycountyfair.com to purchase one of these tables. Tables are limited so be sure to purchase yours today!

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for Bulls & Brews. If interested, please contact Jason Brockshus at 712-580-3000 ext. 217 or by email at Jason@claycountyfair.com for more information.

About The Clay County Fair & Events Center Rooted in Tradition the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that annually hosts more than 300 events, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Clay County Fair attracts more than 300,000 guests each September for nine-days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. Additional information can be found at claycountyfair.com.



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# **Upcoming Parenting Workshops Offered** Online from The Science of Parenting

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The Science of Parenting team from Iowa State University has scheduled online workshops to help parents learn strategies to use.

The four workshops being offered in February are "Understanding Research and Reality," "Understanding Temperament," "Children's Ages and Parenting Stages," and "Positive Discipline."

These workshops all focus on the objective of sharing research-based information that fits each family's own reality. In the first workshop, you will discover how we can connect what research is telling us about parenting to our everyday lives. The second workshop is all about temperament – or the unique traits we all have and how to navigate them. The third helps parents and caregivers better understand child development, and the fourth addresses the common question of "How do I practice positive discipline and manage my child's behavior?".

"Understanding Research and Reality" will be Thursday, February 8, online, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Registration is online at https://go.iastate.edu/2K4XRF. This workshop is approved for foster parent credit hours.

"Understanding Temperament" will be held online Thursday, February 15, from noon to 1:00pm. Register online at https:// go.iastate.edu/KXFK2A

"Children's Ages and Parenting Stages" will take place online Thursday, February 22, from noon to 1:00pm. Register online at https://go.iastate.edu/SVL0RE.

"Positive Discipline" is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, online from noon to 1:00pm. Register online at https:// go.iastate.edu/UHJQP6. This workshop is approved for foster parent credit hours.

These workshops are free for participants, but you are asked to register ahead of time to receive the class link and materials.

For more information, visit www.scienceofparenting.org. Contact Morgan Newell with any questions at *mnewell@iastate*. edu or call/text 515-991-5892.





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# 2024 Eggs & Issues -**Annual Legislative Forum**

The Legislative Committee of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the dates of the 2024 Legislative Forums. The first forum sponsored by Northwest Bank will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024. The remaining 2 forums will be on February 24, 2024, sponsored by Iowa Lakes Community College, and the 3rd and final forum sponsored by Clay County Farm Bureau will be held on March 23, 2024. These forums are a great opportunity for you to meet our area legislators and discuss the issues that affect Spencer, Clay County and Northwest Iowa.

All three Eggs and Issues forums will be held in the Spencer City Hall Council Chambers, located at 501 West 5th Street, Spencer, Iowa 51301.

The City Council doors will open at 8:30am for the public, with the live session starting at 9:00 to 10:30am - please mark your calendars to attend!

The sessions will be live on SMU and taped by Mediacom Cable TV, with both stations replaying the session. The sessions will start live at 9:00 to 10:30am.

For the sessions we have invited Representative Megan Jones, Representative John H. Wills, Senator Dave Rowley and Senator Lynn Evans. Spencer Chamber Executive Director Sheriffa Jones will be moderating the sessions.

"Eggs & Issues" are a question/answer format session

If you have any questions, please call the Spencer Chamber at 712-262-5680 or email programs@spenceriowachamber.org.



# Fridley Theatres Unveils Remodel: Introducing The Palms Theatres - Southpark

Fridley Theatres, a Des Moines-based movie theatre company and pioneer in delivering unparalleled cinematic experiences, is thrilled to announce the grand remodel and expansion of Spencer Southpark 7, soon to be rebranded as The Palms Theatres - Southpark. This transformative project aims to elevate the movie-going experience, setting the stage for a new era of entertainment in Spencer.

The extensive remodel will see each of the current seven theatres upgraded with Fridley Theatres' UltraLux Loungers. Designed for ultra comfort and convenience, these seats are the widest in the market. They feature two heat settings, moveable love seat arms, and tray tables.

The expansion will also introduce two state-of-the-art auditoriums, designed to fully immerse audiences in the latest blockbuster films. These spaces will boast cutting-edge sound systems and giant, wall-to-wall screens.

In addition to the impressive list of auditorium enhancements, The Palms Theatres - Southpark will include a full kitchen and bar. The theatre's concession stand will continue to offer traditional favorites like fresh buttered popcorn, soda, and candy. The kitchen/bar will offer signature appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, flatbreads, and cocktails. Those wishing to view a movie and enjoy food and/or drink will have an option to pick up and take these items into their auditorium. The theatre will truly be a one-stop shop for dinner and a movie.

"We are extremely excited to bring The Palms concept to Spencer," said Russell Vannorsdel, President of Fridley Theatres. "We're particularly thankful for the support of the City of Spencer, Clay County, and The Southpark Mall for partnering with us to make a dream become a reality. The Palms Theatres - Southpark will undoubtedly deliver the best movie-going experience in the area. We anticipate it will become a regional entertainment destination."

Construction is set to begin in early 2024, with a projected completion date of June 2024. Despite the renovations, the company does not plan to close its doors during this period, ensuring that movie fans will not miss the latest releases.

The Palms Theatres - Southpark aims to redefine movie-going, combining Hollywood glamour and luxury with modern innovation and technology and creating a magical pastime for the community of Spencer. Stay tuned for further updates as the project develops at www.fridleytheatres.com or follow us

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# 20x24 Exhibition by Local Artists and Open House at AOG

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Featured artists of this exhibit are Tim Anderson, Estelle Buhr, Meghan Flynn, Gary Hoard, Marie-Louise Kierscht, Jan (Turner) Manley, Hope McCormick, Theresa McKee, Diane O'Hern, Rosalise Olson, Brooke Peterson, Megan Wassom, and Ferman Woodberry. Come support these talented local artists in celebration of the new year!



# 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

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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

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However, some things to keep in mind include being at least 10 years old (connect cards to their adults if young), bring a current driver's license, and make sure to have only one library card in the town where you pay taxes. As soon as

you're set, you can use the card at all of the local libraries, then can return any materials to them. Library cards are small, but mighty, as they can open up the many wonders of a youth's mind.

Milford Memorial Library has one last January program which is Building Bookworms (storytime) at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29. The theme is books with the craft being a homemade paper bag book.

# Mobile Food Pantry In Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4:00

- 6:00pm, Thursday, February 1, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the January Food Bank, 443 individuals (171 families) received 7,059



lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa.

If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.



# In Loving Memory Virginia "Ginny" Yore August 22, 1930 - December 30, 2023 My Memory

I'd like the memory of me

to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times of bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

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**Great-Great** Granddaughter Scarlett Ann

> Sister Joan (Dolly) Johnson

# **Obituaries**

Enid Creswell, 82, of Milford, passed away January 11, 2024, surrounded by her family at her home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 27, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church at 10:00AM.

Enid Louise Creswell was born on June 4, 1941, to Al and Hazel (Lapcheska) Bruning of Mapleton, Iowa. She met husband Bill while they both worked at the Mapleton swimming pool. On January 1, 1960, Enid and Bill were united in marriage. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on January 1, 2024.

The couple and children, Jeff and Lyn, moved to Spirit

Lake in 1966. Enid worked for a few years as secretary at the high school. She discovered her talent for waitressing when she helped out family friends at High Point in Wahpeton. For years her radiant smile graced patrons at the Black Coach, Relay Station, Spinnakers, and Milford Legion Club. In 1991 the couple moved to

Milford and in 1993, at the urging of Bill, she and Lyn took on a new venture, and CC Screen Printing was born.

Enid's belief in Jesus as her Savior was a major part of her life. She was active in Christian Women's Club, Stephen Ministries Studies, and local churches. She was the family's prayer warrior. Her deepest prayer was that everyone come to believe in and have a lasting relationship with Jesus.

Her life will continue to be celebrated through her husband, son, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and many friends. Enid lived well and loved well

Evelene Ann Maas, daughter of Gustaf and Mabel (Whitford) Hanson, was born in Ruthven, Iowa, on September

1, 1935. She passed away at her home in Spencer, Iowa, surrounded by her family on January 10, 2024, at the age of 88 years.

Evy attended and graduated from Lake Center Township School in rural Clay County, She then attended business college in Mankato, Minnesota. On June 10, 1956, she was united in marriage to Harlan "Speed" Maas. The

couple made their home in Terril, before moving to Waterloo for 17 years. The couple then moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas where, they stayed for 22 years before moving back to Terril and most recently to Spencer. Speed passed away on September 26, 2022; Evy continued to live in their home in Spencer until her death.

Evy worked as an insurance biller at the Baxter Regional Hospital for many years. Evy and Speed were involved with the plays at the Community Play House in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Evy directed and Speed acted. Evy was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Terril. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and being on the computer. Evy loved spending time with her grandchildren; throughout the years she and Speed took each grandchild on a vacation. Buddy, her dog, was by her side and companion, through

Evy is survived by her children: Darilyn (Craig) Larsen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jenelle (Jeff) Vobr, Pelkie, Michigan; and Ryan (Melissa) Maas, Floral, Arkansas; six grandchildren: Hannah Larsen, Sean (Ashley) Larsen, and Jill Larsen and Kimberly (Ron) Shelton, Sara (Beau) Langland, and Tyler Vobr; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters R. Arlene Jacobsen and Pauline Fitch, and brothers Wayne G. Hanson and Gary Hanson.

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ing on a mission to raise \$75,000, marking their highest fundraising target to date. The January 2024 meeting of the YIP students underscored the importance of expressing gratitude to donors who have contributed to the program, with students actively participating in writing thank-you letters to acknowledge the generous gifts made in their name.

Ali Schmitz, Okoboji Foundation Executive Assistant and YIP leader, expressed the students' dedication, stating, "The students are working especially hard this year to hit their goal and raise as many funds as possible to help our community non-profits."

giving and the impact of raising and granting funds to local organizations. The program encourages personal connections and deeper relationships with donors.

Nature Center, YIP students received insights from Lee Sorenson, Director of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. Sorenson highlighted the Nature Center's impact on the community, its mission to encourage outdoor conservation, and provided information on upcoming projects, programs, and volunteer opportunities, including the annual Bee & Butterfly Festival.

YIP encourages public participation in sponsoring their fundraising efforts. Every dollar contributed to YIP goes directly back to the community through YIP Grant Awards in March.

To sponsor a specific student, individuals can send a check to the Okoboji Foundation, indicating the sponsored student in the memo line, to PO Box 593, Okoboji IA 51355. Online donations can be made at www.okobojifoundation.org/yip.

staff at 712-332-7177 or through email at info@okobojifoundation.org.



# YIP Students of Okoboji Foundation Launch Fundraising Campaign with a Focus on Gratitude

The Youth In Philanthropy (YIP) program, an initiative of the Okoboji Foundation, is embark-

The YIP program, now in its fourteenth year, focuses on educating students about community

During their January 10th meeting at the Monarch Maser Lodge at the Dickinson County

For more information about YIP, the Okoboji Foundation, or more ways to give, please contact

# LRH Recognizes Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists During National CRNA Week

In acknowledgement of January 21-27, 2024 as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Week, Lakes Re-

gional Healthcare (LRH) is recognizing the contributions the CRNAs devote to their patients' care.



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CRNAs deliver anesthesia to patients in any healthcare setting, staying with them throughout their procedure to ensure their comfort and safety. LRH Director of Surgical and Anesthesia Services Melissa Klontz said, "Our five CRNAs enable patients to receive obstetrical, surgical, pain management, and trauma stabilization services without traveling long distances to urban facilities. They are an asset to our organization and community."

All CRNAs at LRH are credentialed by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. CRNAs are required to have a minimum of one year of critical care experience before entering a nurse anesthesia education program. In all, they attain seven to eight years of education, training, and work experience before working independently. LRH's CRNAs regularly receive continuing education and strive to provide the highest quality care to their patients.



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the library? Join us for Tech Help Hour on Tuesday, January 30, from 4:00 - 5:00pm, 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.



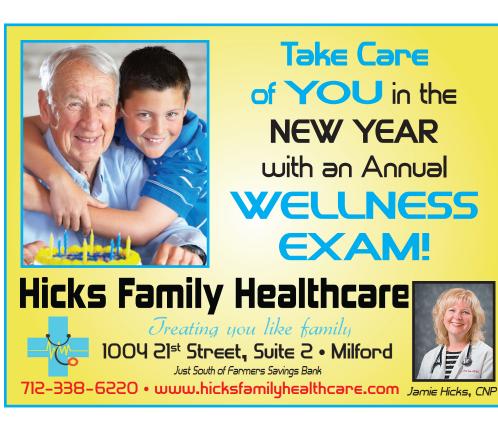
Mark your calendars for MML's Blind Date with a Book There will be no title or description on the wrapping. You will only know the book's genre. Blind Date with a book will be held from Thursday, February 1, through Thursday, February 29 Stay in and get cozy with a movie from MML. Your Milford

Memorial Library has a variety of DVDs available for all age ranges and interests. Find an old favorite like Rear Window, Lonesome Dove, Save the Last Dance, and Anything Goes. We invite you to come browse or search MML's online catalog. Celebrate National Puzzle Day, Monday, January 29, with

a puzzle from MML. We have children's puzzles available for in-library use. MML has a binder full of adult puzzles available for checkout.

Patrons are able to use MML's drive-up window for reserves, printing, and copying pick up. The window is open during operating hours. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm, Wednesday, 9:30am-7:00pm, and Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm. For any questions, please call Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or email at milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

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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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Tues., Feb. 27 - 10:00 AM -302 Acres at auction in Storm Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.



# Totally Excellent Chili

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine the ground beef with the onions and garlic, and cook, stirring to break up

2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed the clumps, until the meat is no longer 128-ounce can diced tomatoes pink and the onions are softened; 1 tablespoon Mexican chili powder about 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes, 2 teaspoons ground cumin chili powder, cumin, salt, curry powder, and cayenne (or jalapeño). 1/2 teaspoon curry powder Cover and simmer for about 30 42 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or one

minutes. Add the beans and cook for another 30 minutes, stirring often.

Serve chili sprinkled with shredded cheese and accompanied by plain rice or freshly baked corn bread. If the chili is too spicy for you, a spoonful of plain yogurt or sour cream will help cool things down.

Recipe Courtesy of: "Clueless in the Kitchen" by Evelyn Raab.





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# 5th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser Set for February 10

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Camp Autumn are hosting their 5th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser at

Camp Autumn on Saturday, February 10, 2024. This free event is open to the public. Registration is encouraged but not required. Free will donations will be accepted. All money raised goes towards scholarships for children to attend Camp Autumn, a therapeutic day camp for children in northwest Iowa. This event is supported by the Iowa



Great Lakes Fishing Club, who will be coordinating and judging the tournament. Prize categories will be based on length for the following species: bass, crappie, and bluegill/other panfish. In addition, the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club will be offering free ice fishing rod and reel combos to the first 60 kids (15 & under). They will also be providing ice shacks, poles, and gear for individuals or families who do not have ice fishing equipment. Equipment will be available on a first-come, first-serve, rotating basis.

"Whether you love ice fishing or have never tried it, this event is for you," said Stephanie Pohar, VP of Marketing and Fund Development at Seasons Center. "We will have lots of volunteers to help those trying the sport for the first time. We will also have special challenge holes with additional prize opportunities."

Mud on Main Coffee House & Roastery, from Cherokee, will be providing coffee and hot cocoa for the tournament. A chili lunch is being provided by Spencer Hy-Vee.

New to the tournament this year is Big Fin Guide Service from Spencer. They offer fully guided fishing trips on West Okoboji, East Okoboji and Big Spirit Lake. Big Fin will be awarding a fully guided ½ day fishing trip to the kid who catches the single biggest fish of the day. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will have an indoor art activity for those that need to warm up inside. Other new sponsors include De Kam Salvage and T & S Construction, both from Doon, Iowa.

Camp Autumn is also very thankful for our many other event sponsors, several of whom have been supporting the tournament for many years: City View Farms, Community State Bank, Valero Renewables, Oak Hill Outdoor, No Limits Outdoor, Northwest Bank, Northwest Wealth Management, Snook's of Okoboji, Vander Haag's, Boji Custom Metal Works, Shucks Lures, Johnston Automotive and Keong Portable Toilets.

"We are excited to host the 5th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament and Fundraiser at Camp Autumn," said Pohar. "We are thrilled to open up our private lake and give people from area communities an opportunity to fish while supporting a great cause. There is a lot of work that goes into an event like this, and we couldn't do it without the help and support of our sponsors. We are especially grateful to the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club for their continued generosity and support of our camp and the youth that we serve.'

Camp Autumn is located at 4233 Yew Ave. in Sutherland, Iowa. If necessary, updates regarding weather will be posted on Seasons Center's website (Events page) and Facebook page.

For more information, or to register, visit https://rb.gy/b8spc3. If you cannot attend the event, but would like to donate to Camp Autumn, please visit https://seasonscenter.org/donate.php or you can donate via Venmo @SeasonsIowa. In the comments section, please note the donation is for the Ice Fishing Tournament.



# **Caregivers Support Group**

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

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

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

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or Lee Nation at 712-330-1270.

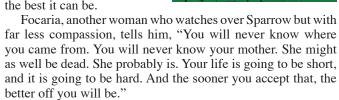


# Writers and Writing

**Hynes Novel Pulls Out All The Stops** Sometimes a writer totally cuts loose, and harsh reality hits

the reader squarely in the face. Such is the case with Sparrow by James Hynes, graduate of and former instructor at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Hynes, who was born in Okemos, Michigan, and grew up in Big Rapids, now lives in Austin, Texas.

Sparrow tells the story of a young slave boy, parentage unknown, living on the Spanish Coast during the death throes of the Roman Empire. He is named Sparrow by Euterpe, who takes him under her own wing and tries to make his life the best it can be.



JAMES HYNES

As Sparrow reflects upon this, he thinks, "No one knows who I am, least of all me. No one knows how I became a slave, least of all me. Perhaps my parents were slaves, and I was born a slave.'

However, Sparrow does not die at a young age. Hynes masterfully interweaves Sparrow's reflections as an old man with his boyhood captivity. When he's growing up, Sparrow's imagination virtually takes flight, avoiding his harsh daily reality.

"If I am Sparrow, and Sparrow is me, is it possible that someday he will watch from his cage as I fly straight up into the blue, getting smaller and smaller, shrinking from the outline of a bird to a pair of wings to a squiggle to a dot, until I vanish?"

Hynes vividly depicts the brutality and hypocrisy of the late-Roman era, even as Christianity is taking hold, setting aside the old Roman gods. We feel that very society crumbling within the hands of those who try to keep it under control.

Sparrow is not for the tender hearted. Readers should read

the book description on Amazon before ordering. Still, it is a vivid depiction of late Roman society, and worth the read for those able to stick with the harsh and brutal world

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

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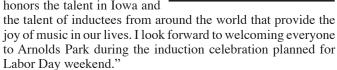
# The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music **Association Announces 2024** Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees

The Class of 2024 will be inducted Labor Day Weekend in Arnolds Park The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is pleased to

THE CLASS OF 2024 HALL OF FAME

announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 that will be honored during the Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular on Labor Day weekend, August 30-September 1.

Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Association stated, "This Class of 2024 Hall of Fame inductees honors the talent in Iowa and



There will be a Rock The Roof concert on Thursday, August 29, and an Okoboji Rocks Concert Series event on Friday, August 30, to kick off the induction weekend celebration. The Opening Ceremony, Iowa Rocks Talent Contest and Inductee Meet & Greet will all be on Saturday, August 31. The weekend culminates with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Induction Ceremony, Autograph Party and Concert on Sunday, September 1.

**2024 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Inductees:** Band Category: Lake Patrol, Johnny Trash, The Ozone

- Ramblers, Jason Reed & Kerosene, Ghostship, Labyrinth, 311, Cornfed, Sage
- **Border Band Category:** Cartwright Brothers
- Out of State Band Category: Badfinger
- Inventor Category: Wade Goedke, Owner of Chandler
- Individual Category: Dave Rowley, Lynn Wee, Jon Purdy, Jon Stefaniak, Matt Cox, Richard Kleinberg, Phil Kelly, Dave Ducharme-Jones, Tina Mock, Dawn Sedlacek DJ Category: Tony Coloff, Rick Galusha
- Music Store: North Star Music Supply
- Support Person Category: Phil Maas, Tim Fox
- Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award: Jon Douglas "Doug" Dixon
- Matousek Lifetime Achievement Award: Gary Heady, Sr.
- **2024 Special Achievement Awards:** Spirit Awards: Jeff Poulter/Capitol Theater, Bryan Far-
- land, Wendy Hull John Senn Legacy Award: Diane Sanders

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation in 1997, more than 500 entities and over 1,900 individuals have had the honor of being inducted or awarded. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in the music industry.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through the website www.iowarocknroll.com. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 2024 will be considered for the Induction Class of 2025.

Details on the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular Weekend schedule and ticket information will be forthcoming at www.iowarocknroll.com.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association exists to preserve the legacy of rock and roll music in Iowa by honoring achievements, educating youth, and inspiring artists. Established in 1997, as a 501(c) (3) non- profit statewide organization.



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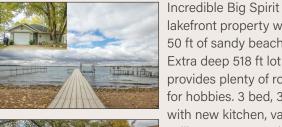
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# Winter Games Is Here!

What started out as a great winter with the weather we had in December has turned into our usual Iowa Great Lakes winter recently with numerous storms, postponements and cancellations. The weather has wreaked havoc with everyone's plans and schedules, and I spoke way too early and jinxed things in early January when I mentioned how we hadn't had a basketball game or practice cancelled or postponed. Since January 11th we now have had to move five games around as well as cancel numerous practices. Let's hope things go smoother the last stretch of the high school season. The good news is the recent snow and cold temps have brought us snow and ice in the Iowa Great Lakes, which leads me to even better news. The great news is, this weekend we get a chance to celebrate all that is great about winter with the 44th annual University of Okoboji Winter Games being held January 25-28 all around the Iowa Great Lakes.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce along with countless volunteers and businesses do a tremendous job of providing events for kids and adults of all ages and all different entertainment preferences. Winter Games offers something for everyone with broomball, flag football, softball, bags tournament, the Kite Festival, numerous fundraising meals offered, the Chili Cook-Off, the Chocolate Classic, the Polar Plunge, live music at so many of our awesome restaurants/bars, bingo, fireworks, the burning of the greens, and much, much more. For a complete listing of all that is going on with the Winter Games, go to www.uofowintergames.com/schedule/. The Winter Games is also a huge boost to our local economy in the dead of winter, bringing in thousands of visitors to our area during a time of the year when it's normally pretty slow. This week's Lakes News Shopper is full of ads and articles with all that is going on with the 44th Winter Games, so be sure to check it out from cover to cover, and get out and enjoy the good that winter actually has



# New - Dickinson County Recorder's Office Provides Passport Photo Assistance

Taking a family vacation or mission trip? Traveling for work or studying abroad? Planning for any of these can be daunting as there are many more details to take into consideration when traveling outside the United States.

The Dickinson County Recorder's office is here to assist with all your Passport needs.

Each year our Passport Agent receives training from the US Department of State, allowing us to assist the public with the official Passport Application process. In our office, we have paper applications available for first-time applicants and those needing to renew their passport. According to our most recent USDS Processing Timeline update:

• Routine applications are requiring 6-8 weeks for comple-

• Expedited applications are taking 2-3 weeks.

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The Milford Knights of Columbus Council 7284 hosted a free throw championship at the Okoboji High School on January 21, 2024. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 participated and six earned the right to compete in the district competition held in Emmetsburg at Corrigan Hall on the Holy Family Catholic Church Campus on February 11,2024 at 1:00pm. In the District competition they will compete against area champions from Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spirit Lake and surrounding areas. Should they win the District competition they would advance to Regional completion in Algona on March 10, where they would compete against boys and girls from all over Northwest Iowa. From there they can advance to State and National competition. In the girls division age 10: 1st Place is Alexis Thompson, and 2nd place is Lily Dahms, in the 11 year old division is 1st place Harper Berning and 2nd place goes to Julia Kaiser, the winner in the 12 year old division was Braelyn Thompson. In the boys division age 10: 1st place is Carsyn Collins, and 2nd place is Kaden Becker, in the 11 year old division was 1st place Graysen Nelson and 2nd place goes to Austin Jensen, the winner of the 12 year old division is Alexander Anderson.

Each participant received a participation certificate. Each Winner won a trophy and a champion recognition certificate and the second place participant received a medal and recognition certificate. Should the 1st place participant not be able to compete at the next level the 2nd place participant will shoot in their place and have the opportunity to advance. Good Luck at Districts!





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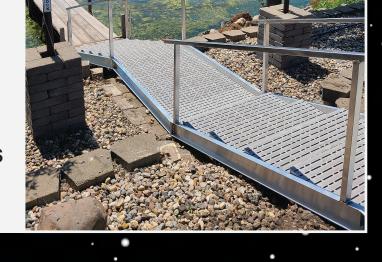






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# **Dickinson County Recreational Trails**

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Tatanka Ska Trace Awarded Cat Grant On January 11, the Enhance Iowa Board awarded a Community Attraction Lake Park this summer.

and Tourism (CAT) grant of \$200,000 to Phase IV(b) of Tatanka Ska Trace. The grant adds an additional funding source for the remaining segment that will connect Lake Park to the Iowa Great Lakes Trails system. This phase starts in Montgomery and goes west for 2.5 miles where it connects to the trail leading into Lake Park that was completed in 2023. Construction started last November and has a final completion date of July 26, 2024.

Along with the CAT grant, this trail segment is funded by grants from the Federal Recreational Trails program (\$395,000), Iowa DNR REAP (\$75,000) and the Okoboji Foundation (\$50,000). Additional support to complete the project came from Imagine Iowa Great Lakes and the many supporters that donate to the Dickinson County Trails. The support and enthusiasm for this entire project from our donors and the various grant programs has been remarkable and the DCTB looks forward to finalizing the connection with Winter On The Iowa

> **Great Lakes Trails** Cross Country Ski-

ing: The cold and snow can limit opportunities to get on our bikes and enjoy the trails, however, we are fortunate to have great cross country skiing trails in the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy during the winter months. Groomed trails are available at Brooks Golf Course up to the Dickinson County Nature Center and at Kettleson Hogsback WMA on the

west side of Big Spirit Lake. If you are out walking in these areas, please help protect the ski trails and walk along the edge of the groomed trail. Look for updates on trail conditions

> on the Trails Facebook page. Hiking Trails: Winter is a wonderful time to hike nature trails in the Iowa Great Lakes. A couple of our favorites include the Barney Peterson Memorial Trail across the road from Gull Point State Park and Henderson Woods, adjacent to the trail bridge at the Lake Minnewashta

boat ramp. Bundle up this winter and enjoy exploring some new scenery where you will discover a few surprises along the way as well as abundant wildlife.

Snowmobile Trails: There are several places where we share trail space with our local snowmobile trails. The Dickinson County SnowHawks groom segments along the Spine Trail and several stretches of state highway right of way where we also have trails. The Iowa DOT has given permission for both trail systems to use their right of way and the Spine Trail has a long-standing history of being a shared use trail with snowmobiles. Trail users should refer to the SnowHawks trail map and note that only groomed DCTB trails are open for snowmobile use. For more information about the SnowHawks and to view their trail map visit www.dickinsoncountysnowhawks.com.

**Note:** Per Iowa statute, ATV/UTV/ OHV vehicles are not allowed on the Dickinson County Trails. However, these vehicles can use nearly every road and highway in Dickinson County. Please review state regulations regarding the use of ATV's on state highways here www. legis.iowa.gov/all-terrain-vehicles.pdfas well as any applicable local ordinances.

As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours. Erin Reed, DCTB Executive Director





**World Languages & Travel** by Jill Jennings

Have you had enough of winter yet? Ready to learn a new language and travel to somewhere new? We can help you with that! There are two resources on our website that are funded by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library: Ato Z World Travel and Transparent Language. They are provided in memory of Sr. Cliff Hinderman who was a beloved Spirit Lake High School Spanish teacher, and a great traveler. Let's start with A to Z World Travel. To access this digital

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Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, January 29, 1:00pm, Mah-Jong
- Tuesday, January 30, 9:00am 3:00pm, Quilters
- Wednesday, January 31, 12:30 4:00pm, Quilters • Thursday, February 1, 10:00am, Block Party
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# **Association Announces 2024** Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees The Class of 2024 will be inducted Labor Day Weekend in Arnolds Park

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 that will be honored during the Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular on Labor Day weekend, August 30-September 1.

Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Association stated, "This

Class of 2024 Hall of Fame inductees honors the talent in Iowa and the talent of inductees from around the world that provide the joy of music in our lives. I look forward to welcoming everyone to Arnolds Park during the induction celebration



planned for Labor Day weekend."

There will be a Rock The Roof concert on Thursday, August 29, and an Okoboji Rocks Concert Series event on Friday, August 30, to kick off the induction weekend celebration. The Opening Ceremony, Iowa Rocks Talent Contest and Inductee Meet & Greet will all be on Saturday, August 31. The weekend culminates with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Induction Ceremony, Autograph Party and Concert on Sunday, September 1.

2024 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Inductees: Band Category: Lake Patrol, Johnny Trash, The Ozone

- Ramblers, Jason Reed & Kerosene, Ghostship, Labyrinth,
- **Border Band Category:** Cartwright Brothers
- Out of State Band Category: Badfinger
- Inventor Category: Wade Goedke, Owner of Chandler Individual Category: Dave Rowley, Lynn Wee, Jon
- Purdy, Jon Stefaniak, Matt Cox, Richard Kleinberg, Phil Kelly, Dave Ducharme-Jones, Tina Mock, Dawn Sedlacek DJ Category: Tony Coloff, Rick Galusha
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- **Support Person Category:** Phil Maas, Tim Fox
- Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award: Jon Douglas "Doug" Dixon
- Matousek Lifetime Achievement Award: Gary Heady, Sr. **2024 Special Achievement Awards:** Spirit Awards: Jeff Poulter/Capitol Theater, Bryan Far-
- land, Wendy Hull

John Senn Legacy Award: Diane Sanders

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation in 1997, more than 500 entities and over 1,900 individuals have had the honor of being inducted or awarded. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through the website www.iowarocknroll.com. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 2024 will be considered for the Induction Class of 2025.

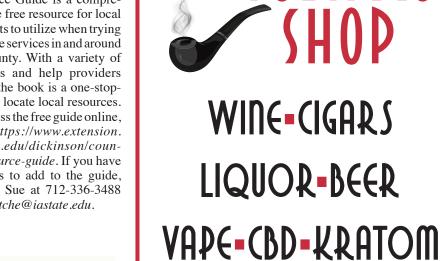
Details on the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame Induction Spectacular Weekend schedule and ticket information will be forthcoming at www.iowarocknroll.com.

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association exists to preserve the legacy of rock and roll music in Iowa by honoring achievements, educating youth, and inspiring artists. Established in 1997, as a 501(c) (3) non- profit statewide organization.



# 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.



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

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# 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 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.



"We encourage parents to attend this event even if their child 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.



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I was talking with a resident about differences in trauma. A recent struggle between a few residents has been about one person's story sounding like a blessing in comparison to another's. We discussed how one person's pain does not negate another person's pain and that we cannot expect people to know what they do not know that they do not know. Did you follow that? It took me several dozen times of hearing it before I untangled those words in my mind and even more times to remember how to say it. Now, I share this statement regularly. "You can't know what you don't know that you don't know." I was asking this person to practice some grace with the other resident because we cannot hold someone to a standard that we have for ourselves if they do not have the same set of expectations or tools. For example, if someone sees the world in primary colors only, red is their color for trauma and pain. But if the next person has the entire spectrum of colors with 35 varieties of reds, their trauma and pain can be red too without being the same red. That does not make the first red any less real, nor does the first red make the various hues of red less real. Another example that I have used for this type of discussion happened when I would talk to parents and their teenagers. Many times, the teen would share the heartbreak that they were currently experiencing due to a breakup from someone they love. The parents tend to minimize or even dismiss those feelings because the teen is "just" 15, in high school, so young, or has so much time to find "real" love. Whew! What a dismissive thing to say to someone who is hurting, or for the teen to hear from someone they trusted with their broken heart. I love this analogy best: In Kindergarten, kids begin to learn numbers and extremely basic math skills, right? Math. And in college, I took every math class I could, the more advanced the better. Does my level of advanced math make the kindergartener's work become reading instead of math? No. That seems silly, right? Then does the kindergartener's math level mean that what was offered in college isn't math after all? Still no? Hmm... so let's replace the word math with love. If a kindergartener feels love for another person, to the level they can understand, and a college student feels love for another person, to the level they can understand, which one is real and which one is not? Neither. Right. That love (math) for that kindergartener is ust as challenging/rewarding as the love (math) for the college student is challenging/rewarding. Are you still with me? That is a whole lot of words that started with a sort of tongue twister. I promise there is a reason for this explanation.

I remember first hearing the term "melting pot" referring to the United States and being curious what that meant. Today, it is fairly common knowledge that this refers to the many diverse types of people in this country. Nationality, Religion, Race, Orientation, and Lifestyle are all areas that we see a variety of different people from. When you put a variety of different people with various beliefs and values and traditions, you are bound to have some turmoil or conflict, right? Well, when you put more than one adult in a house together, they are not always going to get along. Sometimes, they downright dislike each other. Recently, while trying to address some conflict in one of the homes, I began to see the similarities between the melting pot of the United States and the melting pot that exists in the

The resident that I was speaking to stated that they felt different and difficult to handle. I told them that they were not completely wrong. I went on to explain that I have worked with many different situations and circumstances: domestic violence, sexual assault, kids in the system, kids in placement, kids who feel 'thrown away', adults who feel 'thrown away', adults who grew up in chaos and trauma, adults who live in chaos and trauma today, addicted people, people with mental health challenges, people who have been in prison, jail, are facing charges, and ones who have never gotten caught for their crimes. The list goes on through over 20 years of experience. Still, the resident was not wrong. They are different. And although I wouldn't use the term 'difficult,' I would agree to the term 'challenging.' I have worked with all those different issues and individuals, but this one is my first that is one individual who has faced all those challenges. My melting pot. My years may not have prepared me to know how to begin sorting through this melting pot, so it might take us a little longer to navigate through all the pieces needing to be gathered. Different. Challenging. Not too difficult to handle.

In the coming weeks, I will be sharing stories from residents, past and present, who have agreed to allow me to do so. One each week until there are no more stories ready, and when there are more, I will share those too. Every single person that I have ever met deserves to be heard and to be given an opportunity to share their experiences. And I have received feedback from some of my readers that you like to hear what we do and how we are changing lives. I cannot think of a better way to give you what you have asked for than to start this series of articles. I am so excited to share these stories that I have been trusted with. I do not imagine that it will take long for you to begin to understand



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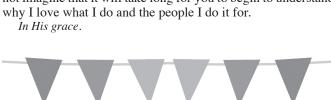
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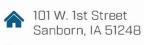
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# Okoboji Foundation Invites Grant Applications for 2024

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

Nonprofit organizations within the area 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 1, 2024.

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.

# ILCC Music Department Unveils 2024 Jazz Choir & Show Choir Festival Performance Schedule

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department is thrilled to announce the eagerly anticipated performance schedule for the 2024 Jazz Choir and Show Choir Festival. This prestigious event, designed to enrich and educate, invites the public to attend free of charge. The festival is scheduled for January 23, 24, and 25, 2024, at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus.

Dedicated to fostering educational growth and artistic development, the Jazz Choir and Show Choir Festival will feature on-stage performances by talented high school and middle school choirs, showcasing their skills and dedication. This event is a valuable platform for choirs to receive constructive feedback, enhancing their preparation for upcoming competitions and performances.

Esteemed clinicians Clay Blackman from Omaha, Nebraska, serving as the show choir clinician, and Dr. Kurt Runestad from Crete, Nebraska, and Duane Ites from Spirit Lake, serving as the Jazz choir clinicians, are set to lend their expertise. All 3 clinicians are well-known figures in the industry, and their insightful feedback will undoubtedly contribute to the choirs' artistic refinement.

**Performance Time** 

### Tuesday, January 23rd School

GTRA "Great Expectations" 8:00 a.m. Emmetsburg MS "Evolution" 8:40 a.m. **ELC Show Choir** 9:20 a.m. Pocahontas "ShowStoppers" 10:00 a.m. Carroll "Swingsations" 10:40 a.m. Ruthven-Ayrshire MS "Legacy" 11:20 a.m. Hinton "Soundwaves" 12:15 p.m. 12:55 p.m. Boyden-Hull Jazz Choir North Union HS "Kinetic Fusion" 1:35 p.m. Okoboji "Boji Voices" 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 24th Spirit Lake "Music Factory" 8:00 a.m. Emmetsburg "High Voltage" 8:40 a.m. Sheldon "Impact" 9:20 a.m. Clear Lake "Wavelength" 10:00 a.m. Spirit Lake "Lake Effect" 10:40 a.m. 11:20 a.m. Emmetsburg "5 Island Jazz" 12:15 p.m. OABCIG Jazz Choir Spencer "Pieces of Jazz" 12:55 p.m. Sheldon "Vocal Fusion" 1:35 p.m. Spencer "Chromatic Jazz" 2:15 p.m. **ELC Jazz Choir** 2:55 p.m. Storm Lake "Evergreen" 3:35 p.m. Thursday, January 25th Harris-Lake Park Vocal Jazz 8:00 a.m. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Jazz 8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. West Lyon "Wildcat Jazz" Alta-Aurelia "Audacity" 10:40 a.m. Rock Valley Jazz Choir 11:20 a.m. Cherokee Washington Jazz Choir 12:15 p.m. 12:55 p.m. Humboldt Vocal Jazz Sibley-Ocheyedan "Nightsounds" 1:35 p.m.

Admission to the festival is complimentary, and the public is encouraged to join us in celebrating the musical talents of these dedicated performers. Connect with the Iowa Lakes Music Department Facebook page for the most up-to-date schedule, including any last-minute changes. For more information, please contact Brett Fuelberth, Vocal Music Professor, at 712-330-1145 or bfuelberth@iowalakes.edu.

Sioux Falls Jefferson "Declaration" 2:55 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

Iowa Falls "Scenic City Singers"



# Harvest and Growing Season Recap

by Leah Ten Napel, Field Agronomist

The winter months are a great time for growers to evaluate the success of last year's crop and learn about topics that can help them in the growing season ahead. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach hopes to give growers opportunities throughout the winter months to expand their knowledge of agronomic topics to help better their operations. Before we dive into those opportunities, let's look back on the 2023 growing season.

As we expected, the yields were extremely variable across the state and even field to field. When we evaluate the yield results it is helpful to look back at the different stages of the growing season. The

growing season began with concerns of little moisture left in our soil profile. Soils were slow to warm up as producers were ready to get seed into the ground. Dry, cool soils caused herbicide carryover and emergence issues across Northwest Iowa. Some fields needed to be replanted while others pushed through the stresses.

As crops continued to grow, we received varying amounts of rainfall across the region, some timely, others not so much. When crops entered their reproductive stages, we were challenged with hot temperatures and strong winds. This put the endurance of our hybrids to the test. Disease and insect pest pressure stayed relatively low until the last stretch of the growing season. Soybeans battled diseases like brown stem rot and white mold, and insect pressure from grasshoppers and soybean gall midge. Corn disease pressure stayed below yield damaging levels in most areas, but issues with corn rootworm lodging, root pruning and silk feeding were seen throughout the season. As yield reports come in from throughout the region, we must evaluate all the variables those fields have faced. Growers I have spoken with have reported soybean yields average to above average if they were able to avoid high pressure from late season pests. I have heard a very large range of corn yields, mostly dependent on rainfall received and stress levels during pollination.

ISU Extension and Outreach specialists dive into many of the agronomic topics listed above at programing throughout the winter. Two programs I'd like to point out specifically are the Crop Advantage Series and CropsTV. Crop Advantage Series is a state-wide program that occurs at 12 locations throughout the month of January. The two dates left for this event in Northwest Iowa are January 23rd in Okoboji and January 30th in Le Mars. Or if you'd like to learn more about these topics online in your free time, I strongly recommend CropsTV. Learn more about these programs at their respective websites, https://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/ and https://www. aep.iastate.edu/cropstv/.



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# Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park

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