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Sat., Feb. 17 - 9:00 AM - Large coin auction in Windom, MN. Auctioneer: Gravley. 507-822-0403. www.auctionsgo.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.com.

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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!

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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.

- February 13 - The Senders
- February 20 - Al Lang
- February 27 Terry Klein
- Mar. 5 - Steve Lang
- Mar. 12 - Itty Bitty Boji
- Mar. 19 - Al Lang
- Mar. 16 - The Senders
- Apr. 2 - Terry Klein

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-stop-shop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/county-resource-guide>. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place Monday nights on Zoom through April 14, at 7:30pm. In-person meetings will take place at St. Joseph Church April 15 through October 15, at 7:30pm. Use west classroom door.

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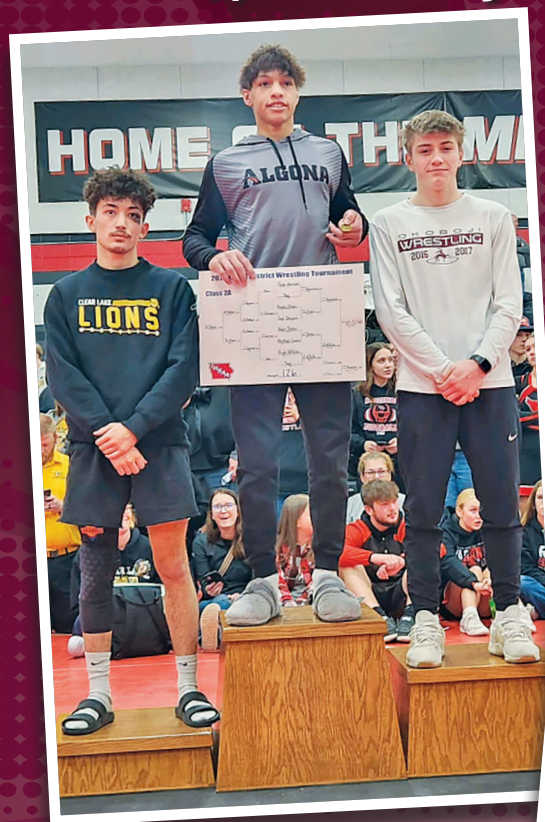
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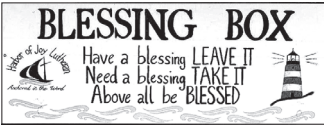
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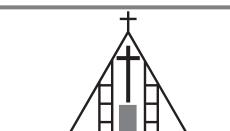
ASH Wednesday

"Remember, that thou art dust and to dust you shall return."

February 14 // 12:05PM & 6:15 PM Services
5:30PM Meal
EVERYONE WELCOME ALWAYS!

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FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:00 PM

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SPEAKERS ON TUESDAY at 12:30pm

- Feb. 13: CPR & AED Demonstration by Deanna Garland & Carol Voss
- Feb. 20: Diane Byers Duis - Owner of The Well

Mon., Feb. 19: Learn How to Play- Asian MahJong

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Sunday, Feb. 18 8:30am-12:30pm

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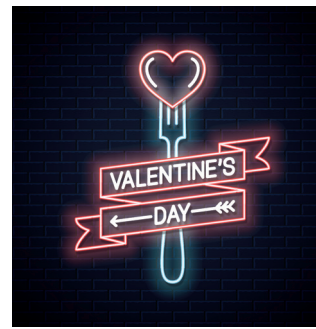
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AA Meetings

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Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.

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Worship
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- Mon., Feb. 20: Hot Beef
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- Tues., Feb. 21: CLOSED

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Crabb Named to Dear's List Honors

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Four Knights of Columbus Council #936 members present a check for the new scholarship to Culinary & Hospitality Management student, sophomore Alex Laubenthal, Culinary & Hospitality Management Coordinator, Jesse Grossnickle, and Executive Dean, Kyle Norris.

Knights of Columbus Offer New Scholarship for Culinary and Hospitality Management Students

Iowa Lakes Community College is proud to introduce a new scholarship, funded by the Emmetsburg Knights of Columbus Council #936, to support students enrolled or planning to enroll in the Culinary and Hospitality Management program for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

This scholarship, valued at \$500 per student, is established with the goal of easing financial burdens for deserving individuals pursuing their education in the field of Culinary & Hospitality Management. The Knights of Columbus Council #936 is committed to fostering educational opportunities and believes in the importance of investing in the future of students passionate about culinary arts.

Funding for the scholarship will be generated annually through the Knights of Columbus Annual Harvest Festival Turkey Feed Event, a fun community tradition.

For more information about the scholarship or the Knights of Columbus Annual Harvest Festival Turkey Feed Event, please contact Mike Rooney at 402-450-3696 or rooneymkj@yahoo.com.

To apply for this scholarship and all other scholarships available for Iowa Lakes students, please visit iowalakes.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships.



St. Albans Episcopal Church Holy Week and Easter

- All are welcome to join in the upcoming Lenten Services.
- Ash Wednesday, 4:00pm, February 14: Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist with Pastor Martin Lucin.
- Palm Sunday, 10:00am, March 24: Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Elliot Blackburn
- Maundy Thursday, 12:05pm, March 18: Pastor Martin Lucin residing
- Good Friday, 12:05pm, March 29: Stations of the Cross. Led by Lay Leaders
- Easter Sunday, 10:00am, March 31: Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Canon Meg Wagner

St. Albans Episcopal Church is located at 23rd and Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Purdy Close, but No Cigar

Everyone in the State of Iowa knows of the underdog story of former Cyclone Brock Purdy and how he has climbed the ranks of being the last player selected in the 2022 NFL Draft to an MVP Candidate and leader of the NFC Champions San Francisco 49ers. Purdy has done so through his relentless hard work, his strong faith and his talent that he doesn't get enough credit for. Myself, along with thousands of other Cyclone fans were hoping Purdy could add a Super Bowl Championship to his already meteoric rise, but the 49ers would come up just short, losing Super Bowl LVIII 25-22 in overtime to Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs.

The game itself was quite boring until the fourth quarter, as both defenses came out and played at an elite level, while both offenses had key fumbles deep in the opponent's territory and neither team could get in much of an offensive rhythm. The Chiefs would take advantage of a muffed punt that hit off a San Francisco player's leg and take their first lead of the game at 13-10 on a Mahomes pass to Marquee Valdes-Scantling late in the third quarter. Purdy and the 49ers, however would answer with a 75-yard drive that ended with a Purdy TD pass to Jauan Jennings to give San Fran a 16-13 lead after the PAT was blocked. The teams would trade field goals, as the 49ers clung to a 19-16 lead before Harrison Butker would send the game to overtime with just :06 left with a 29-yard field goal. The 49ers would score first in overtime with another Jake Moody field goal, but we all knew that it would take a turnover or something odd to happen to stop Patrick Mahomes on the final drive. Unfortunately for 49er fans, Mahomes Magic would strike again as he drove the Chiefs down the field with his arm and legs, and would end the game with a short TD pass to Mecole Hardman to give Kansas City their second straight Super Bowl title.

Purdy played a very good game, throwing for 255 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions. Mahomes, who won the MVP, was just too good for the 49er defense; throwing for 333 yards with two touchdowns and one interception while also running for 66 yards. I felt like Any Reid also outcoached Kyle Shannahan with some of the adjustments made after halftime as well as two questionable decisions by Shannahan. The first one came at the end of the first half with the Chiefs driving for a field goal that made the score 10-3 at halftime. The 49ers could have used one of their two remaining timeouts to give themselves a chance to score right before halftime and take back the momentum. Instead, they let the clock run down and got the ball back with just :20 left in the half. The second questionable decision came when the 49ers won the overtime coin toss and elected to receive the ball. This would be the correct decision with the old NFL overtime rules where if you scored a touchdown first you won the game right there, but the new rules give each team the ball at least once. Most teams would take defense first so they know what they need to score, which also gives you four downs to get first downs instead of three if you know you have to score to keep the game going or to win the game. Kansas City did complete on fourth down early in their game-winning drive that maybe ends up being a punt if that is the first drive of overtime.

While the game didn't go as this Brock Purdy and George Kittle fan had hoped, it is still an awesome story to see such a humble guy, who is grounded in his faith like Purdy, succeeding at the highest level. While he's not a Super Bowl Champion just yet, one can't help but think it will happen Purdy soon for the 49ers and Brock!



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Dear Motor Medics,
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Thank you, Steve in Van Nuys California.

Dear Steve,
Many people find themselves wanting to add an accessory to their vehicle and nowhere to draw power from. The add a fuse kit you mentioned is one way to do it if the current draw is very low. The second would be to take power from the radio circuit. They have harnesses available to tap into the wires at many car stereo shops. The first thing you will need to do is find out how much current the device will use. Too much of a draw can damage the vehicle. Consulting with the folks at the stereo shop will help you to determine draw as it is something they often must do.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
I'm a new listener and column reader and I have a 1993 Ford Ranger with a 4.0 engine. When I first start the engine the hydraulic valve lifters make a lot of noise. The lower the outdoor ambient temperature the worse the noise seems to be. When the engine reaches full operating temperature, the noise goes away. Could this be an issue with the engine oil passages being gummed up? If this was the issue, do you recommend a product that could clean it up?

Thank you, John in Rapid City South Dakota.

Dear John,
Many of the Rangers with the 4.0 engine develop this noise. Some are caused by lifters that are gummed up while others have excessive valve train wear caused by either high miles or lack of proper lubrication due to long oil change intervals or the use of lesser quality oils at some point. Without taking the engine apart for inspect you could eliminate the possibility of the engine sludge issue by cleaning the oil system and using an additive. We use engine oil cleaner than the engine tune up from Justice Brothers. They seem to work very well for us. You need to add the cleaner then run the engine for ten minutes, change the oil, and then add the engine tune up. If it's not an excessive wear issue this should help. You may need to repeat the process down the road if it occurs again.

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Nonprofit Nights at West O Beer

West O Beer announces its third annual "On Us" fundraising event series, organizational partners, and returning sponsors in Okoboji Foundation and The Lakes News Shopper. Each month in 2024, On Us will raise money for and shine a spotlight on the following Lakes Area nonprofits and initiatives during the first half of the year:

- March 7 - Spirit Lake Music Boosters
- April 4 - No Boundaries' Boji Mileage Club
- May 2 - Prairie Lakes Area Delta Waterfowl
- June 6 - Youth in Philanthropy
- July 11 - Lakeside Lab

Thru West O sales proceeds each day, donations made at the door, the support of local sponsoring businesses, and the generosity of donors connecting with area nonprofit leaders night-of, "On Us" has helped raise \$76,884.32 for 19 area organizations in two years—impacting communities across youth arts, water quality efforts & education in the Lakes Area, public art, area Veterans, Iowa student engagement and advancement, and more.

West O is thankful for the enthusiastic commitment of two area partners that are critical in multiplying the impact of the series. "This collaboration aligns seamlessly with our commitment at the Okoboji Foundation to cater to the desires of our donors. Our mission is to serve as the central hub for giving, fostering valuable partnerships that leave a lasting impact in the Iowa Great Lakes area," stated Mindy Gress, President of the Okoboji Foundation, who have committed to a second year as Matching Sponsor for On Us. "We applaud West O for their innovative approach in leveraging their platform to showcase and support local nonprofits, along with the initiatives that enrich the vibrancy of our communities. This partnership, particularly the On Us Program, reflects our dedication to fulfilling the wishes and goals of our generous donors."

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Returning for a second year as Promotional Sponsor, the Lakes News Shopper amplifies the visibility of the program's nonprofit partners across their entire readership. "We are very honored to partner with West O for their Taproots 'On Us' monthly promotions that help benefit non-profit organizations in the Iowa Great Lakes Area. The Lakes News Shopper for over 50 years has been about serving and giving back to this amazing community that we live in, and partnering with West O on this community-driven initiative is a new avenue for us to reach more organizations that help make the Iowa Great Lakes such a special place to live. Each On Us event, at the West O Beer taproom, runs from 6:00-8:00pm and includes short presentations by each organization. Additional materials and information will be made available each evening and throughout the year.

Any interested area nonprofits, and any and all inquiries are encouraged to contact West O at taproots@westobeer.com

West O Beer, Okoboji's premier craft brewery, launched "Taproots" — its community engagement and collaboration initiative — early last year. Since opening in 2013, giving back to the Lakes Area, its landscape, and community initiatives has been core to the West O Beer mission. Alongside the programs "On Us," "On Tap," "On the Ground," and "West O Giving," West O Beer also runs "Blue Taps = Blue Water," which raises money for water quality initiatives wherever West O Beer is sold on tap.

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Minnesota State Mankato Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,768 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

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Obituaries

William "Bill" Northey was born on May 27, 1959, to Margaret and Wayne Northey of Spirit Lake. He passed away suddenly on February 5, 2024, at the age of 64.

Bill studied Agricultural Business at Iowa State University, graduating in 1981. He was a member of the Farm-House Fraternity and served as its president during his senior year. In 2004, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Southwest Minnesota State University. In 1979, Bill met his wife, Cindy, in Ames. They married in 1983 and celebrated their reception in the Iowa State Memorial Union Sun Room. Moving to Spirit Lake, Iowa, they joined Bill's grandfather, Sid Northey, in farming and were blessed with three daughters: Jessica, Emily, and Katie.



Early in his farming career, he began serving in leadership roles benefiting agriculture, bringing his perspective as a family farmer and an innovative leader. Bill served as president of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and later the National Corn Growers Association. He also served in many other roles, including on the Iowa USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee, on the Ag Ventures Alliance board, as a Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner, and as president and committee chairman of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau. He co-founded and served as president of Innovative Growers, LLC.

In 2006, he was elected Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Iowa, a role he proudly held for eleven years. His leadership had a tremendous impact on issues including soil conservation, water quality, renewable energy, foreign animal disease preparedness, and agricultural trade in the state of Iowa and beyond. Bill was widely respected and admired as a friend and mentor.

In 2018, he became the nation's first undersecretary for farm production and conservation at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving until 2021. Most recently, Bill was the CEO of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa. His contributions as a farmer, public servant, and leader positively impacted countless individuals and communities worldwide.

His curiosity, care for others, and love of learning made him a leader that everyone could admire. Bill brought a farmer's work ethic to every aspect of his life, and he was tireless in promoting the state of Iowa, its people, and its agriculture. His legacy transcends the fields he cultivated, touching countless lives, and inspiring future agricultural leaders. We pray his impact on Iowa agriculture continues to grow and his legacy be remembered and celebrated by all.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family, especially delighting in his grandchildren. He enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's events, encouraging them to pursue what they were passionate about. Traveling was one of his passions; he especially delighted in taking his family with him, experiencing new locations and cultures together.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; his mother, Margaret Northey; daughters Jessica (Thomas) Meierotto, Emily (Eric) Brown, and Katie (Eric) Mattson; six grandchildren: Margaret, Paul, and Eleanor Meierotto, Ava and Jack Brown, and Zoe Mattson; sister Nancy (Doug) Pringnitz; sister-in-law Valerie (Doug) Allen; brother-in-law Kevin Lacey; and many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his father, Wayne Northey.

The family held a visitation in the Oman Family Youth Inn at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Friday, February 9. Services were held at Valley Church in West Des Moines on Saturday, February 10, followed by a meal at the Oman Youth Inn. A private family interment took place on Sunday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to GoServ Global or the Bill Northey Memorial Fund in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University. Contributions can be made online at www.foundation.iastate.edu/northey or mailed to the Iowa State University Foundation, 2505 University Blvd, P.O. Box 2230, Ames, IA 50010. Online condolences may be expressed at www.ilesCares.com.

Arrangements by Iles Westover Chapel.

Obituaries

Madge D. Dahms peacefully passed away on February 10, 2024, at Accura Healthcare of Milford. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, dedicated teacher, passionate gardener, and cherished friend and neighbor. Her needlework is still being appreciated by her extended family.

Madge was born to Royal and Mae Dahms near Browntown, Wisconsin. There she became a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse for grades 1-8. She married Ronald Clifford Olson in 1951, and they set up a household in Estherville, Iowa, and then moved to the Olson farm near Dolliver, Iowa, in 1956. After her children were in school, Madge continued her teaching career at Lincoln Central Dolliver/Gruver for many years. In 1997, she and Ron moved to the West Okoboji Lake Harbor where she resided until 2023.

Madge is survived by her sons, Mark (Jeanne) Olson of Rochester, MN, Kurt (Melba) Olson of Ames, IA, and her daughter, Cathy (Roger) Thornburg of Estherville, IA. She leaves behind a legacy cherished by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her brother Dean Dahms of Maryland, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald in 2018, two brothers, Frederick and Rex Dahms, and sister-in-law, Velma Olney Stewart Simon.

A celebration of Madge's life and burial will be held at a later date.

Obituaries

A Memorial Service for Carol Johannes, age 64, of Harris, was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 11:00am, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Lake Park. Inurnment was at Union Cemetery in Harris.

Carol Sue Johannes, the beloved daughter of George and Laura (Collier) Henderson, entered this world on June 3, 1959, in Tallahassee, Florida. She peacefully departed on February 1, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carol grew up and attended school in Worthington, Minnesota. On July 24, 1992, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Mathew Johannes, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The couple embarked on a journey together, residing in Belle Fourche and Sibley, before establishing their cherished home in Harris.


Carol dedicated her working career to Forbes Meat and Processing. In her free time, Carol indulged in a multitude of passions that brought color to her days. An avid baker, skilled in arts and crafts, and a lover of nature and camping. She spent time going fishing with her husband, only because he loved it and took pleasure in hosting memorable holiday parties.

Known for her nurturing spirit, Carol found joy in the simple pleasures of life. From feeding squirrels to doting on her cat companion, she embraced every moment with a kind heart. Carol's greatest happiness stemmed from spending time with her grandkids, enthusiastically participating in their activities, and sharing coffee moments with her daughter and lunch with the "ladies" who held a special place in her heart.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Mathew Johannes; daughter, Sheena (Jason) Brockshus; son, Christopher Kind; five grandchildren: Alexis, Brayden, Ethan, Kennedy, and Chayce; sister, Louise (Galen) Morgan; brother, Bob (Diane) Henderson; several nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, George and Laura Henderson; sister, Elsie Rutzen; brother, Charlie Henderson; and brother, Gary Henderson.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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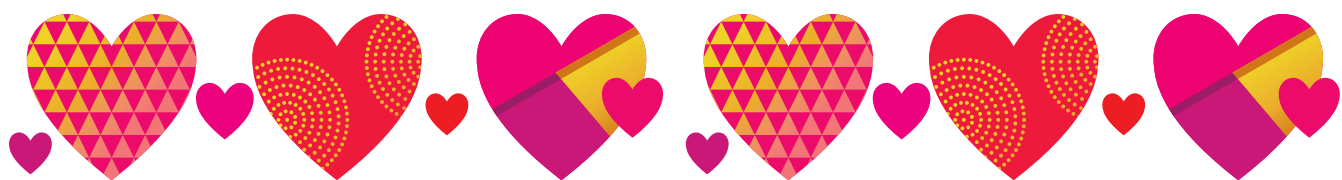
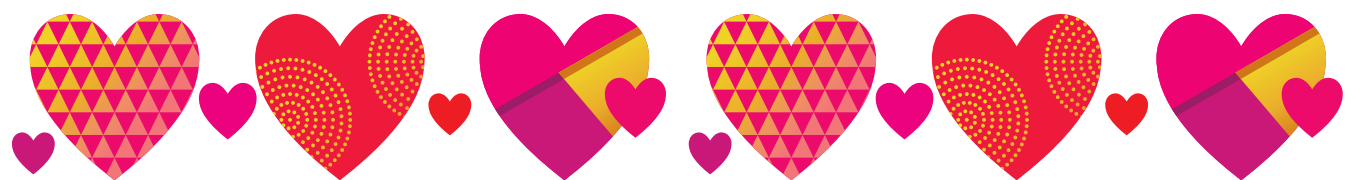
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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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Fresh Strawberries per lb.

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3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

Sweet Blueberries pint

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Fresh Blackberries 6 oz.

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Dole Ultimate Caesar Salad Kit 11.3 oz.

AD PRICE \$3.99

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DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 2 COUPON USES

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SUNNY DEAL!

Highline Whole White Mushrooms 8 oz.

\$1.68

SUNNY DEAL!

Crisp Green Cabbage per lb.

88¢

3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

Fresh Raspberries 6 oz.

\$3.88

3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

Washington Honeycrisp Apples per lb.

98¢

3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

California Mandarins 3 lb.

\$4.88

SUNNY DEAL!

Beef Arm Roasts USDA Choice, Boneless, per lb.

\$4.99

SUNNY DEAL!

Hamburger or Tuna Helper Dinners 4.7-8.7 oz.

2/\$3

SUNNY DEAL!

Sunshine's Own 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef family pack, per lb.

\$4.49

SUNNY DEAL!

Lumberjack Smoker Pellets 20 lb. bag

\$10.99

3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

Pork Chops USDA Inspected, Bone in, Center cut, per lb.

\$2.49

3 DAY SUNNY DEAL!

Chicken Drumsticks or Thighs Grade A, per lb.

99¢

SUNNY DEAL!

SeaBest Argentine Raw Shrimp 16-20 ct., BIG 2 lb., Family Size

\$15.99

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Cod Loin Fillets per lb.

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Alaskan Pollock Fillets per lb.

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Dr. Pepper or 7up Products 6 pack .5L. btl., + dep.

2/9

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SUNNY DEAL!

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3/\$11

DIGITAL DEAL!

Coke Products 6 pack .5L bottles or 6 pack 7.5 oz. mini cans + dep.

2/10

AD PRICE -1.00

2/\$9

MUST BUY 2 **DIGITAL COUPON** LIMIT OF 3 COUPON USES

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SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Purified Drinking Water 16.9 oz. btl., 24 pack

2/\$7

SUNNY DEAL!

Sunny Delight Citrus Punch Gallon jug

\$2.99

DIGITAL DEAL!

Tropicana Orange Juice Pure Premium, 52 oz., var.

AD PRICE 4.49

-50¢

\$3.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Little Debbie Mini Muffins 8.27-9.75 oz.

2/\$6

DIGITAL DEAL!

Starbucks Iced Latte or Coffee 40-48 oz.

AD PRICE 6.49

-50¢

\$5.99

DIGITAL COUPON LIMIT OF 1 COUPON USE

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SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Frozen Waffles 10 count, var.

2/\$4

DIGITAL DEAL!

Better Butter 3-3.7 oz.

AD PRICE 3.49

-50¢

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2024 NW Regional K of C Spelling Bee Contest Results

Every year the Iowa Knights of Columbus sponsor a Spelling Bee Contest. Local Councils with the local schools are continuing this youth activity again this year. The educational growth and development of our youth is one of many activities the Knights of each Council are active in. The Councils want to team up with the schools (public, private, parochial, and home school) in the promotion of this educational activity. The Spelling Bee was open to any 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grade youth of the area. Councils that forwarded Participants this year were: Storm Lake, Pocahontas, Fonda, Emmetsburg, Sheldon and Milford.

There were 44 youth advancing from local competition to Regional this year, hosted by St Joseph Council of Milford. There were participants entered in each grade level. There were over 160 people in attendance for the competition. The number of Participants that did compete were: 4th Grade - 13; 5th Grade - 8; 6th Grade - 6; 7th Grade - 7.

The 1st Place received a Certificate and a Medal, 2nd Place received a Certificate with 2nd place Sticker and 3rd Place receive a Certificate with 3rd Place Sticker and Alternate Received a Certificate, acknowledging their placement of achievement. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners of the Knights of Columbus NW Region will compete in State Competition in Ames on March 2nd. The Alternate achiever serves as Alternate for the State Competition.

Much credit and thanks go out to our Local Councils and school staff for their cooperation and encouragement in the promotion of this educational activity. Also, a thanks to the Moms and Dads, Grandpas and Grandmas that attended and showed their support, encouragement and promotion for this type of educational activity.

The Knights of Columbus is an International Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization, founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The original intent was to provide welfare and security for families, during times of sickness and death, has grown so that last year, Knights donated more than 75.6 million hours of volunteer time and \$185.6 million to charity. Our local Councils continue this Mission here at home as well with State, National and Worldwide projects of Charity and Service.



1st Row: Zoey Reinders (Emmetsburg), Carter Reinders (Emmetsburg), Rowan Lindgren (Lake Park/Milford). 2nd Row: Neveva McKee (Spirit Lake/Milford), Henry Mattingly (Graettinger), Haydon Honermann (Sheldon), Layla Thornton (Newell), Jonathan Anderson (Fonda), Jackson Teague (Pocahontas), Vivian Poppen (Pocahontas) 3rd Row: Thiago Gracia (Alta), Kinley Sibenaller (Storm Lake), Sebastian Rosales (Storm Lake), Elias Sloan (Lake Park/Milford), Eli Becker (Sheldon), Jet Wingert (Fonda), Aven Erie (Newell), Kendall Haberl (Jolley), Peyton Kuchenreuther (Pocahontas) 4th Row: Grace Beck (Storm Lake), Kristhian Ardon (Storm Lake), Amber Garrett (Emmetsburg), Kierra Briggs (Milford) (Sheldon), Kenzie McCuddin (Sheldon), Aria Jones (Havelock), Nicole Gibbins (Storm Lake), Charlise Sibenaller (Storm Lake). 5th row: Kestin Briggs (Milford), Gavin Hanson (Sheldon), Guido "Junior" Vargas (Fonda), Benson Thornton (Newell), 6th Row: Zion Soe (Storm Lake), Tristan Kinser (Alta), Annabell Gyi (Storm Lake).



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Tina's Story

It doesn't always end with a Happily-ever-after. These stories are real and are about people who have battled with addiction and/or mental health for a long time. This week, I am going to share with you one of the harder stories. This is Tina's story:

By the time Tina came to us, her situation was already dire. She and her children's father had battled addiction off and on for 16 years and the children they shared had been born with a free ticket to the train-wreck that they called their family. Tina came to the doors of Discovery House looking for help but had her own home. She tried for a few weeks to live at home and came to the meetings and groups that were offered at Discovery House. It didn't take long for her to start to see that trying to be "half-in" just was not going to work. Tina was involved with the Department of Human Services, her children were in foster care, the children's father was in prison for the third time, and she was running out of time to show the courts that she could live a life clean and sober. Tina moved into Discovery House but struggled with being "all-in". Tina, like many addicts, looked for all the loopholes. When she couldn't find a loophole, she created one. This worked for a while. Tina moved back home, and her children began to spend more and more time with her. Before long, Tina and her children were home full-time, and she faded out from Discovery House and all the services that were available to her.

Two months later, I received a call asking if I had heard from Tina. It was then that I learned that Tina had not been seen or heard from for 10 days and the kids had not been at school since before spring break. I attempted to contact Tina, but she did not answer or return any of my calls. Three days later, Tina and her children were found 3 states away in a hotel. Tina had been using methamphetamine and was relying on her oldest daughter to care for the younger siblings in the hotel room or pool area. The children were removed from the hotel and placed back into foster care and Tina continued to move around, avoiding DHS, her children, and sobriety.

Tina would randomly show up asking to see the kids but would not comply with any of the recommendations set forth by the courts to allow her to have visits. Eventually, it was evident to the courts and the providers that reunification between Tina and the kids was not in the best interest of the children. The children's father remained in prison and the parental rights were terminated for him and Tina. The children were adopted by their foster families and continue to live in the community where they once lived with their parents.

While this is the worst-case outcome for Tina and the children's father, the adoption is an attempt to allow there to be a happy ending for the children. As hard as it might be for you, as the reader, to understand Tina's story, it is important to know this: Tina loves her children very much. This was never about not loving her children or about choosing a life of drugs, alcohol, and crime over them. In all the years that I have worked in this field, I have never heard a parent say, "I think today I will get high instead of being the parent my kiddos deserve". Addiction is a cunning, baffling, and powerful disease. No one is immune and addiction isn't prejudice. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction or mental health, there is hope and help. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States. Call. Text. Chat.

Homeschool Ed-ventures

The Dickinson County Nature Center is getting outside for our Homeschool Ed-venture program. On Thursday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m., we will head outside to trek around Kenue Park to see what animals we can find. We welcome youth, ages 5-12, to learn about snowshoeing regardless of the lack of snow. Learn about the history, technique, and usefulness of snowshoeing in deep snow during the winter.

Naturalist Britney Snell says she looks forward to getting our ed-venturers outside, stating, "...I love that the Dickinson County Nature Center can offer an opportunity that encourages physical activity during the winter months." She also commented, "I hope they gain an appreciation for the outdoors during our cold months." She also advises that kids should wear boots that can get muddy and wear warm winter clothing.

Homeschool Ed-ventures is a free program, but we ask that kids are pre-registered online at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com under events or by calling (712) 336-6352. For more information, please visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Get the latest news and updates about the Nature Center by visiting our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Spirit Lake Library News

National Library Lovers' Month
 by Jill Jennings

February is known for Valentine's Day, the birthdays of George Washington & Abraham Lincoln, and being the shortest month on the calendar. It is also known as National Library Lovers' Month!

Libraries have played a role in world cultures since ancient times. From the library at Alexandria to our modern libraries today, they serve us in so many ways.

On any given day at the Spirit Lake Public Library, it is a busy place full of library lovers! First thing in the morning, people come in to read the newspaper. A few use the public computers to print off return shipping labels or check email. Parents and their children meet with others for play dates back in the children's activity area. A student is working on his laptop back in the study area. Hope Haven and Lakes Life Skills clients have an outing to the library to watch videos on the computer, look at books, and work on the community puzzle. A lady comes in to print out some photos from her phone. There are meetings or testing going on in the Proctor Room. Ladies are quilting or playing Mah-Jong in the Community Room. People come in looking for tax forms and information. Library staff pull reserve books and put them out on the curbside pickup carts in the entryway. Of course, there are always dozens of books, DVDs, audio CDs, and other materials to check-out, check-in, clean, and reshelve.

A great way to celebrate National Library Lovers' Month is to use the library! Come in and see what's new. Check out our recently updated website slpublib.com and try out some of our on-line resources. If you don't have a library card yet, grab your photo ID and come apply for one! We are here for you, the community. We hope to see you soon!

Upcoming Activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, February 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Book Club (The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave)
- Monday, February 19, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, February 20, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Quilters
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 February is National Dental Health month. Miss Becca and her library friends have put together some teeth starter kits from Colgate. They include a mini toothbrush and toothpaste, as well as a healthy teeth worksheet. Stop by the library to grab a bag for your kiddo/s.

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