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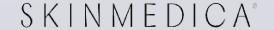




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- •1st Place: Lisa Johnson of Milford -303 points \$100
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- •3rd Place: Scott Nolte of Spencer-287 points \$50

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•4th Place: Larry Lee of Spirit Lake - Hinn Real Estate, J & J Transport, Lee Custom Homes, McKeen's Pub & Grill, Midwest Land Management, Milford Motors, Next Home, Okoboji Barn, Okoboji Mattress, Overhead Door, Sunshine Foods, The Venue and The Tobacco Shop.



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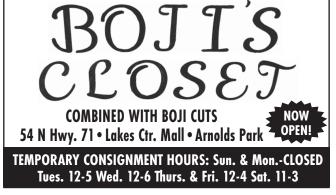
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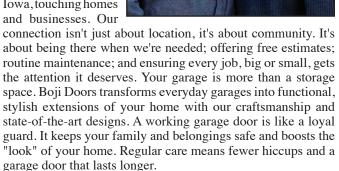


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Annual Adaptive Baseball Game

The No Boundaries Playball team is excited to announce that the Northwest Iowa All-Inclusive League is hosting its annual

adaptive baseball No Boundaries game on April 27th with the first pitch at noon with a family picnic to follow. The game will be held at Wildcat Stadium in Arnolds Park. This event is offered free of charge to students who have a disability and or need an adaptive play style. Please

visit their Facebook page at (Northwest Iowa All-Inclusive League) or scan the QR code to register.



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Lakes Area **Activity Center**

April Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center Tuesday, April 16 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:30 - Dinner Date Speakers - Bob and Kate Shaw - Ice Cream Truck 12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, April 17 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, April 18 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 4:30 - Hope Haven

Friday, April 19 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group

5:00 - Zumba Class

1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, April 20 Facility available for rent Sunday, April 21 8:30 - Breakfast Fundraiser

Monday April 22 9:00 - Exercise

1:00 - Pinochle

1:30 - Table Tennis Dinner Date meals are

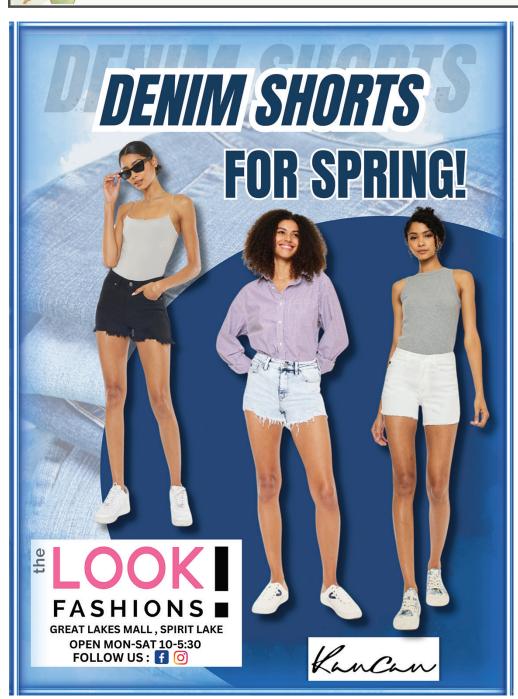
available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursdays at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date! Sewing Group meets Fridays at 1pm. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be This Sunday, April 21, from 8:30-12:30 -Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in

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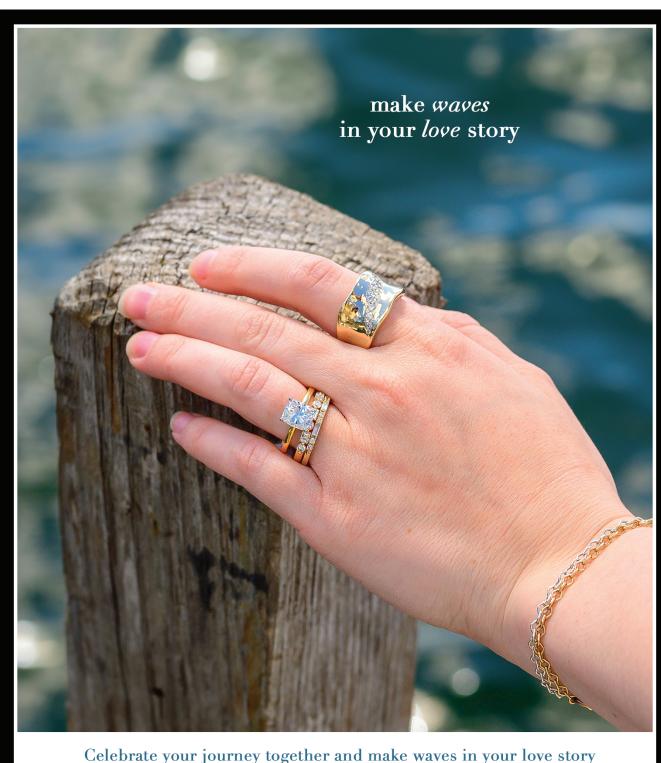
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Third Eye Blind Added to Clay County Fair Grandstand Lineup

The Clay County Fair powered by SMU announces Third Eye Blind with a special guest to be announced later as part of the SRG Concert Series at the 2024 Clay County Fair on Saturday, September 14, at 7:30 pm.

Since 1997, San Francisco's Third Eye Blind has recorded five best-selling albums and assembled one career retrospective. Led by Stephan Jenkins, 3EB has earned worldwide success during a tumultuous group of years when the major-label recording industry was finally losing its grip on an enterprise that for decades it had dominated with steely efficiency. Nothing could



Third Eye Blind's 2021 album Our Bande Apart was recorded when lockdown ended, with Bethany Cosentino of Best Coast and Ryan Olson of Poliça. The band has continued to have gained artistic clarification—and, surprisingly, a fanbase that is larger, younger and more dedicated than ever.

Third Eye Blind is supporting SeaTrees on its 2022 tour, an organization that helps restore a portion of the Palos Verdes Kelp Forest. The ocean has the power to restore climate change. The latest science shows that globally, kelp forests can sequester more carbon than mangrove forests - restoring these sequoias of the sea is critical to solving climate change as 93% of all carbon in the carbon cycle is stored in our oceans (meaning just 7% is stored across our atmosphere and land biosphere.

Third Eye Blind joins KANSAS, Trace Adkins, The Mavericks, and Blues Traveler as part of the SRG Concert Series for the 2024 Clay County Fair. The fair runs September 7th – 15th.

Ticket prices are \$65 (Stage Front Standing), \$45 (Reserved Premier Grandstand Seating), \$35 (Reserved Grandstand Seating), and \$25 (General Admission Bleachers). Ticket prices do not include handling & processing fees.

Tickets went on sale Friday, April 12, 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.

Ormsby Show

The Spring Ormsby Antique & Collectibles Show, in Ormsby, Minnesota, on Highway 4, will be held Thursday - Sunday, April 25-28 and May 2-5, from 10:00am - 6:00pm.

There will be gifts, garden art, primitives, furniture, home décor and jewelry.

See Ormsby Antique Show on Facebook.

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4:30-5:00 Registration

5:00-6:00 Seminar Stations (10 minutes each)

1. Fish Cleaning

2. DNR Fish ID 3. DNR Safety

6:00-7:00 Fishing Contest Bring your own fishing pole,

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May 1 | 6:00pm | \$50/\$55

Come and taste international winemaker Nick Goldschmidt's wines as he teaches the finer points of winemaking! These unique single vineyard beauties highlight the distinct characteristics and attributes derived from the most esteemed regions of California and New Zealand. Light savory snacks from Yesterdays will be served. Registration required by April 24.

Grandma's Kitchen **Timeless Treats**

May 7 | 1:00pm | \$25/\$30

Sisters Kris Walker and Kathy McGill take you back to simpler times in this handson dessert making class, inspired by treasured recipes from their grandmother Learn by doing and then enjoy the freshly prepared sweets served on antique dishes. "BYOA" - Bring your own apron and appetite! Registration required by May 4.

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May 9: Forgotten Dayton-Hudson Salads

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6:30pm | \$70/\$75 | Partner ticket Add \$10. Take home a full 10x10 charcuterie disposable tray (serves 2-4).

April 25

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Sunday, April 21 • 8AM-2PM American Legion • 1102 15th Street • Spirit Lake

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SPEAKERS ON TUESDAY at 12:30pm

• April 16: Bob & Kate Shaw, Ice Cream Truck

• April 23: Spring Jones, Veterans Affairs

 April 30: Treva Graves, Healthy Food Conversations

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

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Cullen, Jones to Speak at 2024 Okoboji Blue Water Festival

come together for Greg Drees and Julie Peterson, co-chairs for the Okoboji Blue Water Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 10, at Preservation Plaza Green Space in Arnolds Park, along the shores of West Lake Okoboji.

Art Cullen, editor and co-owner of the Storm Lake Times and Chris Jones, recently retired research engineer at the University of Iowa, will be the keynote speakers/panelists for the early afternoon Clean Water Discussion. According to Peterson, she and Drees are excited for people to learn more about water quality issues – both successes and problems that need to be addressed.

Peterson says, "We are privileged 5-star read.

to have two such distinguished speakers join us under the Big Tent at this year's festival." Meanwhile Drees notes, "This is huge for the festival. Both speakers will bring a unique perspective to the clean water issues facing us today.'

About Art Cullen

Cullen is a familiar face to many across northwest Iowa as the editor and co-owner of the Storm Lake Times. Cullen won

Two more pieces of the puzzle have the Pulitzer Prize in 2017 for exposing pertinent information such as nitrate, pH dark money in corporate agriculture. and dissolved oxygen concentrations, Judges noted, "For editorials fueled by tenacious reporting, impressive expertise

> and engaging writing that successfully challenged the powerful corporate agricultural interests in Iowa."

Cullen also chronicled Storm Lake with his January 2020 novel entitled Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland, published by Amazon. Over 70% of those who reviewed Cullen's book found it to be a



About Chris Jones

Jones recently retired as a research engineer for the University of Iowa's Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research (IIHR) and for many years has been known for his water quality advocacy. By googling Jones's University of Iowa's IIHR website, you can find a main link for the Iowa Water Quality Information System (IWQIS), which provides access to real-time

discharge rates and temperature.

From June of 2016 through April of 2023, Jones wrote monthly blogs on the Hydroscience & Engineering website covering such topics as water quality and agriculture, water monitoring and nutrient and sediment transport.

> Prior to his work with the university's IIHR, Jones worked with the Iowa Soybean Association and the Des Moines Water Works. About Julie Gammack

Julie Gammack, who will moderate the event, is an Iowa native and journalist and founder of the Iowa Writers' Collaborative. In addition, Gammack is host of the annual Writers' and Songwriters' Retreat in Okoboji and also author of Julie Gammack's Iowa Potluck.

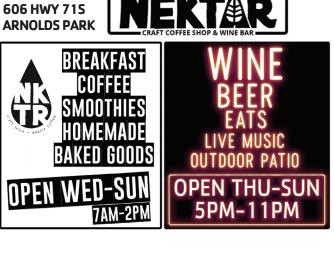
Drees concludes, "We are so excited to have Art Cullen and Chris Jones as our panelists and for Julie Gammack to agree to be our moderator. Both Cullen and Jones are passionate about the state of Iowa, its people and the plight of Iowa's clean water efforts. Julie and I hope that we can get a huge crowd to be part of the



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Spring Bingo Nights Milford Kiwanis presents Spring

Bingo Nights the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, April 25, 2024. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A light meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for a free will donation. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.







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Area Students Recognized

The annual Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honors Convocation was held at Morningside University during which several students and employees were recognized for their academic, co-curricular, athletic, and professional achievements.

The following area students received awards:Haley Jane Hallengren, of Milford, and Anna C. Fuelberth, of Spirit Lake.

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Respite Angels Birthday

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Announcement

Jan Kischer celebrated her 80th birthday on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Please join the family in celebrating Jan with a card shower. Birthday greetings can be sent to Jan at 1305 Jeppeson Rd. Apt. #207 Milford, IA 51351.





Milly Celebrates 100 Years

This amazing lady/local teacher to many will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 23, 2024. Cards may be sent to Mildred Anderson Accura HealthCare 1912 Zenith Ave #129 Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.







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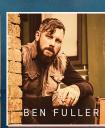
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Weekly Events at **Occasions**

Upcoming weekly events in April at Occasions, Formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th street in Spencer.

Tuesday, April 16 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Bingo 1:00 500

Wednesday, April 17

10:30 Tai Chi 11:45 Dinner Date and Dig In & Discover - Dr. Dan Jorgensen (Guatemala Trip) 1:00 Ponytail Canasta 1:00 Pool / Snooker Thursday April 18 10:30 Chair Exercise

1:00 Bingo 1:00 500/Pinochle Friday, April 19 9:00 Coffee 'Klatch' 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Pool or Snooker

Sunday, April 21

11:45 Dinner Date

8:00 Breakfast Fundraiser - Ron's Pancakes, Biscuits Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sweet Bite, Coffee, Juice, Bloody Mary 1:00 Pinochle/500 Monday, April 22

1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Cards

Free baked goods donated *by Hy-Vee*. Generous donations of baked goods, including breads, cakes, cookies, and bars are available for pickup at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Enjoy lunch at Occasions Monday through Friday. Home cooked meals are catered by McCreary's Hospitality. Simply call 712-262-1782 a day ahead so we can put in the order for your meal. Join us for sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast the third Sunday of every month from 8am-12:30pm.



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Community-Wide Baby Shower

Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) is hosting a baby shower event at Lake Okoboji Resort & Conference Center (formerly

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center) on Saturday, April 27 from 9 am until 11 am for area women. It will



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be a free come-and-go event for hopeful, expectant, and new moms. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to learn about pregnancy, labor, and delivery from physicians, nurses, new moms, and more. Plus, they can learn about local resources available for new parents and children and even have a chance at winning a month's worth of diapers.

The event will include two group question/answer sessions. The first will be held at 9:15 am and discuss pregnancy. Panel members will include an OB physician from Lakes Regional Family Medicine, OB nurse, and a Registered Dietitian. Questions such as how to know when it is the best time to get pregnant, at what point should fertility help be pursued, what are the costs to receive prenatal care and during the hospital stay, and how to prepare now to have a healthy pregnancy will all be answered at the event. Those at the event can ask the panel their questions directly or do it anonymously via text message to a panel facilitator.

The second session will be held at 10:00 am and will be real talk with new moms, OB nurses, and a pelvic health physical therapist. Questions such as what labor really felt like, what helped through labor, what baby items are must-haves, and more will be answered at the event. Again, those at the event can ask the panel their questions directly or anonymously.

While not attending the question/answer sessions, those in attendance will be able to enjoy delicious goodies such as cupcakes, punch, and more. They will also be able to enter a drawing for a month's worth of free diapers (size 2). Local daycare providers, photographers, WIC, and more will also be available at the event.

"This is going to be a fun event, something girlfriends can enjoy doing together on a Saturday morning," said LRH Vice President of Marketing and Retail Services Jennifer Gustafson. "Becoming a mom is exciting, but also a bit daunting, and we're looking forward to helping the new generation of local moms connect with and learn from each other."

Family Nature Night

Happy Arbor Day! The Dickinson County Conservation Board is celebrating as we host Family Nature Night: Tree Hugging.

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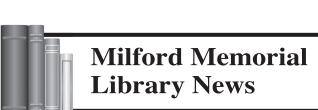
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We are heading outdoors for a scavenger hunt on Friday, April 26th, at 5:00 p.m. You better be-leaf that attendees will also use their creativity to make a craft to take home. Families will also learn about the resources that trees provide for wildlife and humans.

Environmental Education Coordinator Danika

Cox is excited to bring new light to subject of trees. "My hope is that trees, which for many is a boring topic, become something fun and interesting!" Cox said that she is looking forward to the scavenger hunt, stating, "It's a great opportunity to be out in nature together while looking at trees in a new way. It also gives people a chance to explore parts of nature that are often

To sign up for this free program, please visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call 712-336-6352. Like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest news and updates about the Nature Center.



Congratulations to Milford Memorial Library's Spring Coloring Contest Winners:

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(MML)

- 2-3-year-old: JJ
- 4-5-year-old: Norah 6-8-year-old: Kennedi
- 9-10-year-old: Rowan

Thank you to everyone for sharing their artistic talents with us in MML's 2024 Spring Coloring Contest! We are looking forward to seeing your creativity next year.

Milford Memorial Library would like to invite everyone to stop in during the month of April to see all of the colorful spring chicks on display. Stop by soon before they hop away!

Congratulations to Amelia and Veyda for being Milford Memorial Library's Read Across America winners! Thank you to those who took the time to complete various reading challenges during March. MML is looking forward to seeing how you tackle next year's challenges.

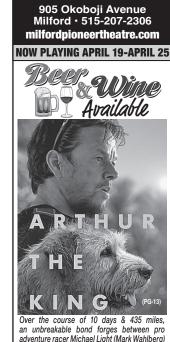
Come and play during MML's Minds in Motion on Monday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m. Younger kids, along with a guardian, are able to freely explore, play, and learn during this time. All of the materials and services are provided by the library.

Join Arnolds Park Public Library, Milford Memorial Library and the Spirit Lake Public Library on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m., at the Milford Community Center for a presentation on the History of the University of Okoboji. Learn how this mythical university came to be and what they continue to do for our community. This is a free event and no registration required. Refreshments will be provided.

Friday, April 19, is the last day for MML's Young Adult Spring Challenge. Fourth through twelfth graders will be creating flowers out of buttons, wire and a salt shaker. This free activity, but does require registration. Register by calling Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643.

Spring is popping up and so are new titles at Milford Memorial Library! New titles that have been checked out recently are The Women by Kristin Hannah, Love, Bluey by Suzy Brumm, Heroes by Alan Gratz, and Why We Remember: Unlocking Memory's Power to Hold on to What Matters by Charan Ranganath. You may reserve a title by calling MML at 712-338-4643 or by going to our online catalog at www.milford.lib.ia.us.

Want to be the first to see the new titles or see what is happening at MML? Follow Milford Memorial Library on Facebook, X (formally Twitter), Instagram, Pinterest, or stop by our website at www.milford.lib.ia.us.

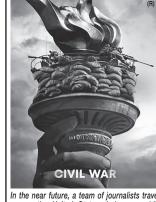


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Look, I want clean, beneficial, affordable, resourceful wind energy just like everyone else.

But, from what I've experienced and researched in the past decades; what these wind turbines offer is just an ideology, or an illusion at best. They do not benefit us as a community and are self-serving only to those who are receiving financial gains at the expense of the negative health effects of residents and the natural habitat.

The Dickinson County region, for well over hundreds of years, has been a well-known, naturally established migration path for Humans, birds and other creatures.

So, what are we as a community to do? Just ignore this intrusion? Accept the payoffs and what outsiders have decided to impose on our families and environment? Allow them to pave our little piece of paradise?

While living in O'Brien County I experienced how the country side was converted from fields of farmland into a massive sea of turbine farms; stretching across our once flat undisturbed horizon.

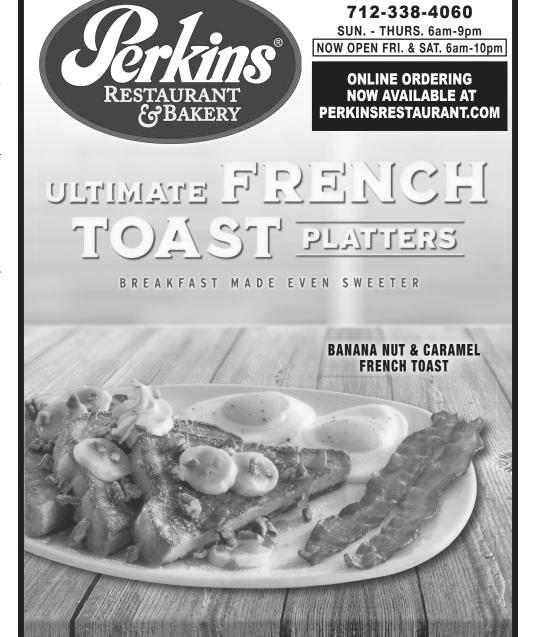
O'Brien County which is prime farm ground, now has the highest number of windmills in the whole state of Iowa. When I return to the area there is a sense of diminished quality of life I can't explain. This does raise a concern as to what will become of the beautiful serene horizon of the Iowa Great Lakes Region.

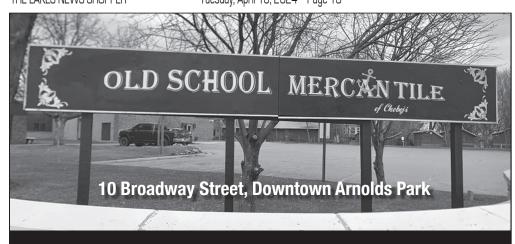
I propose that a 30 mile radius be set forth surrounding the Iowa Great Lakes region. IGLA needs to be protected from all wind turbines as well as pipelines in order to better secure and preserve the safety and happiness of our families and the environment.

The true gold in this world is found in God and the divine thread that binds us to do what is right. We must do unto others as we would want done unto us and our loved ones, including being good stewards over the creation.

We all have friends and family on both sides of this wind turbine dilemma. At the end of it all we will all still be friends and family. I urge everyone to extend loving kindness and understanding throughout this obstacle that divides us. Look at the long game and what our children's children will be dealing with in the future. Now is our time to make a difference by taking a stand.

Thank you. Keep Okoboji Blue. Nickolas Donkersloot, Spirit Lake, Iowa





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Dickinson County Treasurer's News

The Dickinson County Treasurer's Office is now accepting the 2024 Iowa Property Tax Credit Claims for property tax assistance for the September 2024/March 2025 property tax payments. There are three types of assistance available.

One is a property tax credit for those who qualify by either age or disability as well as income. The property tax credit is paid by the state of Iowa on a sliding scale with a maximum amount of \$1000. Another program sets a baseline amount for future property taxes. It is based on age and income. There is also assistance paid by the state of Iowa for mobile home, manufactured and modular homeowners who qualify by age and income.

"Property tax credits were established by the state legislature many years ago to help low-income elderly property owners, totally disabled property owners and low-income mobile homeowners pay their property taxes," says Dickinson County Treasurer, Kris Rowley. "Two years ago, the Iowa legislature created a property tax baseline, like a freeze, for claimants 70 years and older with qualifying income."

The claim forms are available at the Dickinson County Treasurer's Office or on Dickinson County's website at https://dickinsoncountyiowa.gov/treasurer on the Treasurer page. Proof of all income and/or proof of disability if applicable must be submitted as well. Claims must be submitted each year.

The eligibility for the property tax assistance programs are as

- 65 or older as of December 31, 2023, with a total household income in 2023 of less than \$25,328.00 for Property
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Number of persons in family/household	Total household income is less than or equal to
1	\$36,450.00
2	\$49,300.00
3	\$62,150.00
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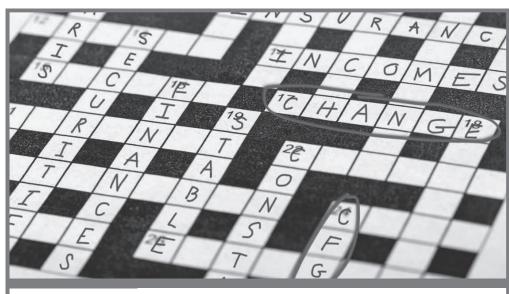
For families/households with more than 8 persons, \$12,850 is added for each additional person.

23 or older as of December 31, 2023, with a total household income in 2023 of less than \$25,328.00 for mobile/ manufactured/modular home tax credits.

There is also Rent Reimbursement Assistance available through the Iowa Department of Human Services for people 65 and older or 18 - 64 years and disabled. Income must be less than \$25,328 to qualify.

For more information regarding property taxes or credit claim forms, contact the Dickinson County Treasurer's Office at 712-336-6333, option 4. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2024, to appear on the property tax statement. The county treasurer can extend the deadline to accept claims through March 31, 2025, for just cause.

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Mark in Pipestone Minnesota

Dear Mark,

Well... that's a lot of stuff going on there. The inspection was spot on. We highly recommend one every time and not from where it is being purchased. As for the problems you have had, they are all common issues at 80k on these but not always. They don't set off our alarm bells. The warranties on the other hand do. While there are some exceptional extended warranty companies out there, there are many more that are not so great. A warranty is there to protect you and save you money, but they tend to be expensive and if they won't pay for a repair when you have a problem then it does you no good. Read the fine print many times and understand what's covered before committing to one.

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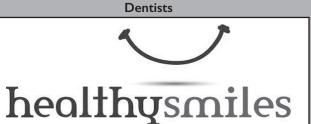
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Mau Marine Honored With Two Major Service Awards

In celebration of Sea Ray's 65th anniversary, Mau Marine was honored with the Overall Excellence Award and the Unrivaled Support Award during the 2024 dealer meeting. Mau Marine was selected as one of the top five Sea Ray dealerships two times over in separate categories. With over 218 Sea Ray dealerships in North America, Mau Marine was acknowledged as one of the top organizations consistently delivering an industry-leading customer experience.

The awards recognize dealerships with exceptional customer satisfaction. Customer survey scores are solely based on customer feedback and their willingness to recommend the company. The award from Sea Ray highlights the dealerships that provide a premium experience to customers at every stage of their boating journey.

"We are thrilled and honored to receive these awards from Sea Ray," said Julie Andres, Co-Owner at Mau Marine. "These awards are a testament to our team's unwavering dedication to providing the best possible experience for our customers."

'We have such fond memories of boating as a family." said Susan Mau, Julie's sister and Co-Owner. "It's very rewarding to help create these precious moments for our customers. Being recognized for doing it at an elite level just brings it full circle

"It is a privilege to work with the best dealer network in the marine industry," said Keith Yunger, President, Sea Ray Boats. "Since 1959, much of our success has been due to dealers with unwavering support and superior service. We are thrilled to honor them for their achievements throughout our partnership."

Sea Ray celebrated its 65th anniversary at its marine industry dealer meeting April 3-5 at The Westin Resort in Cape Coral, Florida. During the event attendees enjoyed training, business updates, award recognitions, and on-water product demonstrations of Sea Ray's latest model line-up including the award-winning SLX 260 and all-new SDX 270 Surf. The culminating awards ceremony was headlined by legendary college football coach, Urban Myer, also a Sea Ray owner. The event was attended by dealers from around the world.

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Pioneer Parents Year in Review

It's hard to believe the year is almost over at OES. Pioneer Parents (the Parent-Teacher group of Okoboji Elementary) has had a wonderful year supporting the students and staff of OES.

We are a welcoming group of parents, family members and staff members of students of OES and this year had an average attendance of 14 at our monthly meetings! We are grateful for that as well as for all of the individuals and businesses who supported OES with finances, food, and much more! Here are a few highlights from the year!



- Teacher Requests- EACH teacher at OES is allotted some money to use throughout the year to buy things that support their students that are not typically covered by the school budget. We had the highest number of teachers use up these funds this year, directly impacting the students of OES!
- New Playground Equipment-This year, we reached out to local businesses to help purchase some new adjustable basketball hoops and some new soccer nets. We are so grateful to the local businesses who helped with this endeavor! Holiday Movie- Pioneer Parents sponsors the Holiday Movie every year. The entire
- OES student body gets to go to the movies at Milford Pioneer Theater to see a show in December, complete with a snack pack! Staff Appreciation Week- A big highlight of the spring is spreading some love to the
- amazing staff at OES. Thanks to many of our OES families for donating some items for each day's theme! Some of the money raised throughout our various fundraisers this year went towards the purchase of some special items for the staff- an ice machine and a new popcorn machine!

Also sponsored this year by Pioneer Parents: Date to Create, conference food for teachers, school movie license, special assemblies, PBIS incentives, and student snacks.

If you'd like to get involved, we typically meet the third Tuesday of the month, at the OES library, at 6:00 p.m. Our final meeting for the school year is Tuesday, April 23. And if you're a community member who would like to support OES, we have our final fundraiser of the year going on right now through April 22- Yummy Pastry Puffins just in time for spring brunches and Mother's Day! Contact Pioneer Parents at oesparents@gmail.com for more information about the fundraiser or anything about Pioneer Parents!

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It was another great season for the Okoboji High School Jazz Band in 2023-2024 as they competed for the first time in Class 3A. Under the direction of Mr. James Kunz, the 18-member jazz band took 3rd place at the Iowa Lakes Jazz Band Contest on Jan. 19th, earned a Division I rating at the IHSMA State Festival on Jan. 22nd, placed 2nd at the Morningside Jazz Festival on Feb. 8th, and took home 1st place at the USD Coyote Jazz Festival on March 19th.

On February 20th, the band qualified for the 29th straight year for Iowa Jazz Championships when they were named District Champions at NWIBA Districts. This is an impressive streak!

On April 2nd, the jazz band competed in Des Moines at the Iowa Jazz Championships. Though they have been at IJC 29 years, this was the first time in the much larger Class 3A. Okoboji was the smallest school competing in 3A but the band showed their strengths and took home 5th place!

Throughout the season, many members won Outstanding Soloist Awards: Michael Gonnerman, Cole Becker, Sam Hoggard, Hunter Hallengren, Elliana Antoine, Trigg Heimdal, Marc Hoggard and Lydia Downing.

OHS Jazz Band Members:

Seniors: Addison Cunningham, Isabelle Gehrke, Michael Gonnerman, Hunter Hallengren, Sam Hoggard.

Juniors: Cole Becker, Tyler Christenson, Lydia Downing, Trigg Heimdal, McKenna Hesse, Marc Hoggard.

Sophomores: Zoe Drost, Ben Roos.

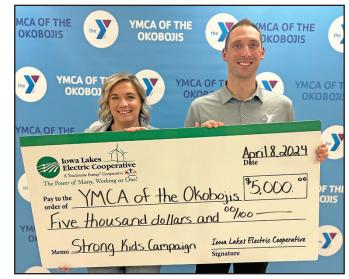
Freshmen: Elliana Antoine, Annie Clements, Ella Downing, Brielle Hesse, Annamaria Simone. Come see the award-winning jazz band perform on Tuesday, April 30th at 7 pm at the OHS Auditorium as part of the Spring Concert, and then hear only the jazz band at their "Jazz at the Pavilion" concert on Saturday, May 4th at 6 pm at the Arnolds Park Majestic Pavilion.

Okoboji Fine Arts is proud of the exemplary work of the OHS Jazz Band! Photo courtesy of Split Rock Photography.



Free Breakfast at **Grandview Church**

Free Breakfast Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 - 10:00am. at the Grandview Church gym. Burritos, pancakes, sausage, and eggs are being cooked, and milk, juice and coffee will also be served. The breakfast is completely free, and everyone is invited. Breakfast will be served at Grandview Baptist Church's gym, which is at 3705 170th Street, in Estherville. We have had an average of 150 people attend the free breakfasts. There will also be a small food pantry for families to take shelf-stable food. Thanks to Estherville Foods, HyVee, Fareway & Kwik Star for donating food for the event. If you have questions, please contact Brett Fuelberth at 712-330-1145.



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- Proud Grandpa to three grandchildren
- Worked with the lowa National Guard
- Served in the US Army in Vietnam and Korea- worked as a sergeant, intelligence officer, retired as Captain
- Worked 37 years in manufacturing- from floor supervisor to manager
- Active member with Spirit Life Fellowship Church
- Enjoy reading and fishing on the lakes
- Registered Republican

VIEWS

- I am a common person in the community who has become disillusioned with government
- I have come to believe that God created government to suppress evil. If we are not vigilant, evil creeps in and lulls us into complacency
- I believe in Dickinson County, so much that I retired here for the peace and beauty that it offers

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- Limited government that lives within a balanced budget framework. If necessary, will advocate freezing spending and no pay raises for the **Board of Supervisors**
- Support economic development that promotes affordable housing, higher paying jobs and economic opportunity for everyone
- Will say NO to industrial growth that does not promote the health, safety and actual economy of Dickinson County
- Priority to protect the waterways, land and ecosystem for future generations. Government must never take action that harms the health and beauty of this wonderful prairie gem

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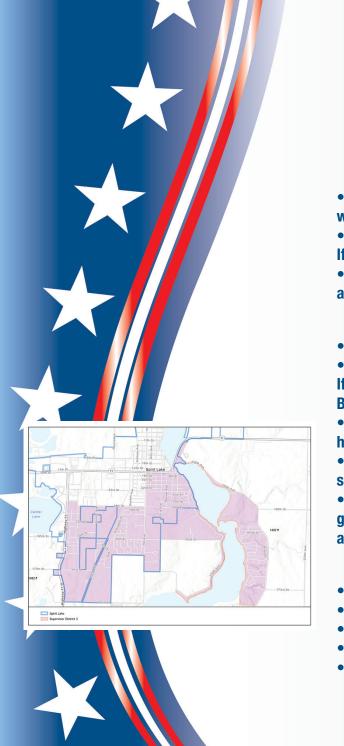
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The Okoboji Middle School Speech Team had a terrific performance night on Monday, April 1st, to wrap up their season. Coaches Erin Frerichs and Deborah Clark directed the team in a One Act Play, 2 Readers Theatre pieces, a Literary Program individual piece, and 4 group improvs. There will be lots of talent heading toward OHS Speech in the next couple of years!

The One Act Play had every student involved and was a great version of "Stone Soup." The cast included: Lyla Petersen, Chloe Layman, Hudson Downing, Brynna Jurgensen, Brody Titterington, Meggann Fisher, Madalyn DeMuth, Ada Conover, Emma Frerichs, JJ Smith, Caden Hebert, Claire Sandbulte, Eva Hoggard and Elle Lippon.

The first Readers Theatre was called "The Big Dance" and featured: Meggann Fisher, Emma Frerichs, Chloe Layman, Elle Lippon, Lyla Petersen, and Claire Sandbulte. The second Readers Theatre was called "Social Media" and featured characters representing different forms of social media and included: Brody Titterington, Ada Conover, JJ Smith, Brynna Jurgensen, Hudson Downing, Madalyn DeMuth, and Eva Hoggard filling in for Caden Hebert.

Four improv teams performed. Improv 1 was JJ Smith and Chloe Layman. Improv 2 was Ada Conover, Madalyn DeMuth and Emma Frerichs. Improv 3 was Lyla Petersen and Eva Hoggard. Improv 4 was Brody Titterington and Meggann Fisher. The night wrapped up with Madalyn DeMuth performing a Literary Program titled "Misfits."

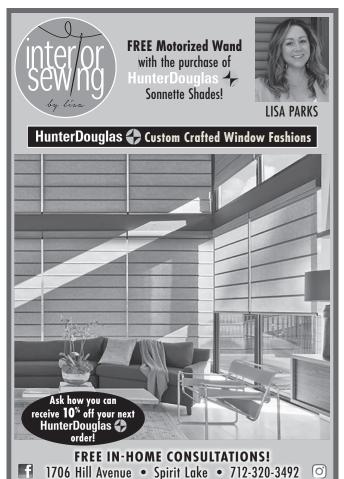
Thanks to Andrew Frerichs for running lights, Ann Williamsen for teaching an improv clinic, Adam & Chloe Layman for music assistance, and the OHS Drama Dept. & Treasure Village for costumes and props.



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Sun., April 21 - 11:30 AM -Coins to be sold at 9:30. Estate auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921 www.nattressauctions.com.

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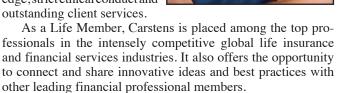
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Boji Booming Bracket Battle - It's Fight Night!

Join the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber for the Grand Finale Showdown of Boji's Booming Bracket Battle. The March ly 200 test-takers Madness themed fundraiser began in early March with head to in the subject of head battles of nominated locals where donations helped them High Performance move on to the next round. Each round helps raise funds for Motorsports Techthe annual 4th of July Fireworks show over West Lake Okoboji and gets participants one step closer to getting pied in the face. The Grand Finale duo is here, and we can't wait to celebrate high school, Gonwith everyone.

Save the date Friday, April 19th, and join the Iowa Great guished himself Lakes Area Chamber, from 4:00-6:00pm, at Oak Hill Outdoor as a versatile and accomplished student. His participation in for the final match up and live pie in the face. Donations will be Cross Country, Wrestling, Jazz Band, FFA, and attainment of collected for your preferred individual with the final fundraiser the rank of Eagle Scout underscore his commitment to excelbeing crowned with a pie right to the face live on Friday at 6:30pm, right before the Jeremy Dewall Band begins.

The Boji Booming Bracket Battle last year raised over \$7,000 and we hope to get close to that this year. Brady Parks currently has the lead with \$975 in donations, while Morgan Strauss has \$355, but he's not the winner yet. Donations will continue until check, and card donations will be accepted on Friday, April 19, from 4:00-6:00pm, at Oak Hill Outdoor.

For more information and additional updates, visit okobojichamber.com/4th-of-july-fireworks or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OkobojiChamber.

Michael Gonnerman Awarded \$20,000 Scholarship

The University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) proudly announces Michael Gonnerman, a current senior at Okoboji High

School, as the recipient of a \$20,000 scholarship! Gonnerman's outstanding achievement was marked by his exceptional performance in UN-OH's scholarship test during the Fall Open House, where he surpassed nearnology.

Throughout nerman distin-



Photo courtesy of SplitRock Photography.

lence in academics and extracurricular activities. Described as energetic, competitive, and outgoing, Gonnerman embodies the spirit of UNOH's student community. His enthusiasm and drive will propel him to success as he turns his passion for high performance engines into a career at UNOH.

With a major in High Performance Motorsports Technol-April 19th at 6:00pm where the winner will be announced. Cash, ogy, Gonnerman will have the opportunity to further develop his skills in custom engine building, steering and suspension, high-performance fuel systems, and more. UNOH's globally renowned programs in automotive, diesel, and high-performance motorsports degrees provide the perfect environment for Gonnerman to excel.

The Admissions Department at UNOH is delighted to support Gonnerman's academic pursuits with this scholarship, which will contribute to his tuition expenses as he advances his education.

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Michael Gonnerman on this well-deserved recognition," said Dr. Jeffrey A. Jarvis, President of UNOH. "We eagerly anticipate welcoming him to the Racer family, where we are confident he will continue to thrive and make valuable contributions to our community."

The University of Northwestern Ohio, located in Lima, Ohio, is a private, not-for-profit institution offering career-focused education in automotive, diesel, high-performance motorsports, and related fields. With a commitment to hands-on learning and industry-relevant programs, UNOH prepares students for successful careers in these industries. For more information about UNOH and its scholarship opportunities, visit www.unoh.edu.



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Crunch topping:

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon salt

Glaze: 2 cups powdered sugar

in a bowl and mix with a fork until large crumbles form. Divide the batter evenly into the muffin tin, and sprinkle tops with crunch mixture. Bake for 22 to 28 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Remove from oven and place on a cooling rack. Place the glaze ingredients in a bowl and whisk until combined. Drizzle over cooled muffins.

1 teaspoon vanilla, Juice of 1 lime Recipe Courtesy of: "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist" by Chef Jason Smith.





OHS's Troy Greiner Earns Diamond Award in NSDA

Since 1925, the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) has been recognizing student and coach achievements in speech and debate. Coaches earn points in the national honorary through team participation, student achievement, public service, and leadership work. This is one of the highest honors a coach can achieve as a part of the National Speech & Debate Association.

To earn a Diamond Award, a coach must be a member of the National Speech & Debate Association for at least five years. Coaches earn additional awards with more points earned in the Honor Society. A coach who attains 15,000 points is awarded a first Diamond, and Okoboji High School's Debate coach Troy Greiner has achieved this honor. This is one of the highest honors a coach can achieve as a part of the National Speech & Debate Association. Okoboji Fine Arts is proud of Coach Greiner and his impact on the debate program and students at Okoboji High School.



Laurie Simington and Amy Ness of Farmers Savings Bank and Okoboji Backpack / Faith Community Church representatives Bonnie Umscheid

Okoboji Backpack Program

Throughout the month of March, Farmers Savings Bank collected food donations for the Okoboji Backpack Program. Community members and employees of FSB donated nonperishable food items for the program that serves children in need of nutritious meals over the weekend and summer months. Over 25 "backpacks" of food are prepared by Faith Community Church and the Okoboji Backpack team and delivered to student lockers by guidance counselors every Friday.

'We truly enjoy being a part of the Okoboji School District and partnering with them in Pioneering Pathways for Every Student," said Laurie Simington, Director of Marketing at Farmers Savings Bank. Laurie went on to say, "We are proud of our community and the students at Okoboji and are happy to contribute to students through this vital program. We would like to give a big thank you to our team members and MANY community members who dropped off food or gave monetary donations for The Backpack program."



Masters Musings

The Masters ending on Sunday marked what this sports fanatic believes is the best four weeks of the year for watching sports, with Conference Basketball Tournaments, the men's and women's NCAA Tournaments, Major League Baseball starting and then the Masters to top it off. What an amazing run of a month we have had with the Iowa women and ISU men winning their conference tournaments, the young ISU women overachieving and making it to the Second Round of the NCAA Tournament, the ISU men making another Sweet 16 and the Iowa women making their second straight appearance in the NCAA Championship game! This year's Masters tournament once again did not disappoint the awesome run of sports we've had, as Scotty Scheffler won his second Masters in the last three years, pulling away from the rest of the field on the back nine to win by four strokes over youngster Ludvig Aberg, who just last year was golfing at Texas Tech. Scheffler entered the day with just a one-shot lead over Collin Morikawa and also had Max Homa and Aberg just two and three shots back. Scheffler was not to be denied his second Green Jacket, however, firing a final round 68 that included birdies on four straight holes on the back nine to take away any drama on the last few holes.

In this day and age of athletes who chase money and have a me-first identity, it is refreshing to see a humble Christian like Scheffler thrive. Scheffler definitely has his priorities in line with faith, family and then golf, as he said all week that he would withdraw from the Masters if his wife went into labor. Scheffler's wife, Meredith, is expecting their first child at the end of the month and stayed back home in Dallas, watching the tournament at her aunt's home. Scheffler stated that he could play in the Masters every year of his career (earning the honor by winning the 2022 Masters) but would only have a first-child once. Another sign of Scheffler's humbleness occurred after he won the tournament and waited for his caddie, Ted Scott, to join him for the long victory walk through the patrons to the clubhouse. Scheffler wanted Scott to share in the cheering of the patrons and often gives credit to Scott for helping him rise to the #1 ranked golfer in the world. Scheffler loves to win and obviously competes at a very high level, stating that at the press conference after the victory, "I wish I didn't want to win as badly as I do. I love winning and I hate losing...and when you're sitting here in the biggest moments, with the lead on Sunday, I really, really want to win badly." Scheffler followed that comment with a reminder that came from his friends on Sunday morning that his "victory was secured on the cross, and that's a pretty special feeling to know that I'm secure forever, and it doesn't matter if I win or lose this tournament, my identity is secured forever." Scheffler was also quoted earlier in the week as saying "I believe in one Creator, that I've been called to come out here, do my best, compete and glorify God, and that's pretty much it." It's great a reminder to us all that having Christ at the center of our life makes everything else secondary and that serving Christ and others should be our number one priority. Thank you, Scotty, for a great four days at the Masters and more importantly, thank you for the example that you are!

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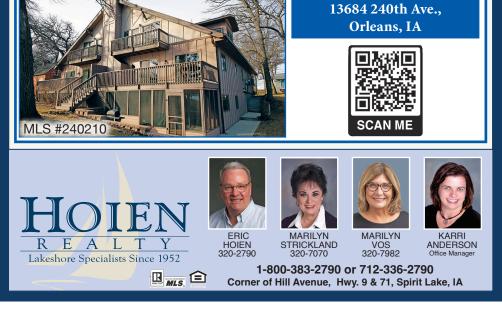


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Teddy Bear Tea Fundraiser

Kindermusik at the Lakes is excited to once again be hosting our "Teddy Bear Tea"- a musical party for you, the little ones (and their favorite stuffed animal). The "Teddy Bear Tea" is a fundraiser for the scholarship fund, which helps families who are in need be able to attend Kindermusik classes with their little ones.

The Tea begins at 10:00am, Saturday, April 27, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Guests of all ages will choose their very own keepsake mug and will be able to choose from tea or hot chocolate upon arrival. While these orders are being fulfilled, everyone, along with every stuffed animal, will get to have a big musical party. Following the music party are the beverages and treats. All attendees will also get their very own keepsake tea cup.

The Teddy Bear Tea is open to the public and open to all ages. A suggested donation of \$10 per person is recommended but a free will donation will be taken at the door. All proceeds go to the Kindermusik scholarship fund.

If you have questions or to RSVP for the Teddy Bear Tea contact Jenny at studio@kindermusikatthelakes.com. Please RSVP by April 23 to ensure that there are enough goodies for



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Kieth Vernon Tadlock, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the age of 98. He was a resident

of Keelson Harbour Senior Living, located in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Kieth was born to Donovan and Hilda (Blank) Tadlock on February 14, 1925,in Rosalie, Nebraska. Kieth was the third of four brothers, Guy, Kenneth, and Robert Tadlock. The family moved from Rosalie to Ashland, Nebraska, in 1938, where Kieth graduated from high school in 1942.



After high school graduation, Kieth enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan College in Lincoln, Nebraska. He entered the military in 1944. Upon

discharge in 1945, he finished his schooling, earning his bachelors degree at Nebraska Wesleyan and masters degree at the University

Kieth married Marion A. Dreyer of rural Ashland, Nebraska, on November 28, 1944, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Four children were born into this union, Lynn, Karen, Terence and Kent. Kieth was a school administrator in Wausa, Nebraska, and the Iowa towns of Thurman. Stanton, Exira, Ida Grove and Colo. After he and Marian retired, they bought a winter home in Barefoot Bay, Florida. In 2009 Kieth and Marian moved to assisted living in Keelson Harbour in Spirit

Kieth is survived by Lynn (Robert) Peterson of Okoboji, Iowa; Karen (Jimmie) Stewart of Jacksonville, Florida; Terence (Susan) Tadlock of Palm City, Florida; and Kent (Mary) Tadlock of Kerrville, Texas; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many other extended family members and friends

Kieth will be remembered as a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, friend, school administrator, coach, mentor, wood carver and WWII veteran. He will be in our hearts forever!

Services are being planned for April 20, 2024, 11:00 AM.at the Spirit Lake First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa, and are being handled by Turner Jenness Family Funeral Homes in Spirit Lake, Iowa. More information is available at their website-turnerfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

- Any educational institution of your choice.
- The American Legion (www.legion.org donate). Okoboji Summer Theatre by mail at OST Fund, 1200 E Broadway, Columbia, MO 65215, or okobojisummertheatre.org, scroll down to For Donors and Supporters, select secure webform.

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Alzheimer's disease research (www.alz.org)

Geneva Schultz Knudtson died on Monday, April 8th, at the Milford Nursing Home. She was born July 27, 1925, to Henry and Amanda Schultz.

Geneva attended grade school in Castalia, Iowa, and she attended De-Sales High School in Ossian, Iowa. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for 2 years. She then taught at a country school near Castalia, at an elementary school in Claremont, at Okoboji Consolidated country school and Milford Community.

Geneva married M. Kenneth Knudtson on November 28, 1946. Ken and Geneva had six children, Julia, Margaret, Michael, Lynn, Jeffrey and David. They raised their

family on the family farm southwest of Milford. A large garden was always part of her life, planting, harvesting, canning, etc. to feed the family. When the kids were older, she went back to teaching at Milford Community School.

As a young adult, Geneva learned to fly a plane. She loved cards, especially Bridge, and she taught bridge lessons. Geneva learned oil painting with friends, and we are now blessed with many paintings of flowers, landscape, still life, farm scenes, etc. She enjoyed playing the piano, knitting and crocheting. We have the results as treasures. Geneva was an avid bird watcher, reader, and walker.

Geneva enjoyed camping, traveling, dancing and, later, wintering in Texas. She became very interested in politics and attended many

Geneva was a devoted Catholic always making sure the family attended Mass on Sundays and received a religious education. She was a member of Catholic Daughters and she taught RCIA classes for many years.

Geneva is survived by her children Julia (Michael) Rohwer, Peggy (David) Schomburg, Michael (Linda) Knudtson, Robin Knudtson (daughter-in-law), Jeff and David Knudtson, 14 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren; brothers, Art Schultz and Lyle (Phyllis) Schultz; and sister-in-law, Marie Welle. There are many more relatives and friends left to cherish her memories. Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; her parents, Henry and Amanda Schultz; son, Lynn; daughter-in-law, Sharon Knudtson; sister-in-law, Dorothy Schultz; and nephew, Doug Schultz.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 6th, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be held in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralĥome.com.

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Please feel free to attend a Kiwanis meeting, eat breakfast with us, and see what your local Kiwanis can do. We meet at 7:00am on Tuesday mornings at the Milford Community Center and we love to have visitors!

Judd Grant Applications are Available at LRH

The Avera Lakes Regional Healthcare Volunteers Auxiliary will be awarding four \$500.00 Judd grants to students pursuing a nursing career. Clarence Judd, a long time resident of the Lakes region, bequeathed money to the LRH Volunteers with stipulation the money be used to provide grants for prospective nurses. Those receiving the Judd grants are chosen by a random drawing. Residents of Dickinson County are eligible to apply for these grants if they are entering and/or are enrolled in an LPN and/or BSN program. The recipients are chosen by a random drawing, with preference in the drawing given to full-time students.

Applications for these grants are available at the West Volunteer Desk at Lakes Regional Healthcare, 2323 Highway 71, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Monday - Friday (8:00am - 4:00pm). Applications must be returned by May 1, 2024, to Cheryl Houseman, 3205 Prairie Meadow Drive, Milford, IA51351. The recipients will be notified by May 15, 2024. If you have any questions regarding this grant, contact Cheryl Houseman at 712/209-3177.

Evangelist Bob Newton Returns to SLF

Spirit Life Fellowship church, located at 2504 Enterprise Avenue, Spirit Lake (across from the hospital), would like to invite everyone to four powerful Revival services with Evangelist Bob Newton. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these life-changing meetings Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, at 6:00pm, both nights and Sunday, April 21, at 10:00am

and 6:00pm. Bob travels all over the world and always brings a powerful transforming word for us all. He stirs up faith, gives hope and

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Spring Bingo Nights Milford Kiwanis presents Spring

Bingo Nights the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, April 25, 2024. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A light meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for a free

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

LRH Recognizes Laboratory Team

In acknowledgement of April 14 through 20 as National Lab Week, Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) is recognizing

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Lakes Regional Healthcare An Avera Partner of Ancillary and Community Services Nate McCormick, "The

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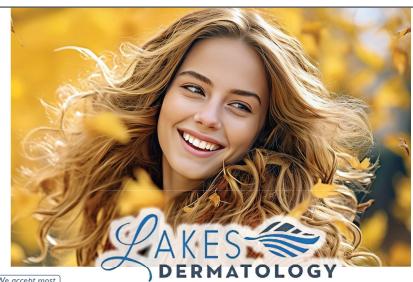
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Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

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

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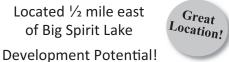
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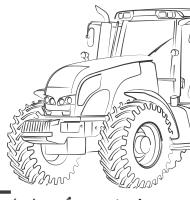
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This "Choir Extravaganza" will feature the Estherville Lincoln Central High School Choir under the direction of Kameron De Moss, the Iowa Lakes Community College Concert Choir under the direction of Brett Fuelberth, and the Many Voices Choir under the direction of Tim Schumacher.

Each choir will present individual performances before uniting to form a mass choir, where generations of singers will be standing next to each other, making music in harmony. The concert will be a testament to the ability of music to be a lifelong endeavor and will show how music can unite generations. This concert is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

The mass choir will perform a rousing gospel piece, "Shout Glory!" and a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber music, including "Phantom of the Opera." The concert will conclude with the choirs singing the All-State standard, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic.'

Please join us for this night of uniting generations in song at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center.



New Book Published By Spirit Lake Native by Jill Jennings

Paije (Wee) Wilson, a Spirit Lake native, has self-published her new book The Tale of Glom & Mince.

A heartfelt and, at times, humorous novel, The Tale of Glom and Mince explores themes of grief, acceptance, and the

Glom & Mince

By PJW

transformative nature of friendship. The toad is perfectly content with his life. A recluse who detests the company of other creatures, he is all too happy to live out his existence without straying too far from his burrow. As an ugly thing, he has no desire to see more of the ugly world around him.

The toad's tranquil life is shattered, however, with the arrival of Mince, an epileptic, hopelessly naïve rat desperate to return to a place called

the University. When Mince's actions result in the toad and Mince becoming lost in the West Wood, a place of predators, humans, and curses, they must learn to rely on each other if the toad hopes to return to his safe, predictable burrow and Mince to his University. But danger lurks in every shadow, including the mysterious Silver Mink, whose bloodthirsty mind is inexplicably fixated on their extermination. And so, the toad becomes entangled in a grand and perilous adventure, the likes of which he could never have imagined...nor would have desired to.

SLPL has copies of this title in both adult and young adult fiction along with her first book, The Return of Svel.

About the Author

Paije (Wee) Wilson grew up in the Iowa Great Lakes area, where she spent a great deal of time photographing critters in Kettleson Hogsback (which was where the cover photo for The Tale of Glom and Mince was taken!).

Paije worked at the Spirit Lake Public Library while attending college at Buena Vista University where she received her bachelor's degree. She then attended the University of Iowa's School of Library and Information Science where she received her master's degree. Currently she lives in Wisconsin with her husband, their giant dog, and their grouchy box turtle.

Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, April 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong • Tuesday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, April 24, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, April 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Story Time
- Thursday, April 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong

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. **Letter to Editor:**

"What I saw was just a war scene.... There were officers on the ground. ... They were bleeding. They were throwing up. ... I was slipping in people's blood. ... It was carnage. It was chaos. It was just hours of hand-to-hand combat." -- Police Officer Caroline Edwards, describing the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol

There were over 100 injuries to police officers on January 6, and a comprehensive review of police bodycam video revealed "approximately 1000" assaults on law enforcement on that day.

Yet, in one of the greatest acts of revisionism and politically motivated reasoning in U.S. history, former president Donald Trump calls the Capitol attackers hostages and patriots and promises to pardon them on day one of his presidency. He also defends rioters' "Hang Mike Pence!" chants, calls January 6 "a beautiful day" and often starts his rallies with a version of the National Anthem performed by January 6 prisoners.

Many GOP members of Congress, including House Conference Chair and potential vice presidential candidate Elise Stefanik (R-NY), have followed Trump's lead. Remarkably, the Republican National Committee calls the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol a "persecution of ordinary citizens engaged in legitimate political

On Jan. 6, DC police officer Michael Fanone, a father of three, was repeatedly shocked with a stun gun at the base of his skull by Daniel Rodriguez and beaten with a flag pole until he was unconscious. He suffered a traumatic brain injury and heart attack. Rodriguez was sentenced to 12 years and seven months in prison and yelled, "Trump won!" as he was led out of the courtroom. The judge called Rodriguez "a one man army of hate."

Fanone continues, "So many of the people I put my life at risk to defend are downplaying or outright denying what happened." He is determined to use his platform "for the sole purpose of making people stop describing January 6th as anything other than what it was: a horrific day in which a lot of police officers almost died."

So much is at stake. Historian Timothy Snyder reminds us that it is "our collective trust in common knowledge that makes us a society."

At this critical time for our democracy, let's heed the words of Voltaire: "Whoever can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

Terry Hansen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Considerations for Spring Planting

by Gentry Sorenson, Field Agronomist

Many refer to replant insurance coverage dates when considering early planting of corn and soybeans. The earliest replant insurance coverage for corn is April 10th and the earliest replant insurance coverage for soybeans in the northern part of Iowa is April 15th. Crops that are planted before those dates are not eligible for replanting payments. Before considering planting corn and soybeans this year, it is more important



to consider field conditions. A couple of questions should be considered before planting

Is the soil in the field fit for planting?

Is the soil dry as to avoid sidewall compaction and gauge wheel compaction?

Evaluation of those questions will help in understanding if soil conditions are fit for planting.

Additionally, soil temperatures should be above 50 degrees Fahrenheit and rising for corn and soybean planting. Soil temperatures above 50 degrees Fahrenheit is required for germination of seed. Soil temperatures can be accessed online from the previous day through the Iowa Mesonet or they can be taken in your own field to understand current soil temperatures. Assessing long-term forecasts or 10-day forecasts will also aid in understanding if warming of soil will continue or if a cooling trend may happen in the future. Factoring in those weather impacts can be important as drastic soil temperature changes can affect stand establishment. With prolonged soil temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, seedlings are at more risk for seedling diseases.

When selecting an early planted field, many target sandier soils first. Soils that are sandier often are planted earlier in the spring due to their ability to dry faster. A watchout is that sandier soils can be influenced by temperature changes on cool nights exposing the seed to soil temperature fluctuations.

After emergence, air temperature should be monitored for corn and soybeans if wide temperature variations occur. Temperatures of 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower can be lethal to above ground tissue when exposed for one to two hours. When the air temperature reaches between 32 degrees and 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the overall vigor of the plant can be influenced by temperature. For help in understanding average spring freeze dates for your county, a tool is available at https://mrcc.purdue. edu/freeze/freezedatetool. Other options on this tool include first fall freeze date and growing season trend maps.

When plants have emerged, scout your field, and evaluate plant population differences from early planted crops to later planted crops. Take some time to evaluate weed pressure and take notes on field conditions to aid decision making in the future.

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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.

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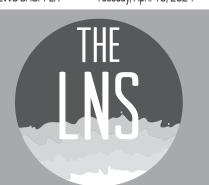
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Save the date Friday, April 19th, and join the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber, from 4:00-6:00pm, at Oak Hill Outdoor for the final match up and live pie in the face. Donations will be collected for your preferred individual with the final fundraiser being crowned with a pie right to the face live on Friday at 6:30pm, right before the Jeremy Dewall Band begins.

The Boji Booming Bracket Battle last year raised over \$7,000 and we hope to get close to that this year. Brady Parks currently has the lead with \$975 in donations, while Morgan Strauss has \$355, but he's not the winner yet. Donations will continue until April 19th at 6:00pm where the winner will be announced. Cash, check, and card donations will be accepted on Friday, April 19, from 4:00-6:00pm, at Oak Hill Outdoor.

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Foxhoven and Riesberg Place at Leadership Conference

Two standout Iowa Lakes Community College students, Emma Foxhoven and Sarah Riesberg, returned with top honors from the recent Business Professionals of America (BPA) State

Leadership Conference held in Des Moines in February. Under the guidance of Deb Jones, Professor and BPA Advisor at Iowa Lakes, Foxhoven and Reisberg showcased remarkable talent and dedication, securing top honors in various categories

Foxhoven, a sophomore in the Business Specialist program from Emmetsburg, Iowa, excelled by clinching first place in Integrated Office Applications and Intermediate Word Processing and receiving an Honorable Mention in Administrative Support

Concepts. Riesberg, a sophomore in the Administrative Assistant Program, demonstrated exceptional skills by securing first place in Advanced Word Processing, second place in Integrated Office Applications and Administrative Support Concepts, third place in Interview Skills, and fifth place in Financial Math and Analysis

Concepts. Additionally, Riesberg will be a State Vice President for the Iowa Post-Secondary Division for the academic year "I'm incredibly proud of Emma Foxhoven and Sarah Riesberg's success at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference. Their achievements are a testament

to their hard work and dedication, exemplifying Iowa Lakes' commitment to fostering excellence and preparing students for success in the workplace," said Jones.

The BPA is a nationally recognized co-curricular organization for students enrolled in business and technology programs in middle school, high school, and college. Iowa students engage in regional, state, and national competitions featuring over 50 Workplace Skills Assessment Program events. Moreover, students actively participate in community service and leadership activities and foster connections with fellow business students

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