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Linda Torgerson

Milford is the second one to submit a BINGO BINGO card obtaining the letter "X", and is Savings Bank, Interior Sewing by Lisa, JIFFY, on our website: LakesNewsShopper.com. card obtaining the letter "X", and is the winner the winner of a gift card. Marsha Zylstra is the Jimy Mac Lenz (Hinn Real Estate), Kallsen & of \$50. Michelle Vick of Lake Park is the third one to submit a BINGO card obtaining Associates, La Barca, Pizza Ranch, Milford/ one to submit a BINGO card obtaining the the letter "X", and is the winner of a gift card. Premiere Communications, The Tobacco Shop letter "L", and is the winner of gift cards. Deb Korey Robinson is the fourth on to submit a and Weasy's Lounge and Grille. Pavelko of Lakefield, Minnesota is the second BINGO card obtaining the letter "L", and is There are still many more chances to win. The

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promotion will run until April 2, 2024, or until

We have BINGOs! Linda Torgerson of of Spirit Lake is the fourth one to submit a Apparel & Gifts, Brown's Shoe Fit Co., Farmers \$2,000. The complete set of rules are published



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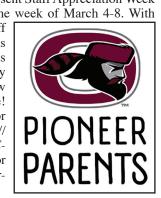
Bingo Nights the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, March 14, and Spirit Lake High School Key Club would like to thank Thursday March 28, 2024. Card sales everyone that contributed personal hygiene necessities to their begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00supply drive for Kaden's Kloset. It was their first joint venture 8:00. A light meal will be provided by the with the Spirit Lake Middle School Builders club, who helped VFW Auxiliary for a free will donation. The Spirit

Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.

Staff Appreciation Week

at Okoboji Elementary School the week of March 4-8. With dress up days to honor various staff members throughout the week as well as special snacks and treats

each day, it is our hope that every staff member of OES knows how valued and appreciated they are! To help donate to the snacks for the week feel free to visit https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E-45ABA822A64-48042869-staff#/or contact Pioneer Parents at oesparents@gmail.com.



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Return Borrowed Books Week by Jill Jennings

Returning borrowed library books on time, or sometimes at all, has been an issue for libraries since the beginning of these revered institutions. In 2021, a children's book was returned 111 years overdue to a library in Boise, Idaho. And last July, a book that had been checked out in 1904, was finally returned to the New Bedford Public Library in Massachusetts ... 119 years

March 3–9, 2024 is "Return Borrowed Books Week." Ideally, patrons will return their borrowed library materials on time, or even early if they are done reading them. It is the responsible and considerate thing to do. Someone might be waiting eagerly for the latest best-seller that has 28 people on the reserve list! For your convenience, we have three drop boxes at the SLPL: outside on the west side, inside the entryway, and at the circulation desk.

Something else to consider is that Spirit Lake is connected with Arnolds Park, Estherville, Milford, Spencer, and Terril via the FlexShare system. So, you can return your books to any of those libraries. For example, if you checked out a book from the Spencer Public Library on your SLPL card, you could return it to Spirit Lake, and we will get it back to Spencer for you. Actually, any Iowa library book can be returned to any Iowa library, and

it will make its way home via the Open Access system. Here at the Spirit Lake Public Library, we do have a policy on how we handle fines and overdue materials. At 15 days overdue, the patron will receive a first reminder. At 30 days overdue, the patron will receive a second reminder, and the patron's account will be blocked. At 60 days, a \$10 overdue fine will be assessed to the patron's account. This fee must be paid, and all materials returned or paid for.

In closing, we are willing to work with you if you have extenuating circumstances but do your best to return your books on time!

Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, March 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters • Tuesday, March 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess Club
- Tuesday, March 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
- Wednesday, March 13, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Quilters • Thursday, March 14, 10:00 a.m., Story Time
- Thursday, March 14, 1:00 3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong





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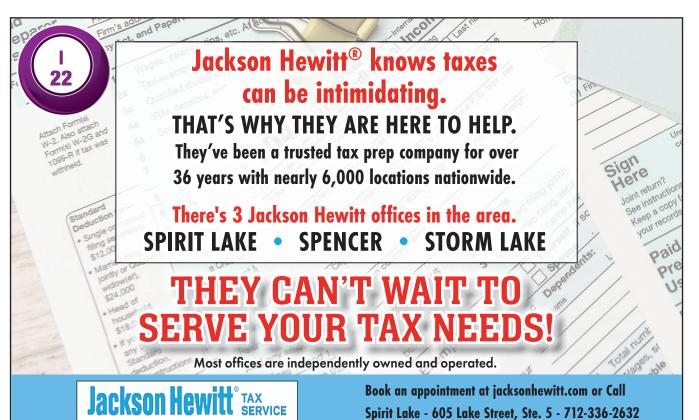
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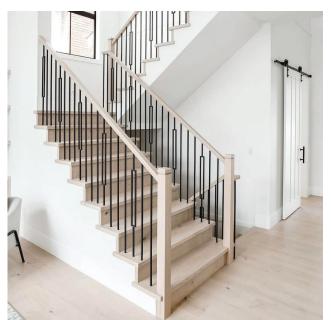
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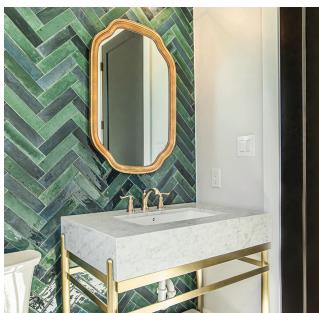
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March Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center Tuesday, March 5 8:30 - Kiwanis

8:30 - Kiwanis 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker - Joel McCartan (Keelson Harbour) 12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, March 6

9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis **Thursday, March 7** 10:00 - Strummers

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

Friday, March 8 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group 1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, March 9

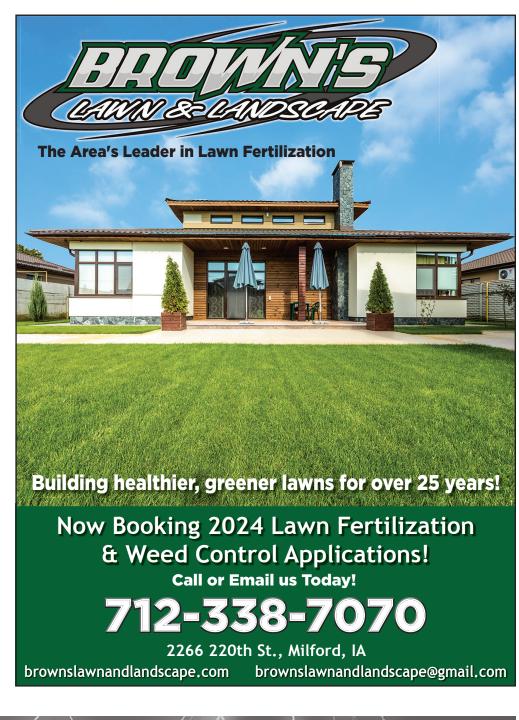
Facility Available For Rent Sunday, March 10 Card Room Reserved Monday, March 11 9:00 - Exercise

10:00 - Class Coffee 1:00 - Pinochle 1:30 - Table Tennis

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursdays at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date! Sewing Group meets Fridays at 1pm. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, March 17, from 8:30-12:30 -Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month with Bill and Jackie! The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at

2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.









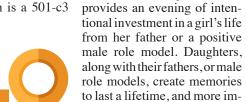
Clark Museum Opening Soon

Attention: It will be spring before we know it. People say the visit to the Clark Museum made their day. The museum displays pictures of towns and advertisements from all 99 Iowa counties and histories of South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Many items from the old amusement park, past resorts and eating establishments are on display. Don't shorten your time, there is too much to see and Jerry likes to tell stories.

Clubs or organizations can make an appointment by calling 712-338-2147. The museum is located one mile west and a half mile south of Highway 71 and 86. The museum is a 501-c3









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Cherish Center Announces Cherished Daughters Dance views of Lake Okoboji on the Arnolds Park Ferris Wheel with your princess! Online tickets go on sale April 1, and are only \$55 per family. Scholarships will be available. For more information, or with any questions, please contact Cherish Center at 712-338-3333.

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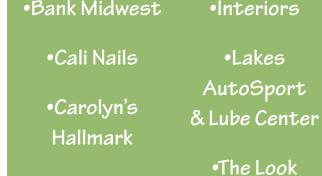






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MARCH

CALENDAR

● PLEASE CALL 712-336-5247 BY 1:00 PM FRIDAYS TO RESERVE A MEAL FOR THE NEXT WEEK ● Elderbridge suggests a donation of \$5 - \$9 or whatever is affordable. Dinners are provided by CARSTENSEN'S of Lake Park.

SPEAKERS ON TUESDAY at 12:30pm

March 5: Joel McCartan - Keelson Harbor

• March 12: Spring Jones - Dickinson County Veterans

March 19: Brett Hetland, Ice Hockey

March 26: Treva Graves - Healthy Food Conversations

Call the office between 9:30am & 2:30pm Mon.-Fri.

JOIN US FOR TAI CHI Thursdays at 11am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coin Auction March 16th at 9:00am

Breakfast Fundraiser March 17th • 8:30-12:30

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March 14: Boozy Food April 11: Super Sauces

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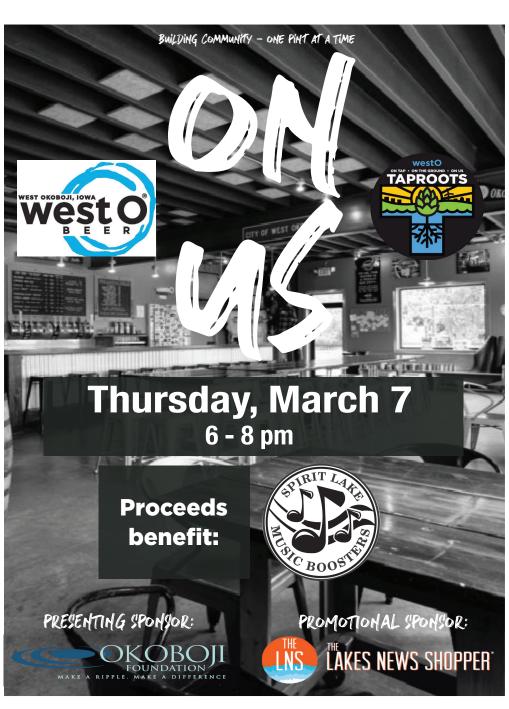
Okoboji Elementary Receives Donation for Book Fair

Andrea Langner, second from left, is shown accepting a check from the Milford Kiwanis Club that was designated for the Okoboji Elementary Book Fair. Kiwanians from left to right are Duane Hurley, Drew Hage and Eyleen Anderson. Kiwanis recognizes the great importance of plentiful and available reading materials to enhance learning opportunities for young children, and they were proud to be able to contribute to this annual event!

















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Jason Gray in Summer Concert at First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church of Milford will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of their summer drive-in worship services on Sunday, August 11, 2024. To honor the special occasion marking the oldest drive-in worship service in the United States; First Lutheran is excited to announce that critically acclaimed Christian music singer/songwriter Jason Gray will be in concert that Sunday morning.

Since his 2007 nationwide label debut, "All the Lovely Losers," Gray has established himself as a true songwriter's songwriter. The beloved Centricity Music recording artist has garnered multiple ASCAP Performance Awards for popular songs like "Remind Me Who I Am' and "Sparrows" and summited the radio charts with hits like his first No. 1 AC standard, "With Every Act of Love," and chart-topping Inspo single "Nothing is Wasted." Throughout his celebrated tenure, Gray has shared the stage with genre leaders like Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, Third Day, TobyMac, Lauren Daigle and others, in addition to heading tours of his own.

Be watching for more information detailing Jason Gray's visit to First Lutheran's celebration.



St. Albans Episcopal Church Holy Week and Easter

- All are welcome to join in the upcoming Lenten Services. Palm Sunday, 10:00am, March 24: Holy Eucharist with
- the Rev. Elliot Blackburn Maundy Thursday, 12:05pm, March 28: 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.

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, March 7, 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 February Food Bank, 562 individuals (203 families) received 5,377 lbs.



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85th Birthday Announcement

Myron Wiese celebrated his 85th birthday on Sunday, March 3, 2024. His family would like to have a card shower to surprise him. Please send cards to 72325 410th Avenue, Lakefield, MN

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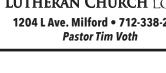
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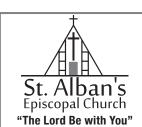
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March is Here!

It is hard to believe that the calendar flipped over to March this past weekend, which means that one of my favorite times of the year, March Madness is just around the corner! This year, March Madness looks to be even more exciting with our State of Iowa teams playing their best basketball of the season right now and having realistic chances to make deep runs in their conference and NCAA Tournaments. This past weekend, all eight of our Division I basketball teams picked up victories with the Drake, Iowa, Iowa State and Northern Iowa men's and women's teams completing a perfect 8-0 weekend, as a matter of fact the past week saw these eight teams go an even more impressive 16-0!

The Drake men finished their regular season with a strong 25-6 record and 16-4 record in the Missouri Valley, which was good for second place. Drake picked up a big 74-66 win over Bradley on Sunday to clinch the #2 seed in the MVC Tournament. The Bulldogs will probably need to win the MVC Tournament to earn their third NCCAA bid in the last four years. The Drake women won the regular season crown in the Missouri Valley by finishing with a dominating 17-1 league mark and 24-5 overall record. The Bulldogs are currently a 12-seed in the latest ESPN Bracketology and have a chance for an at-large bid if they don't win the MVC Tournament. The Bulldogs have former Spirit Lake and Waukee player Anna Brown playing quality minutes for them. The UNI men won their third straight game to finish the season with an 82-70 road win over Southern Illinois on Sunday. The Panthers will have to win the MVC Tournament to earn a bid in the Big Dance, but they definitely have a chance as they are playing their best basketball of the season at the right time, and have a 91-77 win over Drake that shows they can compete with anyone in the tournament. The Panther women's team is also, hot and finished with wins in four of their last five games to earn a tie for fourth place in the Valley with a 12-6 conference mark. They will also have to win the MVC Tournament to earn an NCAA bid, but like their men's team, they are playing at a high level right now and they almost beat Drake 10 days ago, falling just short 79-77.

The Iowa women and Caitlin Clark have been must-see TV all season, and on Sunday Clark become the NCAA all-time scoring leader, passing LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich's former record of 3,667 points. The Hawkeyes got a huge win on Sunday in front of another sellout Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd, avenging an earlier loss to #2 Ohio State with a 93-83 win. The win secured a 2-seed in the B1G Tournament and should have also secured an NCAA Tournament 2-seed for Iowa, with a chance at a 1-seed if the Hawkeyes could win the B1G Tournament. The Iowa men picked up a huge 87-80 road win at Northwestern on Saturday night to push their B1G record to 10-9 and put the Hawkeyes back in the conversation for an at-large NCAA bid. The Hawkeyes have won four of five games, and if they could knock off #13 Illinois on Sunday, they would be sitting in very good shape for an NCAA bid.

The Iowa State women had a huge week by knocking off #15 Kanas State in Manhattan on Wednesday and then picked up a nice 76-60 win over Cincinnati at Hilton Coliseum in front of 10,600 fans on Saturday. The Cyclones have won four in a row to earn the #4 seed in the Big 12 Tournament with a 12-6 record. ISU also is in great shape for an NCAA bid, with a #9 seed in the most recent ESPN Bracketology. The Cyclone men picked up a very good, but ugly 60-52 win at UCF on Saturday to push their record to 23-6 and 12-4 in the best conference in the nation. The win also kept ISU within one game of Big 12 leader Houston, and also clinched no worse than a 3-seed in the Big 12 Tournament. The Cyclones are trending as a #2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. While ISU has struggled on offense in their last three games, their defense has reached another level and currently ranks #2 in the nation. The coaching phrase "defense travels" has held true for this team, and helped propel them into a national conversation as a Final Four contender.

We are so blessed to have four Division I men's and women's teams in this basketball-crazy state of Iowa, and very fortunate to have them all playing so well. This year could be one of the best years of basketball overall, with all eight of our teams having realistic shots at the NCAA Tournament. We know that at four of them are locks for the NCAA Tournament as we head into the final week of the season and conference tournament time. Let the Madness begin!























80th Birthday Announcement

The children and grandchildren of Larry Rusch, Lake Park, Iowa, invite you to help him celebrate his 80th birthday on March 8, 2024, with a card shower. Larry would enjoy hearing from friends, family and acquaintances. His mailing address is: P.O. Box 57, Lake Park, IA 51347.



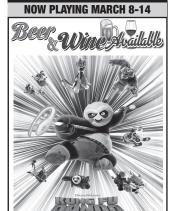
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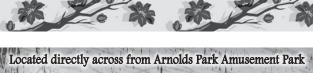


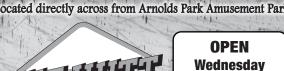
New Exhibit Arts on Grand

Arts On Grand is excited to announce the opening of our next exhibit "Iris." Evangeline King, (Faith Tyrell) the artist, who is

a graduate of Northwestern in Orange City, Iowa, has spent 7 years illustrating logos, children's books, and largescale paintings for clients.

The Exhibit starts March 5 to April 25 with a reception on March 9, from 1:00-3:00. Arts on Grand is providing music and appetizers. The Gallery is always free to the public. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 4:00, Thursdays until 7:00, and Saturdays 10:00-3:00.





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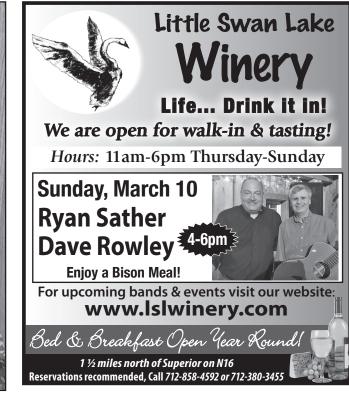
90th Birthday Announcement

Marjorie Roelofsen is celebrating her 90th (WOW!!!) birthday on March 11, 2024. She was born in Ashton and married Rolly Roelofsen in 1955. Rolly and Marge lived in Milford with their three children where she taught Kindergarten. Marge was a teacher for a total of 42 years. Sadly, Rolly passed away in 2003. Birthday wishes can be sent to Marjorie at 1900 Country Club Drive, Unit 5, Okoboji IA 51355.



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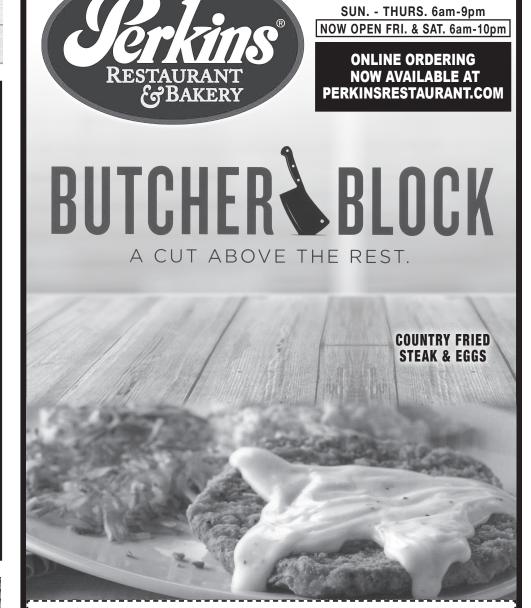
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A long-standing tradition, the Lenten Ecumenical Services, will return for its 46th season.

The Lenten Ecumenical Committee voted this past week to continue the program to worship together to continue unity among the local churches.

"It's important to remember that we are all Christians and we need each other through prayer and action to face the hardships that change all lives in one way or another. We need to thank God for the blessings He gives us and pray for strength to face challenges," said committee member Erin Lorch, of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The Lenten Ecumenical Service schedule continues with services on Friday, March 8, at Calvary Methodist, in Arnolds Park; March 15 at Harbor of Joy, in Milford; and concludes March 22 at Light of the Lakes in Arnolds Park.

The services are open to all women and men beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee and refreshments. No baby-sitting service will be available.

"We are excited that the long standing tradition of ecumenical services in the lakes area will return for another year. It's amazing that a community event that started in 1978 is still strong today. Committee members find a special bond working with other churches in the community in the planning of the services. Those that attend often get reacquainted with community members they haven't seen for awhile," said Committee Member Susan Reiser of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Several local churches have been sponsoring nondenominational ecumenical services since 1978. In case of inclement



Gathering

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

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Danika Cox, environmental education coordinator, commented, "Taxidermy is becoming a lost art, and I feel it is important for people to see that it is beautiful in its own unique way." She added, "I also think it is important for people to understand that it requires a lot of skill, patience, and hard work to create these animals and make them look frozen in time."

Stop in for a cup of coffee and learn about taxidermy! Kenue Coffee Hour is a free adult program, and no registration is required. For more information, please visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352. Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest news and updates about the Nature Center.



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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. **Dear Editor:**

I live on the west side of East Lake Okoboji near Spud Nuts. As I look across the skyline to the east over east lake tonight I see a beautiful full moon shining over the ice but I also see six obnoxious blinking red lights. These are from wind turbines approximately ten miles away near Superior. I do not wish someday to view another 80 to 100 more blinking red lights from Red Rock Energy or from any other wind turbines period. I believe the vast majority of lakes area residents would agree with me.

Jim Voigt, Okoboji, Iowa



Beardsley's "Majestic Sunrise" captures the morning beauty of Big Spirit Lake

Beardsley Wins First Place In Photo Contest

The results for the 14th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Photography Contest are in! Local resident Bill Beardsley won the Keep Iowa Beautiful Social Media Favorite Award. Entitled "Majestic Sunrise," the photo captures the morning beauty of Big Spirit Lake. Judges noted: "Taken in Dickinson County, Iowa, this photo truly captures the beauty of our state."

Of the five categories included in the contest: Iowa Cities, Iowa Landscape, Iowa Water, Iowa Wildlife, Iowans in Action, "Majestic Sunrise" was in the Iowa Water classification.

In the overall Robert D. Ray Best of Show Award, Beardsley's "Majestic Sunrise" earned a second place runner-up pacing behind Buck Christensen's "A Misty Sunrise at Hitchcock."

In 2022-23, Beardsley was awarded second place in the Iowa Water classification for "Sunrise Through the Trees" and second place for "Fishermen at Dusk" in the Iowans in Action classification.

In 2021-22, Beardsley took first place in two categories: the Iowa Wildlife classification for "Take Off"; Iowans in Action classification for "Okoboji Regatta."

Beardsley, who is a member of the Spirit Lake Protective Association (SLPA), provides photos for the SLPA for its annual calendar and also regularly posts photos taken around the Iowa Great Lakes area.

To view more photos, you can go to the Bill Beardsley Facebook page or Beardsley's Prairie Ridge Photography Facebook

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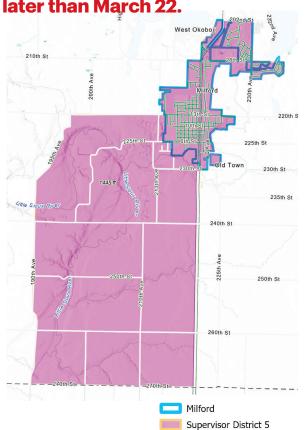
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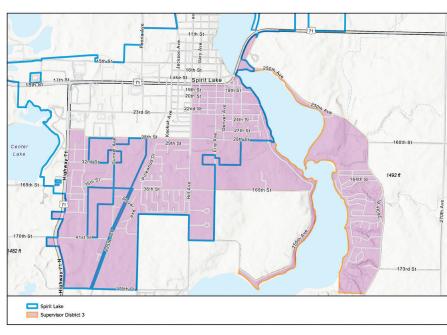
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Marta Jean Achterhof, 52, of Rochester, Minnesota, took her final bow on February 25, 2024. The last curtain fell on

her inspirational, two-act life while she was at Seasons Hospice in Rochester, where she was surrounded by love and compassion.

Act I of Marta's life opened on May 16, 1971, in Luverne, Minnesota, when she became the third of four daughters born to Roger and Carole Achterhof. An outgoing person from her earliest days, Marta thrived on creating new friendships with students from her own school and surrounding towns. With her inquisitiveness and bright



smile, she was an unofficial greeter for foreign exchange students at Luverne High School. She was a social leader by nature and relished marching to a different drummer. For example, she opted for a mohawk haircut just before her sophomore year in high school, which brought her great joy when it became a somewhat controversial topic of conversation in her small town.

By the time her sophomore year and Act I drew to a close, Marta served as a student manager on the track team and was a member of the speech and debate teams, the German club, and the Choraliers, and she also played trumpet in the high school band. In addition, Marta was active with Green Earth Players, a community theatre group.

Act II of Marta's life opened on July 9, 1987, while she was spending the summer at her family's lake home near Spirit Lake, IA. Driving home that night after work at an area restaurant, Marta was involved in a one-car accident-her vehicle broadsiding a power pole. She sustained a traumatic brain injury and was airlifted to a Sioux Falls, SD, hospital for surgery, which ultimately left her comatose.

A few months into what became a two-year coma, Marta was transferred to Luverne Community Hospital. Her family doctor and a team of nurses and therapists were unrelenting in their efforts "to bring her back." During the second year of her coma, arrangements were made to transport Marta on school days from the hospital to the high school, where her friends' voices and the devoted special education staff provided the stimulation that ultimately helped with her recovery.

By June 1989, Marta had emerged from her coma. She returned to her parents' home and spent an additional year in the high school special education program. During the next 30 years, Marta thrived and progressed far beyond all expectations. Her fantastic support system over the years included friends, family, doctors, nurses, physical therapists and many personal care attendants.

Although she was unable to speak or walk, Marta made her feelings, opinions, and love known. She developed her own way of communicating that made clear to those who knew and loved her that she was still "there." Marta and her parents flew for several winters to Florida, where she used floatation devices in heated pools and enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins spring training games. One special adventure brought Marta, her sister Kristin, and their parents to San Jose, CA, where they observed beach life, and visited beautiful wineries and quaint seaside towns.

For the past three and a half years, Marta made her home with Ionel (John) and Lucia Dumitrascu at their foster care home for disabled adults in Rochester. John and Lucia constantly showered Marta with loving care.

The common themes woven throughout Marta's two-act life included resilience, positivity, a strong sense of humor and love. Marta was-throughout her life-a strong person; even as a child, she would befriend and stand-up for those who needed support. Until the end of her life, she refused to give up, even during the most difficult times.

Marta Achterhof was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father, Roger Achterhof (in 2021); and her sister Kate Anne (in 1980). She is survived by her mother, Carole Achterhof, of Rochester, MN; her sister Kristin (Glenn Ronaldson) Achterhof, and their two teenage sons, Rutger and Landon Ronaldson, all of Hinsdale, IL, and their grown children, Alex (Sophary), Heather and Nick Ronaldson, all of the Chicago, IL, area; and sister Linda (Jim) Davis and their son, Sidney, all of the Boston, MA, area.

Marta's remains will be interred next to her sister Kate's grave in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne, MN. Marta's gravestone reads, "Sisters Together Forever." A private Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Seasons Hospice, 1696 Greenview Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902 (www.seasonshospice.org), and Special Olympics Illinois, 605 E. Willow St., Normal, IL 61761 (www.soill.org).

Mahn Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

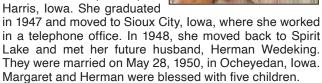
Turning 65 soon? It's not too early to talk about

Obituaries

A funeral service for Margaret Thelma Wedeking will be held at 10:30 am, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Calvary

United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. Visitation will begin at 5 pm, Monday, March 11, 2024, with the family present from 5:00-7:00pm, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Interment will be at Spirit Lake Memorial Gardens in

Margaret Thelma Kness Wedeking was born to Cloid and Margaret (McNab) Kness on October 20. 1929. in



In 1958, Herman and Margaret started their business,

Margaret passed away February 25, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa, at ninety-four

great-great-grandchild, Carter.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Cloid and Margaret Kness; husband, Herman in 2008; son-inlaw, Tom Radcliffe; daughter-in-law, Sherri Wedeking;

arrangements.





Obituaries

There will be private interment

John Craig "Jack" Bockman,

born on September 15, 1948, in

Faith, South Dakota, to Art and

Shirley (Webber) Bockman, left

us on February 23, 2024, at the

age of seventy-five. His early

years were spent in Dickinson

moved in search of farming

opportunities. Jack was a proud

1966 graduate of Harris Lake

Discharge on February 1, 1975.

several manufacturing companies.

and a wide circle of friends.

arrangements.

with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

County, where his

Park High School.

Spirit Lake.

services.

Jack Bockman, age 75, of Milford, Iowa, passed away

Friday, February 23, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in

family

In 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War, Jack answered

the call of duty and entered the US Army on February

12. His bravery and skills were evident as he served as

a Ranger, an experience that saw him earning several

commendations including the National Defense Service

Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign

Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and a distinguished Bronze

Star Medal. He concluded his service with an Honorable

Following his military service, Jack embarked on a career

Jack's personal life was marked by joy and companionship

when he married Ellen Dean on September 20, 2003, in

Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Together, they shared a life filled

Jack is lovingly remembered by his wife, Ellen Bockman,

of Milford: his daughters. Jen Anderson and her husband

Neil of Linwood, Minnesota, and Tasha Campolieto and her

husband Marc of Denver, Colorado; step-daughters, Angela

Laughton and her husband Dave of LeMars, Iowa, and

Kimberly Bremer of Estherville, Iowa. His legacy continues

through his grandchildren, Eve and Stella Anderson, Walker

and Faith Riggs, Cody (Abby) Laughton, Jenna Laughton,

and Beau McClain; and great-granddaughter, Oaklee

McClain. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews,

Preceding him in death were his parents, Art and Shirley

He will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered by all

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Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such

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This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories

as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, posi-

tive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling

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and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with

Bockman, and brothers, Terry and Benji Bockman.

Caregivers Support Group

who were fortunate enough to know him.

Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

as a material manager, contributing to the success of

Wedeking Construction Inc., and operated the company until they retired in 1986. After retiring, they drove truck for International Transport for six years. They traveled throughout Canada and drove to every state in the U.S. except Hawaii and Alaska. Even after visiting every state in the U.S., Margaret still claimed that her favorite state was lowa. In their free time, they enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling.

Margaret was very active as a den mother for both girl scouts and boy scouts in Spirit Lake and she taught Sunday School for many years at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake and Montgomery. Margaret loved a good game of cards; she always had her deck ready!

years of age.

She is survived by her children, Wendy Radcliffe, Steve Wedeking (Nelda), Dan Wedeking, Charlie Wedeking (Rhonda) and Sam Wedeking; eight grandchildren, Benjamin (Kristen) Radcliffe, Jennifer (Derek) Franker, Jessica (Terry) Williams, Steven (Jamie) Wedeking, Staci Wedeking, Keith Wedeking, Ashley Hawn and Sammy Jo Wedeking (Dennis Johnston); thirteen great-grandchildren, Gavin, Garret, Reese, Kyla, Haley(John), Nick, Jack, Lauren, Evan Rose, Darrel, Ember, Nox, Willow; and one

siblings, Idelle, Delores, Lyle, Dale, Harold and James.

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Milford Memorial Library Youth News

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Upcoming Events

at Occasions

street in Spencer.

1:00 Bingo

10:30 Tai Chi

11:45 Dinner Date

1:00 500/Pinochle

Friday, March 8 9:00 Coffee 'Klatch'

11:45 Dinner Date

1:00 Pool or Snooker

Sunday of every month from

Monday, March 11 11:45 Dinner Date

1:00 Mah Jong

1:00 Bingo

12:30 Movie-Pirates Of the

1:00 Bingo

Caribbean

1:00 500

Tuesday, March 5

11:45 Dinner Date

10:30 Chair Exercise

Wednesday, March 6

11:45 Dinner Date and Dig In & Discover - Spencer Hospital (wound care) 1:00 Ponytail Canasta 1:00 Pool or Snooker Thursday, March 7 10:30 Chair Exercise

Week of March 4, 2024

Milford Memorial Library has new decorations, footprints from a secret little guy, and new book displays. We also have a

variety of monthly take home sheets for the family. Look for the container in the middle of the youth book shelves. Do you like new books? Be first on the list to get them, or you can reserve certain titles through the card catalog. Let us know if you have any questions (712-338-4643).

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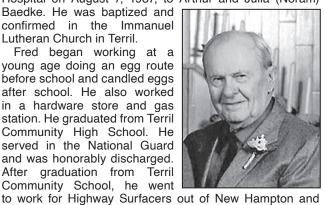
Upcoming weekly events in March at Occasions, Formerly Word Search Puzzle Key from page 8A the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th

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Obituaries

Fred (Fritz) Arthur Baedke was born in the Spencer Hospital`on Áugust 7, 1937, to Arthur and Julia (Noram) Baedke. He was baptized and

confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Terril. Fred began working at a young age doing an egg route before school and candled eggs after school. He also worked in a hardware store and gas station. He graduated from Terril Community High School. He served in the National Guard and was honorably discharged. After graduation from Terril Community School, he went



started building roads. On May 20, 1961, Fred married Arlene Probst, They spent

the summers on the road and winters back in Terril. In the winter of 1964, their son Mark was born.

Fred spent the next 25+ years working for Highway Surfacers and their sister company, Smith Construction. One of the projects that Fred worked on in the early '60s was the building of Interstate 80 in Iowa. This was an experimental project and was featured in several trade publications like Constructions Methods and Equipment, Iowa Business and Industry, and Roads and Streets.

Over his long career, he was a part of building many highways and streets in the state. In the winter, he drove semi delivering farm equipment in much of the US and Canada. Fred started farming in 1976 but continued with road construction and driving truck in the winter. In the late '70s, he started working winters for Dickinson County helping plow snow. In 1982, he started working for Dickinson County full time spending many years maintaining the roads around Terril. Over the years, Fred did several jobs to keep busy. These included School Bus Driver, School Janitor, Fuel Transport Driver, on the line at Polaris building water craft and spent many years as part of the security team at the Clay County Fair.

He and wArlene traveled throughout the US, always traveling by car. They always said they did not want to miss a portion of the country by flying over it. Many times they enjoyed taking their grandson Mike with them. He was a good husband, father and grandfather.

Fred was preceded in death by his two infant sisters and his parents, Arthur and Julia; mother and father-in-law, Henry (Nick) and Lilly Probst; brother and sister-in-law. Everett and Elaine Hatland.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Arlene; son, Mark (Maren); grandson, Michael (Megan) Baedke and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Sam Stoller, age 32, of Okoboji, Iowa, will be held at 10:30 Saturday, March 9, 2024, at St. Mary's

Catholic Church. Interment will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Samuel Alan Stoller was born May 4, 1991, and was welcomed by his parents, Marci (Zahradnik) and Larry Stoller and his brother, Brandon. Sam was raised and educated in Spirit Lake, Iowa, graduating from Spirit Lake High School He received his AA Degree



from Northwest Iowa Community College. Sam worked in construction and as a property manager.

Sam was a loving soul with a heart of gold. People always remarked about his goodheartedness along with the care and concern that he showed to other people. If anyone needed help, Sam was there without a second thought. He enjoyed the outdoors, fixing cars/machines and especially helping his mother doing various and sundry things both inside and outside of her home. In addition, he called frequently to check on her well being.

Sam passed away February 27, 2024, at thirty-two years

Sam is survived by his mother, Marci Stoller; brothers, Brandon (Whitney) Stoller and Ellis Eaton; his sister, Summer Stoller; his children, Zaylin and Layton. He is also survived by his aunts, Irene Goetsch, Shirley (Dan Dickinson), Andrea (Jeff) Schwark and Duane (Marilyn) Zahradnik; nieces and nephews, Aubrey Stoller, Jace Stoller, Brandy Eaton and Bryce Eaton. Also left to cherish his memory are many wonderful cousins, along with his beloved dogs, Marley and Zelda. Sam was truly blessed with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Stoller; sister-in-law, Julie Eaton; uncle, Bob Goetsch and grandparents, Margaret and Louie Zahradnik and Leonard and Elayne Stoller.

Sam carried his belief of helping other people into his next life by becoming a donor for the lowa Donor Network.

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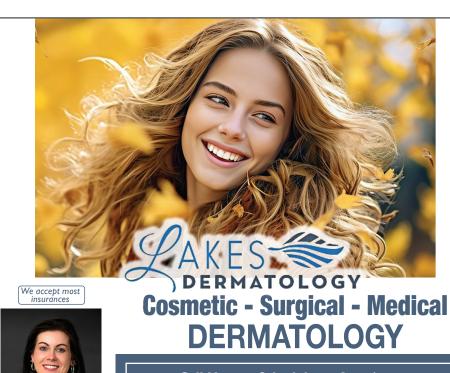
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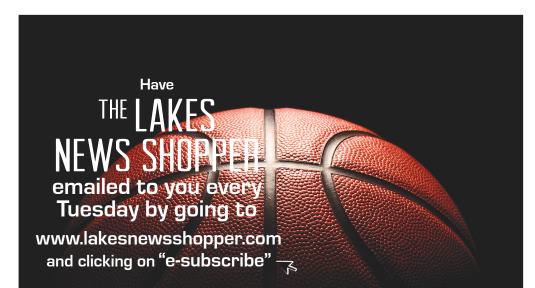






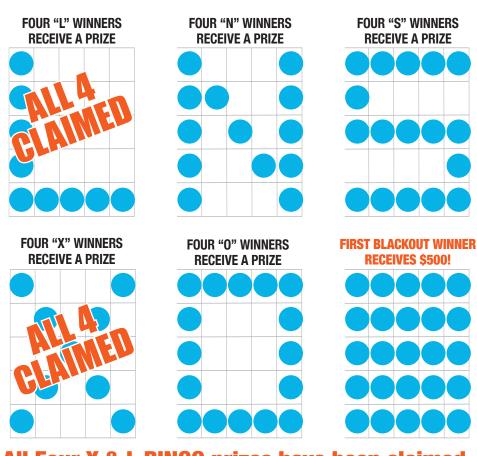
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Fourth through twelfth graders are invited to join MML's Make Your Own Luck Challenge. This challenge will be available

Tuesday, March 12, through Friday, March 22. The young adults will be given a canvas, a four-leaf clover stencil, and instructions to make chalk paint to use. This is a free activity, but does require registration. Registration can be done by calling 712-338-4643 or online at www.milford.lib.ia.us.



Join the Milford Memorial Library Book Club on Tuesday, March, 19, at 1:00 p.m., to discusse Stars Over Clear Lake by Loretta Ellsworth. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you can come and go as you please.

MML's CrAFTER Hours is happening on March 20 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. This month MML will have a guest instructor, Tena Sunde, and she will be teaching us how to crochet. Registration is required to make sure there are enough materials and the cost is \$5. For more information or to register contact the Milford Memorial Library.

Fourth graders and Up, this means adults too, are encouraged to take part in MML's Annual Spring Egg Hunt. This event will have you exploring MML while trying to find twelve special items. MML's front desk will have the sheet with the special items. Once you have located the special items, written them down, take the sheet back to the front desk to be entered into a prize drawing. The Spring Hunt prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library. This hunt runs from Monday, March 18, through Monday, April 1.

Join us on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting, fellowship, and snacks provided by the three local libraries. This month we will be joined by a special guest Kris Walker and she will lead us though a simple watercolor landscape painting. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 30 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15 for registration. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-reg-

David Lee Signs with Northwestern

David Lee, a senior at Okoboji High School, signed his Letter of Intent to play E-Sports at Northwestern College in Orange City. With this, David will be receiving a scholarship to play

E-Sports in addition to | an academic scholarship. David is the first OHS graduate who has been recruited to a higher level of education for E-Sports. During his high school career, David and his team have competed at State, coming home with two State Runner Up awards. E-Sports was first introduced at Okoboji three years ago. In addition to E-sports, David has been involved in FFA, kept stats for Okoboji Girls Basketball, musical, jazz choir, and giving back to his community with volunteer service.

David is the son of Jennifer Pernick (Kevin) and Joshua (Brittany) Lee. He is the grandson of Peggy (David) Gottsche, Milford and Kathy (Lenny) Dunn, Alta Vista, Iowa.





LRH Accepting Applications For 8-Week Summer Junior Volunteer Program

Positions provide great opportunity to experience working in the healthcare industry first-hand

Preparations are in place for Lakes Regional Healthcare's (LRH) Summer Junior Volunteer Program. Each summer roughly 30 high school and college students assist physicians, nurses and other professional staff, and patients in the Emergency and Surgery Departments. Soon they will welcome back many of these and several more students as they receive applications and complete interviews.

"Most Junior Volunteers are interested in a career in healthcare and participating in the program gives them first-hand knowledge of whether or not they would like to pursue that path," said LRH Vice President of Marketing and Retail Services Jennifer Gustafson. "This is our ninth summer offering the program, and many past Junior Volunteers are now nurses working at LRH and other systems such as Avera McKennan, Mayo Clinic, and Sanford or are in residency or medical school. We are honored to have been part of their journey.'

Interested students must submit an application, signed parental consent form, and written reference from a guidance counselor/advisor or teacher/professor. Then they are interviewed and possibly selected for a position. After being selected, they undergo the orientation process to include a health assessment, 2-step TB test, orientation assessment, background check, and safety and privacy regulations training. Each student must volunteer at least eight four-hour shifts in the program's eight weeks. This program offers two Junior Volunteer positions from which to choose and students can apply for and volunteer for one or both areas.

ER Junior Volunteer - ER Junior Volunteer shifts are four hours long and around the clock. Some of the responsibilities include assisting physicians, paramedics, and nurses, disinfecting ER rooms after patient discharge, offering items to and transporting patients, and restocking supplies. Up to 25 Junior Volunteers will be selected to be in the ER.

Surgery Junior Volunteer - Five Surgery Junior Volunteers will be accepted to fill five shifts per week - all occurring from 7:30 am until 11:30 am, Monday through Friday. These volunteers will call and escort surgery patients into the Surgery Center, turn over surgery pre-op rooms, give items to patients, transport and escort patients, assist nurses as requested, and watch surgeries in real time in the OR.

The program will also provide one 4-hour hands-on educational opportunity. Gustafson said, The Junior Volunteers will be invited to attend the optional, hands-on educational session in addition to their weekly volunteer shifts. Topics will include how to stitch, how to gown and glove, how to give an injection, and more.'

The Summer Junior Volunteer Program will run from June 2 through July 27. High school sophomores, juniors, or seniors or college students at least 16 years old by June 1 will be considered for the program. The application and parental consent form can be found at www. lakeshealth.org/volunteer and must be submitted to Gustafson by April 19. Those selected must attend a mandatory orientation session on Wednesday, May 29. For more information, contact Gustafson at 712-336-8799 or jennifer.gustafson@lakeshealth.org.



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2023 Year In Review

At the beginning of each year, the DCTB takes time to visit our partner cities and provide updates on what the previous year's trail activities involved. We are fortunate to be a part of a very supportive community of donors and local foundations along with the cities and county that make our success possible.

Below are a few numbers and highlights from the Dickinson

County Trails Board 2023 Annual Report – New benches placed around the trail that we have been sharing with our local

3.7 Miles – New trail development of Tatanka Ska Trace beginning at Market Street in Lake Park and going east to 170th Avenue.

16 Miles - Concrete and asphalt surface maintenance conducted on various trails, including Nature Center, West Okoboji, Silver Lake, Pioneer Beach, and Spine Trails.

202nd Street Trailhead - Significant changes and improvements made to the 202nd Street Trailhead in north Milford, including new concrete trail pavement and expanded parking facilities.

332,817 Trail Counts – The number of user counts tracked through 8 counters placed around the system in 2023

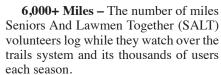
2,132 Daily Counts -Average daily count of trail users from Memorial Day through Labor

7 Trail Benches system in honor of loved ones and friends. **3 Picnic Tables –** New tables placed

Stakeout Road trailheads. Waystation #45320 - Nationally certified and registered Monarch Waystation along the Spine Trail that was created by Sophia Hawn for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

at Clair Wilson Park, 202nd Street and

\$547,000 – Grant funding awarded through Iowa DNR REAP, Iowa Economic Development CAT and Region 3



We also shared gratitude for our partnership with the Dickinson County Conservation Board (DCCB). Brian Cuperus and Clay Pavelko with the DCCB manage all of the general trail maintenance such as mowing and trimming trees for over 50 miles of trail routes and the work they do keeps our trails in excellent condition.

Overall, 2023 was a year of significant progress and development for the Iowa Great Lakes Trails. With new development, maintenance efforts and community engagement, the trail system continues to thrive and serve as a vital recreational asset for residents and visitors alike. The partnerships with local governments, donors, foundations, and organizations like the Dickinson County Conservation Board are instrumental in ensuring the success and sustainability of the trails. As we move forward, we remain committed to enhancing and expanding the trail network, further enriching the quality of life in our community.

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

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raise money for and shine a spotlight on the following Lakes Area nonprofits and initiatives during the first half of • 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

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nors connecting with area nonprofit leaders night-of, "On Us" has helped raise \$76,884.32 for 19 area organizations

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Clay County Fair Announces Two Grandstand Acts for the 2024 Fair

The Clay County Fair announces two nights of Grandstand events as part of the SRG Concert Series for the 2024 Clay County Fair powered by SMU, September 7-15.

The Mavericks with special guest The Jorgensens, Monday, September 9, 7:30pm.

The Mavericks, the eclectic rock and country group known for crisscrossing musical boundaries with abandon, has gone through three distinct phases since it was founded in Miami in 1989. An initial period of heady success marked by big hits and critical acclaim in the '90s. A long hiatus starting 2003 when the musicians each went their own way. And finally, a triumphant reunion in 2012 which held long enough for them to recently celebrate the band's 30th anniversary.



Now, The Mavericks have ushered in the fourth phase of their evolution with the #1 Billboard debut of their first-ever, all Spanish album, En Español, released on the band's own Mono Mundo label. Although all 12 tracks are in Spanish, as the title suggests, the collection represents a diversity of musical styles and cultural traditions, from tender boleros to brassy mariachi to reimagined Afro-Cuban classics. Seven of the tunes are familiar gems drawn from the vast Latin American songbook, while five are originals written or co-written by Malo.

Like the band's entire body of music, this one album cannot be boxed into a single category. The songs are as diverse as Latin America itself, and as cohesive as the ideal of the American melting pot. To season this rich musical paella, The Mavericks add their signature country/rock/Tex-Mex flavors and a refreshing spontaneity to the mix. En Español flips the band's usual fusion formula, which adds a striking assortment of genres - salsa, ska, norteño, mariachi, and much more - to its sturdy rock/country base. Now, the foundation is solidly Latin with streaks of irreverent rock and twangy guitars running through it, all branded with the unmistakable Mavericks style.

Opening for the Mavericks will be the Jorgensens. Recognized by peers and critics as one of the Twin Cities' best original bands. They incorporate blues, soul, jazz and rock into a unique style they have coined as American soul. They have played countless shows and outdoor festivals and have multiple awards under their belt from the Minnesota Music Awards.

Ticket prices are \$36 (stage front standing), \$36 (reserved Grandstand seating), and \$26 (general admission bleachers).

Blues Traveler with special guest TBA, Friday, September 13, 7:30pm

Blues Traveler has released 14 studio albums and counting, four of which have gone gold, three platinum, and one six-time platinum- selling more than 10 million combined units worldwide. Over an illustrious career Blues Traveler has played over 2,000 live shows in front of more than 30 million people, and, in "Run-Around," had the longest-charting radio single in Billboard history, which earned them a Grammy® for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals. Blues Traveler's latest effort, 2021's Traveler's Blues, is nominated for a Grammy in the category of "Best Traditional Blues Album," bringing their

Ticket prices are \$40 (stage front standing), \$35 (reserved Grandstand seating), and \$25 (general admission bleachers).

Tickets for both shows will go on sale Friday, March 1, at 10:00am. Tickets will be available online at www.midwestix.com, by phone at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events Center Box Office. All tickets, regardless of purchase location, are also subject to a handling & processing fee which is not included in the advertised price.

Bag checks are conducted at all Grandstand events. The following items will be prohibited: weapons/ firearms, alcoholic beverages not provided by the Fair & Events Center, air horns/whistles or other noisemakers, helium-filled balloons, glitter/confetti, glass bottles, fireworks and illegal substances.

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 powered by SMU. 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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42nd Annual IGL Walleye Weekend: Registration Open!

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Annual Walleye Weekend on May 4th and 5th. Online registration is now open! The fun weekend forming memories with friends and families is reason alone to get excited, but there is one other aspect



that you can't forget: the \$42,000 GRAND PRIZE!

The cost of the tournament is \$30 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those aged 15 and younger. The Extended Contest is only an additional \$20 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to catch a fish worth thousands this summer!

In addition to the tagged walleye, there are also fantastic prizes for the heaviest stringer of 3 walleye, heaviest northern pike, heaviest stringer of 5 panfish, and heaviest stringer of 10 bullhead. Well over \$3,500 in prizes for the largest fish contests will be available.

The Biggest Walleye Tournament returns on the FishDonkey app. Download the app today and pay \$20 to be entered into this additional aspect of Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend! The top three largest walleyes will be awarded a portion of registration fees. Cast your chance at some CASH!

Walleye Weekend officially begins at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 4th and concludes at noon on Sunday, May 5th. For more information regarding the 41st Annual Walleye Weekend, please visit www.okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107.

It's So Easy To Eat Healthy

by Bill Brandt, owner and operator of Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC, Lakefield, Minnesota, has this healthy solution for you and your family – Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Our business will deliver to your home or workplace, a weekly CSA share/box of locally grown produce for up to 20 weeks, starting in May and ending in October. The following are the CSA share choices:

CSAMini Share: includes one monthly delivered box of locally grown produce starting in May - October which is a total of 6 times/boxes for the 2024 growing season. A CSA mini share is for a household of 1 to 2 adults/family.

CSA Bi-Weekly Share: which is delivered every other week for a total of 10 boxes of locally grown produce

CSA Half Share: includes a weekly delivered box of locally grown produce starting in May - October for a minimum of 17 weeks to a maximum of 20 weeks. A CSA half share is for a household of 1 to 2 adults/family.

CSA Full Share: includes a weekly delivered box of locally grown produce starting in May - October for a minimum of 17 weeks to a maximum of 20 weeks. A CSA full share is for a household of 3 to 4 adults/family.

We intend to deliver 20 weeks/times for your enjoyment of our boxed produce half or full share but wish to have an understanding that our growing season can be unpredictable and have included the 17 week minimum. Deadline to purchase a CSA share is May 1, 2024.

The following fruits and vegetables will be available sometime during the 2024 growing season in the CSA box share: apples, asparagus, beans-green, beets-red or golden, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage-green or red, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chard, cucumbers-slicers-burpless-pickling, eggplant, *garlic, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce-leaf green-red-romaine, onions-red-yellowwhite, peas-sugar snap, peppers-sweet bell-hot, pie pumpkins, potatoes-red-white-Yukon, rhubarb, radishes, raspberries rutabagas, scallions, shallots, summer squash-yellow, sweet corn, tomatoes, winter squash- 10 varieties, and zucchini.

Our business is offering our community members another choice/means of accessing good food. Good food does two simple things. Good food tastes better and good food nourishes our body. Nothing is better than the first taste of a vine ripened tomato or that first ear of fresh sweet corn or for that matter, anything grown in the garden after a long cold winter!

Just as important as these two simple things is the idea of knowing exactly where your CSA box share of food was grown. Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC is leading the way with this economic model, but are teaming up with other growers in the surrounding area to help supply these CSA share boxes of fresh produce. The majority of the produce in the boxes will be grown by Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC, but some of the items such as apples, garlic, strawberries, or raspberries we do not grow and will rely on other growers of our area to supply. Produce quality in the boxes will be strictly monitored and high

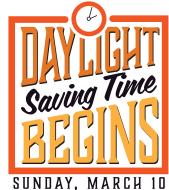
standards will be required for customer satisfaction. The following will be our delivery schedule for the 2024 growing season: Windom on Tuesdays, Spirit Lake, Milford, and Spencer on Wednesdays, Jackson on Thursdays, and Worthington on Fridays. Farm pick-up is also an option.

Please note: we are now approved to accept SNAP-EBT toward the purchase of CSA produce and/or any produce (for more information on this new service please contact us. We are excited to help you get fresh produce.

For additional information on the CSA program, including cost, call Rhonda at 507-360-5903 or Bill at 507-360-5904 or email us at brandtgardens@gmail.com or check out our website at www.brandtgardens.com.

Dance 4 Fun

The Everly dance, sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa. The doors are open at 6:15, the dance is from 7:00pm -10:30 pm. The band is Jeanne and The Machine. The theme is Mardi Gras time. Put on your dancing shoes & come join us for a fun evening of dancing! There will be mixers. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Singles and married couples are welcome.



Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings

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Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that

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Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.

Trace Adkins with Special Guest Eli Alger and The Faster Horses to Take The Stage at the 2024 Clay County Fair

The Clay County Fair powered by SMU announces Trace Adkins with special guest Eli Alger and the Faster Horses as part of the SRG Concert Series at the 2024 Clay County Fair on Sunday. September 8 at 7:30pm.

Trace Adkins has sold over 11 million albums, charted over 20 singles, earned numerous awards and Grammy nominations, and garnered over two billon streams. A Grand Ole Opry member for nearly two decades, the Louisiana native is known for dynamic baritone and fiery, always-memorable live performances, and has expanded his Country career to include film and TV acting. He broke out in 1996 with the debut album, Dreamin' Out Loud, cracking the Top 5 of Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart with "Every Light In the House Is On" and following with the #1 smash, "This Ain't (No Thinkin' Thing)." Since then, Adkins has pioneered a mix of classic Country minded traditionalism and adventurous, good-natured showmanship, breaking open new avenues in modern Country through fun-filled hits like

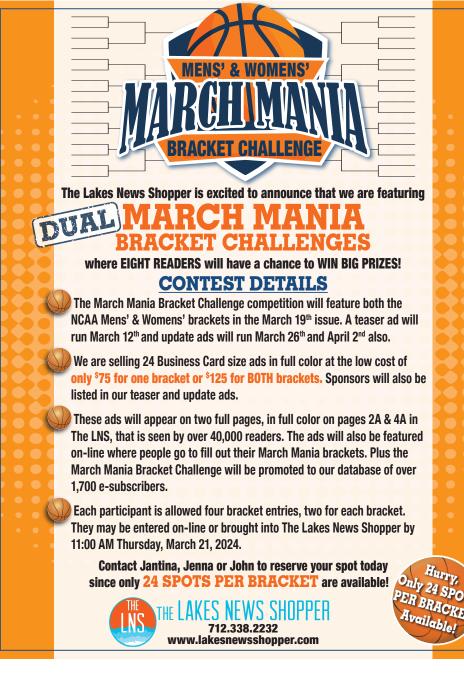


"Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" and "Hillbilly Bone" (with Blake Shelton).

Eli Alger and the Faster Horses – Alger is a born and raised Iowan who now calls Nashville home. In September 2021, he released his debut single "Rednexico" to country radio where it has since amassed over 180,000 streams and is being played on independent radio around the country. With over 1,500 shows under his belt, you can be sure that Eli Alger and the Faster Horses will put on an entertaining performance at the Clay County Fair.

Ticket prices are \$59 (stage front standing), \$49 (reserved premier Grandstand seating), \$39 (reserved Grandstand seating), and \$29 (general admission bleachers).

Tickets will go on sale Friday, March 1 at 10:00am. Tickets will be available online at www. midwestix.com, by phone at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events Center Box Office. All tickets, regardless of purchase location, are also subject to a handling & processing fee which is not included in the advertised price.





Dipped Shortbread Cookies

10 42 ounces soft butter Preheat the oven to 340°F. Grease an 8" square baking tin

4 42 ounces sugar

10 42 ounces flour

1 3/4 ounces cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt

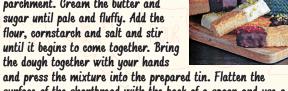
5 ounces dark chocolate

5 ounces white chocolate 2 tablespoons chopped pistachios

2 tablespoons freeze-dried

raspberries

and line the base and sides with parchment. Cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Add the flour, cornstarch and salt and stir until it begins to come together. Bring the dough together with your hands



surface of the shortbread with the back of a spoon and use a fork to prick marks along the length of the fingers. Bake for 45 minutes until pale golden. Remove from the oven and, with a knife, mark lines where you are going to cut the shortbread. Leave to cool in the tin. Melt the dark and white chocolate separately in heatproof bowls set over a pan of gently simmering water. Take the shortbread fingers and coat onethird with the chocolate. Sprinkle pistachios or freeze-dried raspberries over the chocolate end and allow to set.

Recipe Courtesy of: "The Hebridean Baker" by Coinneach MacLeod.







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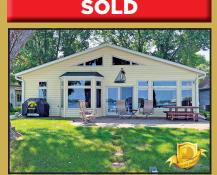
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Say Yes to a Dress at the Prom Dress Give-Away through April 13,2024,(1:00 - 4:00pm) at the Grand Avenue Community Outreach (605 Grand Avenue, across from the Pizza Ranch in Spencer). Please use the East Grand Avenue door. For questions, call or text Judy Taylor at 712-260-7221.

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:

Last summer, the Dickinson County Planning and Zoning Commission voted to form a committee to review the county's industrial wind turbine ordinances. Now, the P&Z and Board of Supervisors are in the process of revising those ordinances. But wait. The county is not just revising its turbine ordinances - somewhere along the way, the county snuck in changes to the entire conditional use permit standards that would apply to any conditional use application, not just turbines. The proposed changes severely relax the standards for any conditional use applications. These changes would make it easier for developers to put high-density RV parks on agricultural land, or to build a large condominium development in a single family residential neighborhood.

The existing conditional use standards contain a list of 14 important criteria that the Board of Adjustment "shall" consider before granting a conditional use. But the proposed changes remove this language, and would make all of the 14 listed standards optional. Standards such as whether the use would endanger public health and safety, whether it would be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity, or whether there are adequate utilities, roads, and drainage for

the conditional use. Why doesn't the county care about our health and safety? Or about our use and enjoyment of our own property? And why did the county slip in this change when they were supposed to be talking about wind turbines?

The upcoming March 18 public hearing is not just about turbines. Every Dickinson County resident should be concerned about this proposed change to the zoning ordinance, regardless of your position on wind turbines. Voice your concern by emailing mkardell@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov and ask the P&Z not to make any changes to the general standards found in article 21, section 4 of the zoning ordinance. Attend the March 18 public hearing. And let your county supervisor know you are not in support of these changes.

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Introducing Boji's Booming Bracket Battle

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited for the return of Boji's Booming Bracket Battle - a fourth of July Fireworks fundraiser. This March Madness inspired bracket battle will help ignite the night this fourth of July and end with a pie in the face of one lucky community member.

Nominations are now *open* and will close on Tuesday, March 5th. Who do you want to see pied in the face? All are able to compete in this FUNdraiser for the 4th of July Fireworks celebration - it is up to you to decide who. Check out our weekly email, Facebook, and Instagram for the online nomination link.

After nominations will be the elimination round to vote for the Sparkling Sixteen with a photo album on Facebook. Nominees will then be matched up and compete in Boji's Booming Bracket Battle throughout the month of March. Rounds will be held each week in March to narrow down competitors until we reach one final winner. Rounds include: Sparkling Sixteen, Explosive Eight, Fiery Four, Grand Finale Duo.

Fundraising begins during the Sparkling Sixteen round when nominees go head-to-head against each other. Donate any amount to help the individual of your choice move on to the next round. Each round eliminates a group of contenders. The final winner will receive a pie in the face. Each round eliminates participants, so make sure to donate for who you'd like to see in the final round. Donations reset after each round.

Let's ignite the night this 4th of July with a booming fireworks display over West Lake Okoboji. Have some fun and help fundraise for this unforgettable show through Boji's Booming Bracket Battle, a "March Madness" themed fundraiser with The fight to protect our property rights is not over. We need head-to-head match-ups of community members competing for the ultimate prize of a pie in the face.

> Your contributions are greatly appreciated by generations who continue to enjoy this Okoboji tradition. For more information, contact the IGL Chamber at 712-332-2107.



Saving Time

SUNDAY, MARCH

Peterson to Present at ILUUF

Pastor Emma Peterson will preside over the March 10 Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. Her message is titled "Worshipping

the Old Gods: Slavic Paganism and Other Lost Religions."

The service will be held 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

Pastor Emma has dedicated her ministry to honoring the "inherent worth and dignity"

of every person she encounters. She received her M.Div from Yale, and began a career in hospital chaplaincy, specifically in areas of neonatal care, hospice, and trauma. Working on the precipice of life and death allowed her to consider life's biggest questions, seek the sacred in the midst of chaos, and connect with others in their most vulnerable moments. She is the Settled Minister for the Cedar Valley UU Congregation in Cedar Falls.

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













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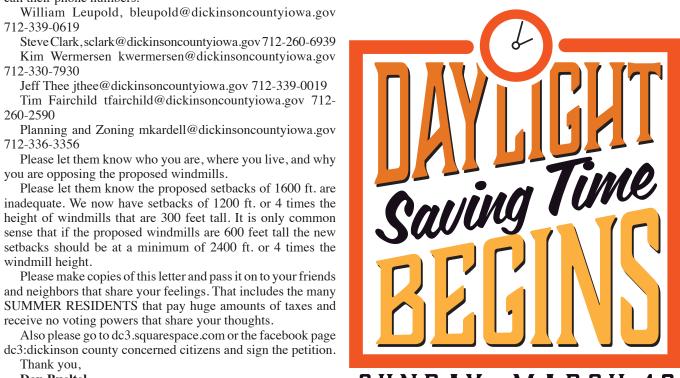




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with Board Members. Request the Planning & Zoning Commission to deny and further revise this proposed ordinance.

- ATTEND the Planning and Zoning Committee public hearing on Monday, March 18th at 10 AM
- SEND a letter to Megan Kardell, Zoning Administrator or email to mkardell@
- SIGN the petition available online on Facebook

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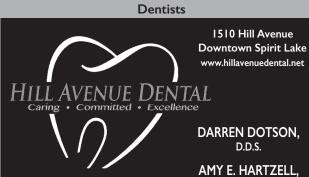


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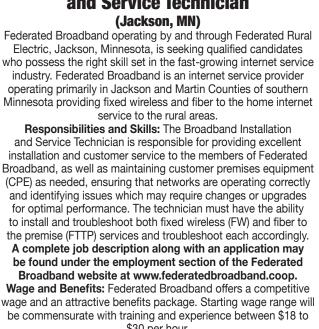
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