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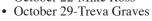
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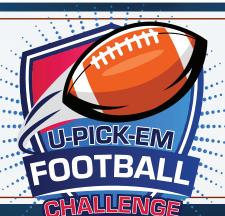
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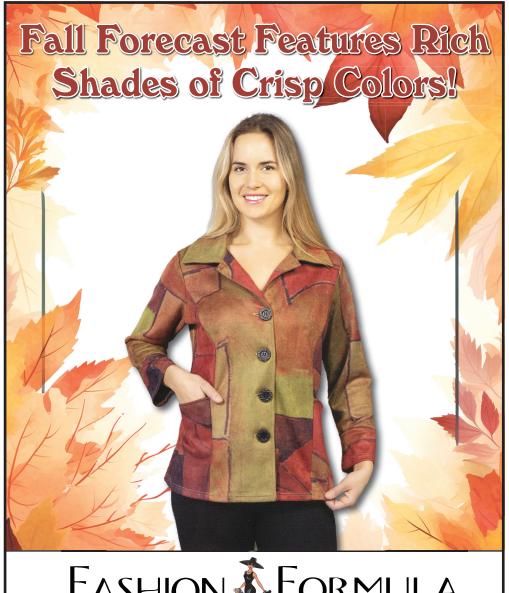
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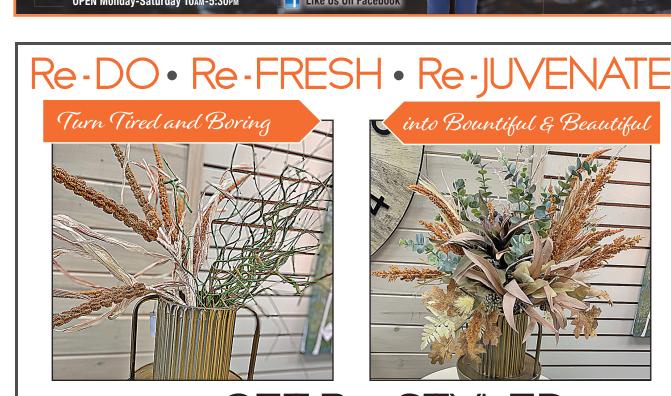














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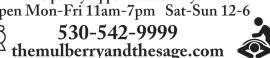


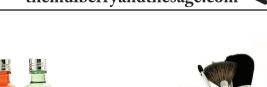
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Bad Habits That May Be Affecting Appearance

Who doesn't want to look and feel her best? Many women go to great lengths in the name of beauty. But not every beauty

tip or practice is beneficial. Women may be tempted to repeat bad beauty habits when they get the desired results, but doing so can put their bodies at risk.



Turning a blind eye to these habits is never a good idea. In fact, recognizing potential beauty pitfalls and how to avoid them can promote long-term health, and nothing is more beautiful than that.

• Failure to drink enough water. One of the most effective ways to nurture skin comes right out of the tap in the kitchen sink. When people forget to drink adequate amounts of water, loss of fluids can result in dry skin that may have a tired, faded look. Even subtle wrinkles may become more pronounced as a result.

• Getting tan from the sun or tanning beds. A warm, golden glow is a hallmark of long days spent in the great outdoors. Many women aspire to have a beautiful tanned look and will spend hours in the sun or at tanning salons. Dermatologists warn that ultraviolet rays that come from the sun or tanning beds can be very harmful to the skin, even if you do not burn. Premature aging and skin cancer are two risks.

• Wearing dark nail polish. Polishing nails can coordinate with style trends. Women who regularly polish their nails with dark hues and leave the color on too long may find their nails become discolored, especially after using less expensive polishes with powerful dyes. Change nail colors and give nails time to recover between applications.

• Using dirty makeup brushes. Cosmetics can completely transform appearance, often with minimal effort. By failing to clean brushes after frequent use, women are potentially exposing themselves to bacteria and other microorganisms that congregate on brushes and applicators. This bacteria eventually can spread into the beauty products themselves.

• Popping pimples. The temptation to pop pimples is significant. The wellness resource Verywell Health says popping pimples forces pore debris deeper into follicles, can make blemishes worse and increases the chances of developing acne scars and post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation. Use a warm compress on pimples to speed up the natural healing process instead of popping them.

• Taking hot showers. While this may be more of a concern in winter, when a steamy shower is the perfect way to chase away the chill, water that is too hot can remove a layer of the protective oils on skin and hair. Moderate the temperature instead.

Bad beauty habits can compromise women's appearance and their overall well-being. Some women may benefit from changing their beauty routines.

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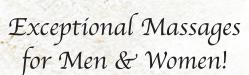
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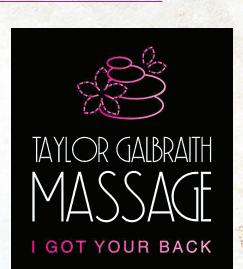
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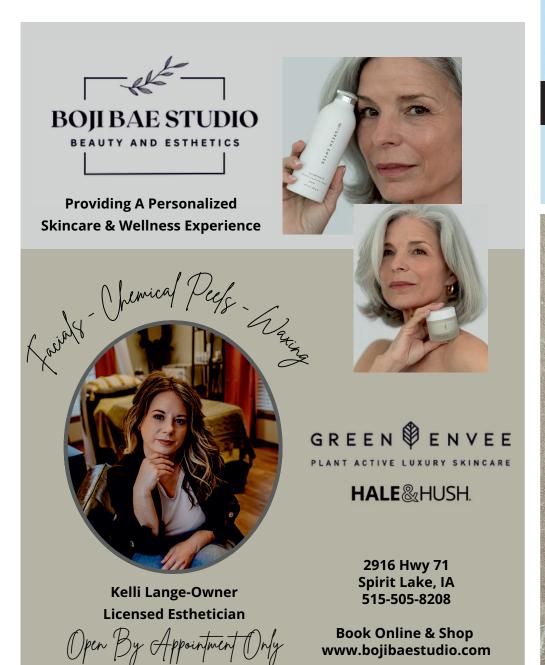


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Fall and Winter Skincare Tips

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to adapt their health and wellness habits to ensure that they stay healthy and happy. Part of that daily regimen includes how to care for skin as the seasons change.

Just as skin requires certain protection from the sun and heat in the summer, skin has special needs in the fall and winter. Fall and winter are often characterized by cold, dry weather, which can make these times of year particularly challenging for people with dry or

sensitive skin. These tips can help people maintain their skin's appearance and health.

• Don't skip the sunscreen. Sunscreen is not a summer-only requirement. UV rays can damage the skin any time of year, even if the rays are not as strong as during the summer. UV radiation accelerates and increases the risk of skin cancer. It also can lead to premature aging. Utilize a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher every day.

• Invest in a humidifier. Dry, cold temperatures can rob the skin of essential moisture, even indoors. Dermatologists suggest using a humidifier at home to boost the amount of moisture in the air. This can make skin more comfortable and can have other health benefits as well.

• Skip hot showers. It can be tempting to sit under a hot stream of water to warm up. However, hot water dries out the skin by depleting its stores of natural oils, says Glacier Med Spa. Take warm showers instead and don't stay in for longer than 15 minutes.

• Limit exfoliation. While exfoliation can remove dead skin, overdoing it can make already sensitive skin more raw. Increase the time between exfoliation treatments. Consult with a dermatologist for more advice about dealing with flaky skin.

• Don't forget your lips. Using a thicker moisturizer on the body and face can help add and retain moisture. But pay attention to your lips and eyes as well. Something as simple as petroleum jelly on the lips can help prevent chapping. Invest in a quality eye cream to help the delicate skin around the eyes as well.

Modifications must be made to skincare routines in anticipation of seasonal weather changes. https://mcg.metrocreativeconnection.com/publish/newmcc/index.php





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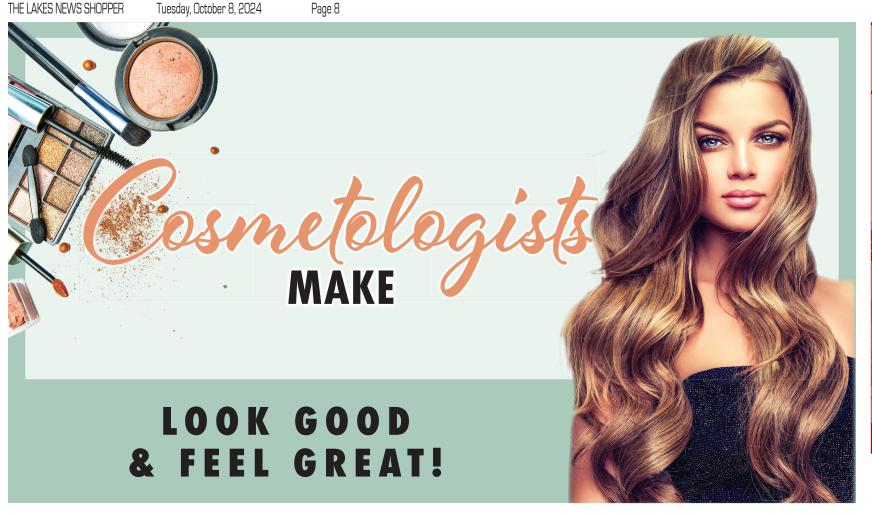




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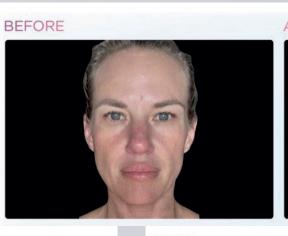
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Boji Homecoming Royalty Crowned

On Wednesday, October 2nd, Okoboji announced their Homecoming King and Queen at Coronation and the Community Pep Rally: king, Sawyer Leman with queen Addison Johnson. Sawyer is the son of Steve and Angela Leman and Addison is the daughter of Travis and Juli Johnson. Okoboji's "No Place Like Home-Coming" week concluded on Friday night with a football victory over Garner Hayfield Ventura, performances by the OHS Dance Team and the Pioneer Pride Marching Band and then the Homecoming Dance on Friday after the football game.

Music and Dancing at Brewster Legion

Don from the Senders will provide music for a dance at the Brewster Legion in Brewster, MN, on Saturday, October 12th, 7:30-11. Come and enjoy an evening of great music and dancing. You may come in costume if you wish.

Clay County Fairgrounds Hosts Annual Rodders Swap Meet

Spencer, Iowa – The highly anticipated Rodders Swap Meet is set to return to the Clay County Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Gates open at 6:00 AM for a day filled with automotive enthusiasts, parts, and collectibles, making it a must-attend event for gearheads and collectors alike.

General admission is only \$5, and children under 12 can attend for free with a paid adult. This is a familyfriendly event that welcomes anyone with a passion for



cars, trucks, motorcycles, and all things transportation. Spectators should enter through Gate C on 4th Ave W.

Vendors are invited to set up on Saturday, October 12, from 3 PM - 7 PM, or early on the day of the event, starting at 6 AM. Vendors will need to enter through the North Gate off W 18th Street. Mark your calendars, and don't miss the opportunity to par-

ticipate in one of the region's biggest swap meets. For more information about the event, contact Denny House-

man at 712-260-3278 or dkhouseman2448@gmail.com About the Rodders Swap Meet: The Rodders Swap Meet is an annual event that brings together automotive enthusiasts and vendors for a day of buying, selling, and trading parts and collectibles. The event continues to grow year after year, with attendees from all over the region.

Weekly Social Gathering

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



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3rd Annual Model Train Show in Spencer

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 Smoky Mountain Railroad in the Depot Building will also be open to visitors during the show event.



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12/10 | Damon, Dave & Ryan **Holiday Show**

7:30 PM | \$25/\$35

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Nov. 14 OR Dec. 5 | 6:30-8pm | \$35/\$40

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Nov. 12, 12pm or 6pm | \$60/\$70: Homemade Holiday Gifts in a Jar 12 PM CLASS IS FULL

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Oct. 17: Missouri Gooey Butter Cake

Nov. 21: Kansas Bierocks



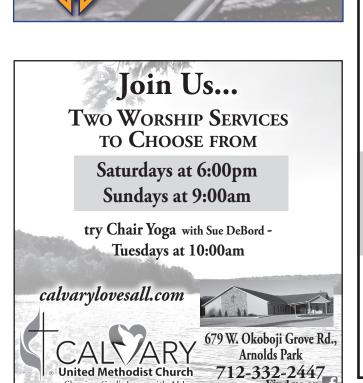


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5-6:00 p.m.- Survivor registration & **Community Meal** (chicken, sides, cookie & drink) 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.- Silent Auction

6:00 p.m.- Opening Ceremonies & Survivor Lap Luminaria Ceremony/Closing after Silent Auction

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

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at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm "Our young Pre-register Online 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.

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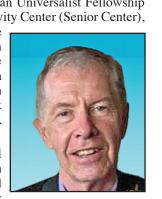
Allan Saugstad will preside over the Sunday, October 13th service for the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service held at the Lakes Area Activity Center (Senior Center),

2101 Zenith Ave, Spirit Lake. The service begins at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow. 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.

Service Title: "Political Seasonal Affective Disorder". Election season can prove polarizing. Allan Saugstad addresses both the elephant & donkey

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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. To The Editor:

As a parent of an elementary school student in our district, with two additional kids joining in the coming years, and the wife of a dedicated middle school teacher and wrestling coach, I am writing to express my full support for the upcoming bond referendum. This referendum isn't just about improving buildings—it's about ensuring that our children, teachers, and athletes can thrive in environments that are safe, modern, and equipped to meet the needs of our growing student population.

First and foremost, the need for a new elementary school is undeniable. Our current buildings are stretched beyond capacity, leading to overcrowded classrooms, shared spaces, inefficiencies, and increasing safety concerns. The proposed new school offers us the chance to provide our youngest learners with the space and resources they need to explore, grow, and most importantly, stay safe. As a parent, I've experienced firsthand the challenges of our current drop-off and pick-up system, which is far from ideal and poses safety risks. Above all, I want my child to be in a classroom where they can fully engage in a well-resourced, distraction-free environment.

Secondly, as the wife of a wrestling coach, I know firsthand the positive impact extracurricular programs like wrestling have on my children and other students. Wrestling teaches discipline, teamwork, and perseverance-qualities that last a lifetime. The proposal to build a multipurpose room would give our student-athletes the space they need to train. Right now, our growing wrestling teams, with the addition of a girl's program, face limitations in practice space, which affects their ability to reach their full potential. A dedicated facility would allow them to focus on improving their skills without being confined by space or scheduling constraints.

This bond referendum is not just an investment in buildings-it's an investment in our children and the future of our community. It is also important to note that this can all be achieved without raising the tax rate. Whether voters choose yes or no, the tax rate will remain at \$9.25 per \$1,000. With no financial downside, we cannot afford to miss the opportunity. Additionally, construction costs continue to rise, so now is the time to act. I urge everyone to consider the lasting benefits this bond will bring to our students, teachers, and community. Please join me in voting yes for the future of my children and the Okoboji Community School District.

Becca Spooner Milford Iowa

Senator Rowley to Attend DCTA Public Board Meeting

Spirit Lake, Iowa — October 4, 2024 — Iowa State Senator Dave Rowley will join the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCTA) for their upcoming Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, October 10th. The meeting, held at the Okoboji Resort and Conference Center (formerly Arrowwood Resort), will begin at 8 a.m., and the public is encouraged to attend.

Senator Rowley, who represents Iowa Senate District 5 which includes Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago, Palo Alto, and parts of Clay County—has served in the Iowa Senate since 2021. At the meeting, Senator Rowley will provide an update on key legislative issues for the upcoming session. Topics expected to be discussed include:

- The current state of property taxes (HF 718)
- The proliferation of AirBnB rentals
- Okoboji Schools' state aid funding • Wind turbine developments
- CO2 pipelines and eminent domain concerns

Mark Sullivan, President of the DCTA, expressed the value of these meetings, stating, "Engaging with our elected representatives helps both the DCTA and local residents stay informed on legislative priorities and challenges. This dialogue is central to our mission of fostering transparency and understanding of the tax system."



65th Anniversary Announcement

Help us celebrate our parents' 65th anniversary by sending cards to 2509 Zenith Ave, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Russ and Mary Hecht will celebrate 65 years together on October 17.



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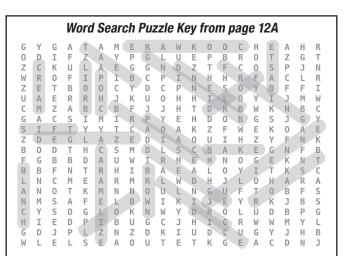
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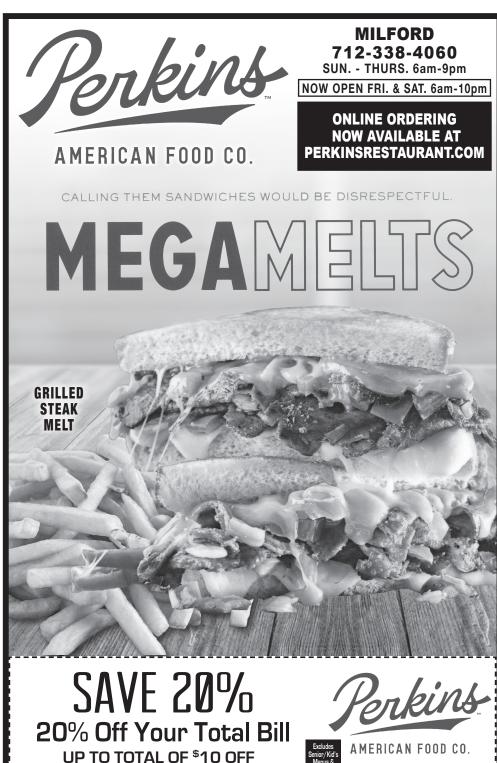
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated

in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. Dear Editor. I would like to invite voters in the Okoboji Community School

District with questions about the upcoming bond referendum to join us at our monthly school board meeting on Wednesday, October 9th, at 5:30 PM. The first item on our agenda is a dedicated question and answer session regarding the bond. Additionally, the final community meeting about the bond

referendum will take place on October 23rd, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, at the Milford Community Center. I encourage everyone to take the time to educate themselves on this important vote before November 5th.

Respectfully submitted, Juli Johnson

Okoboji School Board President

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. **Support Our Schools, Invest in Our Future**

As a proud member of the 2014 OHS graduating class, I have experienced the incredible dedication to excellence that defines our district, which is why I am not surprised that our district is one of the few that is projecting future growth. By voting YES for the upcoming bond referendum, this will provide the necessary funding to build a new elementary school and enhance the high school—both vital for the continued success of our students and our community.

As the father of a 2-year-old son, I am deeply aware of the challenges facing our current elementary school. Safety concerns, such as water damage and malfunctioning HVAC systems, coupled with learning distractions from temporary classroom partitions, create an environment that is less than ideal for education. These cramped and distracting spaces make it difficult for children to learn effectively, and as a concerned parent, I am dedicated to ensuring a better environment for not only my son, but for all young children wanting to be a pioneer.

Passing this bond will NOT raise the tax rate if we act now. The current tax rate of \$9.25 per \$1,000 will remain the same. If we do not act now, the cost of construction will only continue to rise, and the district will have no choice but to raise the tax rate. By voting YES today, we can meet these urgent needs while keeping the tax rate steady.

This bond is about much more than just improving our schools—it's about creating the kind of community that young families want to be a part of. By investing in our schools, we're investing in the future of Okoboji. Please join me in voting YES for the bond referendum on November 5th. Together, we can provide our children and future generations with the safe, supportive learning environments they deserve.

Tyler Ohl Milford, Iowa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. Dear Okoboji School District residents,

As you know, there is another important item to vote for on November 5- a bond to build a brand new elementary school and make some imperative additions to the high school.

First I would like to say that if you have not yet had a chance to attend the Community Bond Forum, I would highly suggest attending before you make your final decision either way. My sincere gratitude goes to the OCSD School Board, Administration, and outside experts for a VERY thorough and informative presentation. You may have heard things about the bond from neighbors, friends, acquaintances, etc. but unless you hear it from the source I don't think you'll have a true picture of what this bond is going to do. There will be a Q and A at the school board meeting, at 5:30 on October 9, at the OMS library and the final community forum is October 23, from 6-7:30, at the Milford Community Center, sponsored by the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association.

My biggest takeaway from the meeting was that, regardless of what you vote, your tax rate will stay the same. So it begs the question, why would you vote "No"?

My third and final child is in his final year at OES and I have been very involved in our Parent-Teacher organization (Pioneer Parents) for the past 12 years. This year, I also have the privilege of working as a Teacher's Aide one day a week at OES. I have personally seen school numbers increase (a great problem to have.) and seen class space decrease. I learned at the meeting that there are currently 2 grades that have 5 sections (Kindergarten and 4th grade) and that if any other grade would need to add a section to any other grade, there is LITERALLY no more space at OES. One of the special ed teachers even has her office in a closet. I also learned more about the space issues and constraints at the high school and how there has been much advance work and preparation for this bond.

I would admonish every voter in our community to first of all get the true facts by attending one of these final public opportunities or contacting the school board or Superintendent Todd Abrahamson with any questions or concerns before you cast your ballot. You can also visit www.bojibond.com to learn more. I am proud to be a PiONEer and look forward to seeing how this bond will positively impact our community.

Allison Antoine



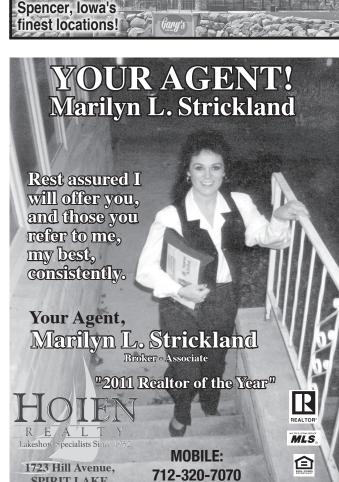




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3rd Monday at 1:00pm. Breakfast—October 20th—

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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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RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Fair Income 9	92,187.36	Fair Expenses	102,483.1
Non Fair Income +26	60,842.23	Non Fair Expenses+	192,063.9
County Funding	45,000.00	Capital Improvements +	73,722.5
Grants +	0.00	Equipment Purchases +	16,537.6
State Funding + 1	10,076.55	Payments to Debts+	12,699.5
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Poultry	694.00		
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Promoting better mental health is something we all do. We encourage adequate sleep, healthy eating, exercise, financial well-being, and supporting positive relationships within our family, at work, or in the community to help us get the most out of life. If any of these areas are out of balance, we are subject to illness physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Since 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. has a diagnosable mental illness in their lifetime, it's safe to say that many of us have conditions that require attention to have a better life. Treatment starts when acknowledging there is a problem that requires help. Confiding in your family physician, your pastor, a trusted family member or a friend can help bring these fears out of the shadows. Seeking treatment from local healthcare providers can remedy this situation when addressed sooner rather than later. Options for referral are readily available by calling the national helpline at 988, your local hospital, clinic, or local mental health center.

Families, friends, and neighbors play a key role in the recovery process. Emotionally supporting a person with depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or other mental health conditions takes many forms as we care for our loved ones. If a person is adversely affected by serious mental illness, being more patient, compassionate, and dedicated to a longer-term investment in time and effort is required.

During National Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 6-12) and all year round, let's take to task the stigma of these health conditions. When we encourage conversation and attitude changes, we move forward to improve our knowledge and acceptance of persons with this lived experience. Through education and support, we can all make a difference in the lives of persons struggling with mental health conditions.

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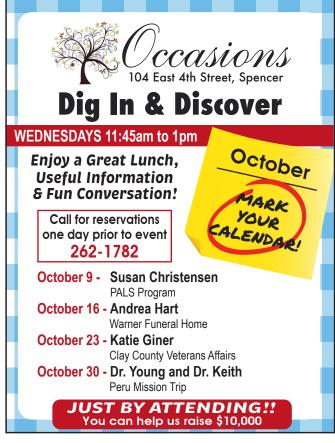
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Auctions Hawks Hammered in "Gap Game"

The Iowa at Ohio State game on Saturday was what many Iowa fans and media experts were calling a "Gap Game" for Iowa to see if they had closed the wide gap that has existed the last several years between the Hawks and ranked teams. Coach Kirk Ferentz and his Iowa teams used to compete and often win in games where they played ranked teams, in particular top 10 teams as the Hawks went 8-8 vs top 10 teams from 2008-2021. During the last two years that trend has drastically changed, as Iowa was 0-5 vs ranked teams while being outscored 24-173, including being shut out 92-0 last year vs their three ranked opponents. Iowa's offense was a huge issue the last two years, and Saturday's game vs #3 Ohio State was a great opportunity to show the college tootball world that the gap between Iowa and the top teams in college football has been closed.

The Hawkeyes competed well in the first half, forcing two Buckeye turnovers while showing some signs of life on offense with several decent drives that however resulted in a missed field goal and no points, but the Hawks trailed just 7-0 heading into halftime. Things changed however in a hurry as Ohio State scored quickly on an impressive one-handed catch by Jeremiah Smith to make it 14-0 and then put the game away with a forced fumble by Iowa quarterback Cade McNamara that turned into a Buckeye touchdown just two plays later to make the score 21-0. Ohio State would add two more touchdowns to take a 35-0 lead early in the fourth quarter. Iowa's drought of 20 quarters without a score vs ranked teams finally ended when start running back Kaleb Johnson scampered 28 yards to make the final score 35-7. The Buckeyes did a great job of limiting Johnson to 86 yards on just 15 carries, with most of those coming in the fourth quarter when the game was no longer in doubt.

Iowa's offense again was the problem against the Buckeyes, as Cade McNamara, after a decent first half, turned the ball over three times in the second half and finished another game vs a Power 4 team with under 100 passing yards and no touchdowns. In McNamara's six gams vs Power 4 teams the last two years, he has only thrown for over 100 yards once, throwing for 123 yards in Iowa's win in Ames last season. Iowa was again fairly predictable on offense, and when they did appear to get creative and attempt a fake punt in the second quarter while trailing just 7-0, Ferentz instead called a timeout right before the play, which would have resulted in an Iowa first down. Iowa then chose to punt the ball and really never threatened to score again until Johnson's late touchdown. I thought this was a great time for Iowa to gamble and show Ohio State that they were there to win the game, but instead they chose to play it safe and play "not to lose" football.

This playing "not to lose" football is good enough for Iowa to beat most teams on their schedule who are mediocre at best, as has been shown by the success of going 18-9 the last two seasons, but it's not getting the job done vs the "big boys" of college football. These "big boys" were teams that used to be afraid to play Ferentz and the Hawks because they knew they had a good chance to lose those games; however, Iowa is now so much closer to the mediocre teams on their schedule than the elite teams they used to be able to compete with. The main reason for this gap, in my opinion, has been the quarterback play, and more specifically Iowa's poor recruitment at that position. We all know Spencer Petras and Deacon Hill struggled mightily the last few seasons, and that Cade McNamara has really struggled since transferring from Michigan. McNamara appears to lack the arm strength to spread the ball downfield, and has been limited with his mobility by injuries. It's reported that Iowa paid McNamara \$600,000 per year to transfer, which would make sense in what quarterbacks are making in this new NIL world, but their return on that investment has been minimal at best. McNamara is not solely to blame for Iowa's struggle on Saturday or their loss to Iowa State, but as the quarterback you get a lot of the credit when you win and a lot of the heat when you lose. Iowa appears to have a competent backup in Northwestern transfer Brenden Sullivan who has gotten some action in certain goal line packages and also did lead Iowa on their lone touchdown drive on Saturday. Iowa does not have another ranked team on their schedule and could probably still win 9-10 games, but for the Hawks to take the next step and compete with the big boys of college football, they are going to have to score points and throw some touchdowns, and in my opinion, I'm not sure McNamara can be the guy to "close that gap".









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Spencer Economic Development Corporation Awarded Foundation Provides Critical Empower Rural Iowa Childcare Planning Grant Support to County Following

Spencer Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) was awarded a \$20,000 Empower Rural Iowa Childcare Planning Grant from Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

The Rural Child Care Planning Grant was awarded to four recipients to support the use of data and analysis - in partnership with the national nonprofit organization First Children's Finance - to determine the specific needs and solutions for their area.

"Rural communities are at the heart of who we are as a state, and we're committed to ensuring they continue to grow and prosper," Governor Reynolds said in the October 2nd Press Release from the Governor's Office. "These grant opportunities will provide the tools that leaders and innovators need to build vibrant communities in all corners of the state, making Iowa an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

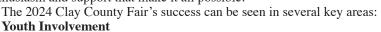
"The availability of daycare throughout the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region is one major barrier of growth for the region's businesses, and a barrier of entry for new residents," shared Philip Ramstack, SEDC Board Chair. "This Empower Rural Iowa Grant will allow the City of Spencer and Clay County to work with First Children's Finance to gather quality data regarding the needs for childcare in the area and identify potential solutions to close the gap.'

Empower Rural Iowa grants are funded through an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature for Empower Rural Iowa initiatives. Applicants are required to provide a financial match, and are scored based on criteria including economic need, partners, readiness, and strategic goals. Programs must exist in and benefit a community in Iowa with a population of 20,000 or fewer and not contiguous to a city with a population of 40,000 or greater. More information on the Empower Rural Iowa program can be found at https://www.iowaeda.com/empower-rural-iowa/ or by contacting Robin Bostrom at 515-348-6154 or rural@iowaeda.com.

2024 Clay County Fair by the Numbers

Spencer, Iowa — Over the nine days of the 2024 Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, the Fair once again welcomed thousands of visitors, creating countless memories for families, exhibitors, and vendors alike. Fairgoers from across the region came to enjoy everything from exciting grandstand entertainment to unique food offerings, livestock competitions, and agricultural exhibits.

"Each year, the Clay County Fair creates an experience unlike any other, and 2024 was no exception," said CEO Jerome Hertel. "From youth exhibitors to grandstand performances, it's always rewarding to see the community come together to create something truly memorable. We're thankful for the enthusiasm and support that make it all possible.'



• 790 4-H and FFA exhibitors from 52 counties across Iowa and Minnesota participated in livestock and human sciences events at the Clay County Fair.

 Approximately 1,200 third and fourth-grade students from 15 regional schools experienced the Fair's educational opportunities through the AgCiting and SciCiting field trip programs, coordinated by ISU Extension and Outreach - Clay County.

Fairgoer Spending

• Preliminary fairgoer spending on food, beverages, specialty concessions, and carnival rides reached an impressive \$3,306,667.25, breaking the previous record set in 2023.

Exhibitor Participation

- 458 unique commercial exhibitors, concessionaires, and vendors from 37 states were part of this year's Fair, including 150 agriculture-specific exhibitors. This helped the Clay County Fair again hold its title as the largest farm machinery and ag equipment show at any fair in the United States.
- 1,319 exhibitors entered open-class livestock and non-livestock competitions, with a combined 10,059 total entries, highlighting the range of talent and dedication within the open-class divisions.
- Grandstand shows brought 14,549 attendees, with highlights including performances by Trace Adkins with Eli Alger and the Faster Horses and Justin Moore with Dustin Evans and the Good Times Band, which drew in two of the largest crowds during the Fair.
- Total fair attendance for 2024 reached 297,999, a testament to the Fair's continued relevance as a major annual event in the region. For a detailed breakdown of daily attendance, visit https:// claycountyfair.com/about/who-we-are/.

As the 2024 Clay County Fair wraps up, the organization would like to thank everyone who made the 2024 Fair so special. Whether you were a volunteer, program director, exhibitor, vendor, or sponsor, your hard work and dedication brought the fair to life. The Clay County Fair looks forward to welcoming even more visitors and creating lasting memories in the years to come.

About the Clay County Fair & Events Center Rooted in Tradition — the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that annually hosts more than 300 events, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair powered by SMU. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Clay County Fair attracts more than 300,000 guests each September for nine days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. Additional information can be found at claycountyfair.com.

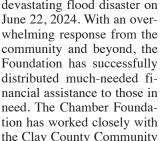
Support to County Following June 2024 Flood Disaster

Spencer, Iowa - The Spencer Chamber Foundation is proud to announce its efforts in aiding Clay County residents and

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businesses affected by the devastating flood disaster on the Clay County Community



Foundation to align funding efforts.

In the aftermath of the flood, the Spencer Chamber Foundation spearheaded a relief initiative to support local businesses and individuals impacted by the disaster. To date, the Foundation has received a remarkable 485 donations from generous contributors across the country, who recognized the urgent need to help rebuild the area and assist those who were impacted by the flood.

The donations have enabled the Foundation to provide direct grants to 38 Clay County businesses that suffered significant damage. These funds have been crucial in helping businesses repair, recover, and reopen their doors, restoring vital services and employment opportunities in the area.

Additionally, the Spencer Chamber Foundation has awarded grants to 196 Clay County residents who experienced personal loss and damage due to the flood. These grants have helped families and individuals cover essential expenses, including home repairs and the replacement of personal belongings.

"The outpouring of support from the community has been nothing short of incredible," said Sheriffa Jones, Spencer Chamber Foundation Executive Director. "We are beyond grateful to everyone who contributed to the (ongoing) relief effort. The strength and resilience of our county have been truly inspiring, and these donations have allowed us to make a real difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster."

The Spencer Chamber Foundation continues to work closely with local businesses, residents, and other community organizations to ensure long-term recovery and support. As Clay County rebuilds, the Foundation remains committed to being a pillar of strength and assistance for those in need.

For more information on how to contribute to ongoing relief efforts please visit www.spenceriowachamber.org or contact the Spencer Chamber Foundation at (712) 262-5680.

About the Spencer Chamber Foundation— The Spencer Chamber Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the economic and social well-being of Spencer, Iowa, and the surrounding areas. Through community initiatives, grants, and support services, the Foundation strives to strengthen local businesses, families, and individuals in times of need.





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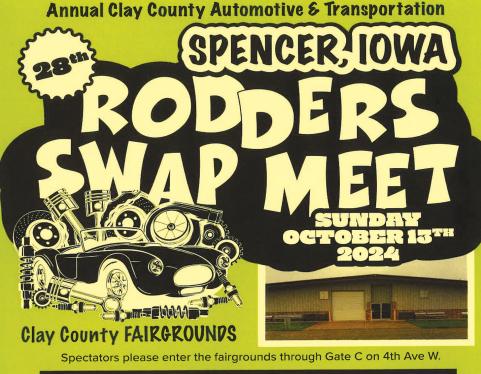
Speed matters in baseball—the speed from home plate to first base, the speed of a fastball pitched, and the speed with which a ball leaves the bat. If you're streaming games from home, the speed of your internet connection is also key. Too-slow internet results in buffering, which freezes the action and disrupts the fun.

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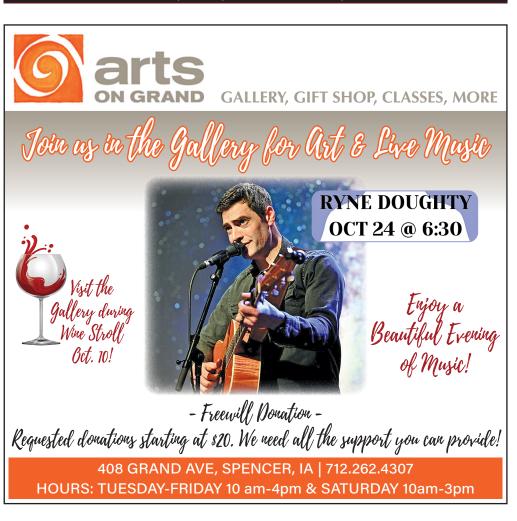
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1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class

5:30 - Singles Group

Friday, October 11 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, October 12 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, October 13 Card Room Reserved at 4pm NWIS 2-6pm Small Room Monday, October 14

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 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.



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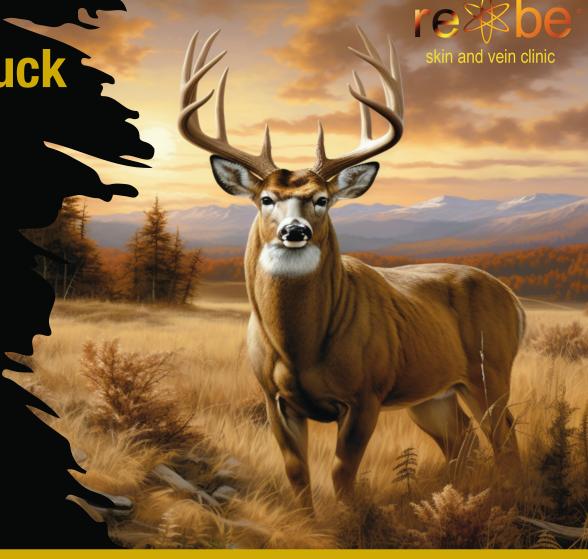


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Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival Returns

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is already looking toward to fall events and is excited to present another year of fall family fun festivities. This year's Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 19th, at Camp Foster, from 10am to 2pm. Start the day by entering into camp on a hayride from the camp entrance. Enjoy perusing among the beautiful fall scenery while making your way through the 25 stations of various fall fun activities and games provided by local area businesses.

Some activities include ring toss, pumpkin walk, spider bots, s'mores around the fire pit, and so much more. We can't wait to see you there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Letter to The Editor:

Over the past 20 months, I have had the opportunity to be more involved in and watch the happenings in our county and discover how it works and functions. Dickinson County elected boards of supervisors have repeatedly revealed how they have directed numerous, serious issues in our county. Here are a few examples:

Carbon Capture Pipeline: our surrounding counties have enacted ordinances with a 2,640 ft setback from homes. Dickinson Co. supervisors initially planned to enact these parameters to ensure that if eminent domain was utilized, then our residents would be better protected. At the last minute, it was decided to change the setback to 1,600 ft. Was there data to support this? One comment was that 'we'd be consistent with wind turbines'. This thinking is shortsighted and dangerous. Are those that potentially live by the pipeline encouraged by having consistency knowing that there is increased risk to lives with a shorter setback? Investigate the Satartia, MS CO2 leak. Vote 5-0.

Property Tax: Dickinson County had the maximum percent increase for property taxes enacted for two consecutive years even though there was an excess left in the last budget of \$15, 273,123.00. Citizens proposed options for balanced budgets indicating that a lower percent would provide for the county budget needs and be less harmful and stressful to taxpayers in these trying times. As good stewards, we want to provide for the needs of our county. But we should not be increasing the excess millions that our county has and invests for interest earnings. Vote 5-0.

Industrial Wind Turbines: While this is complex and multifaceted, the basis is that landowners have the right to sign leases, and they have the right to protect their property value and health. Palo Alto County's ordinance with setbacks of 2,640 ft from home to turbines did NOT eliminate the possibility of wind development in their county as revealed by the current project approved in their county. Their ordinance gives a balance between the development of industrial wind turbine projects AND the protection of their residents. Just this week, Woodbury County passed multiple ordinance revisions with one change on the setback from property line to turbine of 3,820 ft. Dickinson County citizens had requested 2,640 ft from property line but was denied and the ordinance passed allows 600 ft tall turbines 1,600 ft. from our homes. Wind Energy ordinance Vote 4-0.

Transparency: Citizens have repeatedly requested that the supervisor meetings be available 24/7 on the county website. These requests have been repeatedly DENIED. Verbally supervisors say that they want citizens informed and involved, but their actions do not reflect this. Dickinson County has the technology to have the zoom recordings available and the qualified personnel. One sentence in the meeting minutes doesn't give the full picture and allow for understanding of the issues or decisions made. Motion made by a supervisor to have their zoom meeting recordings available on the county website, no second was given and motion died.

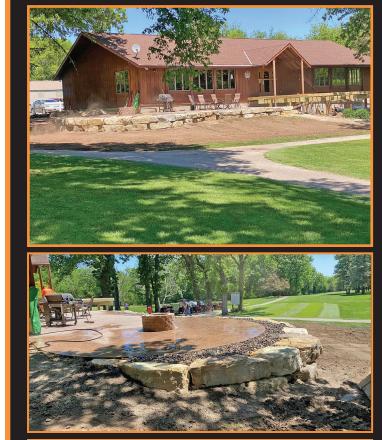
Please research the voting records and actions for the upcoming elections. Be informed. Supervisors have a tremendous responsibility. While I am grateful for their efforts, we are not voting on likeability or on how well they make unanimous decisions. We are voting on their ability to make difficult decisions and balance the needs of all our residents.

In these challenging times, pray for our county, state, and

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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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seeking reelection, I got curious and did some digging. After my research, I felt it was imperative to fill in aspects which

were (intentionally?) left out of his statement. This individual

was elected in November of 2016, not 2015 as he claimed in

his statement. Why is the year important? It's important because

only 14 days after being elected to the Board of Supervisors, he

and his family signed easements (1) with Tradewind Energy who

took over the Redrock wind project, of which he is an original

investor of (2). Easements aren't something that can be drawn

up within days. It takes months of planning and legal work before easement documents can be signed. Why would someone sign an easement if there wasn't a project forthcoming? Then,

in early 2019, Tradewind Energy sold the Redrock Project to Invenergy due to Tradewind Energy being bought out by Enel (3). This is only 2 ½ years after his election, not the "years of

no action" he wants you to believe. What's the purpose of ly-

ing about and omitting details if you are trying to be open and

transparent? Why the half-truths? Why the deceit? What was

the primary motivation for becoming a supervisor 8 years ago?

In the last 18 months, the words and actions of the Dickinson

County Board of Supervisors have opened the eyes of many.

"The Other Side of the Story: Wind Turbines" - Tim Fairchild

https://www.enelgreenpower.com/media/news/2019/03/enel-

Simply put, Dickinson County residents deserve better.

Al-Anon Meetings

meetings will take place inperson at St. Joseph Church now through October 15, at 7:30pm. Use west classroom

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.

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.

Parks Marina raises over \$5,000 for Spencer flood relief

OKOBOJI - Over the summer, customers visiting the Barefoot Bar at Parks Marina were able to purchase a Barefoot "gold logo tee" to raise money for those in Spencer impacted

by flooding earlier this year. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the t-shirt sales, totaling \$5,497.10, has been donated to the Spencer Chamber Foundation Flood Recovery Fund.

"If we can use the Barefoot brand to help those impacted,

we are proud to do so. Our hearts go out to our friends and neighbors to the south and we will continue to support any way we can," Debbie Parks, director of Parks Marina marketing, said.

According to the Spencer Chamber website, this fund aims to support residents and businesses who have faced losses due to the disaster.

"We'd also like to thank all of our customers who purchased the shirts, many buying several at a time." Parks said.

Parks Marina continues to not only be dedicated to the service and care of its customers, but also to the Iowa Great Lakes Region and its surrounding communities.

For more information go to www.parksmarina.com, look for Parks Marina on Facebook or contact Debbie Parks at debbie@ parksmarina.com.



September Students of the Month

The student of the month program at Okoboji High School allows faculty members to recognize students for outstanding performance in one or more of the following: Academic excellence; special effort in the classroom activities; concern for learning, positive citizenship, hard work and/or other personal behavior which enhances the general school and classroom atmosphere. Congratulations to all these students – keep up the good work. Kylan Loken, Miles Wasson, Tate Groeneweg, Liam Wittkamp, Ada Conover, Marley DeGraaf, Riley Meyer, August Miller, Krishauna Allen. Not Pictured; Haley Gerdes, Mel Taylor, Koa Hemphill, Tyce Hanson, Charlie Vonhoffwegen, Dillon Wittrock, Michael Sandoval, Lillie Schwager, Carter Weise, Tessa Waddinham, & Isabella Hagedorn.

The Truth Lies Somewhere in the Middle After reading the "Other Side of the Story: Wind Turbines" in last week's Lakes News Shopper by a supervisor who is **OKOBOJI SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE**



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wed., Oct. 23 - 6pm to 7:30pm Milford Community Center, 806 N Ave., Milford, IA



Curious About How Okoboji Schools Plan to Spend 569 Million of Your Tax Dollars?

Join the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCTA) for an informative community meeting. This event is part of DCTA's ongoing outreach to keep residents informed about how and why our schools are using property tax dollars.

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DICKINSON COUNTY FLOOD JUNE 21-22, 2024

In the past 30 years, we have had significant water events during the years of 1993, 1998, 2010, 2018, and now in 2024, within Dickinson County.

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors passed a joint resolution with Milford City Council on 10-11-22 to address the Lower Gar outlet, nearly 4 years after the 2018 flood.

Since the 2022 resolution was passed, nothing has been done to complete the water project. According to the Dickinson **County Auditor, no money was budgeted or allocated within** the 2022/23 and 2023/24 fiscal budgets for the Lower Gar outlet.

Now this failure to get the project completed prior to June 21, 2024, has compounded the problem for homeowners, business, tourism and the whole economy of the lakes. Local residents and our economy are hurting from this flood event. With past 30-year knowledge concerning floods, it is disappointing to see how lack of leadership from our **Dickinson County board to get this top priority completed** timely has affected people's lives.

Had we not had the 2024 flood, how many more years would have expired with no action? Citizens deserve real leadership to get priority items completed vs. inaction. Assurances have been made to the public that the Lower Gar project will start in 2025 and be completed in 2026, according to the County **Engineer projects calendar.**

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REPUBLICAN FOR DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR

The purpose of District 5 County Supervisor is to serve and represent the people of Milford; NOT focus on personal interest. When the scale tips to self-interest, it can harm people, and it ignores the greater good for our county.

Construction, use of cement products, transmission lines, drainage and compaction cause disruption to the farmers' soil that negatively affects runoff and creates an increased possibility of flooding.

We currently have 156 wind turbines in operation within Dickinson County and we are the smallest landmass county within the state of lowa. In talking with District 5 residents, it is clear we do not need 80-160 more windmills.

A 3-mile corridor for the lowa Lakes area is needed. This corridor will provide protection and future opportunities for business, industrial, natural resources and homeowner growth. Mayors around the lakes support this approach.

Fire suppression equipment needs to be installed in each wind turbine for protection in the event of a fire, along with sufficient liability protection for the damages.

Article 21, Conditional Use Ordinance Setbacks, must be reexamined for all areas as the current distances are inadequate when considering the tower heights and massive blade length. Based upon the wind turbine safety standards, a minimum of 3,280 feet between property right of ways and non-participating property lines is necessary to protect property values and the safety of residents.

The wind turbine company needs to have a liability protection policy for future pollution damage and bodily injury protection for the health and safety of citizens of Dickinson County. Headaches, sleep problems, night terrors, flickering, and ringing noise are some of the health concerns that citizens have experienced as landowner or adjacent landowners.

Our lakes and our land are second to none and we must protect them today and for future generations. They are gems of lowa and the Midwest!

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY: THE BUDGET

When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2016, I entered office with hope, anticipation, and two basic concerns. One was that I could do my duties with honesty, fairness, and keep my constituents informed on the issues facing us all. The other was that we as a board would be concerned with the tax burdens we would place on county residents. Today - Dickinson County is in a solid financial position with many projects done or scheduled to be completed. Dickinson County has essentially no debt but the road to get to that position has not been easy and the road has been

Shortly after becoming a supervisor, I realized Dickinson County had the lowest, or nearly the lowest, levy rate in the state. I was proud of that. Within the next few years, we had 12 compromised/ load limited bridges. Two were closed within two miles of each other and 32 culverts were in desperate need of repair. My conclusion was-Dickinson County had an artificially low levy rate in the rural basic fund. We increased the rural basic by 32.6% and made incredible progress on the projects.

In the fall of 202, the Board of Supervisors were approached with a fact-based **DEMAND** for a new county wide radio system. Many examples of the current radio deficiencies were given by county law enforcement and fire and rescue service members highlighting the need for a new radio system. There was discussion regarding who should pay for the system. One option was to allow every municipality and school in the county to pay for their own system on their own timeline. This was deemed unworkable due to all the delays and inconsistencies when implementing a new system. The Board of Supervisors is the only entity that can exercise county-wide taxing authority. Therefore, this was the only option. Those of us on the board were completely blindsided by the radio need and had not budgeted for this expenditure. The normal procedure would have been to bond for this full 6-million-dollar expense. I do not like debt - personally or publicly. This is a trait I wish federal politicians could share with me.

A suggestion was made proposing that the radio supplier accept payment over two budget cycles. This would allow us to use carryover funds along with COVID funds from the American Rescue Plan and delay the transfer of some funds from the general fund to the rural basic fund. This action, along with a one-time levy increase from \$2.45 per \$1000 dollars of valuation to \$3.50 per \$1000 dollars of valuation would allow paying for this new radio system. The plan was to slowly rebuild the carryover during the next several years at a reduced levy rate more in line with previous levels. To this day, I stand by this decision as being the most responsible and frugal funding plan we could have taken. At the same time, we dropped the rural basic about

In the spring of 2023, the lowa state legislators passed H.F. 718. This act has many unintended consequences - the most significant to Dickinson County being restricting the ability to adjust our tax asking upward if we found the planned reduction did not keep up with inflation over the next four years. It is important to keep in mind Dickinson County then had dangerously low carryover projections. The board had a decision to make... to drop the levy back to near where it was and ignore the strong possibility that financial issues could be very real by the alleged sunset on H.F. 718, or make the hardest move I have ever made in politics. That move was to leave the levy high for one more year to bring carryovers back to a more normal level after having clearly told the public that would not be the case the year before. This move caused a significant amount of discontent as I knew it would.

While many have complained about the actions taken and have made it a campaign issue, I feel it is important to keep in mind that Dickinson County, because of our action, has **NO DEBT** or projected long term financial shortfalls. In my opinion, the budgets controlled by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors are in a very good place and will certainly reduce the general basic levy significantly next year. The board's actions resulting in higher carryovers is looking like a positive move due to the millions of dollars of flood damage.

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

Tim Fairchild



Paid for by Committee to Elect Fairchild for Supervisor,

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WHY RUN AS A WRITE IN CANDIDATE?

Following a loss in the June Primary, I was at a crossroads. Do I accept that 8% voter turnout should force me to toss out 33 years of standing up and trying my best to serve our area? Or do I stand up for what I believe and let a majority of voters make a choice?

I choose to stand up and fight for our county. My platform is what it has always been through my years in broadcasting; serving our Chambers, YMCA, Spirit Lake City Council, my church, and most importantly, being a parent to my three daughters. To push for continued economic, occupational, and population growth, as well as growth in our

Only a handful of Iowa's 99 counties have these exceptional gifts, and Dickinson County is one of them. You don't have to travel far to see counties with aging population, no young families moving in, school numbers dropping and job opportunities dwindling.

school systems and creating opportunities for

Of my three daughters, two have chosen to return to our area and start their families because THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES HERE! Three of my grandchildren will be attending two GROWING school systems. Can you understand why I am so proud and vested in our area?

Do not let outside interests and negativity move us backward. They are very loud, speaking in half-truths and fond of making false accusations to obtain their goals of power. But we have fought too hard not to look forward and upward for our community.

Please continue to join me for a positive path to Dickinson County's future.

Jeff Thee

new families.

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National Cookie Month by Jill Jennings

National Cookie Month is a delightful time for cookie lovers everywhere. Each October, as the air cools and leaves change, people come together to celebrate these delicious treats.

The celebration of National Cookie Month revolves around the love and nostalgia that cookies inspire. Many people have fond memories of baking with family or enjoying a homemade cookie fresh from the oven. This month gives everyone an excuse to relive those moments, and create new ones.

Moreover, National Cookie Month encourages creativity and community spirit. People bake and exchange cookies, host decorating parties, and even donate to local charities. It started as a way to celebrate cookies. The exact origins of this monthlong celebration are unclear, but it has become a popular time for cookie enthusiasts to indulge and share their favorite recipes.

Cookies have a rich history, beginning in 7th-century Persia. They spread across Europe and eventually reached America with Dutch settlers.

National Cookie Month encourages people to bake, share, and donate cookies. This month-long event not only celebrates the deliciousness of cookies but also brings people together, making it a cherished time for all cookie lovers. (www.daysoftheyear. com/days/national-cookie-month/)

At the Spirit Lake Public Library, we have several books to help you celebrate National Cookie Month. If you would like to read cookie stories with the kids, we have The Smart Cookie by John, Mmm, Cookies by Munsch, and Mr. Cookie Baker by Wellington. Apparently, animals like cookies as much as humans because we have The Best Mouse Cookie and If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Numeroff, The Cow Loves Cookies by Wilson, and The Duckling Gets a Cookie by Willems.

Make sure you have your baking supplies ready because we have Super Simple Classic Cookies by Kuskowski, Better Homes and Gardens Homemade Cookies, and The Perfect Cookie from America's Test Kitchen. Decades of Cookies by McDaniel combines history with cookie recipes, which is kind of a fun idea.

Stop by the SLPL to find books to help you celebrate National Cookie Month.

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE SLPL:** • Monday, October 14, 10:30 Story Time
- Monday, October 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Monday, October 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess • Monday, October 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
- Wednesday, October 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Book Club
- (The Women by Kristin Hannah)
- Wednesday, October 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Quilters • Thursday, October 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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We wholeheartedly support Tim Fairchild for re-election as Dickinson County Supervisor. Tim is a fair-minded and fiscally responsible leader who has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the well-being of our community. As a successful business owner, we've seen firsthand at his welding shop how he listens to and values his customers, bringing that same thoughtful approach to his work for the county. Tim is deeply involved in our community and Kiwanis while also being an active member of his church. He supports all of our county schools and always prioritizes the needs of residents without seeking personal gain. Tim is a kind, family-oriented man who truly embodies what it means to be a dedicated public servant.

Heath and Jennifer Prentice

Milford, Iowa



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To all 5th District Voters for our Dickinson County **Supervisor:**

When I received cards and brochures in the mail suggesting we replace our current supervisors (with no name or author) I thought about what a supervisor needs in order to serve his/her constituents fairly and responsibly. My opinion is:

1. Successful experience on local and county boards and community volunteer experience

- 2. Honesty
- 3. Ability to see both sides of issues
- 4. Ability to talk to people he/she disagrees with
- 5. Desire to listen, answer questions and research 6. A strong work ethic and stick-to-itiveness
- 7. Dependability
- 8. Empathy and compassion
- 9. Generosity

10. Someone who has sought out the supervisor job and hasn't been recruited because of grievance issues

11. A supportive, hard working spouse who can put up with

his/her great sense of humor This describes our current 5th District County Supervisor Tim

Fairchild. We need him for at least 4 more years. Please vote for Tim on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. He is the best choice.

Thank you. JoAnn Heerdt Milford, Iowa

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Route 86 Music September Student of the Month

Route 86 Music is pleased to announce the Student of the Month for September at Route 86 Music: Wesley Evenson of Milford, IA. Wesley takes guitar lessons, and was chosen for

making good progress on his instrument with a great positive attitude. Congratulations, Wesley.

Wesley is taught by Gár Lambert who has relaunched guitar and drum lessons in the region after taking a hiatus. With Gár you are getting a teacher with over 30 years experience in playing and over 20 years teaching music. Gár tailors lessons to the student's needs and uses music they

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encourage continued growth and practice. We can prorate the lesson fee and still start lessons this fall. For more info, visit route86records.wixsite.com/music/lessons, check out Route 86 Records on Facebook, call/text 712-330-8843, or email route86records@gmail.com to sign up for your private or group lesson today.Learn more at www.uuokoboji.com.

Okoboji Performing Arts to Host an All Hallows' Gala Fundraiser

On Friday, October 25, at 6:30 pm, Okoboji Performing Arts will be hosting an All Hallows' Gala fundraising event at the Roof Garden in Arnolds Park. This event will feature food from Back Alley BBQ and desserts by Cupcaketions, live music, games, a costume contest, and a silent auction. Proceeds from this event as well as the silent auction will go towards Okoboji Performing Arts' 2025 season programming. In 2024, Okoboji Performing Arts reached over 1,000 Okoboji and surrounding area students with their programs. Tickets are \$75 until October 1st and \$85 after October 1st. Buy a table of 8 and get \$100 off. Tickets can be purchased at www.okobojiperformingarts.com. Please email Jessica Schable at okobojiperformingarts@gmail. com with any questions and keep an eye on our Facebook page to see all of our silent auction items. Okoboji Performing Arts is a 501 c3 organization and your donation is tax deductible.



SMU'S Scheduled **Hydrant Flushing**

Spencer Municipal Utilities hydrant flushing schedule: October 7-18: 4th Avenue West to 10th Avenue East

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1601 Chalstrom Beach #304 | Okoboji Chalstrom Beach, East Lake - 3 bedroom, 2 bath top floor condo includes 2 garages.

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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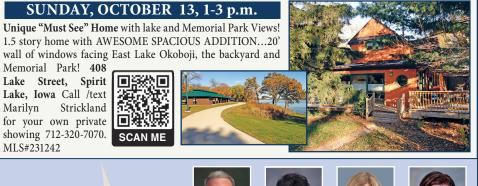




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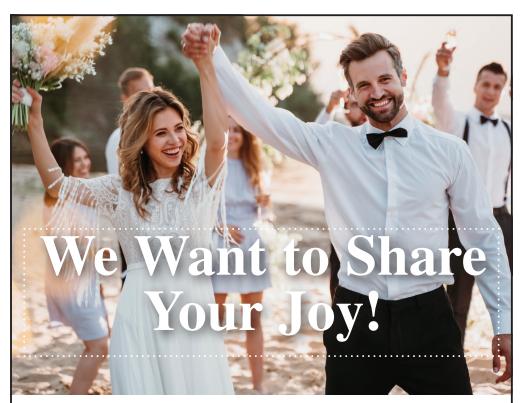
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Conservation Board Acquires Land

OKOBOJI - The Dickinson County Conservation Board (DCCB) has recently acquired five parcels of land located on

the west side of the river, adjacent to the Little Sioux Savanna Wildlife Area. Through partnering with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), the help of Iowa Resource Enhancement and Pro-

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tection (REAP) grant funds, the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC), and public donations, the DCCB acquired the land in August of this year. The property has been named 'Little Sioux Savanna Addition' as a result of the approximate location.

Last fall, the majority of the property was planted with an Iowa native prairie seed mix of wildflowers and grasses. Since then, the plants have emerged and have grown substantially.

"The prairie is establishing extremely well with the amount of rainfall we received this spring," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator for DCCB. "This summer, the orange flowers of butterfly milkweed were blooming, as well as tons of gray-headed coneflowers, oxeye sunflowers, and purple prairie clover."

The plantings will aid in erosion prevention along the river, improve runoff infiltration, provide resources for wildlife, and recreation and beauty for the public. The acquisition of the Little Sioux Savanna Addition presents a wealth of opportunities for the local community and seasonal visitors.

From hiking and photography to bird watching, fishing, and hunting, the new land offers a range of activities for everyone to enjoy. These improvements align with the DCCB's mission "to encourage environmental awareness among visitors and residents while fostering appreciation, preservation, and conservation of the Iowa Great Lakes region's unique cultural history, glacial geological formations, native species and natural habitats through education and action.'

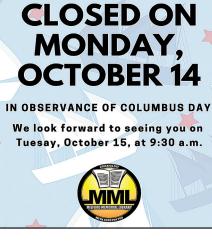
For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest updates and programs.

Growing Your Business Milford Memorial Library News

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

Join us in welcoming author, Allen Eskens, on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m., in the Milford Community Center. Allen Eskens is a retired Minnesota defense attorney turned author. His writings of mystery, thriller, and suspense has earned him multiple awards. During his



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visit, the audience will experience a presentation and book signing. This free event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library, Arnolds Park Library, and the Spirit Lake Public Library.

Join Milford Memorial Library for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information, contact the library or check out our Facebook page.

• October 14 - No Building Bookworms.

We will see you next week.

• October 21, 10:30 a.m. - Mail Time

• October 28, 10:30 a.m. – Monsters

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.

Join us on Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnolds Park Library, for a fun night of painting. Any skill level is invited to recreate a painting following step-by-step instructions from the original artist. All of the supplies will be provided by the libraries. There are only 25 spots available so pre-register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, or the Milford Memorial Library. The cost is \$15.00. Registrants will need to pay prior to the event to secure their spot. You may also register by going to this link: http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/ adult-program-registration.html



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Spirit Lake 369 TOPS-KOPS

by Colleen M. Lemkuil, TOPS reporter

The next TOPS meeting will be October 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Regu-

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lar members come at 9:30 AM to weigh in. We meet in a Northwest room in the church basement. If you are a visitor, you can come free the first meeting. This week Mary De Boer read from the book, "I'll Start Again Monday" by Lyse Terkeurst. It talks of self-control and acceptance of where you are and what your goals are. The chapter group has lost over 100 pounds. They have 5 members that are at their goal weight and are called KOPS-Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly. Our picture today is of Betty Sangel, Leader and Colleen Lemkuil who became KOPS in January. We thank Debbie Garret for making our new backdrop for our picture taking of our weekly



Queen and other chapter pictures.

Betty Sangel and Colleen Lemkuil were recognized in Sioux City by TOPS Club Inc. on June 1, 2024. The goal is to maintain your weight within leeway which is 3 pounds higher than your goal and 7 pounds below your goal. Betty and Colleen have done this and hope to go to the Dubuque Conference next June as one year KOPS members.

A rally will be held on Oct. 19 in Denison and 4 members will be attending, including Colleen Lemkuil, Sherry Kloster, and Mary De Boer.

TOPS INC October goal is to increase duration of weight training. Strength training is important and our Chapter goal this week is to do 10 pushups next to the wall. Our No-No is no pumpkin pie or bread but can have pumpkin yogurt or pumpkin with diet Dream whip.

Our TOPS Pledge is as follows: I am an intelligent person, I will control my emotions and not let my emotions control me. Every time I am tempted to use food to satisfy my frustrated desires, build up my injured ego or dull my senses, I will remember even though I overeat in private my excess poundage is there for all the world to see. I will take off pound sensibly.

For more information regarding TOPS, go to www.tops. org. They have a great magazine called TOPS News and send many email messages and information. You can join a chapter and attend the meetings or join online and do a Zoom meeting. Having support is very important to help you reach your goal that your doctor and you decide on. Every Chapter is wanting 4 new members this year. You can be one of them.







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- 1 tablespoon good-quality olive oil 2 cups chopped smoked sausage
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- and minced
- 8 fresh eggs
- 3 1/2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- in a 10-inch nonstick, ovenproof skillet. Add sausage and sauté 2 cups sliced mushrooms until it begins to brown, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and sauté until golden, about 3 additional minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Combine the eggs, heavy cream, salt, and pepper in a blender; process until frothy. Pour the

egg mixture into the skillet with the sausage mixture and cook, undisturbed, until the sides and bottom are set but center is loose, about 4 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over the top and place skillet under broiler and cook until mixture is just set on top and cooked through, about 3 to 4 minutes. Cool 2 minutes, slice and serve. Recipe Courtesy of: Lines+Angles

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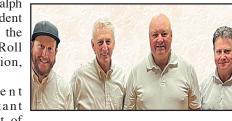




Nov. Veterans Concert Planned

Arnolds Park, IA - The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association has announced that the 2024 Veterans Concert will be held on November 7th at the Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park, Iowa. This event will have live music provided by Galaxy. Doors open at 5 PM. Concert is from 6 PM to 8 PM. Tickets will be available at the door. Veterans are admitted for free with their military ID. General admission tickets are \$15 and \$12 for members. For more information, go to: www.iowarocknroll. com/events.

According to Ralph Kluseman, President of the Board of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association, "This celebration concert event



is an important acknowledgement of

the sacrifice and price veterans have paid for our freedom".

He added: "We send our thanks to our sponsors for this event: Lewis Family Drug, Catamount Recording, John Walachy Music Legacy, Northwest Wealth Management, LLC, Dickenson County Animal Clinic, Lakes Autosport, Smokin' Jake's, Elite Chiropractic, L&M Laundry, The Tobacco Shop, Rax Billiards, VFW Estherville, VFW Spirit Lake, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Spirit Lake American Legion and Arnolds Park Amusement Park".



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To The Editor:

FEMA disaster relief money is *not* going to immigrants. "FEMA's funds for handling disaster relief efforts are separate from money given to immigrant communities." (10/04/24 Forbes) The \$750 initial immediate needs payments to Hurricane Helene victims are just the beginning of funds to help people recover. Thousands of NW Iowans *know* this from personal experience with our June flood disaster. We know the trauma a disaster causes, the time and effort it takes to recover and is not done yet. Hurricane Helene was exponentially worse due to storm size and geography.

For the former president to traumatize people further with lies that help isn't coming, just for political points, is indefensible. Also diverting rescue resources for a photo op using debris from a destroyed building to build a brick wall to stand behind is just plain beyond comprehension.

FEMA needs more disaster relief money and always will with increasing strength and frequency of climate change induced disasters, including Hurricane Milton expected to hit Florida Wednesday. "Last week, Congress approved \$20 billion for FEMA's disaster relief fund as part of a stopgap spending bill to fund the government through December 20. But the measure left out billions of dollars in requested supplemental disaster funding. The Senate approved the measure by a 78-18 vote on September 25 after it passed the House in a 341-82 vote. Republicans supplied the no votes in both chambers." (10/04/24 Newsweek) Rep. Feenstra voted no.

The *only* one that took FEMA disaster relief money was Trump, to build the border wall of which only 52 miles of new wall was built. "The Trump administration is pulling \$271 million in funding from the Department of Homeland Security, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund." (8/27/19 NBC News). "Trump's administration built 52 miles of new primary border barriers — the first impediment people encounter if they're trying to cross the southern border with Mexico, that can block access either for people on foot or for vehicles — where there were none before." (8/9/23 Politifact)

As a nation, we decided it was in our country's best interests and moral to provide federal help with disasters when local and state help is not enough. It is *not* private replacement value insurance. It's to help with basic needs to provide a foundation for recovery, not for things you can live without. If losses are covered by private insurance, you don't get to double dip and make a profit off of a disaster by taking FEMA funds away from those that need it.

Vote *informed*. If you can, help disaster victims as we were helped. #SpencerStrong.

Diane Smith, Spencer, Iowa

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

Obituaries

A funeral service for Stella Stahly, age 87, of Lake Park, will be

held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Lake Park. Visitation will begin at 5 pm, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, with the family present from 5-7 pm, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Lake Park. Interment will be at Union Cemetery in Harris.

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Stella Mae Nelsen was born on a farm in Cass County, Iowa, on October 21, 1936, to Marvin and Lillie (Christensen) Nelsen. When she was a toddler, the family moved to Northwest Iowa and she was baptized in the Methodist Church

in Ruthven, Iowa. Stella attended country school through the third grade and,when it closed, she attended Lake Center Consolidated where she graduated in 1955.

Stella worked as a secretary-bookkeeper at John Deere Implement Company in Spencer until she married Richard Stahly on November 15, 1957. In 1958, they moved to the family farm where they lived for 43 years and raised their three sons, Dennis, David and Douglas. Stella helped with the farm work when needed, walking and later riding to clean bean fields and hauling grain in the fall. The last few years on the farm, she did yard work, raking and mowing. There was always a big garden that produced summer food and fall canning.

Stella joined St. John Lutheran Church in Harris, and became an active member, holding various offices in the Ladies Aid. The youth of the churchwere a priority to her, serving for 25 consecutive years in one or more capacities as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School and Bible School Teacher, taught catechism when needed, until being disabled by West Nile Virus in 2003.

She had many interests. She belonged to the O'Sirrah Federated Women's Club and served as secretary for the Harris Development Corp. She participated in basketball, softball, bowling and golf. She loved music, poetry, dancing and was an avid reader. Her greatest joy was the Lord and her family. She faithfully attended school and other events of her sons, grandchildren and was blessed to be able to attend events of great-grandchildren. Any time or event spent with family was "as good as it gets" to her.

In 2000, she and Dick built a house and moved to Lake Park, Iowa. When St. John Church closed, they joined Concordia Lutheran Church in Lake Park where she continued to be active.

Stella passed away October 4, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake at 87 years of age. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Dick; one son, Dennis Stahly; her parents, Marvin and Lillie Nelsen; sister, Marjorie Hale; three brothers, Ronald, Harold and Leland Nelsen; one niece, one nephew and two great-nephews

Left to remember their lives with her are her sons, David (Lori) Stahly of Lake Park and Douglas (Julie) Stahly of Lake Park; grandchildren, Sarah (Ryan) Carpenter, Lindsey (Nick) Haynes, Lacey (Adam) Reese-Hoogeterp, Lindsey Reese and Alexis Stahy and friend Austin Wassman; twelve great-grandchildren; one sister, Norma Dotson; brother, Danny (Mary) Nelsen; sister-in-law, Carol Nelsen; and several nieces and nephews.

Stella was blessed with love and mercy from her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Kiwanis Presents Donation

Brock Holman, center, the Onboarding Support Specialist at GrapeTree, is all smiles as he accepts a check from the Milford Kiwanis Club for the Fifth Annual "Trunk or Treat" project. Flanking him are Kiwanians Duane Hurley, left, and Rolf Carlson.

This Halloween project, sponsored by GrapeTree, has become a community favorite and is set up in the GrapeTree parking lot. The event is family friendly and is so popular with kids and their parents. It's not too late to plan to help or sponsor this event. It will take place this year on Halloween, October 31, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Just call Grapetree at 712-336-0800 to gather more details. The Milford Kiwanis Club is proud to assist in this project.

Obituaries

In the loving arms of her family, Jennifer Louise Brownlee, age 71, peacefully passed away September 26, 2024, from complica-

tions following heart surgery. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 14, at First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Following the service, please join us for a celebration of life at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. A private family committal service will be held prior to the service at Evergreen Cemetery in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Memorials may be designated for the Pearson Lakes Art Center or the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

Jennifer was born October 6, 1952, in Mason City, Iowa, to Elizabeth Wainer Kuehl and

to Elizabeth Weiner Kuehl and George Kuehl. She graduated from Ames High School in 1971 and continued her education at Colorado State University, University of Valencia in Spain before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa, where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Following graduation, she had a modeling career in Dallas, Texas, then moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she worked in residential real estate for Iowa Realty.

Jennifer met the love of her life, Craig, while they were spending time at their family summer homes at Lake Okoboji. They met on the neighborhood tennis court which was the start of a lifetime of tennis together and several city and club mixed doubles championships.

Jennifer and Craig were married April 7, 1978, in Ames, Iowa. After a trip to the Virgin Islands, they settled in Emmetsburg, Iowa, where Craig ran his family farm operation and management business.

Jennifer and Craig raised their children, Kate and Sam, in Emmetsburg and spent summers in Okoboji. Jennifer was a loving wife and mother and dedicated her life to her family, including the dogs. Homemade family dinner at the kitchen table was a nightly routine.

Jennifer was active in her community as a volunteer for countless projects and organizations. She taught Sunday school, tutored young students, served on the library board, hospital auxiliary and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She was also a long-standing member of the local P.E.O. chapter. Jennifer served as President of the Emmetsburg School Board of Education and was appointed by the Governor to the Iowa Public Broadcasting Network Board.

After Kate and Sam graduated from college, Jennifer and Craig made Okoboji their permanent home. She was proud to serve on the Arnolds Park board, volunteer countless hours at the Okoboji Yacht Club and host many political fundraisers. As a fun project, she and her good friends bought and operated the popular seasonal coffee shop,Arnolds Perk.

Her Okoboji days were filled with long boat rides, watching sailboat races and taking shoreline walks - always happy to chat with her many friends along the way. She made everyone feel special.

Jennifer was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and rarely missed a football game while her son Sam played. The family trips to five bowl games were some of her fondest memories.

For the past 20 years, Jennifer and Craig spent much of the winter in Naples, Florida, in a community named Mediterra where they developed close and lasting friendships. They spent their time playing tennis and golf and attending charitable events and dinners. Jennifer also enjoyed her bocce ball teams and playing cards and Mahjong with her friends. The highlight of her time in Mediterra was when her family came to visit.

Jennifer was incredibly artistic and had an eye for making things beautiful. She had a passion for decorating homes and enjoyed helping friends with their projects. She loved to spend her free time painting. It was her spiritual outlet.

As active as Jennifer was, she always found time for her family and friends. She was a doer - someone you could count on. She truly made a lasting impression on all who knew her. We are all blessed to have had her as a friend and a dedicated, loving wife, Mom and "Nina"

Nina's time with her four grandchildren was tragically cut short. She shared a very special, loving relationship with them and they will continue to exhibit her kind and caring nature in her honor.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Craig of Okoboji, Iowa; daughter, Kate Krejci and husband Drew and their children, Isabelle and Charlie of Deephaven, Minnesota; her son Sam and wife Hannah and their children, Bo and Henry of Okoboji, Iowa; her brotherin-law, George Wittgraf (wife Vicki, deceased) and their children, Jason (wife Ann) of Des Moines, Iowa, and John and George of Cherokee, Iowa; her brother-in-law, Mark Brownlee and wife Jane and their children, Jack and Jordan (husband Nick) of Des Moines, Iowa; brothers, Jeff Kuehl of North Palm Beach, Florida and J.D. Kuehl of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Arrangements by the Martin-Mattice Funeral Home martinmatticefuneralhome.com

Obituaries

A funeral service for Kenny Byers, 88, of Lake Park, Iowa, was held Monday, September 30, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. Interment was at Silver

Lake Cemetery in Lake Park.

Memorials in memory of Ken can
be given to the Shriners Scholarship
Memorial Fund or the Lake Park

Presbyterian Church.

Kenneth Eugene Byers was born on July 28, 1936, to Dale Allen Byers and Verly Bertha Wunder in Spencer, Iowa. He was the youngest of five children. Ken grew up in Lake Park where his father's farm stretched all the way to the Minnesota border. He

attended school in Lake Park where he played football and sang in the choir. He had perfect pitch and an extraordinary baritone voice which he shared with thousands of people throughout his entire life.

After graduating high school in 1954, he went to Iowa State to study agriculture. In March of 1956, he decided to hitchhike from Ames to Milford, Iowa. He then got Kirby Range to take him to the farm for the birthday party of Marvel Jean Hughes. He finished the year of ISU and married Marvel on September 15, 1956. They lived on the farm in the tenant house and farmed with his father. In 1959, Ken and Marvel had two children, so Dale and Verly moved into Lake Park and Ken and his growing family got to move across the yard. The "little house" obviously wasn't going to be big enough, and it was nice to have the toilet actually in the house. They raised five children in that house, Mark Allen, Scott Allen, Kent Allen, Brian Keith and Diane Lynn. They all attended Harris-Lake Park, and like Kenny, they were all involved in sports. He attended all the games and loved the competition. He could discuss most every game years later if you could remember.

Kenny loved the Vikings, Twins, Cyclones and any team that his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren played on. He even learned that soccer is played on the pitch. He knew that it didn't matter what the stat line read, you still had to play the game. You played the game to win and sometimes the game came with surprises.

In addition to his responsibilities on the farm, Ken started working at Berkley Fishing. After working alone on the farm, except for the 9 AM coffee at Tweet's, Ken always looked at Berkley as an all day coffee break. There were always other people around and they soon learned to hide the rubber bands; otherwise, Kenny was going to shoot you when you walked by his machine. He was there through the change to Pure Fishing. He entered the outlet store with pride when he took his grandchildren into the place he worked.

Ken was a fixture on the Wednesday night men's league with Bob Gunderson at the Silver Lanes Bowling Alley. He was a long-time member of the Silver Lake Country Club where he proved that you didn't have to swing a driver to shoot a decent round of golf. In 2002, Ken and Marvel built a house in Lake Park and proceeded to wean the farming over to his son-in-law, Jeff Duis.

Ken was always up for a card game whether it be 500, Bridge, Pitch, Hucklybuck, Swoosh or a game of Muggins. If they weren't hosting the card party, they were off to someone else's home to play, usually twice a month, with all the kids in tow. He taught well what was meant by extended family and left many children with lots of memories and enduring friendships. The great-grandchildren loved to go to Grandpa's and wasted no time to get the cards on the table.

Kenny loved team sports so much because of his love for God and his desire to help others. He rarely did anything for himself, but would drop everything to help others.

Ken served, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park, as an officer for fifty years. He guided his children through 4-H and FFA. In 2004, Kenneth was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. He served on the Dickinson County Fair Board and was recognized in 2012 for his thirty-nine years of service.

He was a Mason, Shriner and an active member of the Eastern Star. In 2008, he served as the Grand Warden for the State of Iowa. Knowing that Kenny was involved with so many people in such a wide range of activities, his children are just now hearing stories of things he did. Ken had a gift of gab and would spend time talking to anyone and everyone. He was the same Kenny to everyone, so if you talked to him twice, or knew him all your life, you knew Kenny B. He had a vast knowledge on an extremely large range of topics, but was not what you would call a know-it-all.

Last Wednesday, September 24, 2024, God sent him down the basement stairs to find the answers to all his questions and awarded him with the gift of eternal life. He ran a good race, fought a good fight and will be deeply missed by all of us whose lives he ran through on his way to heaven.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, Marvel Byers; sons, Mark (Karen) Byers, Scott Byers, Kent (Sara) Byers and his daughter, Diane (Jeff) Duis; numerous grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Verly Byers; siblings, Don Byers, Bill Byers, Lynn Parsons and Helen Piper; son, Brian Byers and daughter-in-law, Michelle Byers. Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

Corridor Proclaims October as Manufacturing Month

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) was joined by County Supervisors and City Officials on September 30 to proclaim October 2024 as Manufacturing Month in their respective communities.

On Monday, the Corridor hosted a proclamation signing and reception to kick off Manufacturing Month in the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region. Several local mayors and county supervisors participated in the proclamation signing, with other supporters of manufacturing in attendance. October 2024 was proclaimed as Manufacturing Month in Buena Vista County, Clay County, Dickinson County, Emmet County, City of Estherville, City of Lake Park, City of Sioux Rapids, City of Spencer, City of Spirit Lake and City of Storm Lake.

Manufacturing Day is recognized on the first Friday each October. It is an initiative of The Manufacturing Institute with the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association as a founding partner. It's meant to inspire the next generation to start careers in manufacturing through a series of events scheduled in October

According to the Iowa Lakes Corridor region 2022 Laborshed Analysis from Iowa Workforce Development, the manufacturing industry employs 17.1% of individuals in the Corridor's Laborshed area. It is the largest industry in the Corridor region and exceeds the national average per Emsi's 2021 Economic Overview Report. Manufacturing also accounts for highest amount of the region's GDP at over \$800 million.

"We appreciate the support of our communities in recognizing October as Manufacturing Month," shared Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "It was great to get the region's community leaders gathered together to support this important industry and recognize the benefits our manufacturers bring to Northwest Iowa."

The Corridor is participating in Manufacturing Month through organized tours of manufacturing businesses, social media campaigns and educational news and events. Follow along on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn or on the lakescorridor.com website to learn more about manufacturing companies and data in the region.

Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

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.

Milford Memorial Library News

Join Milford Memorial Library for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look

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below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information, contact the library or check out our Facebook

- 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.



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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-stop-shop 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.



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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 RSVP Literacy 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.

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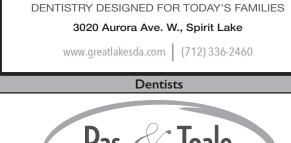
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Jack, in Charleston, West Virginia

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Steven, in Lindsay, Oklahoma

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The Cardinal & Gold Collective and West O Beer have teamed up to launch Blood Round, a blood orange wheat that will directly support Cyclone wrestling student-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 Cham-

pionships, 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

- CARDINAL & GOLD O Beer in conjunction with a watch party for the Iowa State at West Virginia football game. COLLECTIVE The beer will be available for purchase at retail locations the following week.

To learn more about the Cardinal & Gold Collective and West O Beer, visit our websites: www.cardinalandgold.org or www.westobeer.com

Cardinal & Gold Collective — The Cardinal & Gold Collective is focused on creating avenues and opportunities for student-athletes to make a positive impact within the community through their name, image, and likeness. Contact Ryan Rohlk at rrohlk@hotmail.com

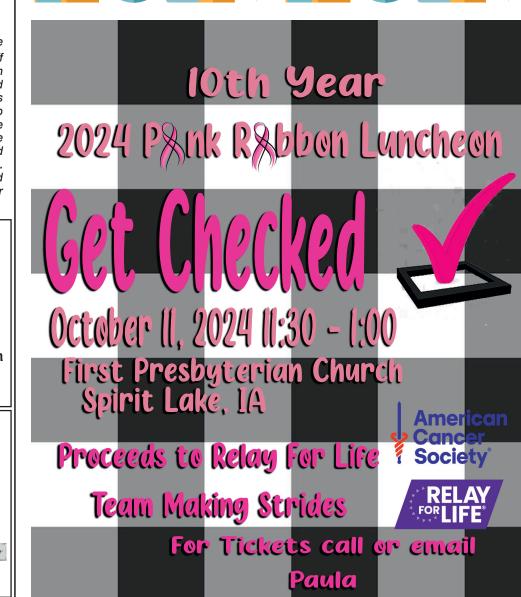
West O Beer — West O Beer opened in 2013, and is open year-round at 503 Terrace Park Blvd in West Okoboji, Iowa. They have a full-service taproom with 14 beers on tap, along with wine and house-made seltzer. West O also offers made-from-scratch Italian Brick-Oven Pizza, along with a private event space that welcomes groups of up to 50 people. Their other beers available at retail stores include CocO Stout, Smoked Red Ale, Lake Beast Hazy IPA and Ames Lager.

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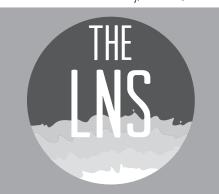
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"We are proud of the sustained growth we've seen at Iowa Lakes," said Iowa Lakes President Scott Stokes. "Over the past three years, our enrollment numbers have been increasing steadi-

ly, reaffirming that we are heading in the right direction. As we continue to innovate

and expand our educational offerings, we remain focused on the future of our students and the workforce they will lead."

"One area of particular growth for Iowa Lakes is our Aviation and Airport Management program, where enrollment has nearly tripled since 2022," said Stokes."The program has seen increased demand and popularity, especially with the addition of a new cohort starting at the Spencer Campus. This surge highlights the growing interest in aviation careers and Iowa Lakes' commitment to offering cutting-edge programs."

In addition, the Iowa Lakes Nursing program has experienced substantial growth over the past year and is on track to exceed enrollment expectations, bolstered by the program's recent accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This prestigious accreditation ensures that the nursing program meets rigorous national standards, enhancing the quality of education and providing students with greater opportunities for success in their nursing careers.

Iowa Lakes offers over 60 nationally recognized degrees, certifications, and pre-professional programs. In addition, students can pursue 2-year transfer degrees aligned with Iowa Regents universities.

"We continue to see remarkable interest in our career and technical programs, as well as our transfer majors," said Annie Kalous, Director of Admissions. "Our personalized learning environment is a key factor in drawing students to Iowa Lakes, where they're more than just a number."

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By putting away as much as possible now, even \$25 or \$50 a month, you can expand college options for kids and reduce their future debt burden, helping them as they begin their careers and lives after graduation.

Savings can be put aside in any way you want, of course.

But, investing in a secure way that could earn you extra money is a good start. College savings 529 accounts are specifically designed for college and offer several benefits that a regular savings account does not.

Some benefits of 529 accounts include:

- You can choose, and change, your investment strategy, so you can be more or less aggres-529 accounts offer tax benefits in many states, including Iowa.
- Anyone can start or contribute to a plan, so family members and friends who want to help your child can easily do so.
- Minimum investments are small so you can contribute over time, even when money is tight — Some employers may offer matching benefits for 529 accounts. — Plans are transferable, so if one child doesn't head to college or doesn't use all the savings,
- you can transfer it to another child. - You can always withdraw the money if needed before college, though there will be a tax
- All states offer 529 plans and you can enroll in any you choose, but you should always check

to see if there is a specific benefit to using your state's plan.

ISave 529 (formerly College Savings Iowa) is the Iowa-sponsored 529 plan that lets you save for education expenses and provides certain tax benefits. Iowa taxpayers who are participants can deduct a certain amount of their contributions per beneficiary, including rollovers, in determining their adjusted gross income for Iowa income tax purposes. Visit the ISave 529 website for more details and deduction amounts.

Give Your Savings a Boost Through 529 College Plan Drawings

ISL Education Lending helps support Iowa parents who are saving for college with two programs. The ISL Education Lending Scholarship is open to Iowa residents who are the parents of current Iowa high school students or undergraduate college students, as well as to the students themselves. Simple online registration is available at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Savings between now and December 2, 2024. A parent or guardian may register once on behalf of each qualifying student and the qualifying student may register themselves once. Forty-five \$1,000 deposits into

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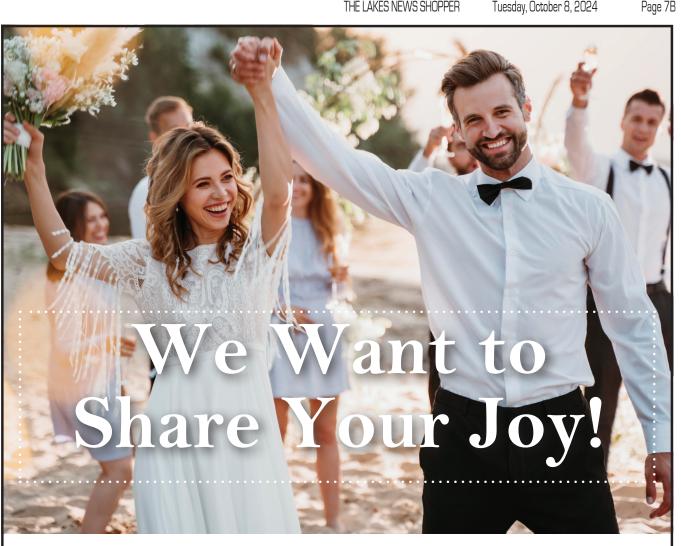
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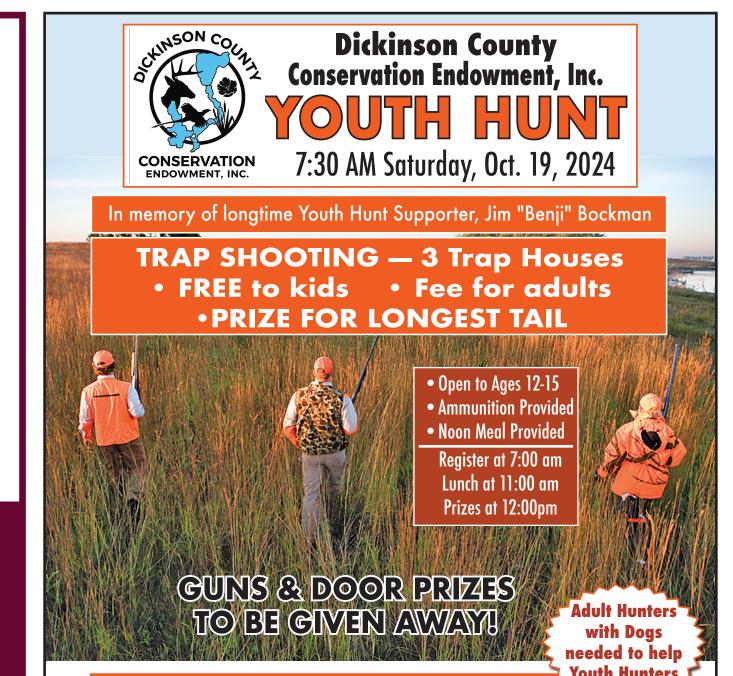


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