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# 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Announcement

Dorene Westergard will be turning 95 on May 4th! Please help her celebrate by joining us for a come-and-go party from 2:00-4:00 on Saturday, May 4th, in the Keelson Harbour Com-

If you are unable to attend, birthday greetings may be sent to Dorene at: 2810 Aurora Ave., Unit 145, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. No gifts please.

# Brewster

Come join us at the Brewster Legion in Brewster, MN, Saturday, May 11th, for a great evening of dancing and music.

Norgaard Country will be playing 7:30-11:00 PM. Bring your friends.

# **Older Americans Month**

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2024 theme is "Powered by Connection", which recognizes the impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being.

Spirit Lake Mayor, Kevin Bice will sign a proclamation for Older Americans Month at the Lakes Area Senior Citizens / Activity Center on May 9, 2024, at 12:00, right before the Dinner Date meal is served. Call in a reservation for Dinner Date to enjoy a wonderful meal of BBQ Ribs, and engage in meaningful conversations and develop social START YOUR SEARCH.

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# **SL VFW Performers**

The following musicians will be performing at the Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is only \$5, come and listen to your favorite songs.

May 7 - Terry Klein May 14 - Steve Lang May 21 - Itty Bitty Boji Band May 28 - The Senders

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Okoboji Performing Arts will be holding their annual Summer Academy Creative Arts Camp, "Lights, Camera, Action!", June 10-14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at First Lutheran Church in Milford.

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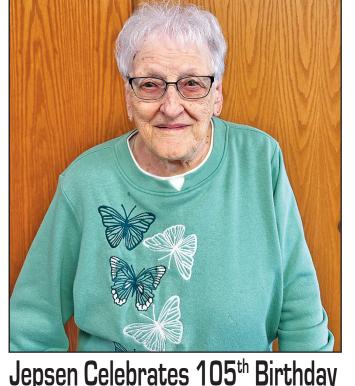
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# Jepsen Celebrates 105th Birthday

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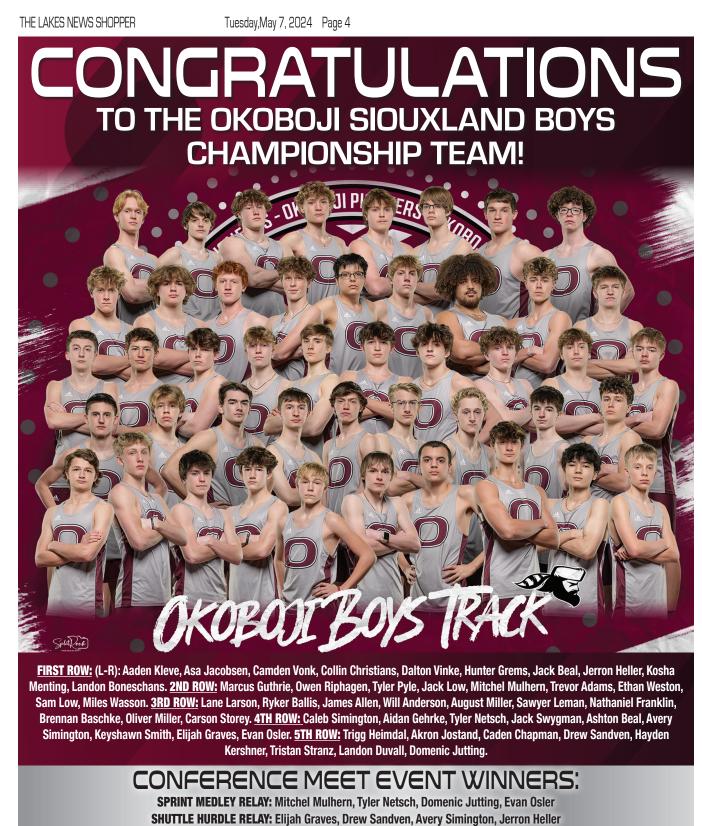


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# Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place in-person at St. Joseph Church now through October 15, at 7:30pm. Use west classroom door.

Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed.

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



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# **OHS Seniors Receive Scholarships**

Dave Dorenkamp, Milford Kiwanian, left, poses with Morgan Elwood, Grace Pausley and Maddison Lambert. These three OHS senior girls each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Milford Kiwanis Club. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Please consider stopping in and seeing the Milford Kiwanis Club in action. We meet at 7:00 am on Tuesday mornings at the Milford Community Center, west side. Breakfast will be furnished and you will get a glimpse of how we continue to strengthen the Milford Community!







# PIONEERING PATHWAYS

May is School Board Recognition Month

# JOIN IN CELEBRATING IOWA SCHOOL BOARDS

May is School Board Recognition Month; the Okoboji school district is celebrating the work of school board members who are Propelling Students to New Heights in partnership with the school community, families, and citizens.

"School board members serve to make a difference for students and help ensure the sky's the limit for their future success. They devote their time to monthly meetings, reviewing board materials, communicating with citizens and parents, exploring learning opportunities, and attending school functions and activities," said Todd Abrahamson, Superintendent.

The Okoboji School Board, through their strategic decisions, chart the course for our school district and students. They oversee the budget, develop policies, set the culture for the district, and make decisions that ripple through the entire community. Their commitment to student achievement is a solid foundation, carefully connected to making practical, concrete decisions in the present with the never-ending goal of developing Iowa's future teachers, doctors, business leaders—and school board members!

"Our school board keeps the district on the right path, tightly focused on ensuring high and equitable learning for all students. They serve 1,200 students and 225 employees and are responsible for an annual budget of \$36M," said Todd Abrahamson, Superintendent.

"Thank you to the members of the Okoboji school board for your dedicated service. We greatly appreciate your commitment to improving education and supporting students. Your hard work and selflessness have made a positive impact on our community. We are grateful for your leadership and the countless hours you devote to ensuring the success of our schools. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students," said Todd Abrahamson, Superintendent.

# THE BOARD MEMBERS SERVING THE OKOBOJI SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE ARE:



**Juli Johnson**President, 7-years



**John Klopstad** Vice President, 5-years



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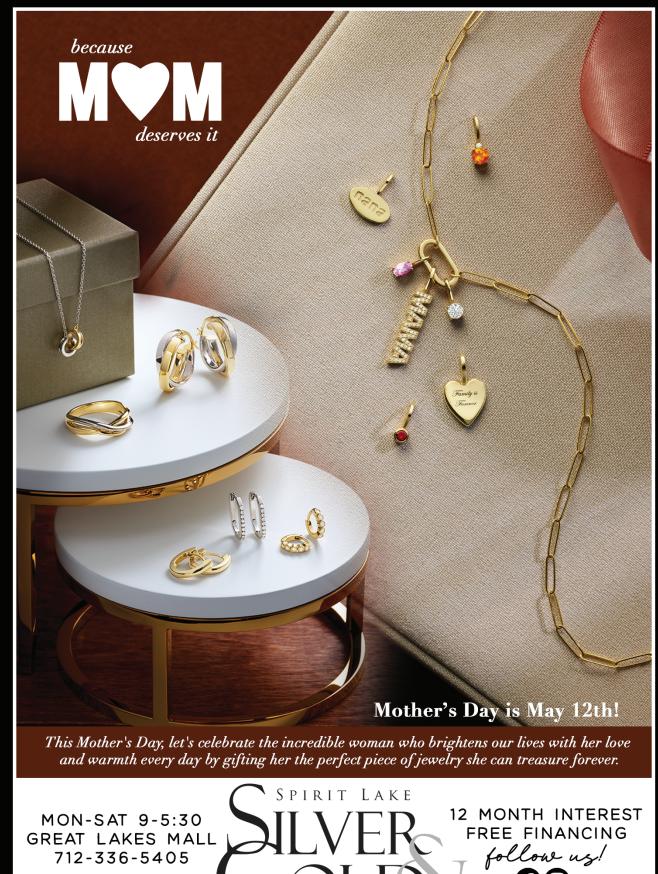












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# Nineteen ILCC and Career Academy Students Excel at 2024 Iowa SkillsUSA Competition

Fifteen Iowa Lakes Community College students and four Iowa Lakes Career Academy students demonstrated their exceptional skills and expertise at the 2024 Iowa Skills USA competition, which was

Front (l-r): Jacob Haase, Jalen Michaelson, Alexandra Shemon, Drew Prins

Back row: Owen Kies, Jesse Wright, Benjamin Nielsen, Pierce Martin, Ryan

Nicholas Grubb, Malakai Redig, Brody Van't Hull, and Tate Myers.

held on April 26 at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in Ankeny, Iowa Representing the Boat & Watercraft Technician, Welding Tech-

nology, Powersports & Power Equipment Technology, and Construction Technology Management programs, these students showcased their talents by competing against the most talented career and technical education students across Iowa.

During the fiercely competitive event, eight Iowa Lakes students and

Kilian, and Wyatt Schwenker. Not pictured, Carter Sorensen two Iowa Lakes Career Academy students earned the prestigious gold medal for first place in their respective categories, securing their positions to compete in the upcoming 2024 National SkillsUSA competition, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 24 to 28.

**Motorcycle Service Technology category**  $( {\bf Post\text{-}secondary - College})$ 

1st Place: Nicholas Grubb (Nicollet, Minn.) 2nd Place: Pierce Martin (Albert Lea, Minn.) 3rd Place: Drew Prins (Sanborn, Iowa) Motorcycle Service Technology (High School)

Brice Rooney, Zachary Borchers, Braydan Albrant 1st Place: Brice Rooney (Emmetsburg, Iowa) and Nathan Adams. Emmetsburg High School

3rd Place: Braydan Albrant (Emmetsburg, Iowa) -Emmetsburg High School Power Equipment Technology (Post-secondary - College)

1st Place: Benjamin Nielsen (Templeton, Iowa) 2nd Place: Ryan Kilian (Heron Lake, Minn.)

3rd Place: Carter Sorensen (Buyck, Minn.) Power Equipment Technology (High School)

3rd Place: Nathan Adams (Emmetsburg, Iowa)-Emmetsburg High School

Carpentry (Post-secondary - College)

1st Place: Zachary Borchers (Graettinger, Iowa)-Graettinger-Terril High School

1st Place: Tate Myers (Iowa Falls, Iowa)

Marine Service Technology (Post-secondary - College)

1st Place: Brody Van't Hull (Rock Valley, Iowa) 2nd Place: Wyatt Schwenker (Maquoketa, Iowa)

3rd Place: Malakai Redig (Britt, Iowa)

Welding Fabrication (Post-secondary - College) 1st Place (Team): Jalen Michaelson (Guthrie Center, Iowa); Jacob Haase (Burt, Iowa);

Owen Kies (Spencer, Iowa) Welding Sculpture (Post-secondary - College)

1st Place: Jesse Wright (Spencer, Iowa)

2nd Place: Alexandra Shemon (Fostoria, Iowa)

Career Academy at Iowa Lakes offers high school students the opportunity to acquire real-world skills in high-demand occupations. College students at Iowa Lakes receive a mix of hands-on training and classroom learning to earn degrees or diplomas while equipping them with the in-demand skills necessary to succeed at SkillsUSA competitions and for their future careers in their respective industries. For more information about Iowa Lakes' career and technical programs for adults at and Career

Academy for high-school students, please visit iowalakes.edu.

SkillsUSA is a workplace development organization driven by employer demand to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members by developing interpersonal, workplace, and technical skills. With members nationwide in high schools, colleges, and middle schools, covering over 130 trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as being an integral part of career and technical education. Since 1965, SkillsUSA has served 14.6 million cumulative members.



# May is School Board Appreciation Month! THANK YOU SPIRIT LAKE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS!



Spirit Lake School Board President, TERESA BECK



Spirit Lake School Board VP, **SONJA HAMM** 



Spirit Lake School Board Member, **GRETA GRUYS** 



Spirit Lake School Board Member, **JEROMY MOUW** 



Spirit Lake School Board Member, **MIEKA STECKER** 

Thank you to these leaders for their proven guidance and the decision making they have done with students' best interest always at the forefront. You have accomplished many things for our students, staff and district. We are proud of you, your service to this district and community and grateful for your dedicated work.



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Scheduled Presentations and

•May 14 —Dave Swanson-Lake Ecology

•May 21—Jed Jensen—Northwest Bank

•May 28—Treva Graves—Healthy Food Conversations •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. •Zumba Class on Thursday at 5:00pm. •Tai Chi on Thursdays at 11:00am. Sign up and stay for

•Asian MahJong—May 6th and 20th at 1pm

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Mary Callyn (Callie) Herke and Logan James Axne, of Milford, are engaged. Parents of the couple are Douglas and Mary Herke, of Emmetsburg, and Lowell and Kim Axne, formerly of Badger, now of Humboldt.

An October 26, 2024, wedding in Graettinger is planned. Herke is a 2012 graduate of Terril High School in Graettinger, 2014 graduate of Des Moines Area Community College with a Liberal Arts Degree and 2021 graduate from University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. Herke is employed at Ries Eyecare as a paraoptometric technician.

Axne is a 2008 graduate of Fort Dodge Senior High School and 2012 graduate of the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Study. Axne is employed as an officer for the Milford Police Department.





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**Letter to Editor:** Harris-Lake Park Elementary School received a grant from the Dickinson County Endowment Fund to purchase soccer goals and playground equipment. We want to thank the Dickinson County Endowment Fund for this generous grant. The students enjoy

using new equipment and being able to play games together.

Judy J. Brueggeman, Harris-Lake Park Community Schools



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**Upcoming Events** 

# **Monday, May 27**

# Monday Fun Day Tournament

- 4 Person Best Shot
- 1 PM Shotgun Start
- \$55 fee includes golf, cart, prizes & dinner

# Friday, May 31

# **Cyclone Wrestling Club Fundraiser**

- Keith Abbens Golf Memorial
- 4 Person Best Shot **Call for Details**

# **Sunday, June 2**

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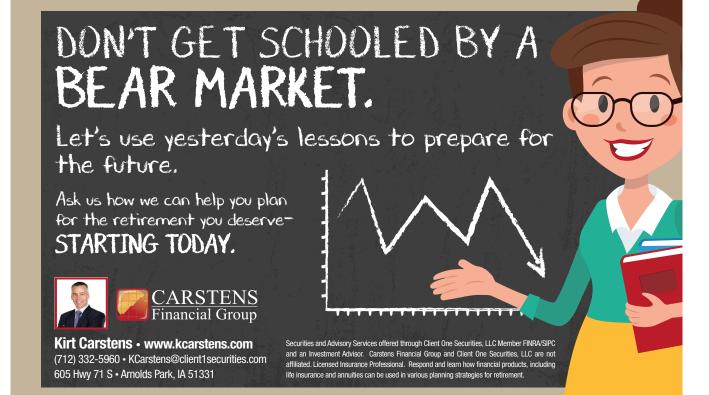
**Breakfast Fundraiser** Sunday, May 19 8:30am-12:30pm

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Older Americans Month THURS., MAY 9 at noon **Spirit Lake Mayor Kevin Bice** will sign proclamation Strummers - A ukulele group will play from 11:15-noor



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# by John Adams, Jr.

Cyclones Survive Portal Season

In today's crazy college world of the Transfer Portal and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL), the off-season has proven to be almost as busy as the regular season. The federal courts ruled this year that the NCAA cannot impose a mandatory sit out a year for players who transfer more than one time, opening up what was already a flood gate into the Transfer Portal. Before that ruling, you figured that if you had a player who transferred into your program, you would probably keep him/her because they would have to sit out a year if they left again; after that ruling it has pretty much become free agency with every player on every roster. I know I sometimes wear my rose- (Cyclone) colored glasses when it comes to Iowa State, but I would have to argue that the four major sports (football, men's and women's basketball and wrestling) did about as good of a job as any program at the Power Four level of maintaining their key starters while filling in depth with transfers that appear to fit into the programs perfectly.

College basketball appears to be the sport most impacted with the Transfer Portal. It's not uncommon to have four to eight players leave your program at the end of the season, and some programs, like Arkansas, had only two returning players before former Kentucky coach John Calipari was hired. The Iowa State women lost several players to the Portal, but were able to keep all of their starters plus add some key transfers themselves. The Cyclones have signed Kenzie Hare (Marquette), Sydney Harris (TCU), Lily Hansford (Oregon State) and Lilly Taulelie (UMASS). Hare, Harris and Hansford will add shooting and scoring on the perimeter while Taulelie will add some depth down in the post. These four will join returning starters Emil Ryan, Addy Brown and Audi Crooks as well as key reserves Arianna Jackson and Kelsey Jones on a Cyclone squad that should be a preseason Top 15 team.

The Iowa State men are coming off a Big 12 Tournament Championship, Sweet 16 appearance and final ranking of #8 in the nation. While the Cyclones lost several role players to the Portal, they were able to keep their four top scorers from last year, Keshon Gilber, Tamin Lipsey, Curtis Jones and Milan Momcilovic while also adding some key transfers to help fill the void by graduating their top three post players. Iowa State added centers/forwards Dishon Jackson (Charlotte), Brandton Chatfield (Seattle) and Joshua Jefferson (St. Mary's) and guard Nate Heise (UNI) to go along with the Big 4. ISU also had 7'1" JT Rock sitting out last season and brings in a very strong class of freshmen; making this one of the most talented rosters on paper that the Cyclones have ever had. Many of the "Way Too Early Top 25" rankings have ISU as a Top 5 team right now, and if this group can come together like last year's group did, they could have the potential to be a Final Four team.

The excitement around coach Kevin Dresser and his wrestling program is at a recent all-time high, as the Cyclones are coming off a Big 12 Tournament championship and a fourth-place finish at Nationals, their best finish since 2010. Dresser was also named Big 12 Coach of the Year for the second time in his Cyclone tenure. Fans are very excited about Dresser's program, as ISU averaged 6,690 fans last season, their most in the Big 12 era. Iowa State was able to keep their main wrestlers on the roster, and added NCAA qualifier Evan Bockman (Utah Valley) at 197 pounds. The Cyclones could still add some more depth to the program through the portal and should enter next season as a

Top five program. The Cyclone football team was able to keep their 20 returning starters all on campus this season while adding some nice depth with wide receiver, Isaiah Austin (Army), running back, Jaylon Jackson (Eastern Michigan), offensive linemen, Dylan Barrett (Wisconsin) and Jalen Travis (Princeton) and defensive lineman, Kenard Skinner (Louisiana). ISU will also probably add two to three more transfers before fall camp starts in late July. The Cyclones are coming off a surprising 7-6 season that saw them go 6-3 in the Big 12, and return a loaded offense with Rocco Becht, Jaylin Noel, Jayden Higgins, Ban Brahmer and Abu Sama as well as their entire offensive line. The key will be the defense, which does return nine starters but must replace corner back TJ Tampa, who was selected in the fourth round of the NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens. Like the basketball and wrestling squads, the Cyclone football team should appear in the preseason rankings, probably anywhere from 20-25.

I have gotten long-winded enough and could write for days on my thoughts about the Transfer Portal and NIL, but will save that for another article. In this day and age of the Transfer Portal and NIL, college programs must "adapt or die". While it's still early in the process and none of these transfers have played for the Cyclones; with all four teams keeping their main contributors while plugging in pieces that appear to fit in with their current rosters, it definitely appears that ISU coaches are not only adapting but thriving. It's going to be a fun year to be a Cyclone!

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Letter to the Editor:** 

The Spirit Lake High School 2024 After Prom Committee would like to offer a heartfelt "thank you" to the many businesses and people that donated to the After Prom event. The event was enjoyed by several SLHS Juniors and Seniors as well as their guests.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers that made this event possible, as the saying goes "we could not have done

Thank you again.

**Spirit Lake After Prom Committee** 

# Thank Your School Board Members

The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) invites communities to celebrate and thank their local school board members during School Board Recognition Month, May 1-31, 2024. This year's theme is Propelling Students to New Heights and celebrates the work of school board members who ensure the sky's the limit for students and their future.

"School board members spend countless hours piloting their district at the board table toward the goal of student success. With this goal always at the forefront, they chart the course by overseeing the budget, developing policies, and setting the culture. Please join me throughout the month of May in thanking these board members," said IASB Board President Elizabeth Brennan.

More than 2,000 Iowa board members (1,845 K-12, 79 AEA and 124 community college board members) volunteer countless hours on board work each month. They receive no compensation, but many say the reward of service is more than enough-helping Iowa students soar.

PK-12 school board members oversee \$6.98 billion statewide in Iowa public schools for 486,475 students. AEA board members oversee \$427.9 million and provide special education, media and educational services to public schools.

Please join us in celebrating these leaders for being the wind beneath the wings of public schools through their hard work and dedication. IASB has developed a toolkit with school board facts, graphics, and other resources. Visit www.ia-sb.org/SBRM to access these resources.

IASB is a nonprofit membership organization representing Iowa's 325 public school districts, nine area education agencies and 15 community colleges.



**SLPL BOOK CLUB** by Jill Jennings

Do you like to read books, talk about books, eat snacks, and make new friends? Then come check out the Spirit Lake Public Library Book Club!

During the school year, our book club meets just once per month. During the summer, however, we get together semimonthly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

We'll kick off the season with an informal get-together on Monday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. It will be a time of socializing, chatting about what we are reading, and, of course, having refreshments. There is no specific book that we will read ahead of time for this meeting of the book club.

In June we will meet on the 10th and the 24th. The book selection for the 10th is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. For the 24th, we will be reading *Loyalty* by Lisa Scottoline.

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano is the chosen title for July 8th. Liane Moriarty's Apples Never Fall will be the selection

During the month of August, we will discuss *The Lost Girls* of Willowbrook by Ellen Marie Wiseman on the 12th and Facing the Mountain by Daniel James Brown on the 19th.

Book club books are held behind the desk, so you will need to ask a staff person for a copy. And you will need to read quickly because the check out time is only one week.

We'd love to have you join our book club! If you have any questions, call (712) 336-2667 or stop in and chat with the SLPL staff. We are open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to explore new tasks and roles within the program.

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE SLPL:** •Monday, May 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- •Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, May 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess Club
- •Tuesday, May 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play •Wednesday, May 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- •Thursday, May 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m., "Reading Rabbits" Story Time w/J.K. Pasture Farm
- •Thursday, May 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong

# **NW Iowa RSVP's Other Community Priorities**

In observance of National Volunteer Month, Northwest Iowa RSVP is directing attention toward various focus areas prioritized in the program for grant funding. The last category of "Other Community Priorities" stands out, encompassing museums, healthcare settings, community organizations, and more, serving as a pivotal focus in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto counties.

As the summer season approaches, volunteers from Northwest Iowa RSVP are eagerly stepping into the sunshine, contributing their time to nature centers, summer camps, park maintenance, trail upkeep, and library programs. Volunteers passionate about history, arts, and culture are actively involved in local historical society museums and art centers and contribute as ushers for theatre productions and music concerts. Heartfelt caregiving volunteers offer companionship visits and musical performances at local hospitals and care centers. At the same time, some volunteers showcase their sewing and knitting skills to create quilts and blankets to donate to local veterans, churches, and community projects.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our small communities. You can find them in each of our counties as they help facilitate our small community organizations and clubs, assist at local events, and carry out projects to improve their little piece of northwest Iowa," affirms Megan Spurgin, Emmet County RSVP

When embarking on a volunteer journey, individuals must prioritize introspection and identify the passions and activities that bring them the most joy. Many unique volunteer opportunities are available, and local coordinators love assisting individuals in finding the perfect fit for their volunteering endeavors. The path to volunteerism can be as unique as desired, with opportunities

"There is no 'one size fits all' approach to volunteering. It brings me great joy to see our volunteers fulfilled by the work they do. Some volunteers come in knowing exactly where they want to spend their time, and others are open to trying out a few places before finding the right fit. Both are wonderful approaches, and the beauty of volunteer work is that each opportunity is as unique as the volunteers working with us. As RSVP coordinators, we genuinely love hearing from our volunteers about their impact and how their time is incredibly worthwhile to those they share it with," emphasized Spurgin.

Individuals interested in joining NW Iowa RSVP are encouraged to email RSVP@iowalakes.edu, complete a registration form at www.iowalakes.edu/RSVP, or contact an RSVP coor-

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Mark in Rapid City South Dakota

Dear Mark,

Those big repair bills hurt, but we may have a solution you should like. The motor for the electric steering is coupled to the column via a rubber motor coupler to give it a smoother feel. This coupler falls apart with age and now is available only on Amazon as far as we have seen. The part cost is about \$6 dollars. Yep, that's it! We see a lot of people try to install it themselves and usually get it done in two to three hours but safety first, so a couple hours shop labor should do it.

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Thank you, Tina in Duluth Minnesota

Dear Tina,

We have seen things like spilled milk that are bad, but this tops it. If you have full coverage insurance, use it. Cleaning probably won't help. You will need to remove and replace anything that encountered the skunk. Or its spray. Seats, wall panels, carpet, all of it. If there is no insurance coverage, you could try to get some parts from a self-service auto parts yard that you pull yourself. We have seen people do this. Parts are usually very affordable at those yards but there is the labor. Otherwise sell it to someone who can't smell very well.

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A commencement ceremony is planned at the Sioux Falls Arena on May 3.

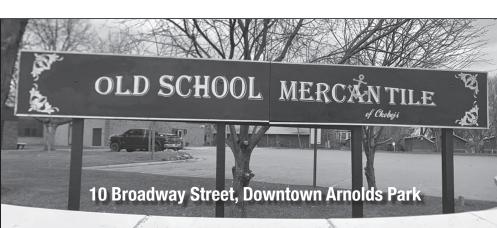
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# Free Breakfast at **Grandview Church**

Free Breakfast Saturday, May 11, from 8-10 am, at the Grandview Church gym. Burritos, pancakes, sausage, and eggs are being cooked, and milk, juice and coffee will also be served. The breakfast is completely free, and everyone is invited. Breakfast will be served at Grandview Baptist Church's gym, which is at 3705 170th Street, in Estherville. We have had an average of 150 people attend the free breakfasts. There will also be a small food pantry for families to take shelf-stable food.

Thanks to Estherville Foods, HyVee, Fareway & Kwik Star for donating food for the event. If you have questions, please contact Brett Fuelberth at 712-330-1145.



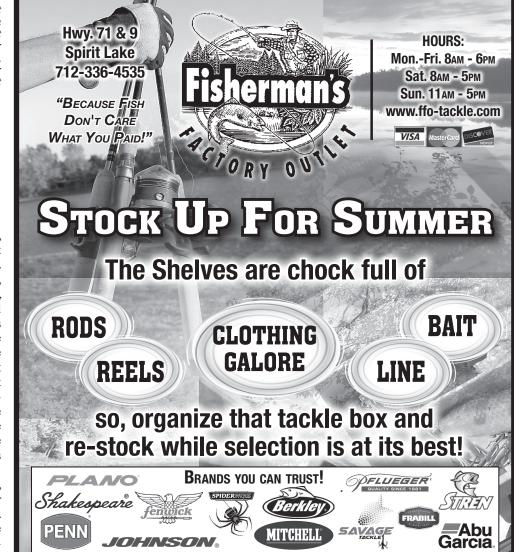
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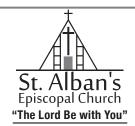
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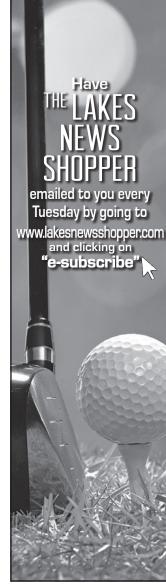
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# The IGL Okobojis American Legion **Baseball Team Advances**

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The Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis American Legion Baseball Team from Milford Post #384 has advanced to the Iowa American Legion Baseball State Tournament that was held this past weekend, Saturday May 4 and Sunday May 5.

The Okobojis head into the tournament with a 5-7 record having won their last 5 games. With an original 20 game schedule this spring in March and April rainouts, weathered-outs, and snow-outs lead the way with 8 games missed to inclement weather. Pitching has been the strong suit this spring and with this late surge the Okobojis have been methodically putting it all together in hopes for the right time to peak in this spring season heading into the State Tournament.

The Okobojis are nicknamed the O's and are in their 4th season of American Legion baseball and are based out of the area of the Iowa Great Lakes. This year's squad lists an 18 man roster coming from 9 different high schools in northwest Iowa. The O's played their 2024 home schedule at the Spirit Lake High School in Spirit Lake.

Head Coach this year is Spencer Robinson. Robinson is just one year removed as the starting catcher for the Spirit Lake Indians where he caught every inning of his senior campaign in 2023. Assistant Coach is Korey Robinson, father of head coach Spencer and father of O's first baseman Tyson Robinson. Bob Protexter is the club's General Manager. Aphton Rocha is the Commander of the Milford American Legion Post #384. Milford Post #384 has been the sponsoring post for three of the team's four year existence beginning in 2021.

The O's are lead by four seniors in shortstop Aidan Gigstad from Spirit Lake who will attend Northwestern College in Orange City to play soccer, right-handed pitcher Javen Baumgarn from Harris-Lake Park who will attend Dordt University in Sioux Center to play baseball, right-handed pitcher Cale Brechwald from Alta-Aurelia who already owns many high school career pitching records Alta-Aurelia, and left-handed pitcher Austin Jorgensen.

American Legion baseball in the state of Iowa hosts a spring season in March and April with the State Tournament the first weekend of May. High School baseball begins official practices in Iowa on the first Monday of the week of May 1. All of the other 49 states play a summer American Legion schedule in May, June and July. The winner of the Iowa American Legion State Tournament will represent Iowa in the Regional Tournament in Wheaton, Illinois, from August 7 to 11. There are eight regions in the United States for American Legion baseball and the winners of those eight regions will play it off in the American Legion World Series at their permanent home of Veterans Field at Keeter

Stadium in Shelby, North Carolina, from August 15 to 20. Iowa was represented in the 2023 American Legion World Series by Cedar Rapids Post #671 and most recently before that by Dubuque County in 2021 and 2018.

The 2024 Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis American Legion Spring Roster includes: Jack Barthman, Spirit Lake HS; Aidan Gigstad, Spirit Lake HS; Tate Foertsch, Bishop Garrigan HS; Javen Baumgarn, Harris-Lake Park HS; Daniel Meis, Bishop Garrigan HS; Bowden Barnhart, Harris-Lake Park HS; Andrew Nelson, Sioux Central HS; Preston Crees, Estherville Lincoln Central HS; Gabe Nicks, Harris-Lake Park HS; Tyson Getting, Sheldon HS; Tyson Robinson, Spirit Lake HS; Terrence Sexton, Spirit Lake HS; Gabe Olsen, Alta-Aurelia HS; Andrew Anderson, South Central Calhoun HS; Cale Brechwald, Alta-Aurelia HS; Cayben Olson, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Remsen Union HS; Austin Jorgensen, Spirit Lake HS; and Grant Meyer, Spirit

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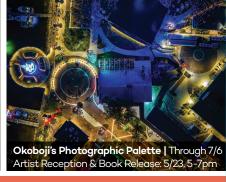
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The service will be held at the Lakes Area Activity Center (Senior Center), 2101 Zenith Ave., Spirit Lake. Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request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

Mark Scheffer is a member of the Baha'i Faith from Sioux City, Iowa. Professionally, he serves as senior researcher at the Baha'i International Community United Nations Office. In this capacity, he develops policy positions and formal statements to UN fora and other international processes. Thematic areas he follows include social and sustainable development, climate and environmental issues, the role of youth in society, poverty eradication, and global citizenship.

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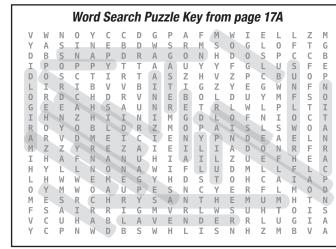
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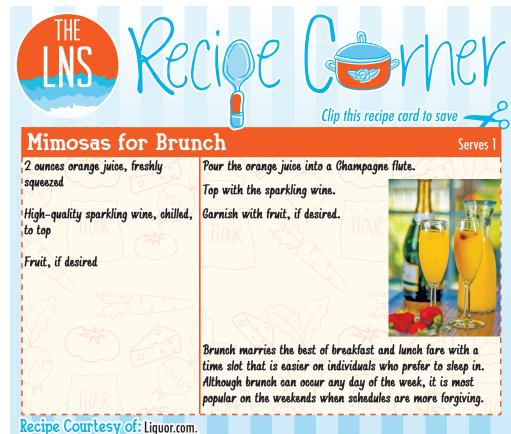
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Younger kids and their guardians (and older siblings too) are invited to Minds in Motion on Monday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. This is a sensory play time, where kids can freely explore, play, and learn with others. All materials and services are provided

There are only a few days left for incoming 5th through 12th graders to register for the Summer Snapshot Scavenger Hunt. Follow clues, take photos, and create a photo display. A limit of 50 scavenger hunts are available and registration ends on Wednesday, May 15! Call one of the libraries today to register. Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643, Arnolds Park Public Library at 712-332-2033, or Spirit Lake Public Library at 712-336-2667.

Milford Memorial Library Book Club will be discussing Dead Wake by Erik Larson on Tuesday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you can come and go as you please.

Incoming 5th through 12th graders, join us at Juniper Lanes,

on Wednesday, May 29, from 6:00 pm.-8:00 p.m. Enjoy bowling and pizza, as we kick off the 2024 Teen and Tween Summer Reading Program. Registration is encouraged. 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.

On Thursday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., join us at the Milford Pioneer Theatre for Madagascar Escape 2

Africa, to celebrate the 2024 Youth Summer Reading Program Kick Off! Bring two nonperishable food items and receive one free popcorn. Other concession items will be available at your cost.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. We look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen on Tuesday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. Have a safe and happy holiday.





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**Dear Editor:** 

Every May, we observe Mental Health Month to promote awareness and offer resources to encourage everyone to explore opportunities to improve mental well-being. When 1 in 5 US Adults experience a mental illness each year and only half receive treatment, we realize the extent of the influence of stigma. When 1 in 6 youth experience a mental health condition and only half get help, more work must be done to help make treatment a natural response. We also know more treatment providers are needed to support individuals and families struggling with these health issues. That means possibly waiting to get in for an appointment to get help.

Since fifty (50) percent of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14 and 75% by age 24, it's important to identify and treat mental health needs early on. Considering that the average delay between onset of mental illness symptoms and treatment is 11 years, we need to get better at addressing concerns earlier, knowing that early detection is key to avoiding many other complications when mental health conditions are not properly treated.

It's time to share the message with loved ones in your circle that mental health conditions are common, manageable, and treatable. Taking a free, anonymous, quick and easy screening on mha.org and accessing information for next steps on mha.org or nami.org are sure-fire ways to get the help needed. You can also call NAMI NW IA at 712-357-5428 for more information about local resources.

Taking the first steps are always the hardest. Be prepared to invest your time and energy to your wellness plan. Be ready to learn new skills, new approaches, and habits. Remember, you are not alone. Start now to learn and act on suggestions that give you more peace, better relationships, and better mental health. Sincerely:

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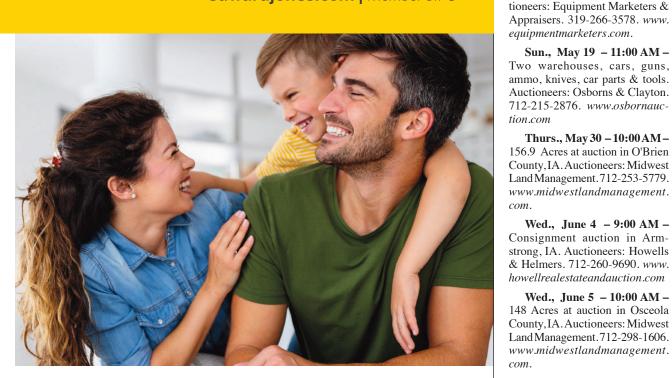
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### Wind Turbines Kill Bald Eagles, **But Nobody Counts The Dead Eagles**

It is not a secret that wind turbines kill bald eagles. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service actually issues permits to wind turbine operators to kill

bald eagles. It is the number of eagles killed that is secret. We have looked for data on bald eagle deaths from wind turbines, but cannot find any. Our conclusion is that everyone who is pushing for more wind turbines (government agencies, environmental groups, and wind turbine operators)



has agreed not to count the dead eagles. They know that if the number of eagle deaths were publicized, there would be a very negative public reaction.

Does this sound like a "conspiracy theory?" Read on.

The Fish and Wildlife Service spent years protecting bald eagles under the Endangered Species Act, which was enacted in late 1973. Eventually, that effort was such a success that the Bald Eagle was taken off the list of endangered species. Today, the very same Fish and Wildlife Service is granting what we call "eagle killing permits" to the wind turbine operators. They call their permits "incidental taking permits." When a government agency uses a soft sounding euphemism like "incidental taking permits" in place of the more direct "eagle killing permits," they are downplaying the slaughter of bald eagles.

What about famous environmental groups like the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society? Have they opposed the permits to kill bald eagles? Not a bit. Instead, they have come up with an excuse for the killing of bald eagles. They claim that we must allow wind turbines to kill eagles today in order to fight global warming, which would kill even more bald eagles in the future if it is not stopped.

Of course, this excuse is false on its face. The population explosion of bald eagles that got them removed from the endangered species list occurred at precisely the same time as the recent decades of global warming.

What do the wind turbine operators say about their slaughter of bald eagles? All they have to do is to point to the "incidental taking permits" granted by the federal government and refer to the endorsement of their eagle killing by environmental groups. In sum, the excuse making for the killing of bald eagles with wind turbines is a very cozy arrangement among government agencies, environmental groups, and the wind turbine operators.

Besides coming up with the global warming excuse for killing bald eagles, the Fish and Wildlife bureaucrats, environmentalists, and wind turbine operators clearly share another selfish interest. They all want to avoid counting the bald eagles being killed by the wind turbines.

Imagine that hypothetical data on bald eagle deaths caused by wind turbines shows an annual average of one dead eagle per one hundred wind turbines. Given the roughly 7,000 wind turbines in Iowa, that would mean 70 dead bald eagles per year.

Our hypothetical of 70 dead bald eagles per year quickly gets much worse. Assume a 30 year life for wind turbines multiplied by 70 dead eagles per year and you get 2,100 dead eagles over the 30 years. And you should take into account the thousands of eagle descendants that the dead eagles would have created. In total, perhaps tens of thousands of future eagles will never exist due to today's eagle killing wind turbines.

What should Dickinson County do? First, county zoning officials would be perfectly justified in pausing future permitting of wind turbine projects until accurate data on bald eagle deaths from Iowa's existing wind turbines is collected. Second, the county zoning ordinance could be amended to require a calculation of bald eagle deaths over the life of all proposed wind turbine projects.

Given Iowa's thousands of wind turbines and the large number of bald eagles living here and passing through, our guess is that Iowa leads the nation in bald eagle deaths caused by wind turbines. The exact number will not be known until bald eagle lovers push government, environmentalists, and wind turbine operators into counting Iowa's bald eagle deaths.

Christine Murphy, Okoboji, Iowa Garry DeLoss, Spencer, Iowa

\* A portion of this letter was paid for by the author.

# Corridor Celebrates Economic Development Week

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is joining the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in celebrating the 2024 Economic Development Week from May 6 – 10. This global initiative recognizes and honors the dedicated work of economic developers and their contributions to communities around the world.

"As the local and regional economies evolve, the economic development profession must remain agile and responsive to change. The expertise of dedicated economic development professionals and organizations is vital in cultivating sustainable growth and prosperity," said IEDC President & CEO Nathan Ohle. "This year's Economic Development Week will showcase innovative community leadership driving collaboration and



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creating opportunities in their communities. I hope our communities and economic developers around the world will join us in celebrating the accomplishments of a profession full of passionate changemakers and community builders.'

The IEDC created Economic Development Week in 2016 to recognize the work that economic development organizations and professionals do in their communities. IEDC celebrates Economic Development Week every year, highlighting the programs, best practices and exceptional individuals that positively impact life in their communities. In just a few years the event has become one of the most widely recognized awareness weeks of its kind validating the, often unheralded, work of the economic development profession.

"Economic Development Week is a great time to reflect on our collective achievements and to plan for a future of inclusive and sustainable growth," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "Through Economic Development Week we are inviting businesses, community leaders, and the public to join us in celebrating our progress and to engage in meaningful discussions about the economic future of our community.'

This year's Economic Development Week celebrates Economic Development Heroes, spotlighting economic developers who are pioneers in their communities. Through the week, the Corridor will be sharing videos, posts, and stories about economic development in the Corridor Region, who the Iowa Lakes Corridor is and what they do. Follow the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation on Facebook and Instagram to learn about what economic developers in the community do, about the partnerships that make economic development possible, and

about the work and initiatives that grow communities. About The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation: The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation is the regional economic development agency for Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet counties. The Iowa Lakes Corridor's mission is to foster, encourage, promote, aid or otherwise assist in

the economic development growth and development of the four-county region. About Economic Development Week: The IEDC created Economic Development Week in 2016 to recognize the work that economic development organizations and professionals do in their communities. IEDC celebrates Economic Development Week every year, highlighting the programs, best practices and exceptional individuals that positively impact life in their communities. In just a few years the event has become one of the most widely recognized awareness weeks of its kind validating the, often unheralded, work of the economic development profession. Learn more about Economic Development Week at www.

About The International Economic Development Council (IEDC): The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization serving economic developers. With thousands of members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers typically work for cities, counties, states, public-private partnerships, and chambers of commerce to promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding high-quality jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development work to develop vibrant communities.

# Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championship

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

The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club 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



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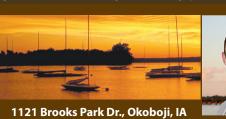
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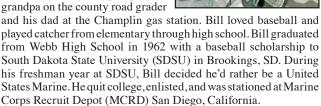


Memorial Mass for William "Bill" Boese, age 79, of Milford, will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:30am, at St. Joseph

Catholic Church, in Milford. Visitation will take place prior to the service, from 9:30-10:30am, at the church.

William John Boese, son of Burdette "Buzz" William and Helen Mary (Trainer) Boese, was born in El Paso, Texas, on August 3, 1944, where his father was stationed with the Army.

The family returned to Webb, Iowa, upon "Buzz" fulfilling his tour of duty. Bill grew up helping his



During his time at MCRD, Bill was recognized as a leader and was encouraged to apply for appointment to the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Prep School, Bainbridge, MD, where upon completion, he received an appointment to the 1965 USNA plebe class. He graduated from USNA in 1969 thus pinning on the single gold bar of a United States Marine Corps (USMC) Second Lieutenant. Bill proceeded to the Basic School, Quantico, Virginia. With him, beginning a 26-year military career, was his wife, Ramona Finch Boese of Spencer, Iowa.

Bill's accomplishments at the Basic School qualified him for flight training, his future military career. The Vietnam War was going on and Bill's pilot training began with the Air Force (space available), receiving Air Force wings. Marines fly with the Navy. To earn Navy wings, they moved to Cherry Point, NC, there earning those wings. Through his career, Bill flew the A-4 Skyhawk and the AV-8B Harrier. LtCol. William J. Boese retired from the Marine Corps in 1989, moved to Milford, Iowa, and began a cow/ calf operation on his farm west of Milford.

Bill was active with the American Legion Post #384, served as a Dickinson County Supervisor, and was active with his church. Surrounded by his family, Bill passed on April 10, 2024. Preceding Bill in death were his parents, Burdette and Helen. Left to remember and honor him are his wife, Ramona; daughter, Sarah Boese Crowder, and her husband, Josh, and their children: Hanah, Jakob, and Elaina; son, John, and his son, Max; sister, Marilyn Boese Douglas and her husband, Greg. Bill has many relatives and friends who will talk about his storytelling and golfing skills.

"He has slipped the surly bonds of Earth and touched the face of God..." (High Flight by John Gillespie)

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# Caregivers Support Group

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

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

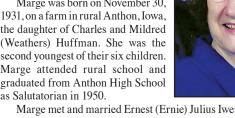
A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

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

A visitation for Margery Bak of Spirit Lake, was held on Friday. May 3, 2024, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A private family service was held with burial at

Lakeview Cemetery. Margery (Marge) Ann Bak, age 92, entered into eternal rest on April 29, 2024, at Accura Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Marge was born on November 30, 1931, on a farm in rural Anthon, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Mildred second youngest of their six children. Marge attended rural school and graduated from Anthon High School



Marge met and married Ernest (Ernie) Julius Iwen in 1950 and from this union, three children were born: Gene, Susan and Curtis. The family lived in Denison, Anthon, Correctionville and Cushing, Iowa, before arriving in Spirit Lake in 1958. In 1962, Marge became a single parent and balanced her family and her professional career. She was the best at creating nutritious meals on a shoe string budget.

Marge's work career was accounting, working as a bookkeeper for Fred Parsons and Consumers Lumber/Building Industries. She was recognized as Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

In 1984, Marge's love of dancing led to meeting Borge Bak at a singles club dance. This shared interest in dancing led to a friendship and partnership that lasted for years. On August 19, 2000, Marge married Borge (Doc) Bak and from this union six additional children, Dennis, Julie, Dana, Wendy, Dale and Trudy, were brought into the family. What Marge enjoyed the most was working in her flower gardens. She was always busy planting, transplanting and enlarging her flower beds. Marge and Borge loved to drive around the Lakes area to see what changes had occurred and the sights on the lakes.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister, Jeannie (Don) Needs; children, Gene (Deb Wilke) Iwen, Susan Booth, Cheryl Bak (step-daughter), Julie Bak, Dana (Linda) Bak, Wendy Shafer-Bak, Dale (Julie) Bak and Trudy (David) Schumacher; nineteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sisterin-law, Margaret Huffman; many nieces and nephews.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Borge (Doc) Bak; parents, Charles and Mildred Huffman; siblings and spouses, Mina-Belle (Ray) Anfinson, Maureen (Niles) Holister, Don Huffman and Bob (Florine) Huffman; son, Curtis Iwen; son-in-law, Steve Booth; stepson. Dennis Bak and step-son-in-law, Pete Hussmann.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Those of us who have attended the yearly Buffalo Roundup, in Custer State Park in South Dakota, have probably observed Governor Kristi Noem riding her favorite horse during the roundup. Most agree that the Governor looks as if she was born to ride and carries herself very well.

However, the next time I observe the Governor riding that horse, I will worry about the horse.

Marshall Crane, Spirit Lake







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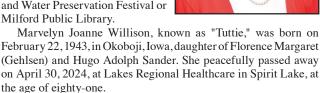
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A Mass of Christian Burial for Tuttie Willison, 81, of Milford, will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at St. Joseph Cath

olic Church in Milford. Visitation for Tuttie will begin one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

The family encourages those attending to wear something that reminds you of Tuttie such as Arnolds Park Wildcat clothing, Okoboji clothing, Caitlin Clark attire, or Twins gear. Memorials in honor or Tuttie can be given to the Joy of Life Foundation, Okoboji Blue and Water Preservation Festival or Milford Public Library.



Tuttie was raised in Arnolds Park, Iowa, where she graduated from Arnolds Park School, proudly representing the Arnolds Park Wildcats throughout her life. After she was married to John Willison at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, they moved to a farm west of Milford. She was a devoted wife, steadfast farmhand and a loving mother to their five daughters.

Tuttie was a member of the Catholic Daughters and was a devoted volunteer at church, whether it was counting money, serving meals or giving of her time where it was needed. She enjoyed gardening, reading and enjoyed outings with her girlfriends (Go Wildcats!). Summers were a cherished time for Tuttie and John, as they spent time at Emerson Bay with their campground family. She loved spending a day on the lake and ending it with a nutty bar.

Her greatest joy came from supporting her daughters and grandchildren in their activities, whether it was cheering on the sidelines at games to attending dance recitals, music performances and plays. Tuttie was dedicated to her family and cherished every moment she spent with them.

She is survived by her husband, John Willison of Milford; daughters, Jill (Todd) Kramer, Janette Willison, Jackie (James) Barksdale and Jenna (Lino) Ramirez; son-in-law, John (Stephanie) Walz; grandchildren, Jordan Willison, Nicole (Joe) Jackson, Morgan (Tommy) Babcock, Kari (Miles) Taylor, Kelli Kramer, JP Walz and Wes Walz, Justin, Shane, Jonathon, Caleb, Colby and Callie Barksdale, Qam, Marqice and Izzy Ramirez; great-grandgirls, Josie Mae, Scottie Joy and Georgia Grace; one sister, Rosemary Saxon; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tuttie was preceded in death by her parents, Hugo and Florence Sander; siblings, Don, Ron and Marilyn; daughter, Joy Walz; in-laws, Cliff and Alvena Willison.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A funeral service for Lloyd Kruse, age 89, of Okoboji and Lakefield, Minnesota, will be held 2:30 pm, Monday, May 6, 2024, at

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield, Minnesota. Visitation will be on Sunday, May 5, 2024, beginning at 2 pm, with the family present from 2-4 pm, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in

Lloyd Charles Kruse, son of Emil and Ella Kruse, was born April 29, 1934, in Lakefield, Minnesota. His family moved to Okabena, Minnesota, where Lloyd graduated from high school. Lloyd married Verda

Janssen on May 6, 1954, upon completing his service in the Army. The couple resided in Okabena until relocating to Lakefield in 1963. Lloyd married Joy Jass on September 5, 1998, after the passing of their spouses. The couple resided in Okoboji, Iowa, and wintered in Sun Lakes, Arizona. They were members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield

Lloyd was involved in several businesses throughout his life: Hugo Schultz-Kruse Paving, the Hi-Lo Club, Crescent Beach, K and S Construction, J and K Construction, and Valleybrook Golf Course. At the time of his passing, he owned and operated L.C. Kruse and Sons, Inc. and managed his land and gravel pits. Lloydenjoyedentertaining, hunting, golfing, boating and attending

and cheering on the Gophers with his wife Joy.

Lloyd passed away April 13, 2024, in Chandler, Arizona, at the age of 89. Lloyd is survived by his wife, Joy, of Okoboji; son, Darrin, of Spirit Lake; stepdaughters, Jodi (Tom) Tessman and Marni Storey; grandchildren, Maxwell Kruse, Jaden (Austin) Mears, Zachary Kruse, Peyton Tessman, Amara Monson, Jackson Tessman and Teagan Simon-Selander; great-grandchildren, Crew and Rex Mears and Avia Tessman; brothers, James (Mazie) and Ronald Kruse; sister-in-law, Carolyn Kruse; nieces and nephews; numerous friends; and Butchie IV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Ella; first wife ,Verda; son, Richard; sister, Elinore Groff; brother, Marvin Kruse; and sister-in-law, Olive Kruse.

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Mary Wolterman, 92, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Sunday April 28, 2024, at her home in Spirit Lake.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. A visitation will be held on Thursday, from 5-7p.m., at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the St. Margaret's 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 Mary Magdalen Wolterman was born on September 21, 1931, to John and Mary (Wagner) Miller in Palo Alto County, IA. She graduated from St. Ceclia Catholic School in Algona, IA. She was united in marriage to Floy Wolterman on September 21, 1953, in Algona, IA. The couple moved to Spirit Lake where they made their home and raised their family. Mary worked most of her work career as a Home Worker for Berkley Fishing. She also worked at Hy-Vee as a checker, and she enjoyed serving customers at the local Dairy Sweet.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. In her free time, she enjoyed going for walks, having coffee with her friends, she also enjoyed square dancing with Floy and taking short road trips with him. She is survived by her children, Debra (Robert) Faulkner of Arnolds

Park; Louise (Mark) Foxhoven of Spencer; Dean Wolterman of Spirit Lake; son-in-law, Tom Ratcliff of Milford; daughter-in-law, Laila Wolterman of Milford; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Betty Miller of Emmetsburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Floy, daughter Linda, son Don, infant daughter Lori, and her brothers and sisters.

After nearly 74 years of marriage, Mary Theresa Christensen, 94, and Wayne E. Christensen, 97, of Lafayette, Colorado, have gone

to their rest within 48 hours of each other. Mary on April 27 and Wayne on April 29, 2024. Mary Theresa (Thiel) Chris-

tensen was born on December 3, 1929, to Fred and Bridget (Conway) Thiel on a small farm outside Graettinger, Iowa. She graduated from Britt High School in 1948 and went on to graduate from Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Wayne E. Christensen was born on March 11,1927, to Elmer

 $and \, Anna \, (Sonderga ard) \, Christensen \, in \, Thornton, Iowa. \, He \, graduated$ from Thornton High School in 1944 and then went on to enlist in the Navy. After he returned from his Service, he attended Hamilton Business College, Mason City, Iowa

Wayne and Mary met in 1949 at the City Cafe in Thornton, Iowa, both drawn to each other's smiles and laughter. They were then united in marriage August 1, 1950, at Saint Patrick's Church in Britt, Iowa; a true partnership that would last nearly 74 years. In 1952, Wayne and Mary bought a small grocery store, Christensen's Grocery, in Swea City, Iowa. It was the beginning of their lives of entrepreneurship. Then, in 1965, Wayne and Mary moved to Estherville, Iowa. Wayne sold cars for Henaman Motors Ford and Mary worked at Sears. In 1968, they bought the Gift Garden from Bernice Clark and renamed it Chris Fashions. Through hard work and dedication their businesses continued to grow to include clothing, shoes, jewelry, and gifts at multiple locations: Estherville, Okoboji, Arnolds Park and Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Wayne and Mary had a very strong commitment to family, friends, and the community. In 1970, they built a lake home on East Okoboji, a loving home for family and friends to enjoy. In 1974, they moved to West Okoboji, a home that welcomed even more family and friends. Wayne and Mary loved to entertain and share the beauty of the Lakes Area. Nothing made them more happy than a house full of joy and laughter. Wayne and Mary enjoyed the independence of owning and operating successful businesses and the simple pleasures of life, whether it be a boat ride, enjoying friends and family, attending a grandchild's school or sporting event or to a Rockies or Nuggets game. Mary was engaged with her neighbors and friends and enjoyed impromptu visits and dinner parties. She loved to entertain, especially around the holidays. Wayne was very interested and connected to the local business community, enjoyed attending the Estherville High School sporting events, and a nightly relaxing boat ride. They touched many lives, spanning many generations with their love of people and welcoming arms. They embraced the community and were generous to all they came across.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Bridget Thiel, and infant older brother.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Anna Christensen; brothers Jack Christensen, and Don Christensen. He is survived by his sister, Betty Gerencser sister; MaryAnn and Bob Bensch; and sister-in law, Judy Christensen

Wayne and Mary are survived by their children: Kevin and Cindy Christensen, Kelly Eddy, and Kathleen Slater, seven grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Darrell Howe Mortuary, Lafayette, Colorado, from 10:00-10:30 A.M., Funeral Services will follow at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 7, 2024. A Committal Service with Military Honors will follow at Louisville Cemetery. A reception will follow at the VFW, Lafayette, Colorado, from 12:30-2:30 P.M.

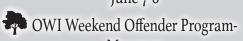


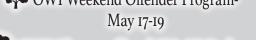
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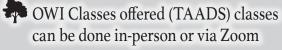
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To learn more about the Good Neighbor Fund, visit our Website at lakesgnf.org

Tax deductible donations can be made on-line through our website or mailed to Good Neighbor, P.O. Box 454, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**Letter to Editor:** 

Harris-Lake Park Community School District received a grant from the Dickinson County Endowment Fund to purchase and install new lighting for the athletic fields and city park. We want to thank the Dickinson County Endowment Fund for this generous grant which allows us to upgrade and provide energy efficient lighting.

Judy J. Brueggeman, Harris-Lake Park Community Schools

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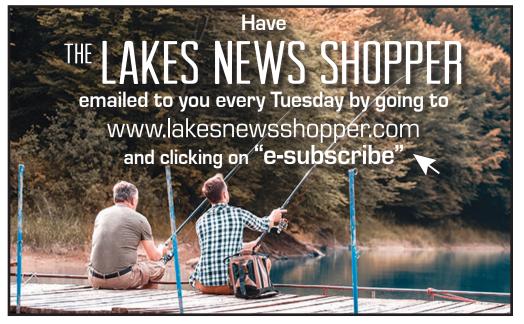
either status may apply by seeking a fiscal agent that does. Funds may be requested within the DCEF priority project focus areas which include:

•Conservation •Economic Development

•Family Services •Housing •Natural Resources •Recreation •Transportation •Youth Services

Based on fund earnings and contributions received, approximately \$110,000 will be available for distribution in 2024. The 2024 Grant form is available online at https://dcefund.org/ and must be submitted by the June 30 deadline for consideration by the 9-member Advisory Council. About the Fund: The Dickinson County Endowment Fund Advisory Council was formed in 2005 to coordinate and provide philanthropic support for community betterment projects in Dickinson County. This Fund was created in response to 2004 State of Iowa legislation and continues to receive annual State

 $funding \ support \ in \ addition \ to \ do nations from \ individuals, businesses, trusts \ and \ organizations. \ To \ date, over$ \$1.7 million has been awarded to 427 community projects large and small throughout Dickinson County. <u>DCEF MISSION STATEMENT:</u> is to enhance the quality of life and promote economic vitality in Dickinson County by encouraging philanthropy and providing financial assistance for projects and programs that benefit local residents.



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# **City of Arnolds Park Approves Lower Tax Levy**

Each year the City Council works to find a balance between revenue fluctuations and the expenses associated with rising costs. Despite increasing costs, the City's levy rate has steadily decreased over the past fifteen years. Meeting in Special Session Tuesday, April 16, the Arnolds Park City Council voted to lower the property tax asking rate from the present City rate of \$4.95 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation to \$4.80 per thousand for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Projects
U.S. Highway 71: The U.S. Highway on schedule. A majority of construction will be completed by the end of the 2024 spring season, with the remainder scheduled for fall 2024. Some sidewalk and paver work may occur through the third week of June. For additional information regarding the project, please contact the lowa DOT at (712) 274-5837.

Brown's Cottages: Some much needed Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Improvements are taking place in the area of Circle Drive, Miriam Lane, Lot A Drive, Sunrise Road, and Monument Drive. This area is more commonly known as Brown's Cottages. The improvements are long overdue and will allow for each home to have their own water and sewer service instead of being on one community line. Hulstein Excavating, Inc. out of Edgerton, MN is the contractor on the project; with engineering provided by Jacobson-Westergard & Associates of Estherville, IA. A portion of this project is being paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Wildcat Stadium:** The stadium has a new look. Rock has been applied to the retaining wall as well as the columns on the concession stand. Six historic pictures of sites throughout Arnolds Park have been included along the wall. K&K Masonry did the rock work; and Amy's Sign Design created the pictures for the wall. Jacobson-Westergard & Associates were the engineers on the project.

# **Annual Clean-Up Day**

The annual Arnolds Park Citywide Clean-Up is scheduled for **Monday**, **June 3, 2024.** This is offered to all residents of Arnolds Park as a discounted way to dispose of items that are not collected during regular garbage pick-up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. Discounted tags for appliances, furniture, and electronics may be purchased one week prior to clean-up day. Also, no lawn waste or recycling will be collected. The City will not pick up any hazardous items such as oil, paint, pesticides, weed control products, etc. Empty paint cans will be picked up if the can is dry and the top is off. All debris needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by 7:00 a.m. on

# Dickinson County Alert

The City issues utility and emergency announcements through the Dickinson Alert System. If you are interested in receiving notifications, please register through Dickinson County Emergency Management at https://www.dcem.us. In the event of extreme weather, Sirens located at City Hall, Dam Road, & Benit Drive will be sounded. Tests for these sirens are held every Wednesday at noon.

# **Utility Billing**

Utility Bills are sent out at the end of each quarter and are to be paid by the 20th of the month in order to receive a discount. Bills that are not paid by this date are considered past due and are subject to being disconnected. Payments may be made by check or cash at City Hall, or on the City website with a credit card. Interested in setting up your utility account on auto pay? Please contact City Hall for more information on automatic withdrawal.

### Golf Cart Permit & Parking A City of Arnolds Park Golf Cart Permit

is required to operate a golf cart on City streets. The Permit Application is available at City Hall or on the City website. Make sure your golf cart is legal with a City

of Arnolds Park Permit! If you are going to be using ATV's or golf carts this summer please make sure you are aware of all the rules and regulations. Copies of the ordinances are available online at www.arnoldsparkcity.com, at City Hall, or you may contact the Police Department with questions.

Team WAVE
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Team WAVE is starting the spring season! This group works to help beautify the Arnolds Park public areas and walkways with plantings and consistent maintenance. If you would like to help with their Tuesday morning 2-hour work and weed sessions, contact City Hall at 712-332-2341. The workdays are fun, relaxing, rewarding, and beneficial to our community. They have been very fortunate to have new people joining the effort every year. If Tuesdays don't work for you, Team Wave can set you up with a specific location to maintain on your own schedule.

# **Police Department**

As temperatures increase, so too does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, rollerblading, etc. Please use the proper safety equipment for these activities and remember that traffic laws are to be obeyed by motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

The Arnolds Park Police Department is looking forward to another busy summer season for our area businesses. We are always striving to enhance police protection for our residents and visitors to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible. If our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.

In case of an emergency, call 911. You can also reach the Arnolds Park Police at (712) 332-2227 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at (712) 336-2525.

# **Animal Protection**

**Pet Owners:** It is unlawful for an owner to allow an animal to run at large within the City limits. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person who has the animal on a maximum 10-foot leash, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel. Animals found at large shall be seized and impounded.

**Feral Cats:** The City has partnered with the Humane Society of NWIA to implementa Trap Neuter Release Program that will be in effect July 1, 2024. Should your neighborhood have feral cats, please visit the Humane Society website at: https://www.humanesocietyofnwia.com and click on the TNR tab to learn more and complete the application.

### **Yard Waste and Open Burning**

The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and asks that it never be blown into or placed on streets, public roads, or neighboring lots. If you wish to have your yard waste (no dirt or rocks) picked up it must be placed in City bags, tied shut, and placed curbside by 7:00 **a.m. on Tuesdays.** The bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Cut branches in 4 ft. lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. Bags are available for purchase at City Hall and at Casey's in Arnolds Park. Another option is to drop off your waste at the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located at 2260 220th St. (A34) Milford, IA; charges may apply.

# **Garbage Collection**

Day. Collection begins at 7:00 a.m. and containers must be out by that time. Remember to place your carts at least five feet away from any structure (i.e. mailboxes, trees, cars). All containers are assigned to an address, should a container be lost the replacement fee is \$75.00. Paint, lawn waste, or recyclables are not to be placed in the garbage.

# Recycling Curbside r

Curbside recycling pick-up is on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, please contact City Hall if you would like to receive a recycling container. To be picked up recycling must be placed in the correct container and not mixed with garbage. Containers must be out by **7:00 a.m.** on pick-up day. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated pickup day. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Avenue if you should miss the curbside collection. The following items are not recyclable: Glass, styrofoam, ceramics, porcelain, pizza boxes, hazardous materials, electronics, batteries, or furnace filters.

# **Appliances & Electronics**

Appliances and electronics are picked up curbside year-round. You must purchase a tag for these items at City Hall. If you choose to dispose of items yourself, Dickinson County has a recycling facility located at 2260 220th St. in Milford. Please contact them at (712) 338-2549 with any

# **Library News**

There are so many exciting things happening at the library! The Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Awaits" begins May 30 and runs through July 12. The Arnolds Park library is partnering with the Milford and Spirit Lake Libraries to offerthis fantastic summer entertainment for children.

Thursday, May 30: Summer Reading Program Kick-Off at the Milford Pioneer Theatre. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; showing will be the movie "Madagascar 2". FREE popcorn for everyone that brings two non-perishable food

items; proceeds will go to the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry.

Tuesday, June 4: PBS Steam Stations at Central Park. Enjoy the wonderful interactive play stations brought to us by Iowa PBS. Activities are from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. with fun for all ages, including adults.

Thursday, June 6: Overall Buddies at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This program is an interactive musical that focuses on education to help children grow in their self-confidence, curiosity, joy, awareness, and social skills.

Wednesday, June 12: Paint in the Park at Central Park. Join local artist Kris Walker as she instructs children step by step to paint their own masterpiece. Paint times are at 10:30 a.m and 2:00 p.m. REG-ISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Limited spots

Friday, June 14: ISU Insect Zoo at Pearson Lakes Art Center. Come and go from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Spread the Bug Love! Visit over 100 species of living arthropods, talk with Insect Zoo staff, and enjoy a hands-on opportunity with the

Monday, June 17: Sheltered Reality at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. This program combines music, high-energy choregraphed percussion, and special

Wednesday, June 19: Great Plains Zoo at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Join the zoo staff for a hands-on experience with resident zoo animals. Learn about their habitats, diets, and special skills. Showtimes are 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24th: Sam Rezz, Circus Performer, at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Join us at 10:30 a.m. to be wowed by Sam's acrobat skills. Some lucky audience members will be invited to participate and show off their own acrobatic skills!

Thursday, June 27: Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles at Central Park. At 5:00 p.m. enjoy over 75 bubbles stations set up by Absolute Science from Des Moines. From 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. children will enjoy a giant foam cannon.

Sunday, July 14: Summer Reading Program Bowling Finale. Children who complete their summer reading logs will receive a ticket for 90 minutes of bowling, pizza, and pop at Juniper Lanes in Spirit Lake! Families will need to sign up at the library in advance.

Monday, July 15-Wednesday, July 17: Summer Scholastic Book Fair at Arnolds Park Library. Children who participate in the Summer Reading Program will have earned "Scholastic Dollars" to be used at the summer book fair.

Other Events that are open to the

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Okoboji Foundation & Area Nonprofit Partners Estate Planning event is Wednesday, May 8, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at the Pearson Lakes Art Center

Kindly RSVP to the Okoboji Foundation by May 1, 2024, to facilitate our planning process. You can RSVP via email to: info@ okobojifoundation.org Or call 712-332-7177.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Okoboji Foundation. We are thrilled to extend this invaluable opportunity to you and eagerly anticipate your participation.



# **AA Meetings**

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

Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

# **Coping with Storm Damage Stress**

At least a dozen tornadoes struck Iowa on April 26, according to the National Weather Service. Iowans struggling to deal with the stress from the devastation of tornadoes and severe storms can call Iowa Concern for help, 24/7, says Tammy Jacobs, coordinator for the long-time service from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "By calling

Iowa Concern at 800-447-1985 for help, you can talk to a person who cares, learn about your legal rights, discuss financial concerns and find other assistance," Jacobs said.



With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. Iowa Concern provides access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

Language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Iowans can also email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues. All personal information is kept confidential.

# **Disaster and Crisis Recovery Resources**

Iowans looking for recovery resources related to severe weather, natural disasters and other crises may visit extension's disaster and crisis recovery website, https://www.extension. iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/. During times of natural disaster and other crises, ISU Extension and Outreach offers educational resources to reduce the personal impact, working in partnership with the local, state and federal agencies addressing the need. This website is updated with research-based educational resources for specific types of disaster when events occur.

# Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/county-resource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

# Tops Meetings Tops Chapter #369, Spirit

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

# Free Counseling Available for Farmers

Affordability and accessibility are the top barriers for farmers seeking mental health services, per an American Farm Bureau Federation survey. During May Mental Health Awareness Month, the Iowa Farm Bureau wants to remind farmers that support is readily available—and at no cost—through Personal Assistance Services (PAS).

This service provides farm families with personalized, ongoing counseling. It is facilitated by rural mental health clinicians, many of whom have a farming background or understand the unique challenges farming communities face. They offer tailored support for stress, anxiety, sleep issues, substance abuse and more.

"We put so much energy into our farms that sometimes we can neglect our own well-being," says Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. "While farming is a calling and a significant part of our life, you—as a friend, spouse, parent, neighbor, community member and volunteer — are irreplaceable, and your health deserves to be prioritized. We feel strongly about mental health for farm families, which is why we provided financial assistance to a farm-focused mental health program in 2020 that has now expanded nationwide."

Additionally, Iowa Farm Bureau has compiled a comprehensive list of mental health services, Iowa-based resources and suicide prevention hotlines that assist all Iowans in their pursuit of wellness. For more information, visit iowafarmbureau.com/ farmstress.

About Iowa Farm Bureau: The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation is the largest statewide, grassroots farm organization in Iowa, celebrating more than 100 years of creating a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families and their communities. For more information, visit www.iowafarmbureau.com.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

My name is Angela Manwarren and my husband and I have lived in our current home in Spirit Lake for about 7 years. We love our Church, home, and friends. I recently had to return to work due to financial issues and of course, the current economy. I am now working 2 jobs and I know a lot of people that are working 2 jobs just to keep up. I heard that yesterday the Supervisors voted to raise taxes again. This is the 3rd hike in a row! They don't know how they are crushing the year round residents that live and work here.

I have also heard that they recently passed the ability for the dangerous C0-2 pipeline to be started.

I hear that they are going to pass legislation to approve these Wind Turbines. Don't these people listen to the public? Most people I talk to are firmly against all of these issues. I have lived in this area for nearly 25 years and I don't want to see the beauty of the lakes area destroyed for little gain to those of us that choose to live here year round. It's time we started to vote these people out and get some folks in that will listen to us.

Angela Manwarren

Spirit Lake

# Mental Health Matters for Everyone

"Mental health profoundly influences our daily lives, shaping our thoughts, actions and

interactions," says Mackenzie De-Jong, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "Every day, and especially during May, we should find ways to address our mental health."

for improving mental well-being:

DeJong shares these practical steps •Get quality sleep. Prioritize getting seven to nine hours of sleep each night. Sleep disturbances can impact your mood, cognitive function, and overall health.

•Engage in physical activity. Regular exercise positively affects mental health. Even a short walk or light exercise can boost mood and reduce stress.

•Connect with others. Meaningful relationships provide emotional support. Interact with friends and family — it's essential for mental well-being.

•Pay attention to what you eat and drink. A nutritious, balanced diet supports brain function and energy levels. Take care of yourself

Consider trying a self-help technique, such as meditation and mindfulness, listening to podcasts by mental health professionals, or keeping a gratitude journal and writing down three things you are grateful for each day.

"You might want to reduce your time on social media platforms. Too much social media screen time can impact mental well-being. Instead look for websites that promote positive news and stories," DeJong said. "Give yourself compassion rather than criticism. Offer kindness and understanding to yourself and to others."

Seek support from a mental health professional. Therapy and counseling can be beneficial. Many employers offer Employee Assistance Programs that provide counseling services. Online counseling also may be available.

# Raise awareness about mental health

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Mental Health Awareness Month is a crucial time to foster understanding and compassion around mental health, DeJong said. Here are some ways you can raise awareness: • Take a class. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

- offers Mental Health First Aid training. Gain knowledge about mental health challenges and learn how to support people who are experiencing mental health issues.
- •Talk about mental health. Engage in open conversations about mental health. Sharing your experiences can benefit both your own well-being and offer encouragement to others.
- Participate or volunteer. Join local or online events during National Mental Health Month in May. These events help spread awareness and promote understanding.

"Remember, even a small action can contribute to a more compassionate and informed society. Let's continue to talk, break down stigma and prioritize mental health," DeJong said. **<u>Iowa Concern:</u>** If you're unsure where to seek help, Iowa

Concern, 800-447-1985 and https://www.extension.iastate.edu/ iowaconcern/, is available 24/7. It provides free and confidential support for concerns related to alcohol, drugs, gambling, and mental health. 988 Lifeline: Dialing 988 connects you to the Suicide &

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# Northwest Bank Celebrates Financial Literacy Month

Northwest Bank employees are truly committed to the communities we serve, and it is our privilege as bank leaders to have the opportunity to share our knowledge and teach our youth the value of becoming lifelong savers. We encourage financial responsibility at a young age, which in turn will strengthen and maintain our thriving communities for years to come.

Throughout the month of April, our employees shared important lessons on saving money with local community students as part of the American Bankers Associations' (ABA) National Teach Children to Save Program. Since becoming Teach Children to Save Champions in 2012, we have had the privilege of educating almost 21,000 students in partnership with the ABA through this national program. The educational presentations allow our bankers the opportunity to teach students financial skills through activities, interactive scenarios and sharing real-life experiences. The lessons we teach cover the basics of saving, how interest makes money grow, how to cut spending, and how to distinguish needs from wants.

The ABA Education Foundation's Teach Children to Save Program along with other financial education initiatives have reached 11.6 million young people with the help of more than 275,000 bankers who increase financial literacy through hands-on learning and raise awareness about the important role that banks, and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong saving habits.

"Familiarizing students with financial education fundamentals at an early age puts them on a path to becoming smart money-managing adults," said Joe Conover, President of Northwest Bank. "Teach Children to Save is a great opportunity for us to share our passion for financial education and improve our local community.'

This year we had the privilege of educating over 1,890 students. We have a passion for educating our youth about financial literacy and look forward to these special events each year giving our youth a foundation for financial success in the future.

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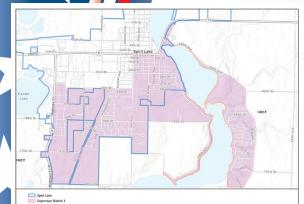
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# **Year 2022 Resolutions**

2022-2 FY 23 Property Tax dollars for Urban and Rural taxpayers total of \$11,708,043 for Dickinson County approved on February 22, 2022.

2022-3 FY 23 Compensation of Elected Officers approved on March 15, 2022

- Board of Supervisors: \$41.242 with 6% raise
- Chairman of Board of Supervisors: \$42,242 with 6% raise + \$1,000

# **Year 2023 Resolutions**

2023-9 FY 24 Property Tax dollars for Urban and Rural taxpayers total of \$13,542,719 (13.6%) for Dickinson County on April 4, 2023. **Board Comments:** "to spend carry over funds in the General Fund and to raise the levy \$1.05 per thousand of valuation to \$3.50 for one year and spread the expenses over two or three fiscal years... The Board of

Supervisors are confident that the levy can be reduced in Fiscal Year 25 to the prior 2.45 tax levy.

> **2023-8 FY 24 Compensation of Elected Officers** approved on April 4, 2023

- Board of Supervisors: \$42,997 with 4.2% raise + 1.9% stipend
- Chairman of Board of Supervisors: \$43,974 with 4.2% raise + 1.9% stipend
- + \$1,000

# **Year 2024 Resolutions**

2024-8 FY 25 Property Tax dollars for Urban and Rural taxpayers total of \$15,728,423 (13.9%) for Dickinson County approved on April 30, 2024. **Board Comments:** "with HF 718, the BOS has decided to take a defensive approach to the levy at our max for GB and RB. This is due to the uncertainty of backfill, unfunded mandates, exemptions, and restrictions on growth."

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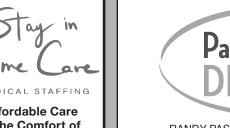
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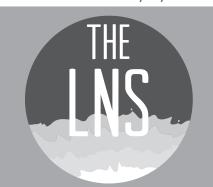




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The city of Wahpeton is accepting sealed bids on 4 Michelin payloader tires size 20.5-R25 and a 1995 LX188 John Deere Rider Mower with 690 hours. These items can be seen by appointment at the City

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### **CITY OF MILFORD:**

**Planning & Zoning Commission Member Needed** 

The City of Milford is seeking applicants to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission (5-year term) (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029). The Planning and Zoning Commission is in charge of adopting rules and regulations pertaining to planning, zoning and building matters and is an excellent opportunity for community involvement. A small stipend is also paid to board members. Position will remain open until filled.

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by Carol Ehlers, Human Sciences Specialist in Family Wellbeing & Finance Welcome to Financial Capability Month 2024! April is recognized as National Financial Capability Month to em-

phasize the importance of using financial knowledge for financial wellbeing. Iowa consumers can compare themselves to The National Endowment for Financial Education® (NEFE®) results of its annual opinion poll on the financial well-being of U.S. adults.

The January 2024 Opinion Poll used questions from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial well-being scale (https:// www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/research-reports/fi-

nancial-well-being-scale/) to identify respondents' feelings about their financial outlook. Here are the results of the overall data: • When asked to rate the current quality of their financial

life, 46 percent of respondents say it is about what they expected it to be, 31 percent say it is worse than expected and 22 percent say it is better than they expected it to be. · When asked about being concerned that their money will

last, similar proportions of respondents say they are con-

- cerned (35 percent) and somewhat concerned (34 percent), while fewer report that they aren't concerned (29 percent). • When asked about feelings that they will never have the things they want in life because of money, 46 percent of respondents disagree with the statement, while 25 percent agree with the statement and 28 percent say the statement
- somewhat describes them. • When asked whether they are "just getting by" financially, 36 percent of respondents do not feel that way, compared to 35 percent saying the statement somewhat describes them and 27 percent saying the statement does describe
- their situation. · When asked about having money left over at the end of the month, 39 percent of respondents say that they do, 27 percent say they sometimes do, and 33 percent say they rarely do.
- When asked whether finances control their life, 38 percent of respondents say finances sometimes control their life, 33 percent say this is rarely or never true and 27 percent say it is always or often true.

The new data provides general differences in respondents' views of their current financial well-being compared to their outlook for the future. You can complete the questions from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial well-being scale to identify your personal financial outlook.

According to Carol Ehlers, Human Sciences Specialist in Family Finance with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, "It is important that our community consistently gauges U.S. adults' sentiments of financial well-being, especially as our field promotes the importance of financial education access, quality, and impact. These results not only serve as a barometer, but also identify where educators, researchers, policymakers and advocates must pivot their efforts to leverage more meaningful and lasting outcomes."

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Monika Krämer, windtest grevenbroich managing director and windtest north-america president, said the company considered multiple locations on the East and West Coasts, but Estherville stood out.

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Kathy Evert, the former ILCDC president & CEO, was instrumental in windtest's decision to locate in Iowa. "The potential synergies between windtest, Iowa Lakes Community College and Estherville were clear from the beginning," she said. "The company's commitment to making a long-term investment in Iowa has been mutually beneficial, to say the least. I'm delighted to be able to congratulate windtest – and by extension the college and community – on 10 successful years of co-location and cooperation, and I look forward to their continuing success."

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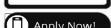
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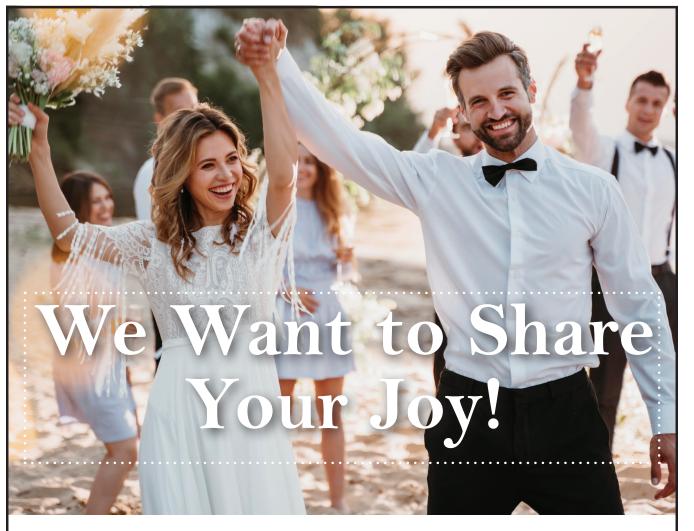
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