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Tuesday, October 1 8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30-DinnerDateSpeaker-Nature Center - Natures Pest Control

12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, October 2 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, October 3 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class

Friday, October 4 9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, October 5 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, October 6 Card Room Reserved Big Room Reserved Small Room Reserved

Monday, October 7 9:00 - Exercise

12:00 - Dinner Date Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursday's at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. The next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 20, from 8:30-12:30 - free will offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior Center is located at 2101

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Okoboji's "No Place Like Home-coming" week will run from September 30th - October 4th, 2024. This year's Homecoming activities include:

Wednesday, October 2nd, 7:00 PM - Coronation and Community Pep Rally, OHS South Gym, followed by Beefcake Volleyball and Powderpuff Football finals. Friday, October 4th, 1:00 PM -

Okoboji High School.

All School Pep Rally followed by the Community Parade beginning at 2:15 PM. The parade will begin at OMS on 6th Street (East), to H Avenue (North), to 7th Street (East) to N Avenue (North) to 10th Street (West), and back to

Friday, October 4th, 7:00 PM - Homecoming Football Game vs. Garner Hayfield Ventura, halftime entertainment by the OHS Dance Team and the Pioneer Pride Marching Band.

Friday, October 4th, 9:30 PM to 11:30 PM - OHS Homecoming Dance at OHS Commons.

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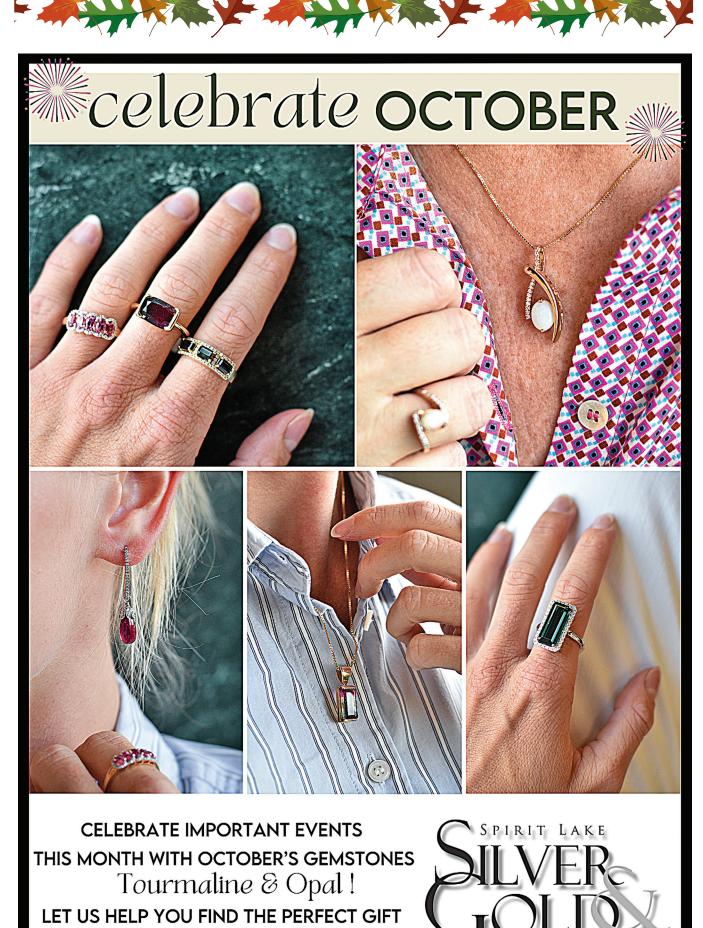
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### Iowa Lakes Music Department Offers Free Night at the P.A.C.

Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department will host a Night at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

This free event welcomes music enthusiasts, students, staff, and community members to enjoy a variety of performances by talented Iowa Lakes students and local musicians. The program will feature many musical styles, including country, jazz, pop, and show tunes, providing something for everyone to enjoy.

Anyone interested in performing, please contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712.362.8345 or music@iowal-

The Night at the P.A.C. promises an evening of music and community, open to all.



#### Kenue Coffee Hour

Have you ever wondered where coffee comes from? There are many unknown facts about the favored beverage that you can learn about at Kenue Coffee Hour: The Story of the Coffee Bean. Join Dickinson County Nature Center staff on Thursday, October 3rd, at 10:30 a.m., at Maser Monarch Lodge to listen to the owner of The Well Coffeehouse and Eatery, Diane Duis.

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Duis is looking forward to presenting about how coffee is produced and some of the uncommon knowledge about coffee. "Coffee beans come from a fruit! I didn't know that at first," she said. The coffee connoisseur also hopes to send the audience home with more fun facts to share with friends.

A light coffee bar is provided for the event, but this Coffee Hour is special because Diane is bringing some of her own coffee for attendees to sample. "I will be bringing my medium and dark roast for taste-testing," she stated.

Be sure to stop in at the Well Coffeehouse and Eatery, at 1303 18th Street in Spirit Lake, for a delicious selection of beverages and food options or a pleasant place to meet with friends!

Kenue Coffee Hour is free to the public, and no registration is required to attend. For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or call (712) 336-6352. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest updates and programs.



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> Luminaria bags will be available to purchase for \$5 at Jennings, Okoboji Chamber, Central Bank, Northwest Bank locations and at the event.

> > **Questions? Just Ask!**

Co-Chairs: Jo Van Patten, Nicole Evans, Michaela Arneson

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### Sip , SHOP , DINE!



#### Community Health Assessment Presentation Held at Kiwanis Meeting

Ellen Moffitt, Milford Kiwanian, left, is joined by Katy Carey, Director of Population and Public Health for Dickinson County. Ms. Carey presented a recent program to the local Kiwanis club about the "Community Health Assessment" that the county health department is currently conducting. She encouraged all of us to please "....be heard and make a difference!" She stressed that participation in this short survey will help community agencies address your needs and concerns about local health care, employment, safety, public services and more. All responses are anonymous, and your feedback is needed.

There are three ways to participate, either online, by using your Smartphone, or by requesting a paper copy to be mailed directly to you. Copies of the survey are also available at Lakes Regional Healthcare. If you have questions, please call 712-339-6050.

The Milford Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am at the Milford Community Center. Please consider dropping in and checking them out. They always enjoy informing visitors about our club, its vision and its mission.



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### Spirit of Okoboji Launches \$100,000 Grant Program to Support Lakes Area Museums

The Spirit of Okoboji is excited to announce a new \$100,000 grant program exclusively for the Lakes Area Museum Alliance

(LAMA) member museums. This initiative is designed to provide vital financial support to local museums, helping them enhance their exhibits, expand educational outreach, and preserve the region's rich history.



The program offers a unique matching grant opportunity, where the Spirit of Okoboji will match up to \$10,000 of any qualifying grant secured by a member museum. This effectively doubles the impact of external funding, allowing museums to significantly enhance their resources and projects.

"This grant program is a game-changer for our member museums, providing them with much-needed financial support to enhance exhibits, expand educational outreach, and preserve our region's rich history," said Mary Dreier, President of LAMA. "We're incredibly grateful to the Spirit of Okoboji for this opportunity.

Tim Kinnetz, founder of the Spirit of Okoboji, emphasized the deeper connection between museums and the community: "Museums are not only places where we learn about the past; they are vital spaces where people gather, reflect, and grow together. Through this grant program, we aim to strengthen the cultural attractiveness of the Lakes Region and ensure our shared stories continue to inspire future generations."

Program Highlights:

- Grant Matching: The Spirit of Okoboji will match up to \$10,000 of any qualifying grant received by a member museum.
- Eligibility: Museums must be active LAMA members and secure a grant from a third-party organization.
- Application Process: Museums can apply by submitting a simple application. Approved funds will be disbursed within 45 days. Museums can apply for the grant at https://form.jotform. com/242545672342154.





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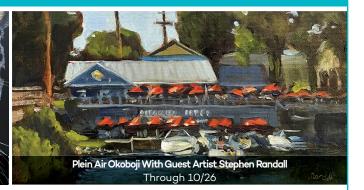
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PERFORMANCES: October 12, 2pm & 4:30pm ALL STUDENTS: 12-6PM



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Before registering your child, please make sure your child is able to attend all required rehearsals and show performances. If more than 60 children audition, not all children auditioning will receive a part. If your child does not receive a role, the \$20 registration fee will be refunded.

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#### **CULINARY** CLASSES

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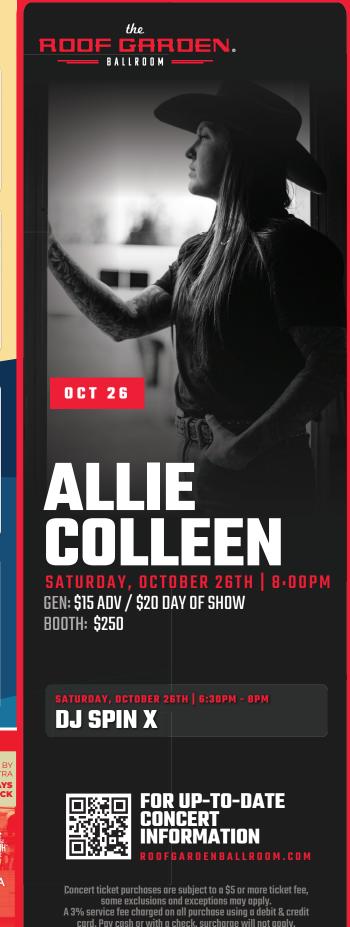
Oct. 17: Missouri Gooey Butter Cake

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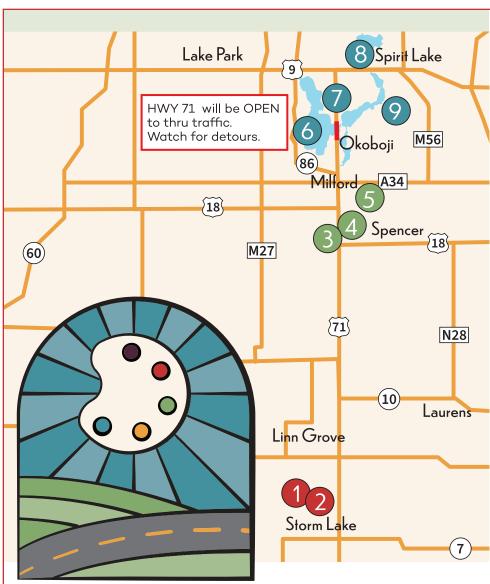












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2. Witter Gallery 609 Cayuga St, Storm Lake, IA 50588 Joleen Dentlinger

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Tim Anderson Perry Polson

5. Theresa McKee 2455 310th St. Spencer, IA 51301

#### Iowa Great Lakes

6. Rosalise Olson 1507 Kansas Ave, Wahpeton, IA 51351

7. Pearson Lakes Art Center 2201 US-71, Okoboji, IA 51355

> Cecelia Comito Adam Nielsen Kris Walker

8. Danielle Clouse Gast & William Gast 901 Hill Ave, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

9. Carl Wesley 16453 255th Ave

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#### Iowa Great Lakes Area

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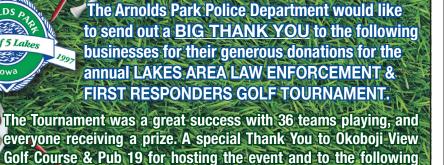
#### **Sunday, October 27**

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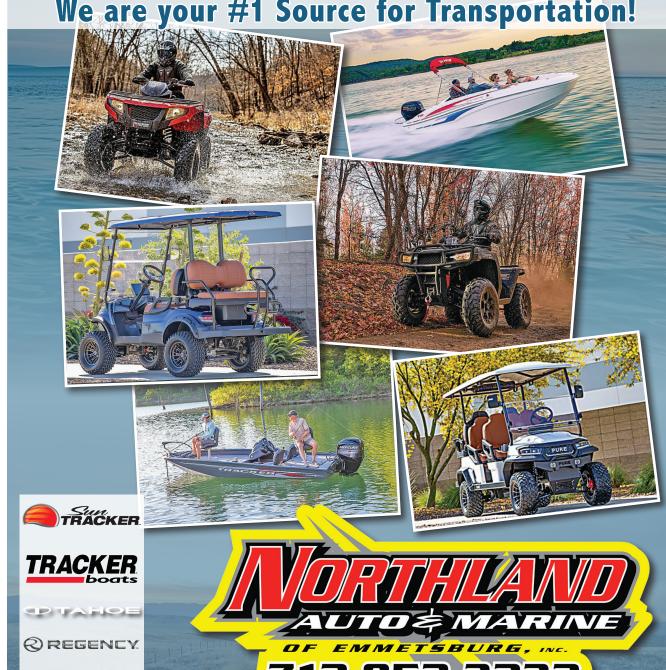
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#### Cardinal & Gold Collective and West O Beer Present Blood Round Brew

The Cardinal & Gold Collective and West O Beer have teamed up to launch Blood Round, a blood orange

wheat that will directly sup-**CARDINAL & GOLD** port Cyclone wrestling stu-COLLECTIVE dent-athletes. A portion of all

proceeds, including beer and merchandise sold, will be donated to the Cardinal & Gold Collective.

Blood Round, brewed specially for the Cardinal & Gold Collective, combines the crisp flavor of a wheat ale with the vibrant fruity flavors of blood orange. This beer is brewed with huge amounts of blood orange leaving it with a deep red/orange hue and juicy notes of orange, tangerine and raspberry, guaranteed to leave your taste buds ready to wrestle for more.

"I am so excited and grateful that we could partner with West O Beer to bring Iowa State fans another avenue to support the Cyclones," Cardinal & Gold Collective Director Ryan Rohlk said. "This partnership will aid us in our mission to support Cyclone wrestlers and give back to the surrounding community. I encourage all Iowa State wrestling fans, and everyone else who simply wants to enjoy a really great tasting beer, to give Blood Round a try."

West O Beer, opened in 2013, is an award-winning microbrewery in West Okoboji, Iowa, and is owned by Iowa State University alums Matt and Michaela Matthiesen.

"I have personally loved the sport of wrestling my entire life and have always been a Cyclone wrestling fan," Matt Matthiesen said. "Providing a beer like this for the Cardinal & Gold Collective was a match made in heaven. This is also a way for us to increase our reach within the state of Iowa, and further communicate to beer consumers the importance of their support of local breweries and our impact on local communities and economies."

'A large part of our mission is centered around community," Matthiesen continued. "Our give-back from Blood Round sales only reaches the Iowa State wrestling student-athletes through their involvement with various groups, including youth engagement throughout Iowa communities."

Blood Round gets its name from the most thrilling, make-or-break round at the NCAA Championships, which the wrestling community has dubbed the "blood round." This round, held on Friday night of the national tournament and otherwise known as the Round of 12, is where All-Americans are crowned, champions are made, and others fall just short of their dreams to stand on the podium.

Blood Round will be released Oct. 12 at West O Beer in conjunction with a watch party for the Iowa State at West Virginia football game. The beer will be available for purchase at retail locations the following week.

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#### Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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Now that Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake is closed for the season, we would like to say thanks to all the loyal customers that attended this summer. Plan on visiting us again on November 23 for a Handcrafted Christmas. It will be in the Community Room on the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake, Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be music, free coffee, cocoa, and cookies, lots of different crafts, baked items, and maybe even some late fall vegetables. In October, on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon, there will be some vendors set up outside on the fair grounds with vegetables, and some baked items and crafts. We hope to see you there.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To voters of the 5th District in Dickinson County: Please vote for Tim Fairchild to represent you as your County

I have known Tim for almost fifty years, and I can tell you that he has been community and family oriented all his life. He always evaluates both sides of a situation and then acts on what he feels is best for whomever he is representing. I served on the Terril City Council when he was Mayor, and we volunteered in Terril for many years as First Responders and later as EMTs. He has a very successful business in Terril and is always willing to go out of his way to help anyone in need however he can. Tim is very dependable, does an excellent job at whatever he attempts and is a highly respected man and a businessman. He is always willing to listen and if he doesn't know the answer, he will research it and get back to you!

If you want Honesty, Fairness, Positive Community Values, Communication, Dependability, and Loyalty, then Tim Fairchild should be your vote in November.

Respectfully Julie Thiesen, Terril, Iowa



### Boii Bill at The



The summer fun continues. Boji Bill will be appearing at The Side Door in Arnolds Park on Wednesday, October 2. He'll be rocking the house from 6:00-8:00 PM that evening. Stop by and find out why "The Side Door is the happiest place in Arnolds Park". You know it's going to be a good time when Boji Bill shows up.



**Music & Dancing** 

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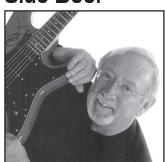
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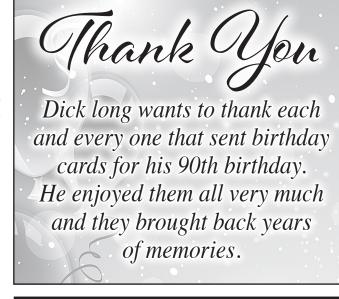
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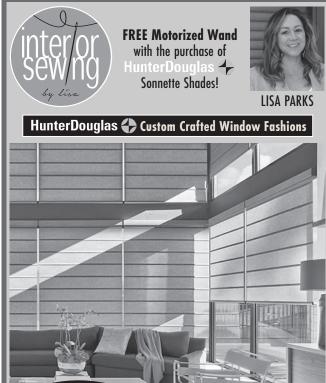
Since 1950, the first meeting of the Okoboji Women's Club, our club has served the Lakes Region with many community service projects. Women have enjoyed the fun and friendly fellowship at our meeting also.

Our project now for the next 2 months will be to support the Dickinson County Museum. We did start supporting this

Our meeting date is Friday, October 4. It will be held at the Homestead Coop at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Our speaker will be Cindy Davis on the "Spirit Lake Library Services".

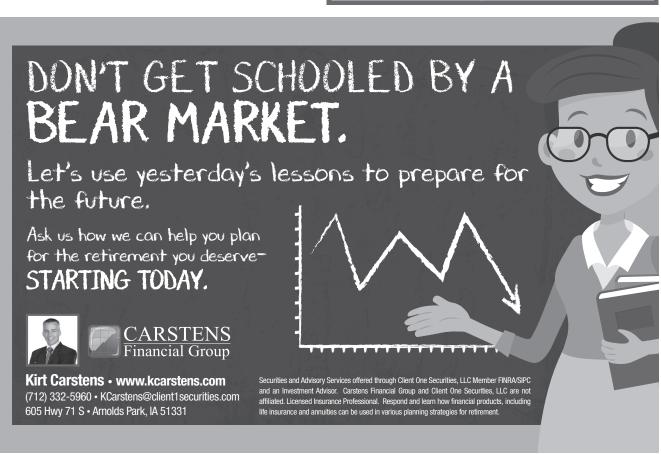
We are looking forward to seeing current members, and we invite anyone interested in attending a meeting. If interested, please call Lyn Marksbury at 712-574-2165 to make a reservation to join us for the speaker, and fun and friendly fellowship.

Lyn Marksbury, President of Okoboji Women's Club



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#### Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park Spirit Lake High School

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:30

Homecoming Parade pm at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm. Volunteers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions? Call Jerilyn Marra

#### **Good Neighbor Fund Drive**

The Good Neighbor Fund Drive for Okoboji-Spirit Lake will start in October, watch for your BLUE flyer arriving in the mail to learn how you can help support the 21 local charities. This year the Good Neighbor Fund Drive received applications from the following agencies: American Red Cross, Atlas, Bedell YMCA, Camp Foster, Dickinson County Museum, Dickinson County RSVPLiteracy Partners, Family Crisis, Girl Scouts, Hope Rolls, Humane Society, Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club, Kings & Queens, Lakes Area Hockey Association, Mid-America Boy Scouts, Pearson Lakes Art Program, Respite Angels, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Spirit Lake Youth Athletics, Upper Des Moines Opportunity and Voluntary Action Center.

For more information about the Good Neighbor Fund, email lakesgnf@gmail.com.

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#### **To The Editor:**

For Jeff Thee, Dickinson county is more than just a place where you come to retire. Jeff Thee has lived here for over 30 years. He and his wife Cathy raised their three girls here. Dickinson county is where he made his living. Jeff has been an advocate for the lakes area and been involved in our community for years. This is his home. Working next to Jeff Thee for the past four years, I can tell you that he is passionate about Dickinson county. He understands the opportunities and challenges that our county faces. Jeff understands how important it is to balance protecting our beautiful natural resources, while providing economic growth and development for generations to come, as well as supporting our farmers and agricultural community. Jeff Thee is a caring, compassionate leader and the right person to represent District 3 as county supervisor.

Kim Wermersen, Okoboji, Iowa

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I find it amazing when certain letter writers continually bash Trump about name calling, when the Democratic party has been calling him a Nazi and a threat to our Democracy since 2015. As for the claim that several police officers were killed during the January 6 Capitol Riot, that is also a total lie. If you Google how many officers died on January 6, you find that number to be zero. Ashli Babbitt, 35, of San Diego and an Air Force Veteran died on the day of the riot after being shot by a Capitol Police Officer. Some police officers died in the months following Jan 6, but not one was considered "in the line of duty". As for starting World War III, not one war was started while Trump was President. However, as a direct result of Biden/Harris policies two wars were started on their watch. On their first day in office Biden/Harris killed energy in this country, driving oil prices to \$100 a barrel enabling Putin to be able to afford to attack Ukraine and causing inflation in this country to exceed 15% (inflation was 1.2% when they took office). He also killed several pipelines in the United States, but helped Putin finish the Nord Stream pipeline. Biden also got the United States back in the Iranian deal, then released over 6 billion dollars to Iran who in turn funded Hamas enabling them to attack Isreal on October 7th. Regulations created by Biden/Harris administration are killing businesses and growth in this country. High tax rates are also driving businesses to leave the USA, killing American manufacturing and jobs. Tariffs must not be as bad as you say since Biden has left the Trump Tariffs in place. When Trump left office, we were an energy independent country. Biden/Harris killed that, driving our energy prices up and causing prices of everything we buy to go up. I don't know about you but I don't like spending hundreds of dollars more every month for just basic needs, let alone going out to eat at a local restaurant. Trump has continually said he is not a part of or a supporter of Project 2025. I am not against immigration, what I am against is my tax payer dollars paying for their housing, food, medical and education. We don't do that for American Citizens, why are we doing it for non-citizens. You may not like Trump, but under his administration life was better. We were energy independent and our cost of living was considerably lower. Under a Harris/ Walz administration inflation will continue to increase. I don't find joy, optimism or opportunity in having to pay more for everything I purchase or do!

**Don Origer** 

Milford, Iowa

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





The Spirit Lake High School Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, October 4, 2024, at 2:15pm; line-up begins at 1:45pm. Community floats are invited to come and have a blast at the parade. If any organization has interest in participating, please contact Bethany Frostestad at 712-331-1708, or Elizabeth Lein-



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Carry in Hills, Minnesota

Dear Carry,

NO! That's the best way we can answer that last question. Never use an additive in a way not directed by the manufacturer of said product or you risk permanent damage. Additives have their place and, if used as directed, sometimes can fix a problem and save you a ton of money, but they are also some of the most abused products out there. With your extended oil changes, you probably clogged up some oil passages and using the cleaner helped restore them. Most of those cleaners are meant to be installed, then the engine oil changed within a few minutes of running. If that works then you may be able to repeat every 1000k miles for a few months and you may save the engine.

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Yikes! It's never any fun having a light come on and taunt you like that, Check Engine lights, ABS lights and Low Tire lights are some of the most annoying things on a car, but they all are there for a reason. They either are trying to save your life or the car's life. In the case of a low tire light, it is the former. Low tire warning systems were made mandatory by the government for safety a while back due to so many accidents caused by tire failure from under inflation. The system uses pressure sensors mounted in the tire, usually on the valve stem, and they contain batteries and a transmitter to relay the pressure and tire temp to the vehicle's computer where it determines if it is a safe pressure and either illuminates the warning lamp or not. The system can't be bypassed, and it would not be legal to do so. Get it diagnosed. Most shops can repair them at a reasonable price.

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chaperone can join the Dickinson County Nature Center staff for Nature Tots: Itsy Bitsy Spider on October 9th, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Nature Tots will meet at the Nature Center to dive into the famous nursery rhyme.

"Our young explorers will be practicing counting to eight and learning how to color coordinate spider legs to the correct color of its body with a

fun craft," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the nature center.

"They will also learn how spiders move around, and attendees can try crawling over various textured surfaces to see what it might be like to be a spider."

"Several spots are available for our 1:30 to 2:30 session," Heibult said. Please preregister by Monday, October 7th, 5:00 p.m. by visiting www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com or calling (712) 336-6352.

#### Free "Old Time" Rockers **Jam Session**

The Estherville VFW will host a free jam session on Saturday, October 12th from 5:00 - 8:00PM featuring many local rock and roll artists. The event is free to the public and will feature many artists who are Iowa Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame Inductees, such as 2024 Inductees The Lake Patrol Band and members of legendary bands DeeJay and the Runaways, The Sensational Soul Company, Stingray and much more. Food and drinks will be available from the VFW. This free event is sponsored by the Estherville VFW and The Ridottos Rock Band. If any musicians are interested in participating, please text Al Klein at 507-230-1264. The Estherville VFW is located at 314 South 1st Street in Estherville.



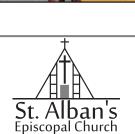
### Do You Have A Special Weekend Event In The Future?

A Family get-together, anniversary, graduation, birthday? The Lakes Area Senior Center has a beautiful, clean facility with most weekends available. Call and visit with someone at the office for details at 712-336-5247.

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Meet new friends or visit with old friends. Bring friends with you.

This is a time to celebrate and show our sense of com-

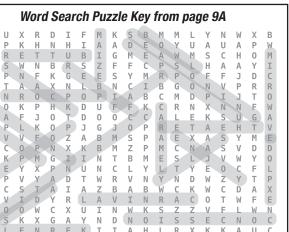
The Lakes Area Senior Center looks forward to seeing you.

#### Okoboji Homecoming Parade

The Okoboji Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 4th, 2024, at 2:15 pm. Local businesses are encouraged to join in this great event. If your

business wants to be in the parade, please contact Kizze at khromatko@ okobojischools.org by September 30th. All Parade participants will line up in the Middle School parking lot by 1:30pm.









#### **Lakes Area Senior Center Classes** and Events

Seniors Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The exercise program is based on the Silver Sneakers Program.

Blood Pressure Screening the last Tuesday of every month There is a Zumba class on

Thursday at 5:00 and Tai Chi on Thursdays at 11:00am. Sign up and stay for dinner date.

Asian MahJong-1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00pm. Breakfast—October 20th— 8:30-12:30.

Dance to the music of Terry Klein on October 27th, 2:00-5:00pm; potluck lunch at 3:00pm. Halloween dance. Come have fun - costumes welcome.

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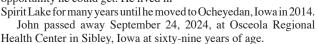


A memorial service for John Radcliffe of Sibley, Iowa, and for-

merly of Spirit Lake, was held Friday, September 27, 2024, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Interment was at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji.

John Kenneth Radcliffe, the son of Benjamin and Dorothy (Edgar) Radcliffe, was born February 6, 1955 in LeMars, Iowa. He was married to Susan Fisher and they had one son,

John was a truck driver most of his life and he loved helping family on the farm. One of his greatest joys was camping and he would go every opportunity he could get. He lived in



He is survived by his son, John Radcliffe; grandson, Jac Radcliffe (Sydney); special companion, Shellie Houston; nieces and nephews, Jess (Tracey) Radcliffe, Ben (Kristen) Radcliffe, Amy (Mark) Benge, Jennifer (Derek) Franker, Jessica (Terry) Williams, Damon (Amy) Radcliffe and Darin (Erin) Radcliffe; sisters-in-law, Charlene Radcliffe, Wendy Radcliffe and Jeanette Radcliffe.

John was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; three brothers, Tom, Jim and David.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A funeral service for Elaine was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Downtown Church in Milford. Burial took

place at 1:30 PM on Saturday at Valley View Cemetery in Rock Valley. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, September 27, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford.

Elaine (VanVoorst) DeRuvter was born October 13, 1943, in Rock Valley, Iowa. She often shared memories of her childhood and the love she had for her parents and siblings. She loved visiting her dad's office after school where he would give her money for a treat and a hug, waiting for the neighbors to come home to watch



Flash Gordon with her brother Harlan and getting free popcorn from her older brother Jim's popcorn stand. They took several vacations to California and the Black Hills. She graduated from Hull Western Christian in 1961, making friendships with 3 ladies that lasted their lifetimes.

Elaine met the love of her life, John DeRuyter, on a blind date in 1960. He joined the Army, and they exchanged hundreds of letters before getting married on January 10, 1962, while John was home on a 2 week leave. They moved to Schwabisch Hall, Germany, where John was stationed. There she met new friends and learned about the German culture, food and the game Hollywood Rummy. Elaine would go on to teach her siblings, children and grandchildren this game and eventually was given the name 'card shark' as she rarely

After returning to the States, they made their home in Spencer, Iowa, where she was a homemaker, raising 4 children. She enjoyed sewing clothes, garage sales with her Mom and reading. She always made a special cake for every birthday and never missed an event, concert, or any chance to spend time with those she loved. After 34 years and John's retirement, they moved to the lakes area where she was able to spoil her grandchildren with countless activities and cookies for breakfast. She enjoyed trips to Florida to visit her sister Glenda and her brother Ron and a cruise for their 50th Anniversary.

Elaine was a beautiful woman who was the epitome of grace, love, and selflessness. She spent her life taking care of everyone around  $her \, and \, never \, turned \, down \, an \, opportunity \, to \, help \, someone \, and \, make$ them feel loved. If you sat at her table, you were family. Her arms were always open for a hug, her laugh was infectious, and her faith was strong and unwavering. Her example is something her family will strive to remember and carry forward as her legacy.

Elaine passed away on September 23, 2024, at the age of 80, rrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Deb (Nick) Thilges of Owasso, Oklahoma and their children, Nicole (Andy) Riggs and Jordan (Brett) Arnold; son, Brian (Tina) DeRuyter of Woodbury, Minnesota and his children, Abbey and Drew DeRuyter; son, Scott (Sheila) DeRuyter of Milford, Iowa and children Zach (Ashley) DeRuyter, Dustin DeRuyter, Noah, Ella, Eva, and Olivia DeRuyter; daughter, Lisa Arrowood of Spirit Lake, Iowa and her children Kaycee, Rylie, Mason and Avery Arrowood and Finley McNab; great-grandchildren, Caleb and Connor Riggs, Parker and Cohen Arnold, Zaiden and Azalea DeRuyter; brothers, Harlan (Carol) VanVoorst of Sioux Falls, SD and Ron VanVoorst of Fort Myers, Florida; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years John DeRuyter; parents, Sam and Eva VanVoorst; her brother, James VanVoorst: and sister, Glenda Rhodes.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.turnerfuneralhomes.com

#### **Support Local Business**



Terry "Pete" Sidles, 75, of Spirit Lake, passed away September 23, 2024, at his home

Pete's last wish was to ride around the track one more time on Thursday, October 3rd. His final lap will commence at 5:30 PM at the Jackson Motorplex. If you would like to help fund his sponsorship next year, there will be a separate donation bin at the track and for \$20 you can ride along.

A visitation for Pete will be on Friday, October 4, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 PM, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A graveside service will be on Saturday, October

5th, at 2:00 PM, at East Side Memorial Cemetery in Estherville. Following the interment, a Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at the Kuhlman's Welding Shop (239 252nd Ave. Spirit Lake).

Pete's family encourages anyone attending these events to please wear racing shirts or casual clothes.

Terry "Pete" Sidles, the son of Dick and Gladys Sidles, was born on January 10, 1949, in Estherville, Iowa. On April 11, 1970, Terry was married to Roxanne Dean. They lived in Pocahontas and Emmetsburg before moving to Spirit Lake, Iowa. Terry worked at the John Morrell packing plant in Estherville, Mcquays and Crystal Tips

of Spirit Lake, Smiths RV of Okoboji and Laser car wash in Milford. Terry is survived by his wife, Roxanne Sidles; three children, Dawn (Kevin) Kuhlman, Troy Sidles and Justin Sidles, all of Spirit Lake; four grandchildren that he dearly loved, Brock Moffitt of Des Moines,

Luke and Tristin Sidles of Spirit Lake and Camy Sidles of Spencer. Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Gladys Sidles; brother, Arvin and sister-in-law, Lorraine Sidles; brother, Donald and sister-in-law, Alice; brother-in-law, Joe Naig; nephew, Reggie Sidles; great-nephew, Ryan Sidles

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Pioneer Pride Marching Band Places in the Waseca Marching Classic

The Pioneer Pride Marching Band traveled to Waseca, Minnesota, on Saturday, September 21st, 2024, to compete in the

Waseca Marching Classic. This is the first year they have participated in the Marching Classic. And their first competition in their new uniforms. There they received a one-hour clinic with an adjudi-



cator prior to the competition. Pioneer Pride came home ranked 2nd in Percussion and Music General Effect, 3rd in Music Execution and Visual Execution, and 4th in Visual General Effect and Color Guard.

"The band took the field in confidence in their new uniforms and performed for stands full of people." said Gena Riphagen, parent of a Pioneer Pride band member. She continues, "The progress with each performance is noticed by family and friend who cheered them on at the competition." Continue to follow the Pioneer Pride Marching Band as they play half-time shows at the Okoboji High School football games. They will be traveling to West Marshall on Saturday, September 28th, for the Small Town Showdown competition. Lastly, congratulations to Director James Kunz, Drum Major Trigg Heimdal, and all the members for the Pioneer Pride Marching Band.

For more information, contact Okoboji Fine Arts (OFA) at okobojifinearts@gmail.com or follow @OkobojiFineArts on Facebook and Instagram.



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#### **Obituaries**

Born 4/21/51 - Le Mars, IA Died 9/12/24 - Kalispell, MT LARRY J LIPPON

A shining example of his mid-west upbringing, Larry developed a dogged work ethic and an equally strong drive to get out and make his place in the world.

In his school years, he was a natural athlete, starring in both basketball and baseball. His competitive nature and leadership skills served him well in the business world he was later drawn

From his early 20s, Larry was entrepreneurial. He utilized his

headedness, luck and the willingness to push himself to do the work of 10 men to become a model for The American Dream. In his usual self-deprecating style, he was quoted when asked the reason for his success, "Risk everything and not be afraid to fail. If you are afraid to fail, you certainly will...or be too stupid to know that you can fail, which may have been my blessing."

From his start as a builder and cabinet maker to chairman and CEO of his international company, Video Lottery Technologies, Larry cut a wide swath. His meteoric rise to success was exhilarating, shared with his "team" who he always saw as equals and made feel that they worked WITH him not FOR him. His love of

always being guaranteed a tee time! Raven golf courses reflected his vision of providing a first class golf experience at an exceptional public course. After fulfilling this new creative endeavor with the completion of 2 courses in AZ and 1 in the works in FL, he sold he courses and moved on to "dabble" in numerous businesses of interest to him. Ultimately discovering that his tried and true methods of business success were a poor fit for the new age, he decided to rest on his laurels with time to enjoy his friends and family, his Montana mountain ranch, his woodworking shops and his beloved Whisper Rock golf club.

- sense of fun, sense of humor, and sense of adventure

- words of wisdom
- of rules; high risk behavior humility in spite of successes - didn't suffer fools
- encouraged the talents of others that they didn't see in themselves; mentor to many - tolerant, loyal, supportive husband;

Larry's peaceful and unexpected passing is a reflection of the way he lived his life....never lingering at a business meeting, a party or a golf shot. He was always restless to move on.

Dennis Lippon (Dori); numerous brothers-in-laws and their wives; numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by daughter, Lucia Zupan Lippon.

Memorial donations can be sent to JR Golf Association of AZ or to a children's health organization of your choice. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

gifts of magnetic charm, intelligence, instinct, insight, bull-

the "game" outweighed, by far, motive of profit. Shortly after retiring for the first time at 42, Larry followed his passions into golf course building for the reason, he said, of his

Larry will be remembered for:

- generosity and kindness to man and beast
- secret chicken and rib recipes
- paying the tab - strong, silent type; more a listener than a talker; measured
- man's man; outdoorsman; crack shot; lived by his own set

loving father, son, brother, uncle, friend to many The recent loss of his only child, Lucy, wounded him deeply.

Larry is survived by his wife of 38 yrs, Cindy Lippon; brother

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#### REPUBLICAN FOR DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR

The health and safety of the citizens of Milford is always paramount. Communities around the lakes are advocating for a 3-mile corridor to provide protection for its people and still have an opportunity for future growth and development of housing and business in the future.

The proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline is 4 blocks from Terril Elementary School + Main Street. If an explosion or accident occurs, you will have a negative impact on the life and safety of the people of Terril and potentially surrounding townships due to the asphyxiant.

Construction, use of pipeline products and compaction causes disruption to the soil that decreases productivity for growing crops. Projected losses of up to 15-20% crop yield in the long run.

The easement on the land runs forever which inhibits future sales and restricts opportunities for future generations. The CO<sub>2</sub> company will have the power of eminent domain to force the pipeline on unwilling landowners. Landowners take on all the risk without the reward that the CO<sub>2</sub> companies get from tax credits and low interest loans.

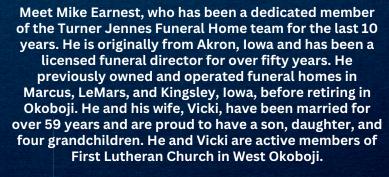
The CO<sub>2</sub> process is not needed to sustain the ethanol industry. The carbon capture and storage process has not worked when you evaluate all the risks to people, wildlife and the environment.

Too few regulations are in place to protect the safety and oversight of the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. Many lowa counties and citizens of North and South Dakota are in opposition to the CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines.

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In his free time, Mike enjoys skeet shooting, fishing, and connecting with others through HAM radio. As a man with Christian values, he values serving families with compassion and kindess. It comes natural and is very rewardinig to him. We are so grateful to have Mike on our Turner Jenness Funeral Home team!

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#### **Dementia and Caregiver Cafe**

The initial Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe begins Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 10:00am to 11:30am, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. The caregiver and the person with memory problems will share fun, conversation and enjoyment away from the loneliness and isolation of dementia. Entertainment will be the Boji Strummers, a popular local group of ukulele players that play and sing many long-time favorites. Refreshments will be served at this free event. Pre-registration would be appreciated but not essential by calling 712-336-1649.



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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.

#### Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place inperson 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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The Prairie Lakes Division will hold their annual PLD Model Train Fall Event on Saturday, October 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Clay County Events Center at the fairgrounds in Spencer. Admission is \$3.00.

At least 4 module layouts will be presented, along with speakers, vendors, contests, clinics, drawings, and lunch.

In addition, the Smokey Mountain Railroad in the Depot Building will also be open to visitors during the show event.



#### The Expressions at Everly Dance

The Everly dance, sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, October 5, at the Hap Ketelsen Commu-

nity Center in Everly Iowa. The doors are open at 6:15, the dance is from 7:00pm -10:30 pm. The band is The Expressions. Put on your dancing shoes & come join us for a fun evening of dancing! Feel free to bring snacks to share! Singles and married couples are welcome.





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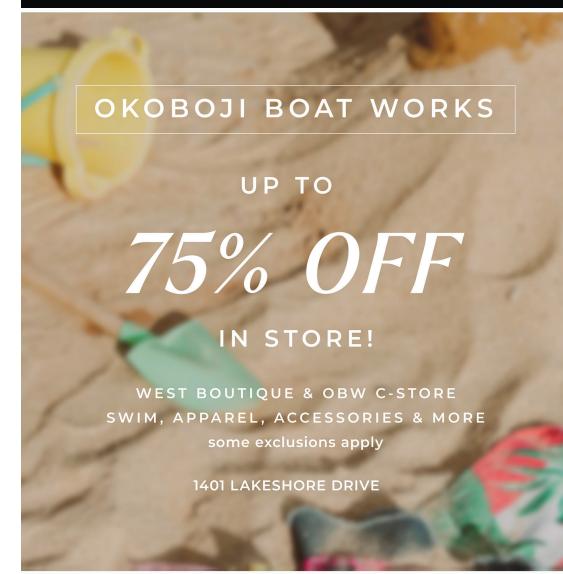














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October 7, 10:30 a.m. Mindful Movement

October 21, 10:30 a.m. -Mail Time

October 28, 10:30 a.m. Monsters

All-Day Play will be Monday,

October 7, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This is a free come-and-go play time. Toys are supplied by MML. For more information, contact us by calling 712-338-4643 or by email milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

On Monday, October 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Young Adults are invited to create 3D paper pumpkins. This is a free come-and-go program. All supplies are provided by the library.

Some are scary and others can be hairy, but you can build your own. Join MML's After-School Adventures on Thursday, October 10, at 3:30 p.m., to create your own monster. This is a free program and a small snack will be provided. For any questions, contact us by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Join us for CrAFTER Hours on October 16, from 5 - 7 p.m. This month we will be having Cricut 101. Learn how to use a Cricut machine and make your own library sweatshirt! We have several color options to choose from and three design options. Participants MUST REGISTER and PAY before OCTOBER 9! We are ordering each item based on registrants and won't have extras available. Cost is \$15 for this event. Call the Milford Memorial Library to register at 712-338-4643 or register online at https:// milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day. We look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen on Tuesday, October 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Any interested individuals are welcome to join MML's Book Club on Tuesday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. The featured book, The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson, can be found in our library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.





#### 9th Annual Kids Music Day

Keep Music Alive is excited to be working alongside the animated series phenomenon, BLUEY, to help inspire more young music makers around the world for Kids Music Day on Friday October 4th.

Over 1,200 locations in all US, Canada, UK, Australia and a dozen other countries will this year participate in the 9th Annual Kids Music Day with special events and promotions

special events and promotions that benefit and celebrate kids playing music.

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#### View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

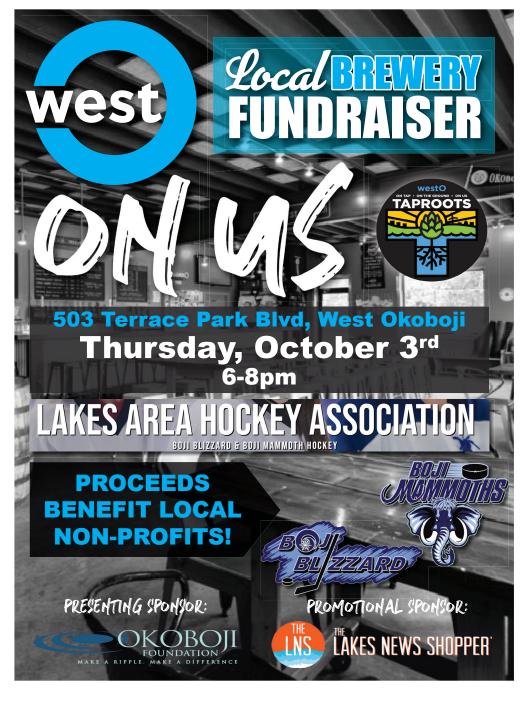
#### **Campbell Reaches Cyclone Coaching Pinnacle**

Normally a win vs a 1-2 conference opponent when you are a 16-point favorite wouldn't probably result in me writing about it, but Saturday's 20-0 victory by now #16 Iowa State at Houston pushed Matt Campbell to the top of the charts in Iowa State coaching victories with 57 career wins as the Cyclone head coach. Campbell has been quoted as saying to have success in Ames requires "climbing up the rough side of the mountain" and Saturday's victory symbolized the climb Campbell and his staff have made at ISU, as it wasn't always pretty, nor easy, but the Cyclones stayed consistent, played elite defense and made enough plays to put the Cougars away and push Campbell above former Cyclone coach Dan McCarney.

Campbell has done a tremendous job of embracing and celebrating the job that Dan McCarney did in building Iowa State from a bottom-level Big 8 (at the time) team that always lost to Iowa, into a team that made five bowl games and had a 6-5 record vs the Hawks. Campbell also credits former coach Paul Rhoads for the job he did taking the baton from McCarney in what Campbell and athletic director Jamie Pollard refer to as a Cyclone Football Relay. McCarney and Rhoads both had flashes of success but couldn't sustain it and both ended up losing their jobs. Both coaches, however, are a big reason Iowa State is where they are today in the college football landscape, taking a program that was one of the laughing stocks of college football to a level of respectability. Even with those flashes of winning, I don't think any Cyclone fan could have envisioned the success Campbell and his staff have brought to Iowa State. While Hawkeye fans will be quick to point out Campbell's 2-6 record vs Iowa, and the fact that ISU has never won 10 games (we all know they would have easily won 10 in their 9-3 Covid-shortened season), but the consistent success Campbell has brought to Iowa State is one that was only a dream nine years ago.

After going 3-9 in his first season, Campbell took ISU to a Liberty Bowl victory and an 8-5 record in 2017, followed by another 8-5 season in 2018 and a 7-6 mark in 2019. The high mark so far of the Campbell era was when the 2020 team went 9-3, made the Big 12 Championship game (actually won the regular season title) and won the Fiesta Bowl over Oregon. The 2021 team entered the season ranked #7 but couldn't live up to the hype, losing five one-possession games on their way to a 7-6 season; that was followed by a disappointing 4-8 2022 season and many wondered if Campbell was about to hit the same lull that cost McCarney and Rhoads their jobs. ISU started the 2023 season 1-2 but bounced back to finish 6-3 in the Big 12 and 7-6 overall to push back into an upward trend. This year's team is currently 4-0, ranked #16 in the nation and 1-0 in the Big 12; while they have a long way to go, it is shaping up to be a dream season for the Cyclones and their fans.

What I love about the job that Campbell has done at ISU is that as a Cyclone fan you feel like you have a realistic shot to win every game you play; which for many years was not the case, as you just knew it would take a minor-miracle to stay close vs the top teams in the Big 12 and the nation. Campbell has brought hope to Cyclone fans that just hasn't consistently been there, owning 40% of Iowa State's victories over ranked teams on the road, including this year's 20-19 victory over then #23 Iowa. Campbell also owns four wins vs Top 10 teams and 11 of ISU's 28 all-time wins vs ranked teams, which shows where the program has been before he took over. Campbell has also greatly upgraded Iowa State's roster, which has produced 11 NFL Draft picks including Brock Purdy and Breece Hall, who are both playing at elite levels at their positions. Another reason Campbell has ISU winning games is the strong culture of his program. In today's world of NIL and the transfer portal, Campbell and his staff have built a team-first culture focused on loyalty, and it shows with how his teams play and how they have maintained the main players in the program despite larger offers from other schools. Another reason for Campbell's success is the consistency he has had on his staff, especially on defense with defensive coordinator Jon Heacock and defensive line coach Eli Rasheed spending all nine seasons with Campbell in Ames. No matter how this season turns out, never forget as Cyclone fans how far this program has come, and always be thankful for the job that Matt Campbell has done turning Iowa State into a program that Cyclone Nation can all be extremely proud of; here's to the next 57 wins for Campbell and the Cyclones!







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#### K of C Ribeye Meal for Coats for Kids

The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 invites the entire community to its Ribeye Sandwich Meal. The dinner starts after Saturday evening Mass, October 12, at 6:30 p.m., and will go until 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 1005 Hill Ave., Spirit Lake.

The Knights will serve sides of potato salad and baked beans and the Ribeye Sandwiches will be grilled by the always popular Dickinson County Cattlemen. The proceeds will benefit the Coats for Kids program and vocations. For more information, please call 712-330-8892.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past two years contributing more than \$18,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, Special Olympics, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, as well as to local family, community and parish needs.

Spirit Lake Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, and their annual Knights of Columbus Golf Open for Special Olympics and other local organizations.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils, with each Knight called to live a life of charity, unity, and fraternity. Last year, Knights donated more than 49 million volunteer hours and nearly \$200 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families, and youth. A few examples of their work include distributing 8,891 wheelchairs, supporting more than 1,200 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and giving nearly 181,000 coats to help warm children in need.







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#### Dr. David Keith Honored with Iowa Hospital **Association Hospital Hero Award**

Spencer Hospital staff recently surprised Dr. David Keith with the news that he will receive the prestigious Iowa Hospital Association Hospital Hero Award at the upcoming Iowa Hospital Association Annual Meeting on October 9. This honor recognizes Dr. Keith's exceptional dedication and unwavering compassion as a healthcare provider, a commitment highlighted in his

Dr. Keith is known for redefining the image of a care provider, often donning everything from a traditional white coat to fun scrubs, and even a kilt. His versatility extends beyond medicine; he serves as a doula, storyteller, and often serenades laboring mothers with his musical talents. In the Emergency Department, he excels in critical situations, a skill honed through medical missions and mentorship roles. His active participation in various hospital committees and willingness to take on diverse responsibilities, such as officiating weddings during the pandemic, further demonstrate his commitment to excellence.

Upon receiving the surprise announcement, Dr. Keith expressed his gratitude, saying, "Words cannot express how grateful I was being surrounded by a room full of my work family and my lovely wife." He shared that he initially thought he was attending a meeting about a pet project, only to be met with a surprise celebration from over 30 colleagues.

With 11 years at Avera Medical Group Spencer and Spencer Hospital, Dr. Keith reflected on his journey and the deep connections he has formed within the community. "I am just another woven thread in this amazing farm-bred town," he noted. His heartfelt dedication to serving others is evident in everything he does, from delivering babies to comforting patients at the end of life. Above all, Dr. Keith is recognized for treating every individual with compassion, addressing not only their physical health but also their emotional and spiritual needs.

Dr. Keith's humility and commitment to his patients exemplify the spirit of Spencer Hospital, making him a truly deserving recipient of the Hospital Hero Award.

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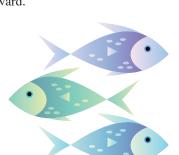
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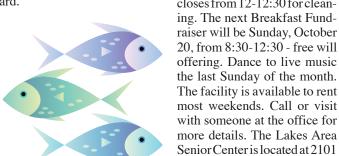
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Wednesday, October 2 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, October 3

10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage

5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, October 4 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, October 5 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, October 6 Card Room Reserved Big Room Reserved Small Room Reserved

9:00 - Exercise

Monday, October 7

12:00 - Dinner Date able every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursday's at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. The next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 20, from 8:30-12:30 - free will offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area



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My wife Julie and I have long held interest in wind energy. In the fall of 2008 a new community-owned wind farm named Red Rock was formed in Emmet and Dickinson Counties. I felt then, as I do now, that wind energy is a vital part of our future energy and local economic needs. I also believe wind energy is valuable in climate change mitigation. We had hoped to get a turbine on our farmland.

In 2009, we invested in the startup community owned wind farm. I never served on the board and have had no involvement with Red Rock Company since the founding investment 15 years ago. The community wind farm needed a funding partner. None were found. We signed wind leases on our farmland. Our farms are still under lease. We receive \$1312.50 /year in exchange for our wind rights.

I was elected in November, 2015, and became a County Supervisor. For years there was no action on the wind farm. In 2019, I was informed that the wind farm had a funding partner and would be applying for permits. I have been informed I am not getting a turbine on my farmland. In the fall of 2020, I was re-elected to the Board of Supervisors.

In 2023, as plans for a Dickinson County community wind project took shape, I reached out to County Attorney Steve Goodlow for legal guidance on what my future role should be as this matter could come before the board. I inquired if it would be a conflict of interest for me to be involved in votes on the project's future. Mr. Goodlow and I reached out to the Iowa Ethics Board and the Iowa State Association of Counties legal counsel for guidance. Their consensus was there was **NOT** a conflict of interest. I personally felt that I should abstain from all wind related issues that I am involved with. That is the course of action I have followed.

Thank you for taking the time to read the other **side of the story**. See you next week!

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1 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons butter, melted

2 to 3 tablespoons canola oil

1 cup low-fat cream cheese, softene

1 cup ricotta cheese

1 small bunch dill, finely chopped, plus extra

2 to 3 tablespoons hot water, plus

extra as needed 1 3/4 cups smoked salmon slices

1/2 lemon, juiced

Blend together the flour, eggs, milk, salt, butter, and dill in a food processor until smooth. Pour into a jug. Heat a little oil in a non-stick frying or crepe pan set over medium heat until hot. Add a small ladle of batter to the pan and tilt with a circular motion so that the batter coats the surface evenly. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes until golden underneath. Flip and cook for a further minute or so. Remove to a plate and repeat the process using a little more oil for each crepe. Beat cream cheese and ricotta cheese with dill and 2 to 3 tablespoons hot water in a bowl until creamy and spreadable, adding more

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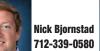


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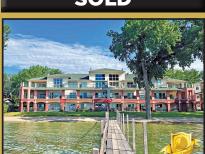
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The 2024 National 4-H Week theme is "Beyond Ready," which celebrates the program's dedication to building a generation equipped for the future while being met where they are today. 4-H is focused on helping youth become ready to lead, ready to serve, and ready to follow their passions.

4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a promising future for youth, families, and communities across the country. Through hands-on learning experiences in areas such as agriculture, communication and the arts, leadership and civic engagement, healthy living, and STEM, 4-H members are equipped with the skills they need to be "Beyond Ready" and make a difference in the world.

"We equip youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today," said Beth Bunkers, Northwest Iowa Youth Program Specialist with Iowa 4-H. "Through 4-H, we offer opportunities and experiences that shape youth into their full, authentic selves, enabling them to shine both nov and in the future."

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. Local 4-Hers are "Beyond Ready" to continue that tradition into the future.

For more information on the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program or to join 4-H as a member or volunteer, contact your local ISU Extension and Outreach office:

In Clay County: Jenna Steffen, county youth coordinator,

712-262-2264 or keenej@iastate.edu In Dickinson County: Noel Petersen, county youth coordina-

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### To the Editor:

As a former elementary school teacher and now a real estate agent, I have seen the value of strong schools from multiple perspectives. I understand how critical it is for our children, our community, and our future to provide the best educational opportunities possible. That's why I'm asking everyone in the Okoboji School District to vote "Yes" for the school bond referendum.

During my time as a teacher, I saw firsthand how the environment in which students learn can dramatically affect their success. Classrooms that are cramped, outdated, or poorly equipped create barriers to effective teaching and learning. A new elementary school would provide modern, safe, and adaptable learning spaces designed to meet the needs of today's students. Teachers will have the tools and environment they need to engage students more fully, and our kids will benefit from spaces that inspire creativity and learning. Furthermore, renovations to the high school will ensure that students at all levels receive the support and resources necessary to thrive academically.

As a real estate agent, I witness how essential strong schools are for building a vibrant community. Families moving to our area consistently ask about the quality of the schools because they know that a good school district is vital to their children's futures. By voting "Yes," we're not only investing in our schools but also in the long-term health of our community. Modern schools create a positive image of the area and contribute to the sense of pride we all have in living here. The upgrades funded by this bond will enhance the value of our entire region, making Okoboji a place where people want to live and grow.

If you vote "Yes," the tax rate will remain steady at \$9.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which means no tax rate increase. The funds will be used to build a new elementary school and to renovate and expand our high school, ensuring that our students have the facilities they need to excel.

If you vote "No," the tax rate will still remain at \$9.25 per \$1,000, but without the much-needed improvements to our schools. In other words, a "No" vote doesn't save you any money, but it does mean missed opportunities for our students and community.

With no tax rate increase on the line, I ask—why not vote "Yes"? A "Yes" vote gives us the chance to improve our schools and ensure a bright future for our children, while keeping our tax rate unchanged.

I urge you to vote "Yes" on October 21st or November 5th for the Okoboji School Bond Referendum.

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

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- Electricity rates will not go down, in fact, the Iowa Public Utilities Commission is projecting a 16% increase for the current year, based upon Alliant Energy rate request.
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- Adjoining wind turbine landowners need protection for their property values should they decrease because of the wind turbine farms near their property.
- Since the Wind Turbine company is leasing the land and which it will return to the landowner, there needs to be a decommission contract in place to pay for the removal of all the wind turbine equipment so the land may return to its prior state. The current cost of \$120,000 per turbine and the factor for an inflation rate of 3% for 35 years brings the amount to over \$250,000 per wind turbine. There must be a requirement that the wind turbine company provide money security from day 1. This cost cannot be shifted to the taxpayers of **Dickinson County.**

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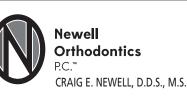


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### OUR FUTURE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

November 5th marks a pivotal moment in my life—an election that could truly shape the future of our country. While every election feels significant, this one stands out as potentially transformative. If President Trump is not re-elected, I worry that our nation may struggle to recover.

Currently, inflation stands at around 4 percent, but the cumulative impact of inflation during the Biden-Harris administration is closer to 20 percent. The root cause is clear: the government is spending beyond its means. I believe that Democrats underestimate the ability of citizens to manage their own finances.

The Biden-Harris administration's open-border policy has led to the influx of 10 to 20 million undocumented individuals—many without background checks or health assessments. A significant number do not speak English or understand our driving laws. We have no reliable means of tracking their whereabouts, and taxpayers are shouldering the burden of their food, shelter, education, and healthcare. Meanwhile, the flow of illegal immigrants at the border continues unabated, with reports of the federal government secretly transporting them across the country.

Fortunately, we live in Northwest Iowa, where the rising crime rates seen in major cities have yet to affect us significantly. However, those cities are grappling with a serious crime crisis, exacerbated by the influence of drug cartels. Addressing this issue will require decisive leadership from a strong President.

Additionally, the IRS workers' union has endorsed Kamala Harris. We should consider advocating for their right to strike as a means of expressing our concerns.

**Phil Petersen** Spirit Lake, IA





Award-Winning Author to Speak at MML

Friends of the Arnolds Park Library, Milford Memorial Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library are pleased to bring Allen Eskens to the Iowa Great Lakes area, on October 19, 2024, for an author talk and book signing.

Allen Eskens is the bestselling author of The Life We Bury, The Guise of Another, The Heavens May Fall, The Deep Dark Descending, The Shadows We Hide, Nothing More Dangerous, The Stolen Hours, Forsaken Country, and Saving Emma. He is the recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award (Left Coast Crime), and Silver Falchion Award and has been a finalist for the Edgar® Award, Thriller Award, and Anthony Award. His books have been translated into 26 languages.

Mr. Eskens has a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota and a law degree from Hamline University. After law school, he studied creative writing in the M.F.A. program at Minnesota State University-Mankato, as well as the Loft Literary Center and the Iowa Summer Writer's Festival. Allen grew up in the hills of central Missouri. He now lives with his wife, Joely, in greater Minnesota where he recently retired after practicing criminal law for 25 years.

Allen Eskens will be in the Milford Memorial Library Community Room on Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m. Planned events are a presentation by the author, and a book signing. If vou are a fan of mystery, thriller or suspense novels, you won't want to miss this special event featuring Allen Eskens at the Milford Memorial Library!

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, October 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Play Time
- Monday, October 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
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"One in every eight women in the United States is at risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer and it's important to remember that men can be diagnosed with breast cancer too, so it's essential to continue to draw attention to the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices and getting routine screenings to hopefully detect breast cancer in early stages," said K.C. Kidd, Spencer Hospital's Women's Health Coordinator.

Registration starts at 2:30 PM, followed by a short program at 3:00, prior to walking down Spencer's main street of Grand Avenue. As participants gather prior to the program, several activities are planned, including a selfie station, kids' activities, survivors' check-in station and informational table and, perhaps best of all, an opportunity to see familiar faces and meet new people, all gathering to raise awareness.

This year marks our 20th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, which our planning team affectionately calls our Pink Walk, because we encourage our participants to wear pink, the designated breast cancer support color. While many organizations host fund-raisers for breast cancer initiatives this time of year, this event is purely an awareness campaign and is absolutely free. Some participants like to make a donation to our foundation to support women's health or the Abben Cancer Center while attending this event; however, that is strictly voluntary.

Participants are encouraged to wear pink. To help facilitate the wearing of pink, we have free t-shirts available for our participants. We are using the classic design this year, which we've used the past few walks rather than an annual themed shirt. Feel free to wear a shirt you already have, or if you'd like a fresh one, we'll have the classic design available. They are free for participants.

Kidd added that breast health starts with annual health checkups with your family medicine practitioner and routine mammograms using Spencer Hospital's 3D technology performed by experienced, certified mammographers. If a concern is detected, patients work closely with our certified breast health navigators to access resources and information. Aperson's care may involve surgery with the team from Northwest Iowa Surgeons, or treatment by the professionals at Abben Cancer Center, or both. A patient may work with the experts at Avera Home Medical to secure prosthetics and accessories. Spencer Hospital's certified women's health physical and occupational therapists can provide support in regaining needed strength post-surgery or treatment, or with lymphedema management.

"It's a comprehensive team effort, providing highly individualized care for our patients," Kidd said. "Spencer Hospital is recognized by the American College of Radiology as a Designated Comprehensive Breast Imaging Center. This is due to the comprehensive and exceptional care, provided right here in northwest Iowa."

#### SMU'S Scheduled Hydrant Flushing Spencer Municipal Utilities hydrant flushing schedule: Sep-

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tember 23-October 4, Spencer - South of the River.

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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.

Abortions are not always wanted but may be necessary and only a doctor and patient and her husband should make that

I want to share with you a Tuberculosis case I had as the Director of the Tuberculosis Program for the state of Iowa. I especially want men to read this letter. Iowa in 2023 had 67 cases of TB and Florida had 535. TB is still a problem in our country and many other countries. When a patient gets TB, you follow them every month and you follow them to the day they finished the treatment and the doctor says they are healed.

One day, one of the cases called me and said she was 6 weeks pregnant. The medicine you take for TB, TB prevention, and several other illnesses makes your birth control pills not be effective. She did not know what to do. She felt too ill to carry a baby plus she could give TB to the fetus and it may even die in her womb. She then discussed this with her husband, doctor, minister, and family and decided to have an abortion. Yes, an abortion to save herself and save a fetus that could die. Remember no women gets an abortion without a man getting her pregnant and should be involved in the decision. She reported to me that she was doing well. She finished her medications after a 9-month treatment plan. She then got pregnant and they had a new healthy baby.

After this happened, I prepared an information sheet to go out to all women in the child bearing age to be aware of this side effect and asked them to use another birth control method during their TB medication treatment plan.

Colleen M. Lemkuil, R.N. Public Health Nurse, Spirit Lake, Iowa



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If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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In order to address the unprecedented demand for its products, Maintainer Corporation, headquartered in Sheldon, Iowa, is undertaking two pivotal expansions. Construction has commenced on an 11,000 square-foot vocational training center and showroom at the north plant campus, along with a significant 30,800 square-foot expansion at the south plant



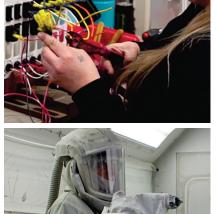
The new vocational training

panding while other manufacturers are experiencing reduced production and layoffs. The expansions are vital to meeting the needs of our growing customer base and addressing the necessity for employee development. As our organization continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to scale our operations, enhance our service offerings, and ensure that our workforce is well-equipped to handle new challenges," stated Shelley Morris, President.

Coinciding with the company's expansion, Maintainer intends to hire approximately 60 new employees to fill a variety of production and support roles. "Maintainer is an industry leader because of our team." Said Morris. "The commitment to quality, customer service and innovation is why we continue to grow in Northwest Iowa." With a commitment to providing opportunities for professional development and career growth, Maintainer is excited to welcome talented individuals who are eager to be part of a dynamic and thriving organization.

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Maintainer will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, October 29, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Individuals interested in employment are encouraged to attend for a tour of the facility, submit walk-in applications, and participate in preliminary interviews.













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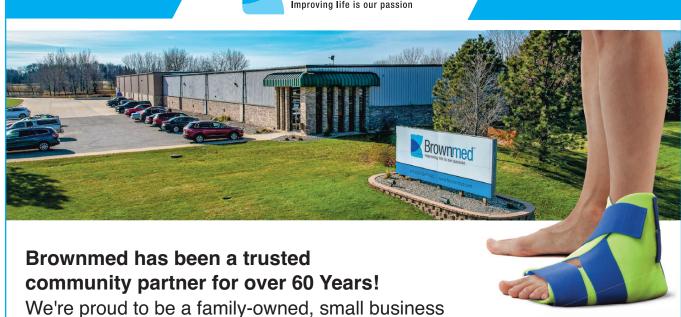












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