



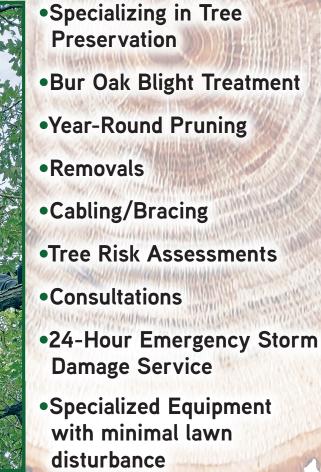




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Walleye Weekend registrations are donated back into our community to benefit angling in the Iowa Great Lakes. In 2023, The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce was honored to donate \$20,000 to five applicants with a variety of projects directly affecting the improvement and enhancement of angling in the Iowa Great Lakes Area.

Grant applications are closing soon for Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend 2024. Do you have a project or club promoting and encouraging angling in the Iowa Great Lakes Area? All 501C-3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for a grant can fill out the form located at okobojichamber.com/ walleye-weekend or email blain@okobojichamber.com for more information. Applications are due by Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Grant recipients and awarded amounts will be announced following Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend.

Get registered and cast your chance at the grand prize for the 42nd annual Iowa Great Lakes Walleve Weekend on May 4-5. 2024. For more information on Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend, grant recipient projects, and more, visit okobojichamber.com or call the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber at 712-332-2107.

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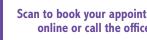
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OHS Debate Team is Arguably Great

The Okoboji High School Debate team is near the end of another great season under Coaches Troy Greiner and Cheri Satto. Debate Highlights:

- Johnston Tournament on December 2nd: Anna Quanbeck and Aliviah Bibler earned speaker awards in Novice LD while Declan Donovan earned a speaker award in Novice PF.
- At a Tournament on December 9th: Declan Donovan and Owen Riphagen earned a 2nd place finish in Novice PF. Congress saw a sweep as Sam Hoggard finished 1st, Hailey Schneider finished 2nd, Zoe Drost finished 3rd, and Anna Quanbeck finished 4th.

Special congratulations this season goes to senior Sam Hoggard. Sam finished 9th in the IHSSA Debate Tournament on January 5-6. This was only his fourth tournament competing in Congressional Debate. Other students competed well in most of the debating formats. Congress-Marc Hoggard, Public Forum - Declan Donovan and Owen Riphagen, and Lincoln-Douglass - Aliviah Bibler and Anna Quanbeck.

Okoboji will have the option of entering two students in supplemental events in the National Debate Tournament this summer. Mr. Greiner hopes to have two entries and will possibly take students to Des Moines to help with the National Debate Tournament this summer.



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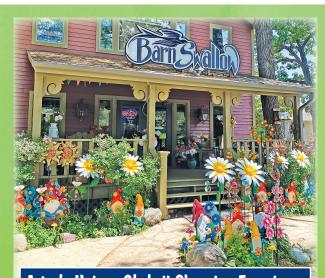
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Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championship

The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring and hosting the 2024 Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships again this year at the Spirit Lake High School Track. This event will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024, Check in starts: 3:30pm, Events start: 3:45pm All area boys and girls ages 7-12 (age as of 12/31/2024) are invited to participate. Fliers with online registration information will be distributed to 1st through 6th graders at Harris-Lake Park, Okoboji and Spirit Lake schools. Students from surrounding communities not enrolled in these school districts are invited to attend. First and second place athletes in the meet will advance to the state championships in Marshalltown on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Registrations will only be accepted online from now through May 10, 2024, at livehealthyiowakidstrack. org. No late registrations will be accepted.

Events will include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump, and softball throw.

The Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships event was founded in 2015 to continue on the tradition of the Hershey® Track and Field Games in Iowa. Like its

predecessor, the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships is a free, statewide event that requires no special equipment to participate. The mission of the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships is to provide a quality recreation program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through track and field events without financial barriers. If you have additional questions, please contact Kiley Zankowski at 712-330-5273.



Lakes Area Activity Center April Activities at the Lakes

Area Activity Center. Tuesday, April 23

8:30 - Kiwanis 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Spring Jones - Dickinson Co. Veterans Affairs

12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, April 24 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, April 25 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class 5:30 - Singles Group Friday, April 26 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group 1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, April 27 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, April 28 Dance to live music with

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- 9:00 Exercise 1:30 - Table Tennis
- **Tuesday, April 30** 8:30 - Kiwanis
- 12:30 Dinner Date Speaker 12.30 - Bridge Dinner Date meals are avail-

able every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursday's at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date! Sewing Group meets Friday's 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 May 19 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 Spirit Lake.

Okoboji Mock Trial Pleads Guilty to a Great Season

Okoboji High School had two teams competing in Mock Trial this season. New coaches Brian Downing and Ryan Cunningham may be new to coaching mock trial, but they both have had several children involved in the program and did an outstanding job this year. This season local attorney Tyler Alger agreed to help the teams with valuable advice for the courtroom.

All-District Attorney Awards Hailey Schneider: Outstanding Attorney - Defense, Honorable Mention - Prosecution

Addison Cunningham: Outstanding Attorney - Prosecution, Honorable Mention - Defense

Adison Frerichs: Honorable Mention - Defense, Honorable Mention - Prosecution

Trigg Heimdal: Honorable Mention - Defense

Maddison Lambert: Honorable Mention - Prosecution Anna Quanbeck: Honorable

Mention - Defense Kosha Menting: Honorable

Mention - Prosecution **All-District Witness Awards** Maddison Lambert: Outstand-

ing Witness - Defense Mallory Loerts: Outstanding

Witness - Defense

McKenna Hesse: Honorable Mention - Prosecution Lydia Downing: Honorable

Mention - Prosecution Alivia Bibler: Honorable Mention - Defense

Natalie Kollasch: Honorable Mention - Prosecution

Regionals was a tough competition, with both teams going against great competitors. Team Prince Bride went 1-1 at Regionals and included: Aliviah Bibler, Emilia Cunningham, Ella Downing, Hudson Downing, Natalie Kollasch, Jack Low, Kosha Menting, Anna Quanbeck, Owen Riphagen, Bella Sandbulte, and Brianna Swenson.

Kody and the Koifish went 1-1 at Regionals but went against the state champs from last year and only lost by 5 points. They ended up securing a wild card spot to the State tournament. At State, the team went 1-2 and both losses were to teams that placed. This team included: Addison Cunningham, Lydia Downing, Adi Frerichs, Trigg Heimdal, McKenna Hesse, Sam Hoggard, Aubry Knudtson, Maddison Lambert, Mallory Loerts and Hailey Schneider.







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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. A free will offering will be received.

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 ASCAPPerformance 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.

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Milford Memorial Library Youth News

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.

On Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will

be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

MML's Building Bookworms (storytime) will be meeting on Monday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. We will be talking about community helpers.

Afterschool Adventures will be taking place on Thursday, May 9, at 3:30 p.m. Youth will be creating stained glass chalk art!

Incoming 5th graders through 12th graders, come celebrate with Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library, as we kick off the 2024 Teen and Tween Summer Reading Programs. Join us at Juniper Lanes on Wednesday, May 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for bowling and pizza. Registration is required. To register, please call one of the libraries: Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643, Arnolds Park Public Library at 712-332-2033, or Spirit Lake Public Library at 712-336-2667.

Summer Reading 2024 is bringing a new challenge for the teens and tweens from Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library. Incoming 5th graders through 12th graders will be going on a Summer Snapshot Scavenger Hunt. With clues leading to local spots, they will have to take a picture at the location. Then they will print off photographs to decoupage onto a photo display. Registration for the Summer Snapshot Scavenger Hunt starts Wednesday, May 1, and ends on Wednesday, May 15. Only 50 scavenger hunts are available! To register, please call one of the libraries: Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643, Arnolds Park Public Library at 712-332-2033, or Spirit Lake Public Library at 712-336-2667.



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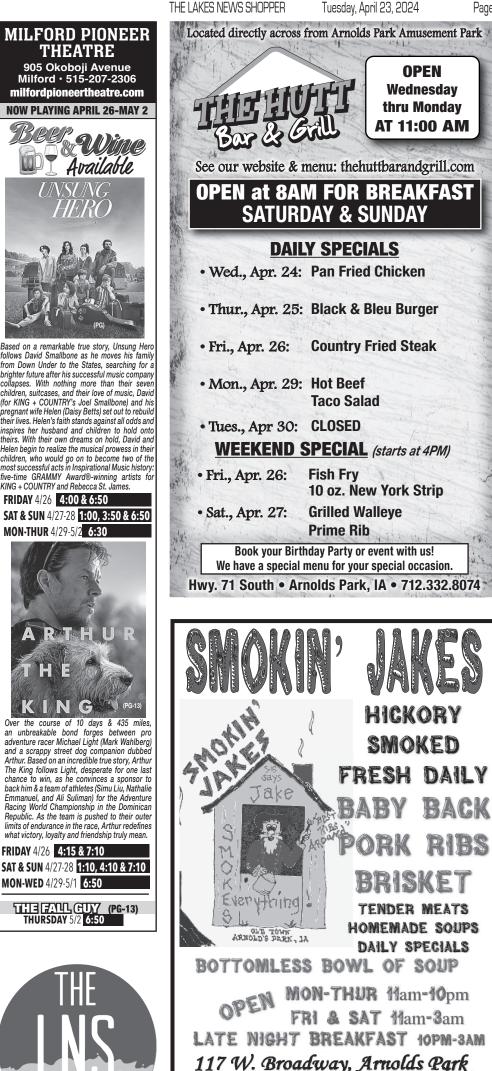
- April 23-Spring Jones-Veterans Affairs
- April 30-No Speaker
- Seniors Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:00am. The exercise program is based on the Silver Sneakers Program.
- There is a Zumba class on Thursday at 5:00pm. Tai Chi on Thursdays at 11:00am. Sign up and stay for dinner date.
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20th Anniversary of the Clay County Fair Queen Contest

Spencer, Iowa - Four young ladies will compete for the title of Clay County Fair Queen on Sunday, April 28, at the

Clay County Regional Events Center. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Clay County Fair Queen Contest. In 2004, a revitalized Clay County Fair Queen Competition was held on Sunday, April

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18. Among eleven contestants, Nicole Mehls was crowned Queen. Her subsequent achievement as 3rd Runner-Up at the Iowa State Fair in August 2004 solidified the competition's revival as a resounding success.

Since then, the contest and its candidates have continued to excel at the Iowa State Fair. Multiple participants have secured noteworthy placements as 1st and 3rd Place Runner-Ups. Notably, two exceptional candidates have claimed the prestigious title of Iowa State Fair Queen. Abby Salton was the first recipient of this honor in 2007, followed by Elizabeth Glover's achievement in 2014.

Contestants include Linnea Bloom of Marathon, the daughter of Stephen and Melanie Bloom; Aubrie Stell of Spencer, the daughter of Jason and Melissa Stell; Hannah Tessum of Everly, the daughter of Tyler and Ashley Tessum; Addison Wyman of Spencer, daughter of Leah Wyman.

The candidates will participate in individual interviews, workshops, and the Queen Pageant. The Queen Pageant will start at 7:00 p.m. and will include introductions, the self-expression portion, and the crowning of the 2024 Clay County Fair Queen. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

The Queen will represent the Fair at area parades and selected celebrations during the summer, represent Clay County during the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest, and participate in the Clay County Fair in September.

Candidates will be judged on personality, attitude and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to the community, overall appearance, charm, poise, and self-expression.

Each contestant will receive a tote bag from Weaver's, a tumbler from Creative Stitches, a cosmetic palette from Avon, a movie basket from Southpark Mall, and a single steam rose from Hy-Vee.

The Queen will also receive many valuable prizes, including \$1,500 cash from Community State Bank; a Journal and Bracelet from Pressed; a Royal Affair Bracelet from Avon; personal care sessions from Design Masters; a pearl bracelet from Nelson Jewelry; \$200 cash from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; an official Fair Queen photo from Studio 309; a \$120 gift certificate from Elegance Bridal and Prom Boutique; a tanning package from Royal Tan; \$50 cash for travel expenses from H&N Chevrolet-Buick; a one-year membership to the Spencer Family YMCA; \$50 gift card from Clay County Farm Bureau; a teeth whitening tray from Van Hofwegen & Munter Family Dentistry; a one-hour session of interview coaching from Treva Graves; and a dozen roses from Hy-Vee.

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90th Birthday Announcement

Come help Betty Jensen celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, May 4, 2024. A celebration will take place at 2343 27th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Cake and refreshments will be served from 1:00 -4:00pm.

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The Dickinson County Treasurer's Office is open Monday -Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Driver's License Station is open by appointment only. Please call 712-336-6333 option 3 to schedule an appointment.

Weekly Social Gathering

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

SL VFW Performers

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Lynn in Thayer Missouri

Dear Lynn,

Without a hands-on check it would have us leaning towards a much cheaper repair. These engines are not known to be oil burners and have an inherent problem with the drivers side PCV valve cover. The cover clogs with oil sludge and will suddenly develop these symptoms. There is an updated cover available to fix this and a replacement engine should also get one before installation. In our own shop, if we found oil in the PCV hose we would replace the cover first and see if the issue goes away. Highway speeds cause extra oil to build up in the cover which can be sucked in.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2018 Toyota Prius that we have driven for over 250k miles. I bought the car new and drove it for work making deliveries on the highway with an average of 100 miles a day. When it reached 250k we decided that we should replace it for reliability issues. We handed it down to our son to drive to high school and he had it for two months and it started knocking. Upon taking it to a shop they told us the engine needed to be replaced. It is full of clean oil and coolant and was working perfectly until the day before when the check engine light started flashing during a rainstorm. He stopped driving it immediately. The shop didn't bring it in, they just started it and said it was bad. What are your thoughts?

Thank you, Jeff in Oklahoma City

Dear Jeff.

We have listened to cars before and declared them as having one kind of failure or another, but this is a car that can give a false impression to a mechanic. A flashing check engine light means stop immediately due to a engine misfire. If it occurs in the rain, we lean towards a coil issue caused by wear and water. When this happens on a Prius, they knock loudly at takeoff due to the stator in the electric drive. If it is quiet but missing down the road, we would check this first.

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DICKINSON County SWCD Celebrates 83rd Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week!

The DICKINSON County Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to celebrate the 83rd Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week April 28- May 5, 2024! This year, the theme "May the Forest Be with You Always" takes center stage. This theme underscores the critical interplay between soil and water conservation and the resilience of our forests.

The Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Week is celebrated in conjunction with Stewardship Week, sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Every year, SWCDs across the country celebrate Stewardship Week as a way to promote natural resource conservation. The DICKINSON COUNTY SWCD joins Iowa's 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and others who provide leadership in soil health, soil conservation, water quality and the protection and enhancement of Iowa's natural resources.

"The week is an opportunity to recognize conservation practices underway, helping sustain and restore Iowa's rich soil and water resources," states Jeri Thornsberry, President of Conservation Districts of Iowa, the statewide organization that supports Iowa's elected Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners who work within our local communities to provide resources that assist landowners in caring for the land. "The week focuses attention on the progress and commitment by farmers, landowners and urban residents to protect those resources."

To learn more about opportunities for conservation practices through your local Soil and Water Conservation District, contact the Dickinson Soil and Water Conservation District at the USDA Service Center at 3302 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa or by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.



- NOON - La	kes Area Activity (Center D	inner Dat	e is the place for	you:			
29 Monday	30 Tuesday	1 Wed	nesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday			
Sloppy Joe /Bun Vegetable Fruit/Dessert	Pork Enchilada /Tortilla Shell Vegetable Fruit/Dessert	& Ham Dinner Roll		Chicken Bubble Bake Vegetable Fruit/Dessert	Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Vegetable Fruit/Dessert			
• 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			JOIN US FOR TAI CHI Thursdays at 11am Dance to Live Music April 28th • 2-5pm Potluck at 3pm NEW MEETING ROOM for Small Groups!					
April 23: Spring Jones, Veterans Affairs								
April 30: No Speaker Call the office between 9:30am & 2:30pm MonFri.								

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS John W. Kidd Post 4514 **Music & Dancing** 6:00-8:00 PM <u>Tuesday,</u> **April 23** Lakeside Jukebox Tuesday, April 30 Itty Bitty Boji Band **OPEN at 2PM Every Day!** 918 Lake St. • Spirit Lake • 336-9942

Spirit Lake Jazz Band Concert

The Spirit Lake High School Jazz Band will be performing their annual Jazz and Eats Concert on Tuesday, May 7th, at Wesley Place beginning at 7:00pm. The evening's program will be the culmination of all the pieces the group has performed this season.

Admission will be a free will donation and the public is welcome. Wesley Place is located at 1815 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake.

Family Nature Night

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

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.



A Family get-together, anniversary, graduation, birthday?

The Lakes Area Activity Center has a beautiful, clean facility

are set up. It rents for \$110.00 per day. (There is an extra charge if kitchen equipment is used).





Dickinson County Veterans & Spouses You are invited to attend Coffee with Spring Jones, CVSO & Advanced Care Planning with VA Social Worker



NBA Playoff Action

I'm not a huge NBA fan but do root for the Timberwolves and have enjoyed following their successful season this year, especially with former Iowa State star Monte Morris being traded

to Minnesota during the season. This past Saturday, Michelle, Tyler and I headed up to Minneapolis for the first playoff game of Round One vs the Phoenix Suns. While the Timberwolves are the #3 seed in the West and almost were the #1 seed, they have struggled vs Phoenix this year, losing all three games while going just 3-12 against them in their last 15 games. This is a tough matchup with Phoenix, which is loaded with offensive





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> When: April 25, 2024 From 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Where: Community Room **Dickinson County Courthouse** 1802 Hill Ave, Spirit Lake, IA Free Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

firepower with Kevin Durant, Devin Booker and Bradley Beal, and the Timberwolves were just a 1.5-point favorite in Game One.

If you are a basketball fan and have never been to an NBA Playoff game, I would add that to your bucket list. The atmosphere is 100% different than a regular season game, and reminds you of a college rivalry game, with the fans on their feet nearly the entire game chanting and cheering. On Saturday, the T-Wolves had a White Out game and gave everyone in the stands a white t-shirt to wear, they even shamed those (myself included) on the jumbotron into wearing the t-shirt if you didn't have white on. As you can see from the game photo, they pretty much got everyone to comply! The game started out close as expected, with Kevin Durant scoring 12 first quarter points as the Suns took a 28-27 lead into the second frame. Minnesota responded with a big second quarter to take a 61-51 lead into halftime. Phoenix

quickly cut the lead to five to start the third quarter, which is when Timberwolves'starAnthony Edwards took the game over, scoring 18 of his 33 points in the quarter, helping push the T-Wolves' lead to 20 heading into the fourth quarter. Minnesota was

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able to cruise from there to a 120-95 victory. It was so much fun watching Edwards take control of the game, he is such an electric player and the neat thing was he did most of his damage in the third quarter being guarded by his favorite NBA player growing up, Kevin Durant.

The day was awesome with the energy and outcome of the game, and Tyler being interviewed by KARE-11 before the game, making it on the 10:00 news and having the title quote on their online story. Another highlight of our day was very unexpected and happened before the game as a group of guys came in our row and they just kept coming, totaling 10 by the time they were all there. This group ended up being Minnesota Wild players, and while I don't watch a lot of hockey, Tyler knew right away who their best player was, Kirill Kaprizov as he sat two people down from me with long-time NHL veteran Mats Zuccarello sitting next to me. The group was incredibly nice, and Zuccarello was very gracious with his time and engaged in conversation with us throughout the game. The last highlight of the game came at the end when former Cyclone Monte Morris connected with former Hawkeye start Luka Garza on a pick and roll for a dunk to put the exclamation point on the victory. With college basketball and the Masters now behind us, if you're looking for something to watch I would highly recommend catching some NBA playoff action, and if you're looking for a team to root for, the Timberwolves are a perfect team, being a local team that also has a former Cyclone and Hawkeye on the team; finally something that ISU and Iowa fans can agree on!

Mother's Day Brunch



BREAKFAST

SCRAMBLED EGG STATION | WAFFLE STATION | SAUSAGE BACON | CHEESY HASHBROWNS | MINI MUFFINS FRESH FRUIT

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PRIME RIB WITH AU JUS & HORSERADISH HONEY GLAZED HAM | SMOKED SALMON | STUFFED CHICKEN CHICKEN TENDERS | MINI CORN DOGS

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DESSERTS

LEMON BARS | ASSORTED CHEESECAKE FLAVORS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES | MINI DESSERTS

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH OF 2024

RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE 10AM TO 2PM KIDS 5 - 12 \$15 KIDS UNDER 5 FREE



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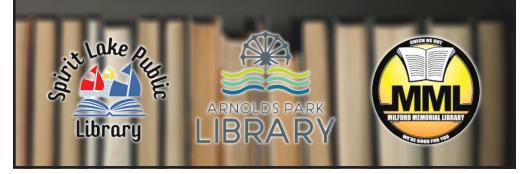
Spirit of Harmony Friends and Family Night

The Spirit of Harmony Chorus will present their annual "Friends and Family Night." The performance will take place Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2300 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. The show features barbershop vocal selections they will be singing at their spring 2024 Regional Competition in Rochester, Minnesota, the first weekend in May. This award winning chorus is made up of women from many local communities brought together in a sisterhood of song. The concert will feature music performed by The Spirit of Harmony Chorus, Affinity Quartet, and The Peppers Quartet. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun of barbershop music while we are "Making Musical Magic."

History of the University of Okoboji

Thursday, April 25th at 7 PM **Milford Community Center** YOU DON'T WANT TO 806 N Avenue, Milford MISS THIS! (Refreshments will be provided)

Join us for a presentation on how the mythical university came to be and what they continue to do for our community today!





Meeting Room Available for Rent

There is a new meeting room at the Lakes Area Senior Center available for rent. Great for small groups. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave (under the water tower), in Spirit Lake.

lowa Lakes Presents Night at the P.A.C.

(Estherville, Iowa) The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department is thrilled to announce Night at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) on April 23, 2024, at 6:30pm. This captivating night offers an evening filled with diverse musical performances by Iowa Lakes students, staff, and community members.

From country melodies to smooth jazz rhythms to infectious pop beats and the timeless charm of show tunes, all types of music are welcome at Night at the P.A.C. As a result, audiences can expect a fun, low-key musical experience.

This event is open to the public, admission is free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy Night at the P.A.C.

Anyone interested in performing at the event should contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712-362-8345 or music@ iowalakes.edu.

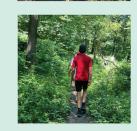
Celebrate Earth Day 2024

Join us at Waitt Lab on

Saturday April 27th

10 am-12 pm





Families and kids of all ages are invited to spend the morning on a guided scavenger hike around Lakeside Lab followed by a recycled materials craft.

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This is a free event.

Please come dressed for the weather as the first part of our event will be outside. We encourage the use of refillable water bottles.

Dance in Everly

The Everly dance sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa. The doors are open at 6:15pm, the dance is from 7:00 - 10:30pm. The band is the Itty Bitty Boji Band. The theme is Prom Night. It will be a special night of dancing! Put on your dancing shoes for a fun evening of dancing. Feel free to bring snacks to share.





CONGRATULATIONS to Spirit Lake High School Key Club Members Joley Schmahl and Teegan Jones who attended the Nebraska-Iowa District Key Club Convention in Omaha. Junior Joley Schmahl was appointed the Lt. Governor of Area 3 and Junior Teegan Jones was elected the Area 5 Lt. Governor.

Kids FREE Fishing Clinic Wednesday, May 1 • 5-8 PM Stolley's Pit • Spencer, IA For kids ages 6-15 years of age

Bring Your own fishing pole, tackle, and a small bucket! Parents & grandparents welcome to attend. Must be registered to qualify for prizes.

4:30-5:00 5:00-6:00	Registration Seminar Stations (10 minutes each) 1. Fish Cleaning 2. DNR Fish ID
6:00-7:00	3. DNR Safety Fishing Contest Bring your own fishing pole, tackle & bucket. Bait will be furnished. Prizes for fish caught - length only. All fish released alive.
7:00-8:00 8:00	Supper furnished by Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club Prizes given to all registered participants

In case of inclement weather, we will meet in The Stables at the Clay County Fairgrounds.





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Spring Hours: Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm | Thurs: 10am-9pm

VISUAL ARTS

Juried Exhibition 2024

CELEBRATE Platinum Sponsor

All works in the exhibit will be available for purchase through online silent auction on April 25 with bidding ending the evening of Friday, May 31 at our Celebrate the Arts Gala.

Visit CTA2024.givesmart.com or text CTA2024 to 76278 to preview & bid on artwork through 5/31, purchase sponsorships or tickets to the Celebrate the Arts Gala (available 5/1)

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 25, 5-7 pm

Celebrate the Arts Gala: Friday, May 31, 5:30pm

6/25 | Live From Laurel Canyon

6/26 | James & Joni Live from Laurel

7/9 & 7/10 | Gary Puckett & The Union Gap

60's & 70's American Folk Rock

Their Stories, Their Songs

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PERFORMING ARTS

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6/11 & 6/12 | Hotel California A Salute to the Eagles 7:30 PM| \$40/\$50

EDUCATION CLASSES

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YOUTH SUMMER ART CLASSES

3 Years Old - 12th Grade



Scan for class schedules and to register online.

CULINARY CLASSES

Goldschmidt Vineyards Wine Tasting

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.

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.

Call 712-332-7013 to register.

Canyon Presents

2nd Night Added!

Beginning

Acrylic Painting

Luncheon With Instruction With Chef Susanne Bicknese

12:00pm or 6:30pm | \$40/\$45

Artist Diane O'Hern will provide step by step directions to set up a sky, sunset,

middle ground and foreground on the

canvas in acrylic paint. All supplies

included, bring inspiration photos.

Must register by June 11.

May 9: Forgotten Dayton-Hudson Salads





GATES OPEN at 6:00 AM RAIN OR SHINE

GENERAL ADMISSION \$5.00 at GateCHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH ADULT PAID ADMISSION

ALL SPACES \$25 EACH

Concessions available

Vendor Set Up is 2PM - 7PM on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th AM. Vendors must enter through the North Gate off W 18th Street.





Spectators please enter the fairgrounds through Gate C on 4th Ave W and then go through the main Grandstands entrance.

Grandma's Kitchen

LET'S PAINT A LANDSCAPE!

June 13 | 6-8pm | \$35/45 | Ages 16+

Program: The Birds of Iowa By Kim Pagel

All are welcome May 6th, at 2:00pm, at the Lakes Area Senior Center (Activity Center) for a program that will feature over 120 beautiful birds that Kim Pagel has photographed right in the state of Iowa. Most Iowans are familiar with the American Robin, Black-capped Chickadee, American Goldfinch, Bald Eagle, and Northern Cardinal. But did you know that birds such as the Western Grebe, Common Loon, Short-eared Owl, Northern Harrier, Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Common Redpoll are also seen in Iowa?

The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

IBBB to Perform for Wel-Life 25th Anniversary Celebration

It's a special open house celebration for Wel-Life of Spirit Lake as they celebrate their 25th anniversary on Saturday, April

27, and everyone is invited. From 2:00 to 4:00, there will be free appetizers from Jane's Kitchen. Also, from 2:00-4:00, the Itty Bitty Boji Band, featuring Ms. Mel Kimblad, Jackie Carpenter and Bill Carpenter, will be performing your favorite songs. Everybody



will want to sing along and dance along as one of Northwest Iowa's favorite music groups, the Itty Bitty Boji Band, performs for this special occasion. The Itty Bitty Boji Band was recently inducted into the Midwest All Music Association Hall of Fame. If you've never seen them before, here's your chance; and you can enjoy all the tasty treats that Jane's Kitchen will be providing at the same time.

A special celebration like this only happens every 25 years. Come to Wel-Life, located at 1819 23rd Street in Spirit Lake (east of the hospital), and enjoy the festivities. While you're there, take a tour of this beautiful facility. It's going to be a great time!

Humane Society Recognized

by Sara Gifford

Our local Humane Society has been providing necessary assistance and shelter for animals in need since it was founded by

Andrea Waitt-Carlton in the mid 1980s. They are always looking for donations and volunteers.

"We wouldn't be able to run without the donations and volunteers," states Shawntel Schwidder, one of the employees.

"The public has been incredible. We thank the community for their support, and we look forward to that continuing in the future.

"It's something that's very needed," says Schwidder.

"I am an animal lover, and it's nice to be surrounded by animals all day. It's very important, the work that we do. We *Daffy the cat has been* highly encourage adoption; there are there since she arrived hundreds of animals around the world in 2020 as a kitten. She in need of homes. We will keep serving is looking for a loving the community and the animals in it, and home. we plan to keep working, until every animal has a home.'

If you are interested in assisting, volunteers are in high demand. It is a lot of work, such as: cleaning up, laundry, medical care, vaccination, and making sure the animals are fed. The Humane Society is a non-profit organization.



6-on-6 Basketball Items Needed

Iowa basketball fever is reaching back in time. A new documentary film is in the works celebrating 6-on-6 girls basketball in the 1970s. The film shines a spotlight on Northwest Iowa through the story of Ruthven Ramettes star forward Jane Cristoffer Rubel, and her successful fight to change the rules allowing mothers to keep playing ball.

The film team is led by Los Angeles-based director Emily Lobsenz — herself a competitive athlete — and Iowa producer Andrew Sherburne. They're asking Iowans to help them find the photographs, old home movies, scrapbooks, and radio broadcasts that were taken during this time.

'We know that people held onto these memories and we want to bring them to life on the screen. We're asking people to dig through their attics and basements to find the photographs, home film reels, and whatever else they held onto," said Sherburne, who previously produced the Iowa documentary Saving Brinton.

In particular, the filmmakers are asking for original film reels and/or digitized film, audio reels of radio broadcasts, photographs or photo negatives, as well as uniforms, yearbooks, or other memorabilia.

Their primary interest is in the 1969-1972 seasons for the Cornbelt Conference and northwest Iowa communities with particular focus on the 6-on-6 games between Ruthven and Everly. They are hoping to find any visual record of the games played between these two rival teams, specifically the 1972 district finals between Everly and Ruthven at Spencer Fieldhouse.

Additional interest is in town and rural life of the same period. They are looking for film and photos of community celebrations and daily life in hometown Iowa and on family farms to help expand their story.

The team is already working with the Iowa Women's Archive, the State Historical Society, IGHSAU, and other official institutions. They have access to footage used in previous television productions on the subject and are familiar with public postings on YouTube. They know there must be more and want to see what you have!

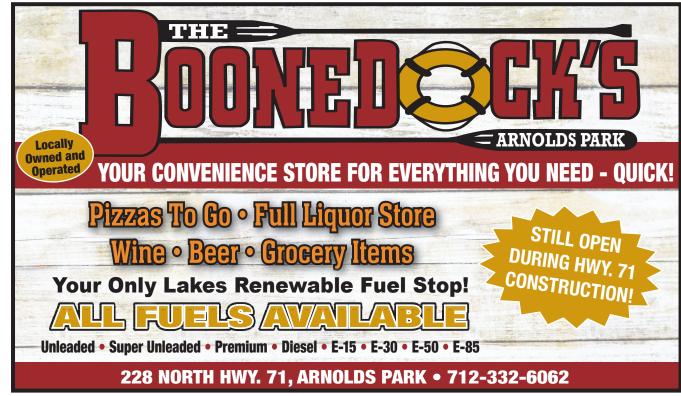
The team encourages anyone with film, photos, or other memorabilia to reach out directly via email at 6v6film@gmail. *com* to start a conversation.

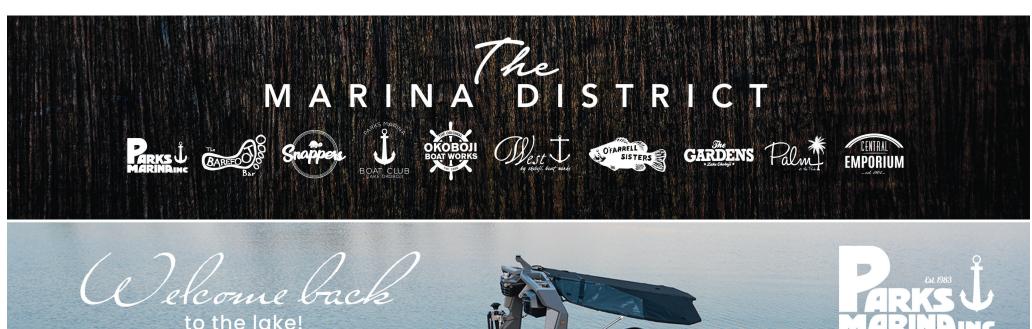
"From the moment I learned about six-on-six basketball I had to know more!" said director Lobsenz, who played basketball among many other sports. "While making this film I have come to adore, admire, and be inspired by this rich history, the women who played, and the communities who supported them."



NAUTIQUE G25







When asked if she would like to live there if she were was an animal, Schiwdder replied, "Yeah, we treat every animal like our own. It's so much better than life on the street."

If you feel you are the right person for the job, please volunteer, or adopt!

You can learn more at their website: www.humanesocietyofnwia.com.

Food Pantry Support During National Volunteer Appreciation Month

As National Volunteer Appreciation Month unfolds, Northwest Iowa RSVP seeks to illuminate the primary focus areas emphasized by the program's grant allocation strategy. "Food Pantry Support" is a cornerstone in the organization's mission to support community welfare and combat food insecurity locally.

Food insecurity continues to be a growing concern nationwide. To alleviate this concern, RSVP volunteers age 55+ in our 5-county area of Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto, give generously of their time to help ensure food reaches those in need through volunteer opportunities with food deliveries, in food pantries, and with hot meals programs.

Food pantries in the region include Upper Des Moines Opportunity locations, food box pickup locations, multiple mobile food pantries, and pantries operated by various non-profit entities. Volunteering at a local food pantry can involve picking up and delivering food from local grocery stores to the food pantry, sorting and stocking shelves, or assisting with distributing food to individuals and families who visit the area food pantries or food box pickup spots. The time involved can be as little as one hour per month or as much time as the volunteer wants to share.

Volunteers support the mission with hot meal programs at area senior centers and entities like Grand Avenue Community Outreach (GACO) in Spencer. Volunteers help with set-up, serving, and clean-up for meals served Monday through Friday at area senior centers, including Lakes Area Activity Center in Spirit Lake, Occasions in Spencer, Algona Senior Center, or Estherville Senior Center Dinner Date. At GACO, volunteers help shop, prepare, serve, and clean up after bi-weekly meals. Flexibility for these opportunities means volunteers can select the number of days they wish to volunteer per month.

Meals on Wheels and other food delivery programs are another way RSVP volunteers get involved with providing food to those in need. Often, the volunteer who delivers a hot meal to area seniors is the only human contact that person might have during the week. One of the many rewards of volunteering to home-deliver meals is knowing the recipient will have a hot meal and someone to check on them.

Volunteers also provide food support by participating in a children's backpack food distribution program, helping ensure that area students have nutritious food and snacks when they are home on the weekends. Other volunteers assist with area Hunger Coalition groups and Community Gardens or provide grocery shopping services for homebound seniors.

Ensuring food security for community members brings volunteers a sense of fulfillment, as they know they've contributed to supporting others during challenging times in a genuinely meaningful way.

For more information about volunteering in one of our food pantry support locations, please contact your Northwest Iowa RSVPCoordinator or visit www.iowalakes.edu/RSVP to complete an online registration form.

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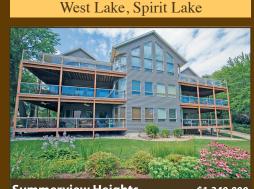
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participated in Purple-Up for military celebrate holidays and birthdays without that sacrifice so much for our freedoms. children. Every year April is designated as them. They may have to move frequently Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary. the month of the military child, and April leaving behind friends and having to make 15th is Purple Up day. Military children new ones. Dressing in Purple honors the

Life Jacket Drive

Summer is fast approaching. Do you have a life jacket for your child? Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors® is hosting a



Lake. The Safety of our children is a priority, so the Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors® has collected lifr jackets throughout March, and are offering them free of charge to any families who may need one. Sizes infant to adult XXL. All brand new. For more questions, call 712-339-9405.

PURPLE-UPFORMILITARY CHILDREN may not see their deployed parent or par- sacrifices they all must make. Thank you - The Harris - Lake Park elementary school ents for months or longer, leaving them to H-LP students and staff for honoring those

Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

in Lake Park. We invite you to join us for grocery store style pick-up inside the church. You will need to bring your own bags or boxes to collect your groceries and take them home. Do not arrive before 3:30pm, do not line up at the door, the

building will be open at 3:30pm, and distribution will not start before 4:30 pm. Questions? Call James Kessler at 712-330-1738.



LAKE ACCESS



00 Ann Street ~ Milford Build your beautiful dream home on this half acre+lot and throw up a extra garage/shop off the back that offers a road with easy access! Bring the boat and hoist as the dock is bought and ready to be used! This

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

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at the First Presbyterian Church

lights. This community is perfect for families with lake access, fishing dock, playground and streets great for bike rides and golf cart cruising. There is an opportunity for an annual boat slip in one of the two marinas but there is currently a wait list. Very much worth your time to see!! \$487,000. Call/text Marilyn Strickland 712-320-7070 MLS#240387



Spencer. Over 1900 sq. ft of living space, 3 large bedrooms, one full bath and a 3/4 bath with laundry room all on the main level! Gas fireplace, 2 car attached garage plus carport and 2 sheds in the back vard. MLS# 230968 \$215.000

2 bed, 2 bath bungalow on 16' of West Lake space has 4 offices, 3 restrooms, a shower, Okoboji. It offers a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic lakefront living. Property also has a separate bank house for additional living unit and a 3720 SF unit. space. MLS# 240015 \$899,000 Listed by Bridget

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The Perfect Storm

The last two Sundays I have sat at my desk searching my mind and my heart for a spark of inspiration for an article. Typically, the articles that you read each week come from a place that I cannot explain. I sit down and after a few minutes, I start typing. By the time I am finished, I need to read it to see what I've said. If I am being completely honest with you, I think that the struggle I have been having is that every topic that I start to write about seems so depressing. Sometimes things in life are sad or heavy. Sometimes the people we love the most disappoint us. Sometimes we grow weary, and we need to rest. And sometimes, all those things are true at the same time. The perfect storm, or maybe it is God's way of telling us to slow down and to find refuge in Him.

Working with individuals who are addicted to substances, whatever that may be, is not easy. I love what I do, and I have always believed that I found my place when I stepped foot inside Discovery House the very first time. I do not see "addicts," I see people. I see sons, daughters, moms, and dads. I see someone who felt so much pain or experienced so much trauma, that the only solution they could find came in the form of drugs or alcohol. Or it came in food, work, money, sex, or gaming, anything to free their minds from the thoughts and feelings that cause them pain. It is human nature to want to stop experiencing pain. We are born with the instinct to pull away from something that hurts. Yet, we struggle to understand someone who is doing just that. Pulling away from the pain in whatever way possible. The most difficult part of it all for me is being reminded that the person that I see is not always the person living inside the bodies and minds of our residents. They are humans who make mistakes, need time and patience to heal, and need grace and mercy along the way. Because believe me, they sure know how to mess things up sometimes.

Every day is not rainbows and butterflies. It is more like a combination of tornadoes and floods. There is never a dull moment, every day is different than the last, sometimes you get blown away, and sometimes you feel like you are drowning. Regardless of the good, the bad, or the ugly, each day ends with a gratefulness that I can hardly express. Today, I rest my spirit from the storms of life by "pouring my heart out to God, for He is my refuge." ~ Psalms 62:8.

Attention Dickinson County Property Owners!

On Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors will meet and receive public comments concerning the FYE 2025 County Budget at their regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Dickinson County Courthouse in Spirit Lake. You have an opportunity to influence your elected officials.

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors is seriously considering what will likely become a permanent extension of a near maximum property tax levy for county property owners. In a year of record property valuation increases, they are considering this move in spite of their previous assurances to us, the taxpayers, that the maximum rate would be temporary and reduced to the previous lower rate. A promise potentially broken because they believe no one is paying attention. This means your property taxes will increase once again! Please help us remind the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors of their commitment to the taxpayers of Dickinson County.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

- Contact your Supervisor:
- District 1: Kim Wermersen at kwermersen@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov
- District 2: Bill Leupold at wleupold@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov
- District 3: Jeff Thee at jthee@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov
- District 4: Steve Clark at sclark@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov
- District 5: Tim Fairchild at tfairchild@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov

• Send an electronic message to the Board of Supervisors using the contact page on the County website: dickinsoncountyiowa.gov/contact-us/

• SHOW UP AND ADD YOUR VOICE at the public hearing at 9:00 am, April 30, 2024, at the Dickinson County Courthouse



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Hope Rolls Donates Gift Of Outdoor Recreation

Founded in 2019, Hope Rolls - Dickinson County provides adaptive tricycles to children who are unable to ride traditional bikes. The DCTB collaborates with the nonprofit during our summer fundraiser and recently we were delighted to be a part of presenting new wheels to Bennett at Spirit Lake Elementary School.

Over the last few years, Hope Rolls has gifted 13 adaptive tricycles and an adaptive bike trailer to fourteen amazing kids and their families in Dickinson County. Founding member Maria Mellmann said, "We've had overwhelming support from our community and we could not change these kids' lives without that. Many volunteers in all forms have helped us over the last four years and we cannot thank them enough!"

The DCTB is honored to help raise awareness and be a part of this fun adventure. The gift of outdoor recreation not only brings joy to the children that receive an adaptive tricycle but their family and friends as well. We cannot wait to see them out on the trails! Please visit the Hope Rolls Facebook page to find more information on what they do and how to support their mission.

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Upcoming Trail Events Celebrate Trails Day: Saturday, April 27 – Join the DCTB, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and people all across the country in celebrating America's amazing trails this spring. Starting at 10:00AM at the Tatanka Ska Trailhead, we invite you to walk, stroll, run or roll with us for a casual morning celebrating our beautiful trails. There will be giveaways and prizes so be sure to check out Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's website to learn more about how you can Celebrate Trails and enjoy a great day of appreciation for the ways that trails make an impact on our lives and communities.

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Never Alone, A Walk For Veteran PTSD Awareness: Saturday, May 4 - Join Emmet and Dickinson County Veterans Affairs for a meaningful event that aims to raise awareness about Veteran PTSD. The event starts at 8:00AM with a Chris Cakes pancake breakfast and resources available at the Maser Monarch Lodge. The 2.22-mile walk to support our heroes begins at 9:30AM with a welcome back and silent auction to round out the morning.

Dickinson County

Recreational Trails

www.dickinsoncountytrails.com

All proceeds will go towards Partners for Patriots, a service organization that provides Veterans with a service dog at zero cost to the Veteran. Visit Emmet County Veterans Affairs Facebook page for registration and more information about this great event.

With the sunshine and warmer temperatures, we eagerly anticipate another great season on the Iowa Great Lakes Trails. We hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy new trail routes and revisit your old favorites. It is always a good day on the trail!

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











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Join Collin's Journey Back to Health

Collin Kats, son of Kory and Erica Kats, was in a bad traffic accident recently. Please consider helping this amazing 14 year old and his family fight for Collins life back by donating to the "Join Collin's Journey Back to Health" GoFundMe.com page.

On Sunday, April 7, Collin was involved in an accident on highway 71 while driving a Polaris Ranger. While attempting to take a left turn from the outside lane, he was struck by a car.

Collin received several severe fractures to his skull on the front and back and remains in the ICU at the Sanford Childrens "Castle". He is being kept in deep sedation (what we would call a medically induced coma) due to swelling in his brain causing very high Inter Cranial Pressure. The Doctors and nurses have worked very hard to keep pressures within a safe range medically. So, no surgery has been needed yet.

Collins biggest passion is of course his family. He has two younger sisters and one younger brother that he loves very much. They have been here to visit him often.

Collin Loves being outside. Especially being around Okoboji in the summer. He can be found fishing almost every day no matter what the weather is. In the winter he is also getting more into hunting and shot his first deer in the last season. He loves playing all sports for Okoboji Pioneers, but his favorite is by far football.

He spent his 14th birthday asleep in the hospital on April 10th. He was really looking forward to getting his permit to drive.

In the future, assuming professional fishing doesn't take off, Collin has been talking a lot about wanting to become a pilot. Please consider helping this amazing 14 year old and his family fight for Collin's life back.

Saugstad to Speak at ILUUF

Allan Saugstad will preside over the April 28 Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hybrid service. His message is entitled "Liberal Christianity."

The service will be held the Lakes Area Activity Center, 2101 Zenith Ave, Spirit Lake. Coffee begins at 10:30am with the service beginning at 11:00am. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

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

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

District 3 Map

Helping Women Achieve Their Educational Goals

For more than 150 years, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has concentrated on "women helping women" reach for the stars. This unique sisterhood has helped more than 122,000 women pursue educational goals,

providing nearly \$415 million in grants, scholarships, awards, loans and the stewardship of Cottey College.



United States and Canada, who are passionate about helping women advance themselves through education. The impacts of P.E.O.'s educational philanthropies change lives, for generations to come!

The nonprofit P.E.O. Sisterhood organization helps with educational assistance, making a difference in women's lives through six philanthropies and foundation:

-P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) lends up to \$12,000 for AA or Bachelors degree, \$15,000 for Masters, or \$20,000 for PhD to qualified women to assist them in securing a higher education. (Applications are processed year around.)

-P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund (IPS) provides a maximum of \$12,500 scholarship for women from other countries for graduate study in the U.S. or Canada. (Applications due September 15-December 15.)

-P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) provides need-based grants of \$4,000 to women whose education has been interrupted and she wants to return to school to complete a degree/certification to help her find employment to support herself and/or their families. (Applications are processed year around.)

-P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) is a \$25,000 award for women who are pursuing a doctoral-level degree at an accredited college or university. (Applications due August 20-November 20.)

-P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR) is a \$2,500 scholarship awarded to high school seniors to be used toward their college education. (Applications due August 15-October 15.)

-Cottey College is located in Nevada, Missouri, is owned/ supported solely by P.E.O. which offers Bachelors and AA degrees in a variety of majors. Tours and scholarships are available to young women.

To learn more about each of these educational philanthropies and their requirements visit peointernational.org Or contact the Spirit Lake P.E.O. Chapter PA representative: Angie Lickhart at angie.lickhart@gmail.com. The P.E.O. Executive Office is located at 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312 or can be reached by calling 515-255-3153.

Helpful Tips and Lifestyle Choices by The Lakes Area Activity Center located in Spirit Lake (2101 Zenith

Avenue (under the water tower).

Make Brain-healthy lifestyle choices. According to the Global Council on Brain Health, one way to keep your brain healthy is to make changes in your lifestyle. To reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, follow these tips:

•Make healthy food choices-eat berries, whole grains, fatty fish, vegetables, and lean protein.

•Complete crossword puzzles, read books, or take a new class to stimulate your brain.

 Use guided meditation or practice deep breathing to reduce stress. •Aim for 7–9 consecutive hours of sleep by turning off electronic devices before bedtime.

•Stay connected with friends and family or participate in a local congregate meal site to remain socially active.

•Be sure to move in any way you enjoy, such as dancing, gar dening, and vacuuming.



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-Spring Planter Make & Take April 28 2pm Basic spring planter design class











CO2 Pipeline

Big Spirit, Orleans, East Lake and Terril residents: are vou aware?

• The proposed CO2 pipeline is 8-9 blocks away from Big Spirit water at 270th Ave.

• Terril Elementary School and local Main Street are 2-4 blocks away from the CO2 pipeline.

If the 12-36" (3-foot diameter) pipeline leaks or explodes and produces 30,000 ppm within a 10-minute period exposure it will cause respiratory arrest. If it produces 40,000 ppm, it is considered immediately dangerous to life and the health of humans, animals, fish, as well as damaging to the ecosystem. How long would it take to turn off the pipeline gases in rural lowa in the event of a leak or explosion?

This pipeline placement is too close to water, residents, wildlife, and children. I would vote No as the proposed industrial growth does not promote health and safety, but may in fact jeopardize it. Dickinson County's current District 3 Supervisor, Jeff Thee, has voted in support of the pipeline.

Wind Turbines

Okoboji Beach, East Oaks, Arthur Heights, Royale Oaks, Acorn Ridge and Francis Site developments: are you aware?

 To the east side of Hwy M56 you can see wind turbines within 1000-2000 feet of the roadway or dwelling on adjacent property. What will that do for your residence's value and the potential risk to the environment with a turbine failure?

• The current setbacks are not adequate for the size of the new current tower (600 foot) and the near size of the current blades (600+ feet) with 3.5 megawatts.

• We currently have 147 wind turbines in Dickinson County, do we need another 150+ or more wind turbines being proposed?

 What will happen in the future when we have no land available for housing or economic development? Do we have to say no as we have no available land?

I would vote No as the proposed industrial growth does not promote the health and safety for the citizens. How will Jeff Thee vote on this serious issue for you, your neighbors, and your family?

Does the proposed industrial growth promote health and safety?

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Chicken Tamale Pie

1 (8.5 oz.) box corn muffin mix (such as Jiffy) 1/3 cup milk 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and taco seasoning. Fold in the corn. 1 large egg 2 teaspoons taco seasoning 1/2 cup corn, canned, fresh or frozen toothpick comes out clean. Meanwhile, (thawed if frozen) 2 cups shredded, cooked chicken 1 cup red enchilada sauce, divided 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack, cheddar Jack, or Mexican cheese blend

Optional chopped cilantro leaves

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Coat a 9-inch pie plate or cast iron skillet with cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk together the

corn muffin mix, milk, butter, egg, Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until a in a large skillet or saucepan, combine the chicken and 3/4 cup of the enchilada sauce. Set the pan over medium heat and warm the mixture



through. Using the end of a wooden spoon or spatula, poke holes all over the cornbread in the pan. Pour the remaining enchilada sauce into the holes. Top the cornbread with the chicken mixture. Top with the cheese. Bake for 5 minutes, until the cheese melts. Top with fresh cilantro, and serve.

Recipe Courtesy of: "30-Minute Meal Prep" by Robin Miller.

obituaries

Norma "Peggy" Jean Egertson, 92, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Aspire Care Center of Estherville in Estherville, Iowa.

Services for Peggy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. till service time at the funeral home. Burial will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www. spiritlakefuneralhome.com.



Norma "Peggy" Jean Egertson

was born on March 3, 1932, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Russell and Marian (Johnson) Smith. She graduated from high school in 1950. She was united in marriage to Robert Klein on October 27, 1950. To this union 2 children were born, Konnie and Stephen. Robert preceded her in death. She was later united in marriage to Vernon Egertson on April 30, 1977. He also preceded Peggy in death. She worked the majority of her life as a secretary for The State Bank in Spirit Lake and Dickinson County Mutual. She also worked at Home Instead, caring for the residents.

In her free time, Peggy volunteered her time as Girl Scout Leader, Den Mother, and was active in her church. She enjoyed playing bridge and many other card games. She was also an accomplished seamstress.

She is survived by her daughter, Konnie Sue (Steven) Klein Egertson of Pacific, MO; son, Stephen (Cindy) Klein of Forest Grove, OR; grandchildren, Kylee Reynolds of Auburn, IL; Kellee (Kyle) Speck of Fenton, MO; Katelyn (Cole) Evans of Sheridan, WY; Dustin Klein of Bosie, ID; 5 great grandchildren, Gage, Ivyee, Kymberlee Reynolds and Cameron and Lennon Evans; sister, Janice Brugman of Solon, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 husbands, brothers Jim Smith, Roger Smith and David Smith and a sister, Pat Smith Seaton.

Peggy's children would like to thank their cousin, Carol Kay Pluth of Estherville, for her compassionate care and endearing love of their mother.

Memorials may be given to St. Croix Hospice in Peggy's name and sent to St. Croix Hospice, 1015 S. Grand Ave., Spencer, IA 51301.

LRH Celebrates Volunteers Week

Volunteers Week is from April 22-26, 2024, and Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) is celebrating and extending gratitude

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to the invaluable individuals who selflessly dedicate their time and talents to support

the organization's patients, visitors, and staff.

Volunteers enhance the care LRH provides and foster a warm, welcoming environment for everyone who walks through the doors. From assisting in hospice care and hospital operations to offering critical Medicare guidance, LRH volunteers play diverse and essential roles that positively impact lives every day.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who embody the spirit of compassion and service," said LRH Vice President of Marketing and Retail Services Jennifer Gustafson. "Their commitment not only enriches our patients' experiences but also strengthens the fabric of our community."

The scope of the volunteers' contributions is profound. Hospice volunteers, numbering 17 strong, offer vital support to patients and families during challenging times, providing companionship, running errands, and offering respite care that is both comforting and essential.

Meanwhile, approximately 50 hospital volunteers serve as friendly faces at our entrances and in the gift shop, ensuring every visitor feels welcome and cared for. Their efforts in customer service and patient assistance are integral to daily operations.

SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) olunteers are unsung heroes, providing critical guidance on Medicare options to help individuals navigate healthcare choices confidently. Volunteering at Lakes Regional Healthcare offers a myriad of personal rewards beyond the obvious community impact. Volunteers find purpose in their service, forge lasting friendships, and gain profound satisfaction from supporting a cause they deeply believe in. "This Volunteers Week, we invite anyone interested to consider joining our volunteer family," encourages Gustafson. "Whether you have a few hours to spare weekly or want to lend a hand during special events, your contribution will make a meaningful difference." For those interested in becoming a hospital or SHIIP volunteer, please contact Jennifer Gustafson at 712-336-8799 or jennifer. gustafson@lakeshealth.org. Hospice volunteer inquiries can be directed to Kim Jansma at 712-336-8709 or kimberly.jansma@ lakeshealth.org. For more information about Lakes Regional Healthcare and volunteer opportunities, visit www.lakeshealth. org/volunteer.

Obituaries

A funeral for Jane Matthews, age 71, of Terril, Iowa, was held Monday, April 22, 2024, at the United Methodist Church in Terril. On May 26th, 1952, a little

Iowa. She was a candy striper while in high school at DCMH. While in high school she met Tim Mark, as she would call him. She graduated from Milford

high school in 1970.

say they were two young kids trying to make it. Shortly after, their first-born, Melissa Jane, came into the world. To follow was her baby boy,Scot Timothy. They lost a baby a few years later. She then gave birth to her last girl,Lisa Louise. She always called her special angel because God gave her a baby when she needed it.

Jane stayed at home and even babysat for a while. While babysitting, she met her life-long friend and sister Julie alongside her "daughter" Amy Jo. She did Sunday school for years and was a girl scout leader while her first daughter was young. She was on the first ambulance crew for Terril. In the middle'80s, she started working part-time at the hospital as an EMT-I in the ambulance and ER. Her kids would joke they knew when mom had a bad call because she would come and rub their head when she got off duty. She went full-time as a ward secretary to follow.

Jane would retire to help babysit her great-grandchildren. Her family was her life from her children to grandchildren to great-grandchildren. She tried her hardest to make it to every event and was very proud of her family. She prayed for a big family when she was younger and that is just what she got. Jane was proud of her upbringing, and it made her who she was. She would say biological doesn't make you family; love does. She was a mom and grandma to everyone from home to work to at life in general. Her smile was contagious.

Jane passed away Sunday, April 14, 2024, at her home in Terril. Left to cherish her memories is her husband of 53 years, Timothy of Terril; her children, Melissa (special friend) of Terril, Scot of Ter-

ril, Lisa (Nathan) of Terril, and Amy (Russ) of Terril. Also to hold her memories are her 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Alongside her nieces and nephews with her siblings: Tom (Lourie), Marsha (Winton), Bill (Sharon), and Melanie (Dean). Finally, her chosen children, grandchildren, friends, and family whoselives she has touched.

Preceded in death by her parents: Don and Glee Hansen, Leo and Alma Matthews; her brother, Monte Matthews and son-in-law Tom Hart.

As she would say, "Love you more and have a fabulous day!" Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Obituaries

A Celebration of Life for Mardi Jo Currier Matthews, age 83, of Spencer will be held privately at a later date.

Mardi Jo Currier Matthews, a beloved daughter, mother, grand mother, great-grandmother and friend, departed this world on April 12, 2024. She was born on January 27, 1941, in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to Gilbert and Lois Currier.

Throughout her life, Mardi lived in Spirit Lake, Spencer, and Bemidji, Minnesota, settling in Spencer for the last 17 years of her life.

Mardi dedicated 35 years as a dance teacher before pursuing higher education at Bemidji University, earning her degree and embarking on a new chapter

in Mental Health Counseling. Throughout her career, she touched the lives of many with her empathy, wisdom, and compassion.

As a Christian, Mardi's faith provided strength and guidance throughout her life. She found joy in the simple pleasures of the outdoors, the tranquility of the lake, and embarking on adventures while traveling. She took comfort in writing and speaking her mind but Mardi's greatest joy was found in the company of her cherished family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Rich (Angie) Kendall of Round Rock, Texas; Teresa Garcia of Marion, Iowa; Stacy (Tom) Wells of Milford, Iowa; Amy (Keith) Strohman of Spencer, Iowa; Sarah Matthews of Spencer, Iowa; and Jesse Matthews (Marie Adams) of Laporte, Minnesota; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, extended family and friends

Mardi was preceded in death by her parents, Gib and Lois Currier, her brothers, Lee and Bob Currier, her granddaughter, Courtney Wells, her grandson, Brian Kendall, and her faithful companion, Murphy, the cherished springer spaniel.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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complicated or prolonged grief, through individual sessions, provided In-person OR by TeleHealth at Okoboji Wellness Clinic. He has 30+ years of mental healthcare experience in Thanatology (death and loss) and Music Therapy. Mark is associated with and also works within Lutheran Family Service.

Counseling topics addressed can include past family grief, job-related trauma, supporting parents following the loss of a

child due to illness, suicide, trauma, miscarriage or stillbirth; and spouses or families of those suffering traumatic brain injury or life-changing illnesses such as ALS, Huntington's, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's or other Dementias.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Mark Vande Braak, please call Okoboji Wellness Clinic at (712) 339-6024. We are located at 3305 Bergquist Ave., Spirit Lake, IA. Be Well, Get Well, Stay Well. okobojiwellnessclinic.com



A memorial service for Elsie Mae Wetzeler, age ninety-six, oof Spirit Lake, Iowa, will be held at 11 am, Saturday, April 27, 2024, at

the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will begin at 9:00am until service time at the church. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Elsie passed away April 5, 2024, at her home, surrounded by loved ones. Elsie was born February 16, 1928, in Akron, IA to Otto and Ruth Larsen. She

graduated from Akron Public School in

1946 then attended Morningside Col-



lege in Sioux City. She later transferred to the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and earned her Secretarial Science Certificate. During her high school and college years, she worked during the summers in her father's business, the Akron Creamery Company. On July 9, 1949, Elsie married Charles W. Wetzeler at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Akron, IA. Charles' banking profession took them to Remsen, IA. After their first two children, Carol, and James (Jim) were born, they moved to Storm Lake, IA. It was there that their third child, Judith (Judy) was born. They then moved to Frankfort, IL, where their fourth child, William (Bill) joined the family. After a short stay inIllinois, they moved to Spirit Lake, IA, where they have lived ever since.

Elsie was a member of multiple organizations. Some of the groups included PEO, Order of the Eastern Star, TTT, and for the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Scholarship Committee. Elsie was a long time Luzier Cosmetics consultant. After her children were in school, she was employed at the Spirit Lake Mainsail. She was a Board member of The State Bank for many years. She felt her most important job in life was raising her children and being a stay at home mom. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She and her husband Charles always had a love of the Lakes Region and were regularly active in various community events. In 2021, Charles and Elsie were presented with the Kiwanis Citizen of the Years award.

Elsie is survived by Charles W., her husband of 74 years; her daughters, Carol (Wetzeler) Schultz, Judith (Wetzeler) Nece and husband James, William (Bill) Wetzeler and wife Kristin, all of Spirit Lake, and daughter-in-law. Catherine Wetzeler of Boone, IA: also eight grandchildren: Angela (Wetzeler) Steuer and husband Matthew, Jennifer (Wetzeler) Schmidt and husband Michael, Robert Wetzeler and wife Allison, Brian Wetzeler, Stephanie (Schultz) Reicks and husband Graig, Andrew Schultz and wife Rebecca, Nicholas Wetzeler and wife Katelyn, Benjamin Wetzeler and eleven great-grandchildren: William, Jacob and Elizabeth Steuer, Greyson, Violet, and Samuel Schmidt and foster great grandson Ja'Voni Jackson, Camden and Cayler Reicks, and Cooper, Charles R. and Grace Wetzeler. Shewas preceded in death by her son, James Wetzeler; son-in-law, Lloyd Schultz;parents, Otto and Ruth Larsen;brother, Cyril Larsen and sisters, June (Larsen) Belshe and Elaine (Larsen) Deirup.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





girl was born in Sioux City, Iowa. Three months later she was chosen by the most loving parents a daughter could ask for. Don and Glee Hansen named her Jane Louise. Jane grew up in Milford,

On August 28th, 1970, she married the love of her life. She would



Flowers And Vegetables And Gardens, Oh My! by Jill Jennings

It's time to garden! Hopefully you've been doing your plotting and planning while the earth has been sleeping this winter. But even if you are just starting to think about digging in the soil, it's not too late! The Spirit Lake Public Library has a diverse selection of gardening books for you to check out.

We have nearly four dozen titles covering topics such as container gardening, raised beds, deer-proofing, and water gardens. There are specific books dedicated to growing tomatoes, peonies, orchids, roses, and bulbs.

If a "free spirit" or "no dig" garden is more your speed, we have books covering those subjects as well. Would you like to plant a garden for the bees and the butterflies? We have books that can help you with those projects, too.

Remember to include the kids. Along with the gardening books in the adult non-fiction section, there are a handful of titles on the juvenile non-fiction shelves, too.

In our periodicals section, we have a few magazines that can spark inspiration in the garden: Birds and Blooms, Better Homes & Gardens, and Mother Earth News. Even the most current issues of these magazines are available for checkout.

If you are one who prefers a digital format, there are many titles of gardening eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines available on Libby and Hoopla. For more information on downloading, please chat with one of the SLPL staff.

You don't have to be a Master Gardener to enjoy gardening. Louise Beebe Wilder said, "In his garden, every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation."

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, April 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Tuesday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, May 1, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, May 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party • Thursday, May 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong



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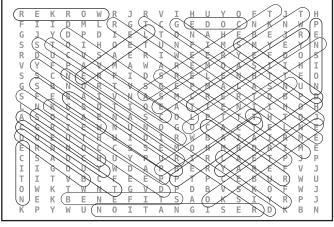
Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

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.

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

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Iowa Lakes Community College Launches The Fitness Court® Prioritizing Community Health And Wellness In Iowa

(Emmetsburg, Iowa) Iowa Lakes Community College announces the debut of an innovative addition to the Emmetsburg Campus: an outdoor Fitness Court[®] situated next to the Arthur and Audrey Smith Wellness Center. This exciting enhancement promises to elevate the well-being of residents by offering accessible fitness opportunities. Iowa Lakes invites everyone to attend a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., to discover the healthy benefits firsthand.

Funding for the project was made possible through partnerships with a \$30,000 grant from the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) and local community partners, including the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation, the City of Emmetsburg, the Emmetsburg Community Development Corporation, Ag Processing Incorporated (AGP), Palo Alto County Health System (PACHS), Dan Cooper Builders, Hallet Materials, Iowa Lakes Construction Technology Department, and Great Lakes Concrete.

'We are deeply appreciative of the joint efforts of the Healthy Infrastructure Initiative with the City of Emmetsburg and the generous sponsorships from numerous local partners that have made the

Fitness Court® a reality. This free outdoor fitness center, available 24 hours a day, offers a new opportunity to socialize and exercise, encouraging healthier lifestyles and enhancing the quality of life for our community members and students. We couldn't have done it without you," said Kyle Norris, Executive Dean.

The new Fitness Court® is designed to be inclusive, catering to adults aged 14 and older of all fitness levels. Considered the world's best outdoor gym, the Fitness Court[®] allows users to leverage their body weight to complete a workout using seven stations. To further enhance the experience, users can download the free Fitness Court App-a coach-inyour-pocket-style platform that transforms the world's best outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness experience. The Fitness Court App is available for iOS and Android.

"We are excited to have Iowa Lakes Community College join us in the journey to health and wellness as we make a positive impact building Healthy Infrastructure across America," said Mitch Menaged, Founder of the National Fitness Campaign. "The addition of the Fitness Court®, along with ongoing engagement in healthy lifestyles, demonstrates a tre-



mendous commitment to the campus and greater community."

Founded in San Francisco in 1979, National Fitness Campaign is a wellness consulting firm that provides programs and services to cities, schools, and sponsors. Our mission is to build healthy communities nationwide. The campaign delivers an integrated wellness initiative, centered around the Fitness Court®- the world's best outdoor gym. National Fitness Campaign welcomed its 500th healthy community in 2023, as it continues to grow the country's largest public-private partnership in support of wellness with the goal of building a Fitness Court® within a 10-minute bike ride of every American. Follow along with National Fitness Campaign at nationalfitnesscampaign.com or on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.



Augusta Golf Challenge Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following winners of our Augusta Golf Challenge! Thank you to everyone for playing.

1st Place: Kyle Ingwersen of Lake Park - 16 Under Par - winning \$100 2nd Place: Blake Haymond of Milford - 15 Under Par (won tiebreaker) winning \$75

3rd Place: Jamison Helmers of Milford -15 Under Par - winning \$50 4th Place: Jill Traynor of Omaha, Ne-

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online to Iowa-Al-Anon.org, meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IS 51351 USA).

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Rev Your Engines: 28th Annual Rodders Swap Meet Rolls into Clay County Fairgrounds Cars, cars, cars: Join the Black Knights Car Club at the 28th Annual Rodders Swap Meet on

Sunday, April 28. This event will take place at the Clay County Fairgrounds with activities starting at 6:00am and only \$5 for general admission.

Vendors and guests welcome. All vendors are welcome, no pre-registration required. Vendor set up is 2:00 - 7:00pm on Saturday, April 27. Spaces are \$25 each with an additional \$5 per passenger. Vendors must enter through the North gate off W 18th Street.

Denny Houseman, president of the Black Knights Car Club, says, "mostly there will be cars, car parts, car corral...we'll have tires, wheels, engines, hub caps, you name it, it'll be there."

For more information about the event, contact Den-

Spencer Municipal Utilities Honored with National Award for Outstanding Safety Practices

Spencer Municipal Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2023. The utility earned a gold award in the

residents to utilize when trying category for utilities to locate services in and around with 30,000-59,999 the county. With a variety of worker-hours of annual services and help providers worker exposure.

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Weekly Events at Occasions

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Upcoming weekly events in April at Occasions, Formerly the Spencer Area Activity

Center, located at 104 East 4th street in Spencer. Tuesday, April 23 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Bingo 1:00 500 Wednesday, April 24 10:30 Tai Chi 11:45 Dinner Date and Dig In & Discover -Spring Trivia 1:00 Ponytail Canasta 1:00 Pool / Snooker **Thursday April 25** 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Bingo 1:00 500/Pinochle Friday, April 26 9:00 Coffee 'Klatch' 11:45 Dinner Date 12:30 Movie "CARS 2" 1:00 Pool or Snooker

Sunday, April 28 6:00 Trivia Night at Axaholics \$20 per person Monday, April 29 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Cards 2:30 Stroke Support Tuesday, April 30 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:45 Dinner Date 1:00 Bingo 1:00 500 Free baked goods donated by Hy-Vee. Generous donations

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Risk Coordinator of Spencer Municipal Utilities.

More than 150 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2023. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2023. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2023, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"Spencer Municipal Utilities is proud of its safety record," said Steve Pick, General Manager/ CEO of Spencer Municipal Utilities. "This award is a testament to the hard work that goes into ensuring that our team members go home safe to their families every day."

"In our industry, safety has to be top of mind all day every day," said Scott McKenzie, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Senior Director of Member Training & Safety at AMP Inc. "These honored utilities have demonstrated a commitment to safety that runs through every aspect of their organizations."

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

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There will be gifts, garden art, primitives, furniture, home décor and jewelry. See Ormsby Antique Show on Facebook.

Dancing in Spirit Lake

The Lakes Area Activity Center in Spirit Lake (2101 Zenith Ave, under the water tower) will have a dance on Sunday, April 28, from 2:00-5:00pm. Dance to live music with Donnie from The Senders, from 2-5pm! There will be a potluck lunch at 3:00pm. Whether you come to dance or listen to the music, all ages are welcome.



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, May 2, 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 April Food Bank, 508 individuals (197 families) received 8,168 lbs.offood. The

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

If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church

THE LAKES NEWS SHOPPER Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Free Kids Fishing Clinic

The Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club is putting on a free kids fishing clinic for kids 6-15 years of age on May 1, 2024, 5:00 - 8:00pm, at Stolley's

Pit in Spencer, Iowa. Bring your own fishing pole, tackle, and a small bucket. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend. Must be registered to qualify for prizes.



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- 7:00pm 8:00pm Supper furnished by "Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club"
- 8:00pm Prizes given to all registered participants
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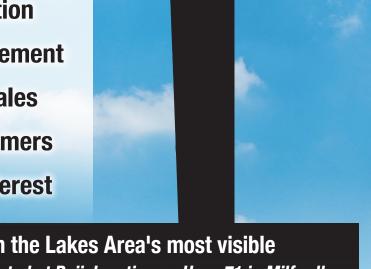
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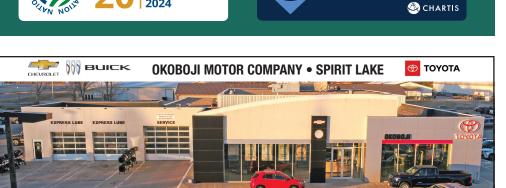
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ESTIMATES!

ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team Host "Virtual Chat 2" ORANGE CITY, Iowa - The Iowa State University Extension

and Outreach Dairy Team is hosting another "Virtual Chat" to discuss the latest information on the

mystery illness effecting dairy cows on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00pm.

The knowledge on the illness is growing almost hourly, so this program will discuss the latest information on the HPAI infection effecting dairy ruminant herds and poultry flocks. The agenda includes:

- Pat Gorden DVM, ISU Veterinary College Field Services: History of the disease and practicing veterinarians' perspective
- Drew Magstadt DVM, ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab oratory: Perspectives on diagnostic tests
- Yuko Sato DVM, ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory: What is HPAIV? What can the dairy industry learn from the poultry industry?
- Jeff Kaisand DVM, Iowa State Veterinarian: State's perspective on HPAIV in dairy ruminants.
- Danelle Bickett-Weddle DVM, owner of Preventalytics: Protecting Your Dairy Herd
- Q&A

Producers, dairy consultants, and industry reps are encouraged to attend the free virtual chat at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 1. No registration is required.

Go to the following URL to join: https://go.iastate.edu/ BOVINEA Password: 904903.

For more information, contact Dr. Phillip Jardon, Iowa State Extension Dairy Veterinary at 515.294.7424 or *pjardon@iastate*. edu; or Dr. Gail Carpenter, at 515-294-9085 or ajcarpen@ iastate.edu.

Street Pub in Bancroft, for lunch





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



The game will be held at Wildcat Stadium in Arnolds Park. This event is offered free of charge to students who have a disability



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



State Park in Forest City. Contact Christian Motorcyclist

around noon. Finally, the Pilot Knob

Living Word Outreach Ministries, 905 10th Avenue SE, Spencer at

10:00am (gathering at 9:30). Then A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Park, 160th

Avenue, Algona, with bike blessing around 11:00am. Next will be Main

Association - Spirit Riders: 1242 Road Captain Marvin Smith at 712-260-9638 or President Mike Capps II at 319-759-8164.

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