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2) "I learned a long time ago not to put much belief in unsigned blogs, or ads run by "associations" where those behind the ad did not have enough courage to publicly sign their name."

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JUST THE FACTS, PLEASE...

"In the heat of an election campaign, both sides of relevant issues should be discussed. In the past weeks, however, in my opinion - my opponent/his followers have made public statements, that at best, stretch believability. Let's look at some of their claims. Thank you." – Tim

MY OPPONENT/ FOLLOWERS SAY...

1) Tim Fairchild has ignored the Dickinson County conflict of interest policy regarding his holding of a lease on wind turbine development on his land.

Situations or transactions can result in either an inappropriate financial gain or the appearance of a lack of integrity in Dickinson County decisions making process. The right thing to do is recuse yourself from all action. Reports of conflicts of interest among current county supervisor board members raise serious ethical questions, especially when wind project leases involve their names or that of their family members.

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

3) We do not need any more turbines.

4) Tim Fairchild - Jeff Thee made the promise that they would raise Dickinson County tax levy to the maximum levy for one year. They lied to the Dickinson County taxpayers, and kept the maximum levy in place in perpetuity. Kris Van Kleek's well written letter tells us the county had an excess reserve in the last budget of over \$15,273,123.

This is really a budgetary deception. Our county never had to raise our taxes to pay for the communication network. The county had enough money in the bank to write a check for the communication system.

TIM FAIRCHILD SAYS...

1) I was elected in November, 2016, and became a County Supervisor. For years there was no action on the wind farm. In 2019, I was informed that the wind farm had a funding partner and would be applying for permits. I have been informed I am not getting a turbine on my farmland. In the fall of 2020, I was re-elected to the Board of Supervisors.

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

2) Not sure if this is in reference to CO2 or turbines. If turbines are the subject, basic knowledgeable information would show NO TURBINE IS BUILT ON LAND THAT ISN'T AGREED ON BY THE LANDOWNER. To suggest that those of us who have bought and paid for land or managed to hang on to generational land are not bright enough to calculate return on investment related to crop loss and good stewardship is borderline insulting.

If CO2 pipelines are the subject the same applies to those who have signed up. Eminent domain is not supported by the Board of Supervisors. However, that particular issue is not decided at the county level. The Iowa Utilities Board has jurisdiction over eminent domain.

3) "We" does not appear on any title to a farm that I have seen. I have never had "we" make a farm payment. There are strict regulations affecting where turbines can be built and recently, after hundreds of hours of work, made stricter. Farmers are people too.

4) The Board raised taxes to buy a \$6 million radio system as requested by law/fire/ems. We intended to lower back to a more normal level after paying for the radios. House file 718 then became law without modeling impacts on county budgets. Our projections showed shortfalls in the rural basic. Because of the projected shortfalls the levies for both countywide and rural basic were left at higher levels and some expenses were moved from rural to general as allowed by law. This move will give the legislators time to make adjustments to the 718 bill while allowing Dickinson County to make good financial decisions due to carryovers for the next few years.

The Boards actions resulting in higher carryovers is looking like a positive move due to the millions of dollars of damage done by the flooding this summer. Dickinson County has no debt, and by the way - if you state a levy will be in place "in perpetuity"... Webster says that means an eternity. Hardly the right phrase for one additional year.



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On November 5th, voters will be given the opportunity to vote on the school bond for a new elementary school and renovations to the high school. The current elementary school was built in 1911 and renovations at the high school include 6-8 classrooms multi-purpose activities, and the expansion of the commons, concession stand, and kitchen areas, as well as reroof and replace/install new rooftop units in the south gymnasium.

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Shall the Board of Directors of the Okoboji Community School District in the Counties of Dickinson and Clay, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$69,000,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a new elementary school building and site improvements; to build, furnish, and equip an addition to the high school building, including a multipurpose activity room, classroom space, and expansion of the commons area, kitchen, and concession stand area and related site improvements; and to remodel, repair, equip, and improve existing portions of the high school building and related site improvements?





Completely fill in your choice.



OKOBOJI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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:

Celebrate the Growth of the **Okoboji Community School District**

In recent years, even in the last decade, we have seen significant growth in our community. More families mean more children; more children mean more students. The number of families choosing Okoboji as the school their children attend shows a testament to our community, teachers, and staff. We should be celebrating our growth and the fact that our enrollment is increasing and prioritizing the needs of our growing school district. It is 2024, and a school district's needs differ from those a decade ago. Okoboji prides itself on early intervention for students with needs, allowing students to engage in courses that fit their interests and preparing them for their future in college or the workforce. We need more space, updated facilities, and the ability to expand when needed.

We implore you to do what is right and vote yes. Celebrate the growth of this area. Imagine making efforts to beautify everything about this community except our schools. The oldest portion of the elementary school was built in 1911. The oldest portion is 113 years old. Let that sink in. We have students receiving counseling sessions in locker rooms and multiple teachers sharing rooms, and we do not have a single space available if we need to add another educator. Our high school has not had upgrades or classroom additions in several decades. Our wrestling program has no safe space to allow its growing boys and girls program to practice. It is time to invest in our children and staff so they are equipped with what they need to succeed. It is essential to show that we prioritize education in our community.

I, Paisley, am a proud graduate of Okoboji and a current educator within the school district. My husband and I are homeowners in Dickinson County, and all four of our children will attend Okoboji Schools. We are proud supporters of the upcoming school bond for a new elementary school and addition to the high school, and you should be, too. We want what is best for our children and all Okoboji School District children. There truly is no reason not to vote yes. With no tax rate levy increase, what is holding you back?

Please visit bojibond.com for all the information.

Now, join me in celebrating the growth of our community, supporting the students and staff of Okoboji School District and vote yes.

Sincerely,

Paisley and Mike Gebel

Citizens of Dickinson County and Proud parents of Okoboji Students

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

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

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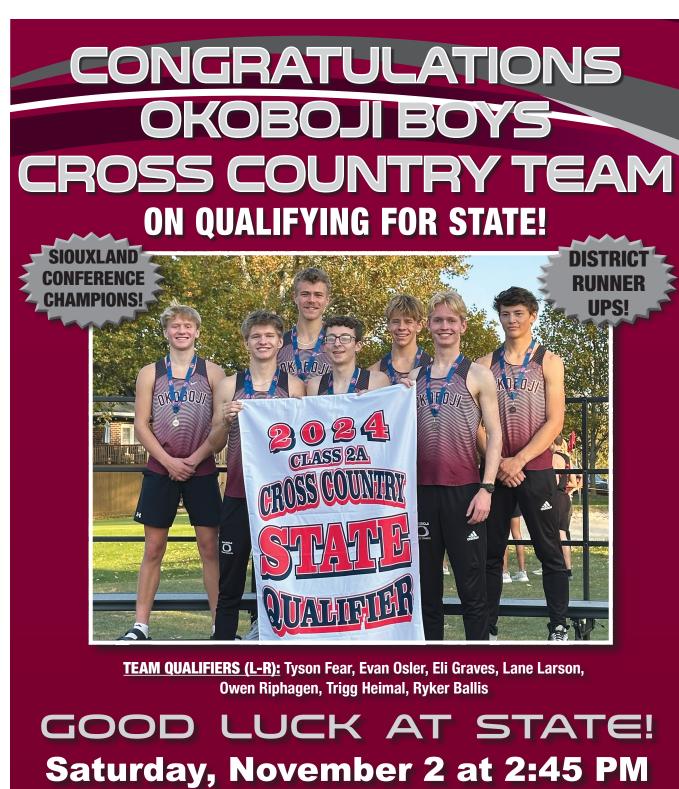
I am taking a break from the sports world to write a Letter From the Editor to the voters in the Okoboji Community School District. I am asking you to VOTE YES on November 5th for the Okoboji Community Schools Bond Referendum that will allow the school to move forward with plans for a new elementary school, as well as renovations to the 1960's portion of the current high school including: adding 6-8 classrooms, adding a much-needed multi-purpose room, and an expansion to the current kitchen, commons and concession stand area.

I am a proud alum of Okoboji High School (Class of 1990) and my two children also graduated from Okoboji (2016 and 2020). I have heard from so many of my former basketball players as well as our two children how well Okoboji prepared them either for college or life after high school in the work force. To continue to offer a first-class education, today's students need the opportunity to learn in an environment that keeps up with the ever-changing world of education, not to mention the growing enrollment in the Okoboji School District. One of the main things that makes the Okoboji education so stellar is the amazing staff that teaches our students, and to recruit and maintain top-notch staff, you must provide them with the resources and support to do their jobs at an elite level.

If you are on the fence of voting yes or no, I ask you to simply go to the current elementary school and take a tour of that outdated facility as well as the crowded halls and classrooms at the high school. Our elementary students are maxed out of classroom space and there is nowhere to grow that outdated building. Our high school wrestling team has to practice in the current Okoboji Elementary Gym because the current wrestling room is too small for their growing numbers and they definitely need a new area to hold practices for boys and girls wrestling. The school district has done a great job of doing what they can with the structure that was originally built in 1911, but there is only so much that can be done with the space that structure is located on. We have outgrown that obsolete building, and district-wide enrollment is going to increase by 111 students in the next five years, which will put our current elementary and high schools over capacity.

I am not going to go into all the numbers, as the school leaders and school board have done a fantastic job of educating voters through numerous public meetings, mailings and ads that outline the numbers and reasons for this bond referendum to pass. There is still some misinformation out there as to this bond raising your taxes; it WILL NOT have an impact on your proper tax rate. Your property taxes may increase as a result of your property value rising, but the school bond will have zero impact on the rate. The Okoboji School leaders and school board have been very transparent through this entire process, and, if you still have questions, I urge you to reach out to superintendent Todd Abrahamson at 712-338-4757 or log on to www.bojibond.com and go through all of the facts on that site. The biggest thing that I ask is that you educate yourself on the true numbers and reasons for the school bringing this bond referendum to the voters. If you do the research and think about what is right for our students, I believe that you will come up with the conclusion to VOTE YES!!





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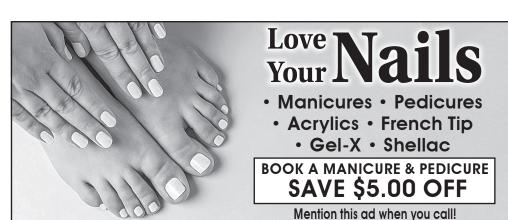
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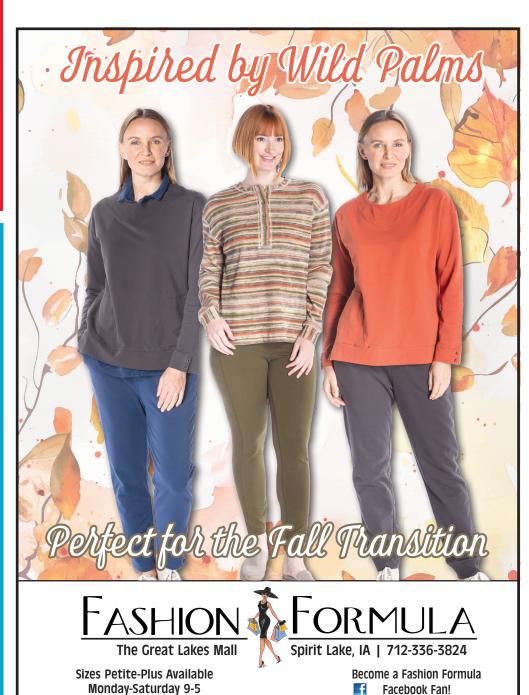
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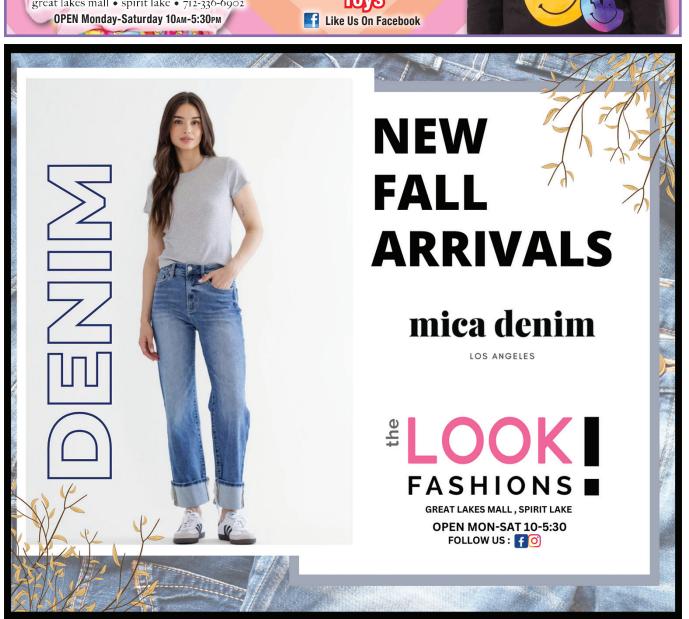
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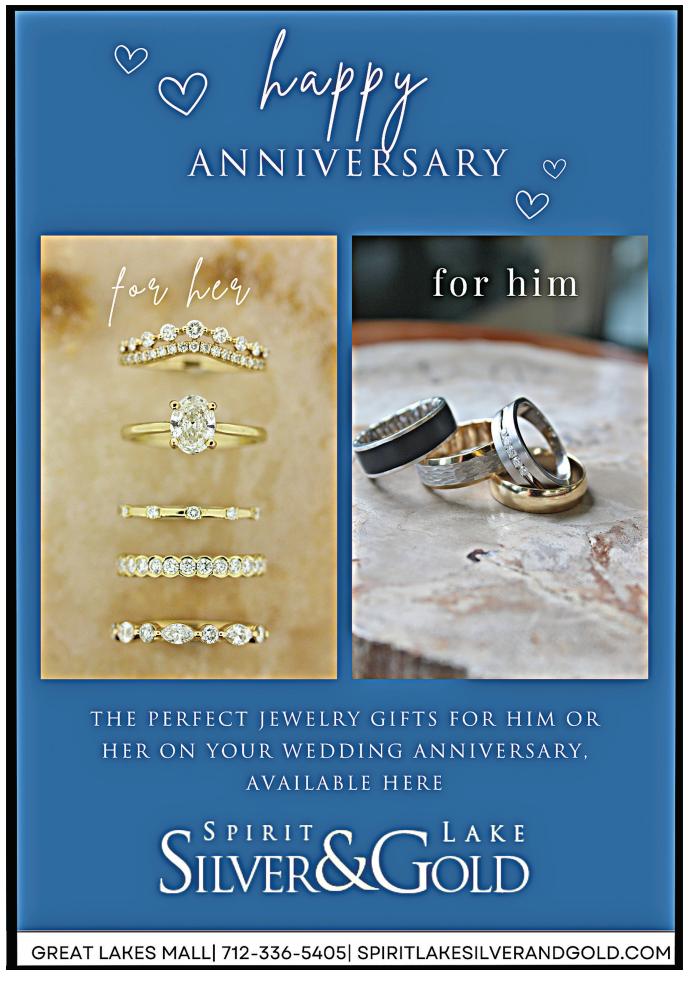


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The Iowa Lakeridor) will be featured in the upcoming "My Town" documentary-style series, with a regional premiere of the Corridor's



episode on Wednesday, October 30, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the

Majestic Pavilion at Arnolds Park.

"My Town" is a documentary series that combats the stereotypes of rural communities. This first season of the series was recently accepted into and premiered at the Twin Cities Film Fest on October 19 and 23. The Corridor's episode features a few individuals and stories that make the four-county region unique: Lexie Ruter, Director of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce and Estherville Area Growth Partnership talks about growing up in the region and why she chooses to stay and promote her community. Kerry Belgrave, local business owner of Medlar Coffee, shares his story of moving to Spencer from Barbados and building a life here. Merrill Manufacturing's HR Director Ofelia Rumbo talks about the largest Corridor industry of manufacturing, and the importance of employees to the region's businesses.

"We are excited to share just a few of our region's stories with everyone both locally, and beyond," shared Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "This regional premiere is for the public to see and enjoy this video and help us spread the word about why the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region is The Place to Live and Work with opportunities to build your family, career and business."

The October 30th event is free to the public and will feature a social with cash bar and free appetizers, followed by a welcome, introduction video from the Emmy award-winning director of the series Cory Hepola, a screening of the Corridor's "My Town" episode and a short panel discussion with the local individuals involved in the filming. The episodes will begin streaming on Facebook and YouTube on November 3rd.

Milford Catholic Daughters Host Veterans Soup Supper

In honor of our area veterans, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Milford will be hosting their 12th annual Community Veterans Free Soup Supper on Saturday, November 2nd. Doors open and social time begins at 5:00pm, with the soup supper beginning at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish Center in Milford. A free soup supper invitation is extended to all area veterans, spouses or significant other, and spouses of deceased veterans.

Let's come together for an evening of appreciation for your service to our country. Thank you so much for your dedication!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

Do you know a child who needs a bed? We can help. We are a new chapter of the national non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace, serving the lakes region. Bedless-ness is a big thing that many people are unaware of. We build beds and deliver them complete with a mattress and bedding to kids who may otherwise be sleeping on the floor. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has been around since 2012 and has delivered more than 200,000 beds to kids. A big thank you to our neighbors, friends, family, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, as well as many generous individual donors and volunteers from the community. To learn more, please visit our website SHPbeds.org/chapter/ia-spirit-lake or our Facebook page @shpspiritlake. We have beds available if you have or know of a child who needs one.

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Women in Nature Day at Night

Ladies, you deserve a night out with your friends. On Friday, November 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, Women in Nature Day

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WIND is a local collaboration of the Dickinson County Conservation Board, ISÚ Extension and Outreach of Dickinson County, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, and Clay County Conservation Board to bring together women who have an interest in the outdoors.

The evening will begin with appetizers and

samples of refreshments from West O Beer and Little Swan Lake Winery. Following social time, groups will rotate between two unique sessions.

"Attendees will encounter a live owl, courtesy of Buena Vista County Conservation, to learn about owl adaptations, behavior, and flight navigation," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator for the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

"For the second session, guests will wander through space in the StarLab dome to discover constellations of the night sky and the Greek mythology associated with each one," Heibult said.

Registration is only \$10 per person and ladies, 18 years or older, can register by visiting www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter. com or calling the Dickinson County Nature Center at (712)





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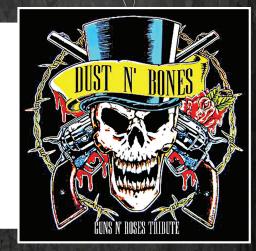
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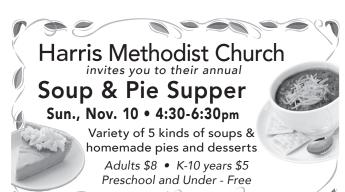


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Secret Santa Program

Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, the Campus Women's Club, and the Milford Memorial Library are hosting a Secret Santa Program in hopes of brightening the holidays for less fortunate

children in the area. Starting November 1st. children in the Milford area may be nominated for this program through emailing info@ okobojiflooring.com, visiting the Okoboji Flooring website, or by stopping into Okoboji Flooring & Furniture in Milford or the Milford Memorial

Library. Deadline for inclusion is November 15th.

This year, the Secret Santa Program will be hosted at Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, 1007 Okoboji Avenue, Milford. Individuals, businesses, and organizations may begin selecting names off the tree to adopt on November 20th, at Okoboji Flooring during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. 9:00am to 5:00pm. Deadline for gift turn-in is December 12th.

The goal with Milford Secret Santa is to bring the community together, to help those within it who are struggling, to have a memorable and joyous holiday!

Galaxy to Perform in Everly

The Everly dance, sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at the Hap Ketelsen Community

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



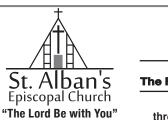


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's an old saying-"bad things happen when good people do nothing!"

Norma Martens, Spirit Lake, Iowa





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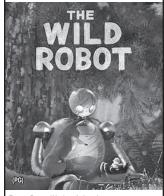


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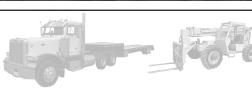
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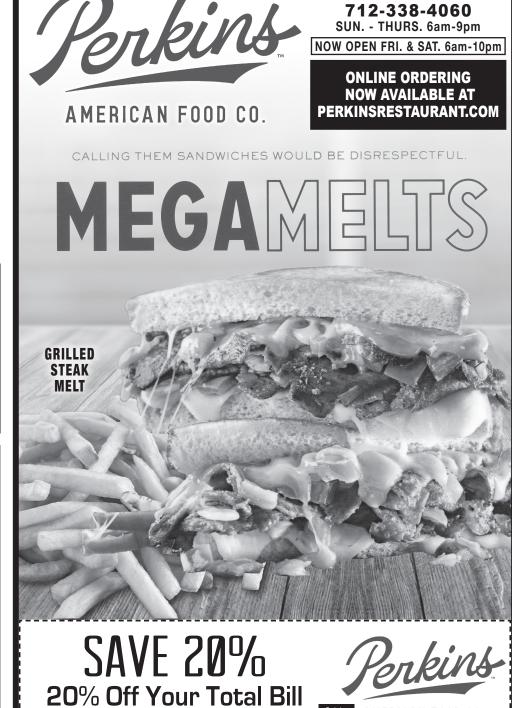
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Red Cross conducted a successful blood drive in Spirit Lake on October 21, 2024. We missed our goal by 1 unit. I was pleased to have a good attendance but we had 7 that were willing to give and were deferred for numerous reasons. Our goal was 36 and we obtained 35 units. We had 9 Power Red productive products and 26 whole blood products. Another exciting fact is we had only 1 no show. Way to go Spirit Lake! The discouraging fact is we had an hour in the afternoon with 10 appointments that were not filled. In addition to this, we had 3 first time donors and 3 walk in donors.

The blood supply continues to be dangerously and critically low. Many lives hang in the balance that need blood to survive. Now that summer has turned to fall, the blood demand, hopefully, will slowly decrease.

Blood cannot be manufactured. We can do all kinds of transplants and medical miracles but blood cannot be humanly made. Thanks to all of you that donated and you can be sure you have saved a life and sometimes 2.

Thanks to my staff for their volunteer help: Sandy Gilligan, Cheryl Petersen, Pam Sundall and Elaine L'Heureux. Without your help, this would not have been a success. Thanks also to the Senior Center that hosts us when the drive is here.

Mark your calendars for December 16, 2024, for the next opportunity to give. Please make your appointment at RedCross-Blood.org or 800-733-2767. Lets make December a "giving" month by donating blood.

Karen Dokken, Chairman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Good Neighbor Fund Drive is in need of your financial assistance to help support local agencies in our area. All the agencies listed below will benefit from your gift.

American Red Cross, Atlas, Bedell YMCA, Camp Foster, Cherish Center, Dickinson County Museum, Dickinson County RSVP Literacy, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Family Crisis, Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club, Hope Rolls, Human Society, Kings & Queens, Lakes Hockey Association, Spirit Lake Youth Athletics, Pearson Lakes Art Program, Respite Angels, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Upper Des Moines Opportunity and Voluntary Action Center.

If you have not already made your contribution to Good Neighbor, please consider sending your tax-deductible donation to help support these organizations, you can also designate your donation to your agency of choice

Donations can be sent to: Good Neighbor Fund, P. O. Box 454, Spirit Lake, IA. 51360.

Our gifts to these local charities help us become the "Good Neighbors" we all want to be. Sincerely,

Luke Donnenwerth, Chairman The Good Neighbor Committee

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To the citizens of Dickinson County, As a resident of Dickinson County and property owner, I am concerned about the excessive property taxes we are experiencing right now, brought on and continued by the County Board of Supervisors. I understand that the county budget will have an exorbitant carryover at the end of the current budget year. The responsible government understands that excessive property taxes hurt the community as a whole. Burdensome taxing makes working and living in Dickinson County nearly impossible for families. What is the future of Dickinson County without young families? Property taxes affect all; we all pay the same levy. Our future depends on young people and families living, working and raising their families in Dickinson County. That is why I am encouraging change and asking you to vote for Levi Markwardt and Steve Dullard for County Supervisor.

Connie Weimer Okoboji, Iowa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of Okoboji Performing Arts, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following local businesses who generously donated to our All Hallows' Gala and silent auction: Arbys, Arnold Motor Supply, Arnolds Park Amusement Park, Asher Motor Company, Bridge's Bay, Bomgaars (Spencer and Spirit Lake), Boss's Pizzeria, Carolyn's Hallmark, Caseys, Elegance, Emerald Hills Golf Course, Fareway, Hy-Vee, Juniper Lanes, Katy Lynn Boutique, Kwik Star, Lakes News Shopper, Los Pueblos, Nautical/Portside Pizza, Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, Okoboji Skin Care, Okoboji Summer Theatre, Okoboji View Golf Course, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Pirate's Cove, Rebe, Peter and Cindy Redmond, Scooters, Sport's Page, Three Sons, True Value Hardware, Vermeer Glass Art, Walmart, and Wipper Willow. Despite the challenges that they faced this summer due to flooding, these local business people stepped up to help Okoboji Performing Arts achieve their goal of providing fine arts opportunities to children in our area. They have our utmost appreciation and gratitude. Thank you so much!!

Jessica Schable Okoboji Performing Arts

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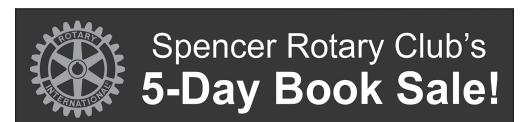
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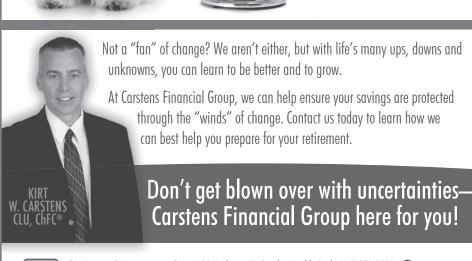
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Dear Doug,

We have repaired several of these, but many are still ticking with well over 200,000 miles on them. A general repair shop should be able to diagnose the issue and if they find that it is within the speedometer, they can replace the unit with a rebuilt unit that is available from most auto parts stores. The units come pre-programed for easy installation. When they order the unit, it can take a couple of weeks or so as they need to send your vehicle information like mileage and identification number to the manufacturer of the unit so that they can enter it into the replacement. Once it arrives, your shop can install the unit and they will have you sign a mileage affidavit stating that the mileage you gave them to enter the replacement was correct. They will then box up the old unit and send it back as a core.

Take care, the Motor Medics Dear Motor Medics,

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Janet in Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Janet,

Power features have become standard on vehicles or at least it seems that way. More and more vehicles, especially ones that are used for hauling the family like a van seem to almost always have full power in them. It is a rarity for one to come into our shop that does not have at least power windows and locks, but they are out there. The cost of the accessories will be dependent on the shop and the quality. As for adding them to the front doors, that should not be that big of an issue. Many companies offer aftermarket power windows and lock kits, and remotes can be added easily as well. The power sliding doors are another story, and I have not seen anyone who makes an aftermarket unit for those, but they may be out there. Power slides can be very difficult to work on and I have fought with my share. Check around with local vehicle accessory shops that install cruise controls, air conditioning, remote starts, etc. These types of shops often install power accessories like this as well.

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Spirit Lake American Legion 10th Annual Turkey/Ham Dinner

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The American Legion supports many programs for boys and girls across the nation, state, and local communities. Post #23 sponsors Boy Scout Troop 68, and gives a scholarship to a deserving senior from Spirit Lake High School each year. The Post along with VFW Post #4514 maintains the Avenue of Flags and provides for the Funeral Honors Program for any deceased Veteran in Spirit Lake/Dickinson County.

Join the Spirit Lake American Legion for one of the best turkey dinners in the area to honor veterans on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at the Post's headquarters (1102 15th Street, Spirit Lake).



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To The Editor:

As election day approaches, I feel compelled to share a few observations about the state of civility right here in our own community

It is OK for us as citizens to disagree on the issues pertaining to climate change, biofuels and clean electricity.

It is not OK for us as responsible citizens to publicly disrespect, denigrate and accuse our hardworking, and trustworthy duly elected public officials who are respectable people of integrity. To do so says a lot about the integrity of those participating in this type of behavior.

In a civil society and democracy we should be capable of disagreement without that, especially here in rural Iowa.

And yes, I'm referencing dedicated elected public servants to include Tim Fairchild, Jeff Thee, and Steve Clark. Accordingly, both Tim Fairchild and Jeff Thee have earned your vote.

In closing, I want to state that I have been an agriculture and biofuels leader for a long time and I consider myself well informed and knowledgeable in both these industries. For those of you who are not directly involved in either but are running for elected office and claim to have all the answers, I challenge you to do all your homework with leaders in Ag, biofuels, and clean energy and not solely with those opposed to change in general.

I stand ready to have that discussion with you in a civil and respectful manner.

Al Giese

Spirit Lake, Iowa



Back Row: Brynley Wipf-Flute, Roslyn Schmitt-Baritone, Brody Titterington-Percussion, Hudson Downing-Trumpet and Caden Swenson-Clarinet. Front Row: Josephine Haulard and Claire Sandbulte-F Horn, Tristan Johnson-Tuba, Finn Donovan-Flute and Aiden Schable-Trumpet.

Okoboji Band Students Selected for Northwest Iowa 7th & 8th Grade Honor Bands

Okoboji band students have been selected to participate in the 57th annual Northwest Iowa Junior High/Middle School Honor Bands Festival. On Saturday, October 19, over 300 seventh and eighth grade band students from 35 Northwest Iowa schools auditioned for a position in two honor bands. Approximately 190 students were chosen. These selected students will perform a concert at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Saturday, November 9.

Selected from Okoboji are: Brynley Wipf and Finn Donovan on flute, Caden Swenson on clarinet, Aiden Schable and Hudson Downing on trumpet, Claire Sandbulte and Josephine Haulard on french horn, Roslyn Schmitt on baritone, Tristan Johnson on tuba and Brody Titterington on Percussion. A special "congratulations" to Brynley Wipf and Aiden Schable, as they were also selected for the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band to be held in Des Moines in May. The Okoboji middle school band director is Jody Ingwersen.







































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Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning

at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm. Volun-

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teers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have lived in Dickinson County since 1995. Over those years I have seen great growth in our county. While I live in District 5 and my supervisor is Fairchild, I am writing of a concern that is bigger than just my district.

I would like to see some kind of compromise to get the project to build more wind turbines on the east side of the county to move forward. Iowa is one of the leading states in producing green energy and there is a need for more. Since I have lived here, we have seen the development of wind turbines to the west. This has helped add new energy resources for use and has not hurt property values or tourist visits over the years.

I have a friend who lives on East Lake Okoboji. The people in his area who do not live here are the ones who seem to be making the most noise. Not sure what their problem is as two parcels near him have sold this summer at record high prices.

If the wind turbines are such a problem, I do not think we would see the multi-million-dollar investment in the Dry Dock Estates. The most expensive units in that project face the existing wind turbines and that does not seem to be a problem for them.

Our state, country and world need all the green energy we can make. Let's not be sidetracked by a few emotional people. The projects to the east of us need to proceed as soon as possible.

Sincerely, James L. Ramsey

Milford, Iowa



Dickinson County Recreational Trails

www.dickinsoncountytrails.com

Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB



Funding recommendations for the 2024 State Recreational Trails

Program were presented at the Transportation Commissioner's meeting in October with Phase II of the Clay County Connection receiving high marks and endorsement to award Clay County Connection Phase I along Pioneer Park

DCTB's request of \$520,000. Overall, the project is an integral part of the 135-mile Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail, one of Iowa's five trails of statewide significance, that will link several existing trails and lakes in Northwest Iowa.

Clay County is nearing completion of its final 3 miles to connect with Dickinson County, and the DCTB will begin construction on the first 1.5-mile segment going south from Milford in the spring. The new funding from the State Recreational

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Trails Program will enable the DCTB to build the 2-mile segment of Phase II next year as well. The Clay County Connection is divided into three phases totaling

> 4.5 miles and the DCTB hopes to complete the trail between the two counties by late 2026. Continuing

Development of Tatanka SKA Trace The DCTB

continues to plan for expansion of Tatanka Ska Trace west of Lake Park and

going east from Spirit Lake. A contract was awarded in August for tree clearing and minor grading of the railroad, beginning at the Fish Hatchery and extending 5 miles to Highway 71. This work will prepare the area for future construction and allow for trail use by mountain and fat tire bikes during the interim.

Work on the project will take place through the winter with a completion date set for June 30, 2025. The overall plan to complete the trail from Spirit Lake to Superior is organized in three phases. The first two segments have secured Transportation Alternative Program funding that will be available in 2026 and 2027.

Summer Flood Damage The Iowa Great Lakes Trails suffered

a few locations of flood damage in June that will get repaired this fall. A project was awarded last month to address the slope failure on Tatanka Ska Trace just west of Spirit Lake. Additionally, repairs will include a trench drain along Highway 71 and a culvert replacement on the Spine Trail in Spirit Lake. The Dickinson County Trails Board (DCTB) is working with FEMA to help cover the repair costs that are set to be completed by November 29.

In spite of the flooding, it was another great season on the trails and this amazing fall weather has extended the enjoyment of our beautiful landscape. The crisp air and vibrant colors of the changing leaves create a perfect backdrop for outdoor adventures, be sure to get out on the trails and soak up every moment.

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





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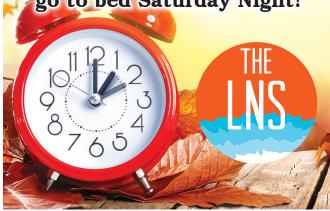
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The current Dickinson County Board of Supervisors may be community minded and have work ethic however I have attended BOS meetings regarding property taxes and wind turbines and it just seems like the existing board just doesn't listen to the people they represent - that's us. Many of us residents don't want more wind turbines surrounding our Iowa Great Lakes and communities. I believe with the increased property valuations many of us believe the levy rate should be reduced. I believe Stephen Dullard and Levi Markwardt will actually listen to us the taxpayers of Dickinson County. Accordingly vote Dullard for District 3 and Markwardt for District 5.

Jim Voigt Okoboji, Iowa

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday Night!







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Many of you are in receipt of your property tax bill, which is alarming when you factor in your increased property value and the maximum tax levy assessment.

If the current action of raising your property taxes to the highest level continues through the 27/28 fiscal year, you will be shocked to know that your property tax bill could double from the 22/23 fiscal year levy. We have got to stop this spending as it is hurting people and the future growth and opportunity for Dickinson County. High tax areas don't grow.

We can't afford 4 more years of this Tax and Spend mentality. You are a better financial manager of your money than the government. This out of control spending must stop.

It is time for new leadership that will uphold the value of limited government, lower taxes and help you keep more of your money in your pocket. Hold the current Board of Supervisors accountable for the actions of high property taxes.

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An Open Letter and Memorial

I sat down Thursday afternoon and began writing my last open letter to voters for the last campaign of my lifetime.

That changed Thursday night. My Mother-in-Law called as my Father-in-Law Don Laubach had collapsed at their farm north of Lake Park. Cathy and I rushed to help, administered CPR until paramedics arrived. It was too late, Don was

I now sit thinking what he stood for. Kindness, generosity, hard work, a good Whiskey Diet on Friday evenings with us. He was a loving and loved man. He taught me why caring for others is important.

I should be thinking about the election on November 5th but wind turbines, tax levies and all we have bickered about seem much smaller now. Matthew 5:4: says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." It seems to me we can all be kinder to one another.

Do I still wish for you to Fill the Oval and write in Jeff Thee for District 3 Supervisor. Yes. But please do me another favor. Hold your loved ones near and tell them you love them every day. That is where our priorities should lie.

May God Bless you all,

Jeff Thee

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I have known Jeff Thee for over 20 years. As a former across the street neighbor and business friend, I have witnessed nothing but integrity and a deep, genuine care for our community. Jeff is always there - a cheerleader for others and for the

Iowa Great Lakes. Jeff is a wonderful listener, and he truly loves Dickinson County and its residents.

When I was the Executive Director of the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association, I could always count on Jeff to help me get the word out about events and updates to the museum on Okoboji Broadcast with Jeff Thee.

Jeff is a staunch supporter of Dickinson County schools, and will do anything to help them.

Even though my wife Kathy and I have moved from the Lakes Area after 27 years, we both stay involved with ATLAS of the Lakes Area, a local nonprofit helping those in need. Jeff understands that mission as well and supports it by on-air interviews with our Executive Director to help get the story out. Jeff models every day, even through his vocation, how to put others ahead of himself.

I sincerely ask you to write in your vote for Jeff Thee, Dickinson County Supervisor, District 3.

Thank you. Clay Norris,



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Letter to the Editor:

The truth is..... A child is not a body part.

Freedom is not the right to kill another person.

Being a mother is truly a privilege

Sincerely, **Kate Shaw**

Spirit Lake, Iowa

Abortion is destroying a life.

Milford Catholic Daughters Hosts Veterans Soup Supper

In honor of our area veterans, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Milford will be hosting their 12th annual Community

Veterans Free Soup Supper on Saturday, November 2nd. Doors open and social time begins at 5:00pm, with the soup supper beginning at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish Center in Milford. A free soup supper invitation is extended to all area veterans, spouses or significant other, and spouses of

deceased veterans. Let's come together for

an evening of appreciation for your service to our country. Thank you so much for your



Mobile Food Pantry In Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, November 7, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are

asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the October Food Bank, 524 individuals (196 families) received 9,155 lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa.

If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church



Family of JoAnn Dorothy Chaffin would like to honor her 80th Birthday with a come and go celebration on Saturday, November 9, from 1:00-4:00pm, at the Milford Community Center (806 N Avenue, Milford, Iowa).

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Terril Public Library hours: Monday 1:00 - 6:00, Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00, Friday 10:00 - 2:00, Saturday 9:00 - 12:00. For more information, contact the library at 712-853-6224.





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Character Counts

To those who are yet undecided or wonder about switching party lines for this presidential election...this is for you. There is a special program that is taught in our school systems called "Character Counts" that teaches our children that there are 5 pillars of character and ethical values: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. My kids and now my 7 grandchildren were taught this. But it seems that should we elect Donald Trump as our President again, we better not waste time teaching Character Counts in our schools.... because apparently, we as a country do not value good character or these core ethical values any more. . . . it is all bogus.

- If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, someone who incited a riot on this nation's capital, a riot built upon lies he told and continues to tell, that an election was stolen from him, then character no longer counts.
- If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, Donald Trump, who recently called that unprecedented assault on our democracy, a "day of love," when it was actually a dark day of violence, destruction and a threat to the peaceful transfer of power, then character no longer counts.
- If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, someone who has been seen on TV ridiculing, mocking and demeaning those with special needs, then character no longer
- If we elect someone to the highest level of this nation who mocks publically, those who have served our country, Gold Star families, or those who were captured as Prisoners of war, and calls them "losers" for being caught, then character no longer counts.
- If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, someone who has been convicted of 34 felony counts, by a jury of random U.S. citizens from a judicial process that has worked for over 200 years, . . .then character no longer counts.
- If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, someone who just recently suggested he would use the military or national guard to quell what he called, "the enemy within," (or anyone who disagreed with him,) and suggests that he wants his generals to be like "Hitler's," then shame on us and character
- no longer counts. • If we are willing to elect to the highest level of this nation, Donald Trump, who is on record saying vulgar things about touching women's private parts, and we dismiss this as ok, then character no longer counts.
- If we are *not* willing to listen to Donald Trump's former chief of staff, his generals, his former Vice President, Mike Pence, his Secretary of Defense and others who worked closely with him as President previously when they tell us, "Donald Trump is not fit to be President of this country and is a danger to us"... then character no longer counts.
- If we are willing to elect Donald Trump after he tells us that he loves and admires the dictators of Russia, Venezuela, North Korea and China, and tells us he wants to be a dictator like them, making him a facist, then we know, character and democracy no longer count.
- I could go on and on with examples Donald Trump himself has given us of his poor character.

For 200 years, we have been able to withstand policy differences in this country. I certainly do not agree with every policy of either party, but in my 5 + decades of voting, I have always understood that we make our adjustments, work together and the *character* of this country remains strong, vital, represents the best of us, and stands as a beacon of hope to the rest of the world.

Friends, this election is very different. This election is less about the policy differences and more about the character of this country. Who are we? Who do we tell our children we are? Donald Trump denigrates all the core ethical values of this great country. Use your vote to tell the world that character still counts for something in this country.

Please vote for Kamala Harris.

Jane Kruse,

Spirit Lake, Iowa $*\bar{A}$ portion of this letter was paid for by the author.



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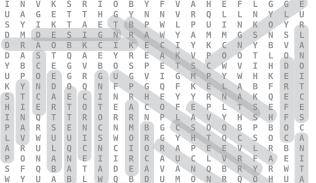
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AA Meetings Word Search Puzzle Key from page 11A



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

For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.



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To The Editor:

Why Are Real Numbers /Facts Ignored?? Americans have experienced under President Biden one of the greatest recoveries from a major economic COVID collapse but still the Republican presidential candidate, Trump claims our country's economy is "going to hell!" The sad part of this scenario is that many voters buy into Trump's outrageousness. Trump still claims his past administration created the greatest economic numbers of all time, better infrastructure, healthcare, immigration, debt reduction, employment and international relations, but failed to deliver on any of it. In fact, his administration's GDP ranked below Carter's even prior to COVID. Trump's only accomplishment was a massive tax reduction which drove up the nation's deficit over seven trillion dollars plus further widened the wealth gap so the top 1% can continue to own all the country's assets. Currently, our GDP stands at 3%, inflation at 2.4%, unemployment at 4.1%, hourly earnings up 4%, stock markets at all-time highs, consumer spending remains high, infrastructure projects abounding, new computer chip plants under construction and manufacturing returning to America. Right here in Dickinson County we have \$7.7 million in projects funded by the current Biden programs. In fact, the misery index (a summary of inflation plus unemployment) sits at 6.5% when the nation's average since 1947 is 9.1%. Hardly a failing economy. Why would voter groups ignore these real numbers? Based on Trump's past actions and his bombastic boasts can women, minorities, educators, retirees, veterans, environmentalists or young people expect he will magically make things better. In reality, Trump did nothing good for any group except the very wealthy where he finagled huge tax breaks so 1% can own most of the country's assets. But my favorite group (of which I am one) is farmers whom the majority religiously back Trump and Republican candidates. Our Senators and local House Representative decry billions in ag market deficits and cite lack of a farm bill, "open borders," regulations or "tax & spend" Democratic programs as the root of all farm problems. Nothing could be further from the truth. Reactions to Trump's tariff policies collapsed international markets for ag products. For example, China moved grain purchases to Brazil and Argentina so farmers were given a one-time give-away replacement payment (socialism?) but may never recover grain markets. Further Trump allowed 85 ethanol wavers to big oil resulting in loss of 4 billion gallons of ethanol. Now Trump proposes more tariffs including a 200% on John Deere products and will deport millions of immigrants, many of whom work directly on farms or in ag related industries. And he will cancel the ACA program which enables many family farmers to have health insurance. Trump's programs, endorsed by most Republicans, drove up farm costs and negatively impacted income. The real reason we have no new farm bill is Republican insistence on radical changes that their own Congressional party leaders won't bring to a floor vote because moderate Republicans cannot support it. Clearly, based on past real numbers/facts, Trump is no champion for any voter groups except the ultra-wealthy and himself. Coupled with his incoherent rambling, age, racism, lies, authoritarian beliefs and

only rational choice. Terry B. Yarns

Spirit Lake, Iowa

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supporting Project 2025 agenda, Trump represents economic

disaster and destruction for the fabric of our constitutional

democracy. It's up to voters to rationally look at real numbers/

facts. If they do, rejection of Trump and support of Harris is the

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.

Scheduled Presentations

Scheduled presentations at the Lakes Area Senior Center:

- November 5 Nature Center—
- Decomposers
- November 12- Bank Midwest
- November19— TBD • October 26-Treva Graves

Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place on Zoom now through April 16, 2024. Meeting ID is 77557290457 and the pass code is JXEU2H.

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, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

SMU'S Scheduled **Hydrant Flushing**

Spencer Municipal Utilities hydrant flushing schedule: October 7-31: 4th Avenue

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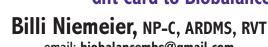
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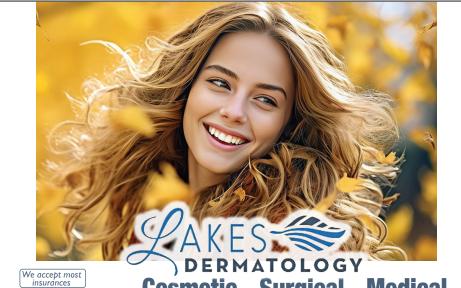


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The Okoboji Women's Club started on September 20th in 1950. The Club has continued for 74 years doing community services, friendly fellowship and speakers. It continues strong today due to many wonderful and creative women in our Lakes area, that have become members.

Our next meeting is on November 1st, at 1:00pm, at the Homestead Cooperative at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Our community service project for 3 months is the Dickinson County Museum.

Our speaker will be Mike Ehret for Emergency Management. We are looking forward to his presentation.

We believe that our club is enhanced with every new member that joins. If you are interested in attending this meeting on November 1st, please call Lyn Marksbury at 712-574-2165 to make a reservation. Looking forward to seeing all of you at this meeting.

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Kaufman, Senior Community Development Manager at the American Cancer Society; Amanda Sether (UCB Lake Park), Lynette Tracy (UCB Ocheyedan), and Abigail Nelson (UCB Hartley)

United Community Bank Joins the Fight Against Breast Cancer

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, United Community Bank has partnered with the American Cancer Society by participating in the UCB Pink & Jeans Days throughout October. Employees across all five UCB locations have come together to contribute \$10 each to wear pink and jeans on Fridays this month. This initiative not only raises awareness about breast cancer but also supports the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives through early detection, innovative research, and patient support.

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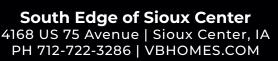


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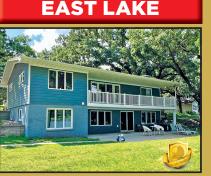
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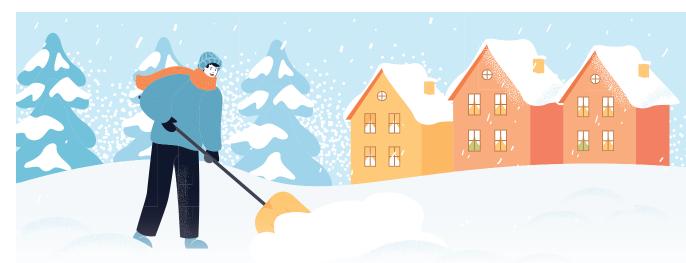


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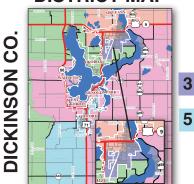


COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES SPEAK TO THESE KEY TOPICS

This informational notice is sponsored by the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCTA), a non-profit organization dedicated to taxpayer education and advocacy. The DCTA offered the four declared candidates for two County Supervisor seats the opportunity to respond to a set of important policy questions with financial/property tax implications that we believe are key for voters. Their responses to our questions are quoted verbatim below.



DISTRICT MAP



DCTA QUESTIONS

DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE RESPONSES



STEVE DULLARD

I don't agree with the back-to-back maximum property

tax increases for the residents of Dickinson County.

As an elected District 3 Supervisor, I would first start

with a return to the \$2.45 per thousand as we had

in the 2022/23 fiscal year to set the revenue level.

Then, I would examine all the expense budget

categories to achieve a balanced budget. This past

year we had nearly a \$850,000,000 increase in

property tax valuation for city and rural Dickinson

County residents. The residents are familiar with

their increase property and land valuations as they

have reviewed their September 2024 property tax

bill. There is no need to raise property tax levels

above the \$2.45 per thousand level with this massive

property valuation increase.



JEFF THEE



TIM FAIRCHILD

See "The Other Side of the

Story - The Budget" in the

Oct. 8th edition of the Lakes

Again, see "The Other Side

of the Story - The Budget"

in the Oct. 8th edition of

the Lakes News Shopper.

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LEVI MARKWARDT

From 2014 to 2023, we enjoyed a stable property

tax levy of \$2.45/ thousand. That all changed on 2-28-2023 when ALL the Dickinson County Supervisors unanimously passed the maximum property tax levy of \$3.50 for one year. The Board

of Supervisors were confident and assured us that

the levy would return to \$2.45 in fiscal year 2024/25. On April 1st, 2024, at the public hearing the Board

of Supervisors stated that they do not need property

tax money, but they have decided to take a defensive

approach and levy the maximum property tax rate

again. As a result of these two actions, we literally

cannot trust them regarding the tax levy moving

residents, property taxes are the #1 issue they are

forward. In my communications with District

frustrated with, and for good reasons.

In 2023, the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors promised a one-year maximum levy rate increase in part to pay for a new emergency radio system rather than seeking a bond issuance from county residents. At that time, the Board promised to roll

back that levy rate for the FYE 2025. In the Spring of 2024, the Board unanimously reversed this decision and promise. Do (did) you agree with this decision? Why or why not? The current County reserve fund is

estimated to be approximately 63% of operating expenses. Do you agree with the size of the reserve fund? Why or why not?

What is the most critical financial

issue/challenge facing the County?

What specifically would you do

I am of the belief that Government does not manage money better than the citizens of Dickinson County. High cash surpluses and high property tax levels should not be the goal of managing the citizen's money. It is irresponsible taxing, which could lead

to more spending. It is important to set the appropriate revenue level

and reduce the expenditure within a balanced budget framework. In doing so the excess cash surplus will

As I have asked and listened to the residents of District 3, I have heard from the citizens demanding that Dickinson County Supervisors lower property taxes

and lower spending. They are tired of all the excuses

and false promises and now demand solutions. Citizens also feel that their voice is not being heard. There is a lack of transparency between the Board of Supervisors and the citizens. Politicians were voted in to represent the citizens' best interest and they have failed to keep that promise.

Did not respond.

Did not respond.

Again, see "The Other Side of the Story - The Budget" in the Oct. 8th edition of the

Lakes News Shopper

No, I don't agree with an excessive cash reserve. This surplus reflects excessive taxation; additionally, this unwarranted and excessive surplus hurts working families due to lost income to pay for the higher than needed taxes. Essentially they are saying, "I know how to spend your money better than you"

We need to set fiscally conservative revenue targets and will do so by determining budget priorities and necessities. The total revenue and total expense must align into a balanced budget, which will

correspond to an appropriate cash reserve. In my efforts going door to door, property taxes are, by far, the #1 issue I heard raised from the constituents. The Board of Supervisors needs to

be present and respond to the concerns of the

people within the county.

We are in a tax and spend cycle. My approach will be to examine priorities and what are the necessities within the budget. It may require cuts, reductions or elimination of unnecessary expenses, it will also start with a return to the \$2.45 tax levy (2023). Also, I will vote NO to any Board of Supervisors pay increases. It is inappropriate to overtax hardworking citizens of Dickinson County and at the same time to vote yourself more than a 15% pay increase over the past 3 years.

Do you support a significant increase in the installation of wind turbines in the County?

No, I do not support additional wind turbines. We cannot allow wind turbine companies to shift the property tax credit to our citizens and county. The Board of Supervisors must deny any request for a "Special Property Tax Valuation Credit". All wind turbine companies should be required to pay 100% of their property tax annual obligation, not 25% over the duration of the lease. This "special benefit "will create a lost property tax revenue in the hundreds of millions of dollars over the period of the lease. The Board of Supervisors must represent their constituents by requiring outside interests to pay

100% taxes just like you and me.

Did not respond.

Define significant? Recently updated ordinances have resulted in a significant reduction in acres qualifying for turbine construction. See "The Other Side of the Story - Wind Turbines" in the Oct. 1st edition of the Lakes News Shopper.

The topic of wind turbines has been the second most prominent issue when talking with District 5 citizens. No, I do not support additional wind turbines. This reflects the opinion of most citizens as well. Currently, we have 147 operational wind turbines in Dickinson County, the county with the smallest land mass in Iowa. As a citizen, I do not believe we need an additional 80-160 windmills.

We need to make sure we have a 3-mile corridor for the Lakes that includes property right of way (setbacks of 3,280 feet), injury protection, property liability and pollution coverage for citizens and landowners while denying the "special property tax valuation credit" for wind turbine companies

Do you support the use of eminent domain to allow for a CO2 pipeline to be constructed in the eastern portions of Dickinson County?

No, I do not support eminent domain. Eminent domain is the government's power to take private property for public use. It should only be used to facilitate necessary infrastructure projects that are critical to the functioning of our society. If we start to allow a private CO2 pipeline project, the ability to take private owner's land will become a dangerous precedent.

Did not respond.

have a vote on the matter. The Board of Supervisors has spent \$60,000+ of taxpayer money on legal fees trying to reduce the probability of eminent domain being used in the county for this pipeline. This expenditure of taxpayer money on an effort with a low probability of success will most certainly draw the wrath of the Dickinson County

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No, I do not support a private company to exercise eminent domain over private property. In this scenario, the CO2 company would have the power to force the pipeline on unwilling landowners. The easement on the land will run forever, which no doubt, will inhibit future sales and property values while restricting opportunities for future generations. The CO2 companies get tax credits, low interest loans and the reward while the landowner assumes

Your vote Counts!

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Obituaries

Jolene Henely Longmore died Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake, Iowa, with her family by her side.

Jolene was born June 7, 1952, the daughter of Lynn E. and Betty L. (Smedley) Huff. She spent most of her childhood in Mason City and graduated from Mason City High School in 1970. Later, Jolene attended Waldorf College in Forest City and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Waldorf

Jolene worked for several years at Winnebago Industries in Forest City. It was there that she met Fredrick "Fred" Henely and the two wed in 1979. After raising



her family with Fred, Jolene returned to work for many years at Bill's Family Foods in Forest City. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, bowling on a league at the Super Bowl in Forest City with her friends, knitting baby hats for local hospitals, and serving as a breakfast buddy at Forest City Elementary School.

Jolene married Jack Longmore and moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa, in 2017. During her time with Jack, she spent her time going to dances, visiting family, playing cards with friends and neighbors, and volunteering at Lakes Regional Medical Center in Spirit Lake.

Jolene is survived by her husband, Jack Longmore of Spirit Lake; her daughter, Jody (Jacob) Gall of Mason City, her son, Raymond McCoy of Mason City, her son, Eric (Christine) Henely of Gilbert, and her son Martin Henely of Forest City; grandchildren, Allison Cannon, Brandon Hewitt, Jeremy Tollefson, Taylor McCoy, Alex Gall, Silas Gall, Peter Henely, and Ruth Henely; her sisters, Laura (Don Berry) Sooter of Milton, Florida and Irene Murphy of Evansdale, and her brother, Joseph (Diane) Huff of Arlington, Washington; her brother-in-law, Kenneth (Darla) Henely of Pella; and step-children, Joseph Henely, Chris (Bill) Olesen, Linda (Don) Hill, Kimberly (Jeff) Mueller, Donna Dieters, and John (Theresa) Longmore; along with many nieces, nephews, and great grandchildren.

Jolene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Fredrick Henely; sister, Sandra "Sandi" Huff; daughter-in-law, Connie Mc-Coy; mother-in-law, Anna Marie Henely, and father-in-law, Charles

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Be Careful How You Vote November 5

The Iowa Utilities Commission issued Summit a building permit in August but construction is contingent on permits being approved in the Dakotas first. Fortunately there is a group of Iowa lawmakers working to stop the permit.

There are estimates that they would use 3.36 billion gallons of water a year. This would be above the amount ethanol plants use to produce ethanol. These aquifers cannot sustain this expanded draw down and with such an expansion of pattern tiling, confinement barns and human consumption that exists now, wells are going to go dry. Look to the west in Nebraska where there is a 150,000 head feed lot proposed that would require 411 million gallons of water annually. Everyone is going to suffer in the long run.

So not only the water demand should rule it out, but the fact that a private corporation could get by using eminent domain to acquire land should be reason enough it should never have even got to first base. Also what is not even talked about is the environmental impact of disturbing 2,500 miles of earth. The fuel alone used in trucks and equipment would generate more CO2, which would have to be taken into account before any supposed gain could be seen-sad to say it is all about the money as always.

So if you vote for a county supervisor or state office member, find out where they stand before you check the box.

Mike Handzus

Lakefield, Minnesota

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To The Editor:

In recent months, a group of neighbors in the Twelve Mile and southern Estherville Townships have learned of the Red Rock wind project, part of Invenergy, finishing the requirements for the submission of their application in Emmet County. The wind ordinance for Emmet County, established in 2011, is the ordinance the application will be held to since it was submitted on Thursday October 3, 2024.

The Emmet County Planning and Zoning Board has also been working over the past few months to update the wind turbine ordinance, as wind turbines have only become more powerful and significantly taller. Red Rock/Invenergy was aware of this process. The P & Z Board commented to Red Rock, in the public hearing, Red Rock should be held to the new ordinance. A member of P & Z asked them as good neighbors to respect the process and hold off the application until a new ordinance is in place. As stated above, the Red Rock application was submitted two days after the public hearing.

Emmet County's portion of the Tri-county (Dickinson & Clay) project contains 19 wind turbines. Twenty years ago, when this project began, wind turbines averaged 250 feet in height. As a reference, the Iowa Lakes Community College turbine on the south side of the Estherville campus is 262 feet tall. Turbines in the application recently submitted are 591 feet tall. In comparison, the tallest building in Iowa at 801 Grand Ave in Des Moines is 631 feet tall. There are only four buildings in the city of Minneapolis that are taller than these proposed turbines. Think about that, only the four tallest skyscrapers in the cities are taller.

The major concern with these turbines is they only need to be set back 1250 feet from an occupied dwelling. The setback is regardless if the dwelling owner is a participant or non-participant in the Red Rock project. Also, with a blade length of 263 feet (ILCC entire turbine is 262 feet), the true setback is only 987 feet. When the 2011 ordinance was put into place, a 1250 setback would be five times the turbine height of the average 250 foot turbine. At five times the 591 foot turbine, 2,955 feet would be a possible setback recommendation. The other setback issue, the measurement is from the occupied dwelling not the occupant's property line. Current property line setback is only 1.1 times the height of the turbine so for 591 feet that comes to 650 feet. None of these setbacks are safe distances.

Non-participating residents are being placed right in the middle of this Red Rock project with absolutely no concern for our safety. Our homes, land, livelihood, everything we have worked towards is in danger. We understand wind projects are here and another Emmet County project is in the works.

There is going to be a Board of Adjustments public hearing in mid-November to discuss the acceptance or denial of the Red Rock application. Please join us to convince the Board of Adjustments to deny this application. Make Red Rock/Invenergy re-submit their application, so they are subjected to the new ordinance being developed. An ordinance more geared to these monster turbines.

Safety should always be the number one consideration for any and all parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Natterstad, Estherville, Iowa

Member of the Non-Participating Citizens of SW Emmet County

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

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- Where to Shovel? Clear full width of the sidewalk. Salt and sand icy spots.
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- · How do I avoid a \$25 snow tickets? If it is snowing or if snow is in the forecast keep vehicles off streets and alleys until the street has been plowed curb to curb.
- Violators will be ticketed \$25 per offense. · What happens if I throw, push, or place snow/ice from private property onto a street or alley? You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
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- How can I get notifications when there is a snow emergency for Milford? Register for notifications at www.dcem.us (Dickinson County Emergency Management)
- Drive carefully, obey posted speed limits, and adjust your speed according to the current conditions. (Note: the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted).

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles may only be operated on city streets when traveling directly to or from the nearest designated snowmobile trail on the most direct route.

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ATVs may be driven on city streets by licensed driver's age 18 years or older. The only two places to cross over Hwy 71 is 6th and 10th Street. For a full listing of regulations visit www.milford.ia.us located under Frequently Asked Questions.

Fire Hydrants

Please keep snow cleared around fire hydrants following each snow event. Clear a $wide \, enough \, perimeter \, (about \, 3 \, feet) \, around$ the hydrant for firefighters to work. Your assistance with this is appreciated to help ensure a rapid response by the Fire Department in the event of a fire during the winter.

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Garbage Collection

 Residential garbage collection is every Tuesday unless Monday is a holiday then collection will be on Wednesday. Please have all garbage containers to the curb no later than 7 a.m. If you forget to place your garbage container to the curb you will have to wait until the next scheduled Tuesday collection. • If you have extra bags of trash that will not fit in the cart, bag tags can be purchased at Milford City Clerk's office for \$3.00 per tag. • Tags for white goods may be purchased at the City Clerk's office at any time during Park Board Member Needed **the year.** Items such as furniture, mattresses etc. you may contact Waste Management at 888-960-0008 to arrange a pickup or you may take those items to the landfill east of

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Recycling
Residential curbside recycling service is split into two weeks, Gold Week and Green Week, both serviced on Tuesdays every other week. All residences located on the South side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Gold Week. All residences located on the North Side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Green Week. The Dickinson County Recycle Center is available to assist residents for disposal of unique and difficult items. Electronic Waste, Tires, Batteries, and Household Hazardous Materials. Or visit their SWAP shop of many unused items that are free of charge to the public. The ${\sf Dickinson County Collection Center is located}$ east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a ½ mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountycon- servationboard.com/rcc/

Green Waste Site

Please be aware that the Milford Green Waste site is only for Milford residential resi $dents\,with\,green\,waste\,originating\,within\,the$ Milford city limits. Those not living within the city limits of Milford are not permitted to drop off at this site. Those with a Milford mailing address but living outside city limits ie. Dickinson County, Wahpeton, West Okoboji and the like can be charged for illegal dumping. This site is for the City of Milford tax payers only. All others should contact their city or county for green waste sites or bring to the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a ½ mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/rcc/

Burning

Landscape waste burning is Prohibited within Milford city limits per Ordinance No.

Dogs in Parks and other Public Areas

A reminder to keep your pets on a leash and to pick up after them. Doggie bags and receptacles are located throughout the city for your convenience to do so. It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City and it shall also be unlawful for any person to place animal defecation on the property of another or property owned by the City or MMU. If found in violation of such an offense the City may proceed with a municipal infraction. Overall, please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet so all can enjoy our green spaces, this includes the airport grass

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The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the Park Board (6 year term) to fill the (remainder of term through 12/31/2027). The Park Board is created to advise the Council on forms of recreation and is an excellent opportunity for community involvement. This member my be a nonresident of the City if that nonresident owns property or a business within Milford. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested please contact: LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator @ 712-338-2741, Email: Ireinsbach@milford.ia.us or, visit https:// milford.ia.us/forms-and-document/fora board member application. All appointments will be in accordance with Milford City Ordinances, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

Milford Municipal Utilities Board **Member Needed**

The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the MMU Board (6-year term) to fill the (remainder of term through 12/31/2025). The Utility Board oversees and makes policies concerning the affairs of the Milford municipal water and electric utilities. This board is an excellent opportunity for community involvement and to have a hand in shaping policies and decisions. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested please contact: Kae Hoppe, MMU Board Chairperson, Email: MMUTrustee2@milford. ia.us or, visit https://milford.ia.us/formsand-document/ for a board member application. The position will be made by the mayor with city council approval and will be in accordance with the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

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Joe Meyer of Total Outdoorsmen of NW Iowa accepts a check from Tyler Ohl, Tom Brown and Brad Simington of Farmers Savings Bank in support of the upcoming fall banquet November 16th at the Hartley Community Center.

Total Outdoorsmen is a non-denominational ministry in the Midwest with a vision focusing on using God's creation to come alongside men and walk with them in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

This year's speaker is Clay Norris. Clay Norris is "one of us". Until a recent move to Swisher in SE Iowa, Clay and his wife Kathy lived in the Iowa Great Lakes area for 27 years. They were members of CrossWinds Church in Spirit Lake for 25 years. Clay is a father of six and grandfather to seven. He currently works as a School/Business Liaison for Linn County at Workplace Learning Connections Center (Cedar Rapids) via Kirkwood Community College. Clay points to time with his father and maternal grandfather as his introduction to fishing and upland game hunting. He continues to be an avid angler. During 20+ years of his working life, Clay worked in Product Management and Advertising for globally known fishing tackle brands like Berkley, Fenwick, Humminbird, Spiderwire, Zebco and countless others. In that time, he was able to spend time fishing/working with pros Hank Parker, Al Lindner and Skeet Reese to name a few.

The banquet is intended for the whole family (women and children are encouraged to attend) where we will have fishing lure making, knot tying, fishing simulator, plinko, bean bag toss, etc. There will also be raffle tickets, silent auction items, guns, bows, trips, and gear.

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To the Residents of Milford and District 5 Voters:

We are writing this letter in support of Levi Markwardt for Supervisor. We have known Levi and his family for most of his life. We also knew his mom and dad, observing and appreciating the solid foundation they gave him while growing up.

Levi owns and runs Athletic Republic in Spirit Lake. He has earned many distinguished world rankings and certifications in this field and is an expert in training athletics all over the world. While this background information may seem irrelevant or unconnected regarding his qualifications to be a County Supervisor, it is very relevant.

Levi is very serious minded, thoughtful and extremely disciplined in life. He is someone who will gather facts from every available resource before making a decision. His most important quality is that he is a man of few words who actually listens to others before deciding on a course of action. This is a quality he has developed over the years in being able to train athletes of all races and personalities.

We have attended the same church as Levi for over a decade. We have seen Levi's leadership, faith and commitment to honesty and transparency. He doesn't come into any situation thinking he knows it all or has all the answers. But he knows how to subjectively look at a situation and be a part of a solution that would represent the majority of citizens. He believes in government by the people, for the people as set by those who founded our country.

Levi didn't decide to run for Supervisor lightly. He carefully, with prayer, discussion with family and others, counted the cost of what this commitment would entail. He decided he would be willing and able to give as much time as necessary to being a competent expression of local government leadership, because he loves this area. Our county will greatly benefit from his leadership, which

he intends to keep open. He would be a perfect fit in discussing problems and solutions with others, to keep our area thriving. We ask you to vote for Levi Markwardt for District 5 Supervisor.

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Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the Board of Supervisors excessive spending. Did you know that they had over \$15,000,000 cash balance at the start of the 24/25 fiscal year, yet they still raised your taxes to the **maximum**. Why?

Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the maximum property tax plan against working families from these back-to-back property tax maximum increases, making it difficult for working families to keep and own their home. Citizens demand that we return to the 22/23 property tax levy of \$2.45 per thousand which was promised to us by all the Board of Supervisors.

Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the maximum property tax plan against families who work multiple jobs to pay for the real estate taxes which are viewed as unfair and a regressive tax to citizens. Real estate taxes are difficult to understand, which further compounds the issue.

Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the maximum property tax plan against working families trying to force families to live in apartments. This also makes it difficult for a tenant to ever come up with the down payment to buy a home that has a high property tax valuation.

Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the maximum property tax plan against seniors who struggle to pay their property taxes with a limited retirement income or on social security. This is causing them to worry if they should keep their home or sell it with all the positive memories of their past. Vote Levi Markwardt and stop the Board of Supervisors who took the largest back-to-back tax increases. A fiscal responsible person would not raise your taxes to the maximum.

The Board of Supervisors have shown in the past they WILL raise your taxes. With surplus money, the following comment was made at the April 30th, 2024 public hearing. Dickinson County does not NEED your property tax money, but they are

All the Board of Supervisors' actions provide insight into their focus on spending.

raising your property taxes for defensive purposes. When did this become the tax and spend policy that five people have decided is right? It is wrong to just raise your taxes because they feel inclined to do so!

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Cerebral Awareness Disorder

It's about time. You know, every four years. November time. It's also the time we need to start exercising our left pre-frontal cortex again. You know the one. The area of the brain that regulates things like word choice, expectations, grammar, learning capacity and comprehension. Sadly, there are some among us who are having comprehension issues.

With Joey done, Dems now conjure up a local county fair circus tent side-show act. While Dem media manipulation machine works overtime 8 days a week to laud her passion. Unfortunately, passions cost money. Where will the money come from? Is it free? Can elephants fly? Right out of the box Kamala wants to "borrow" 4 trillion dollars. That would put us at 39.4 trillion in the hole. We're already paying 1.73 million a day just in interest. By that way, the government had to borrow that 635 million just to make the interest payment and not a penny went towards the principle.

The border. What border? She cries out how the Republicans just killed a recent border bill. She's right, but why? Because Republicans felt the penalties were just a slap on the wrist. The whole bill was just Dems trying to play the Trojan horse card on the voters. Crossings are down? How about the 1,000s being flown over the wall into our country every night. She doesn't

Crime: She says felony crime rates are down. Correct. But Why? Because these sanctuary cities have downgraded most felonies into misdemeanors, so of course felony crime notes are down. Do any rational mids out there actually believe overall crime rate are down. Can hippos fly?

Energy: America has more oil and gas than Saudi Arabia, yet we pay them billions. Why aren't we selling our energy on the world market and bringing those billions back into our economy?

Women's sports: "Let the transgenders compete," she says. Fine. Then let them form their own transgender league and compete against each other. It could even go world-wide on the Net. Transgenders should not be competing in girls sports. Can things get any worse? Did Mary have a little lamb?

Toxic food additives: Dems mega-donors say they're safe. It's obvious Dems are desperate.

Do Americans really want someone like her with her misguided comprehension skills and her cerebral awareness disorder? Can buffalo fly? Evolution not revolution. Winning-winning.

Robert Fox Montgomery, Iowa

Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park Adopt A Family for Christmas

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning

at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm. Volun-



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teers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions?

If you are a Dickinson County family experiencing financial difficulties, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, INC. would like to brighten your Christmas.

The Upper Des Moines Opportunity Outreach Office is accepting applications for our Adopt a Family program, now through December 2nd. Please stop in our office at 1575 18th Street in Spirit Lake, IA to pick up your application or you may call our office at (712) 336-1112.

For more information on how to Adopt a Family or contribute to our program, you can also call the UDMO Outreach office

Names of all applicants are confidential.



American Paddlefish Once Again Swimming in West Lake Okoboji

After over 100 years, they're back! The much anticipated "re-stocking" of the American paddlefish into West Lake Okoboji began Tuesday, October 8, with a release at the Emerson Bay Boat Ramp in Emerson Bay. According to Mike Hawkins, Iowa DNR Fisheries Biologist, "Our hatchery staff did a great job of dialing in the hauling densities and handling techniques." A total of 1900 paddlefish, which had been raised at the Lake Rathbun Hatchery and transported to Spirit Lake, were then placed in tanks at the Spirit Lake Hatchery and after stress relief, they were then stocked in West Lake Okoboji over a period of several days.

In addition, on Wednesday afternoon, 25 of the paddlefish were implanted with acoustic tags so that their movements can be studied over the next one and a half years. With 20 acoustic receivers on the bottom of the lake, the receivers will log seasonal migration around the lake and identify if the fish are leaving the lakes system. Once a fish is "heard" by the receiver, it records the exact date and time that the fish swam by. Biologists can then download this data periodically and determine patterns of movement.

Hawkins explains, "We don't know a lot about how well they will survive, and if they will actually stay in the lake, or what they will do and where they will go. So, to answer some of those questions, we are implanting tags into the body cavity of the fish."

Stocking on both Wednesday and Thursday took place between 2-3 p.m. Friday was designated as media/general public day at Emerson Bay Boat Ramp as the final 400 paddlefish were released into West Lake Okoboji at approximately 1 p.m. Hawkins noted that area media were alerted of the Press Day stocking and that all people interested in viewing the stocking were invited. A crowd of an estimated 40+ people stood on both sides of the truck at the ramp and took

Hawkins talked about the fish being

stocked. "These paddlefish are from a wild population with great wild genetics. To ensure good stocking conditions, we waited until the water cooled down in our area lakes, and then brought the fish from the Rathbun Hatchery in southern Iowa."

These fish, even though it has been documented that they can live for as long as 50 years and can become extremely large, pose no threat to other fish and humans. They eat by simply swimming around with their mouth open and inside their mouth are structures called gill rakers. As they swim, tiny plankton is trapped by the gill rakers and then swallowed. Although they eat tiny food, as they grow, they definitely eat lots of it!

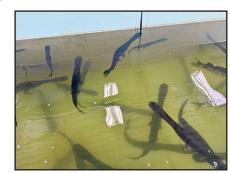
Historical data

According to Hawkins, research shows that this fish has been gone from the Iowa Great Lakes since about 1919, and as far as the DNR can tell, the paddlefish were native to the Iowa Great Lakes. Historically, there are lots of photographs floating around of paddlefish being taken in the early 1900s through about 1919. Hawkins says, "They probably disappeared because of fragmentation of the river systems with the dams that were put in place. Those dams would stop the upstream migration. These fish don't reproduce in lake systems and are a river fish." Before the dams, the paddlefish would make the long migration to the Iowa Great Lakes.

The American paddlefish is actually the only species of paddlefish left in the

Restoration efforts have been very successful across the Midwest and here in the Missouri and Mississippi river systems in Iowa. In Iowa, there is actually a limited season on paddlefish on the Missouri River side and the Big Sioux River in the state.

Hawkins says, "The Iowa Great Lakes because of its history of having paddlefish was a natural choice to do some stocking here." They are a big fish with stories and pictures from the early 1900s of fish of 185



Paddlefish swimming in Hatchery tanks .(photo by Steve Weisman)



(photo by Steve Weisman)

pounds and even one (not documented) of 210 pounds, both caught on West Okoboji **Information from the Iowa DNR**

Currently, there is a paddlefish snagging season on the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers beginning on February 1 through April 30. Anglers fishing for paddlefish must have a valid Iowa fishing license, along with a special paddlefish license and unused transportation tag(s). There is the possibility this might become a recreational opportunity several years down the road.



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Buttermilk Chicken Kabobs

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42 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped

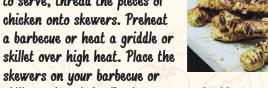
3 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon clear honey
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound, 2 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into

Place all of the ingredients, except the chicken, in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the chicken and turn to coat with the marinade. Cover with the plastic wrap and leave to marinate in the fridge

Serves 4

for 2 to 12 hours. When ready to serve, thread the pieces of chicken onto skewers. Preheat a barbecue or heat a griddle or



skillet and cook for 5 minutes on each side, turning every now and then, until golden on all sides and cooked through. Serve immediately.

bite-sized chunks Recipe Courtesy of: "Casablanca: My Moroccan Food" (Firefly Books) by Nargisse Benkabbou

Milford Catholic Daughters Hosts Veterans Soup Supper

Americas in Milford will be hosting their 12th annual Community

Veterans Free Soup Supper on Saturday, November 2nd. Doors open and social time begins at 5:00pm, with the soup supper beginning at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish Center in Milford. A free soup supper invitation is extended to all area veterans, spouses or significant other, and spouses of deceased veterans.

Let's come together for an evening of appreciation

for your service to our country. Thank you so much for your dedication!

Mobile Food Pantry In Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, November 7, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are

asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the October Food Bank, 524 individuals (196 families) received 9,155 lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa.



If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.



ILCC to Host Annual Veterans Day Program

Iowa Lakes Community College will host the annual Veterans Day program, which will take place on Monday, November 11,

2024, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus, and the public is invited to attend the ceremony.

"We are deeply honored to recognize the courageous men and women who have served to protect the freedoms we enjoy today," said Tim Ireland, Veterans Center Director at Iowa Lakes. "This event is a meaningful way to express our gratitude and respect for all Veterans, including the many student Veterans within our community."



Tim Ireland. Veteran Center Director

This year's keynote speaker will be Tim Ireland, who was awarded the 2023 Veteran Champion in Higher Education Award. A retired Air National Guard Veteran, Ireland's distinguished military career spans nearly four decades, from 1981 to 2019, culminating in his role as Chief Boom Operator for the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Ireland's extensive service includes time in both the Iowa Army National Guard and the Iowa Air National Guard. Having been deployed multiple times, he brings a wealth of personal experience. Chief Ireland's message will be about military teamwork.

The emcee for the program will be Lorenzia Henderson. Henderson is retired from the Marines and Army after a 32-year career. He worked at Iowa Lakes Community College for a year and a half and is currently working on his master's degree in social work at Walden University; he will complete this program in the fall of 2025. He is married to Debra Henderson. Debra is a native of Hartley, Iowa.

The program will also feature the Estherville VFW John W. Bradford Post 3388, which will present the colors, as well as incorporate captivating musical performances by the Iowa Lakes Choir directed by Professor Brett Fuelberth and Iowa Lakes Band directed by Professor Carol Ayres.

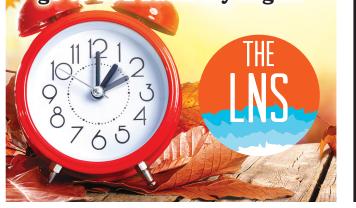
Parker Partello, a student at Iowa Lakes Community College, a member of the Iowa Army National Guard, and a graduate of Spirit Lake High School, will speak as well about the History of Veterans Day.

After the ceremony, Iowa Lakes will offer a complimentary lunch to Veterans and their spouses in The Max dining hall from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The complementary lunch will be provided by the Elks Lodge #528 of Estherville, Iowa, and an individual donor. Iowa Lakes remains dedicated to creating a military and Veteran-friendly environment and has accumulated many awards due to a solid commitment to serving the military community, including 2022-23 Military Friendly School® Silver, 2022-2023 Military Spouse Friendly School, Top Veteran-Friendly School from U.S. Veterans Magazine for seven years, 2021-22 Top 10 Military Friendly® School, and CHAMP designation.

For those unable to attend the ceremony in person, the event will be streamed at iowalakes.edu.

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If interested, please contact:

LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator @ 712-338-2741, Email: lreinsbach@milford.ia.us or, visit www.milford. ia.us for a board member application.

CITY OF MILFORD, IOWA



CITY OF MILFORD: MUNICIPAL UTILITY **BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

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If interested in the position, please contact Milford Municipal Utility Board Chairperson Kae Hoppe MMUTrustee2@milford.ia.us or visit www.milford.ia.us for a board member application.

The position will remain open until it is filled. The appointment will be made by the mayor with city council approval and will be in accordance with the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

CITY OF MILFORD, IOWA

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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 Voters,

I wrote a letter to President Joe Biden and this was his reply to me. He has passed the baton on to Kamala Harris and I encourage you to vote for her.

Dear Mrs. Lemkuil,

Thank you for writing to me. It has been the honor of my life to serve as your President. I have been blessed with the love and support of the American people, and I am grateful to know that I earned yours,

We have come so far since my inauguration. Today, we have the strongest economy in the world. We have restored our democratic alliances, and the American people are safer because of it. We are rebuilding our Nation, bringing manufacturing back, and leading the world in science and innovation. Many Americans have health care today more than ever before. And I was proud to sign the most significant climate law in history. America remains the most powerful idea: that we are all created equal and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives, That idea is stronger than any one of us, and while we've never fully lived up to it, we've never walked away from it either. I know what that we will not walk away from it now.

I believe our county is at an inflection point-one of those rare moments in history when the decisions we make now will determine the fate of our Nation and the world for decades to come. We just have to remember who we are: We're the United States of America, and there is nothing beyond our capacity when we do it together. Thank you, and God bless you,

Sincerely, Joe Biden.

I wanted to share this letter with my newspaper reading friends and hope you will read it and vote for Kamala Harris at the upcoming election. I have voted and hope you will also vote. Thank you to the newspaper for printing my letter from President Biden.

Sincerely yours, Colleen M. Lemkuil Registered Nurse and Iowa Farmer.

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Lakes Area Senior

Center Activities

Tuesday, October 29

12:00 - Dinner Date

-Treva Graves Health

Wednesday, October 30

9:00 - Exercise Class

Thursday, October 31

12:00 - Dinner Date

10:00 - Strummers

1:00 - 500 Cards

3:00 - Cribbage

4:30 - Hope Haven

5:00 - Zumba Class

Friday, November 1

9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date

Big Room Reserved

Sunday, November 3

Monday, November 4

9:00 - Exercise

11:00 - Reserved

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - Asian MahJong

Dinner Date meals are avail-

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High School Students Take Flight with Iowa Lakes Aviation Program

Iowa Lakes Community College is soaring to new heights with a recent \$493,657 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the Pilot Workforce Development Grant Program. The grant will support the expansion of the Iowa Lakes Aviation and Airport Management Program and help equip high school students with the essential skills needed for successful careers in the aviation industry. The first initiative under the grant is the launch of a Part 107 Remote Pilot Course, focusing on learning to fly unmanned aircraft systems (drones), set to begin in early 2025.

As the aviation industry faces a growing demand for pilots, Iowa Lakes is stepping up to address this need by offering opportunities for early career preparation. In addition to an Associate of Science degree, FAA licenses, and industry connections, Iowa Lakes' new grant-funded program will create a pathway for high school students from Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto counties to gain hands-on experience in drone operations with the added benefit of earning up to 4 college credits through concurrent enrollment as well.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant from the FAA's Pilot Workforce Development Grant Program," said Tim Busch, Director of the Aviation Program and Chief Flight Instructor at Iowa Lakes. "The funding will enable us to enhance our topranked aviation program, currently recognized as the number one program among community colleges and third nationwide. Our focus is on creating new learning opportunities for high school students, and we are excited to expand our drone and rotary wing programs while building a connection with area high school students and the aviation industry."

Key benefits of the grant include:

• Development of a high school curriculum that creates a seamless transition into the Iowa Lakes Aviation & Airport Management program

• Expansion of the drone program to meet the rising demand for skilled drone operators, including training opportunities for high school instructors.

• Introduction of a Rotary Wing curriculum, making Iowa Lakes the first community college in Iowa to offer this training. • Strengthening Iowa Lakes' presence in the aviation education sector, positioning the college as a leader in the field.

High school students interested in enrolling in the Part 107 Remote Pilot Training for college credit in early 2025 are encouraged to contact Emily Mullaly, FAA Grant Coordinator, at emullaly@iowalakes.edu to join the prospective student list. When enrollment opens, students on the prospect list will have the first opportunity to register for the class.

For more details on Iowa Lakes Community College and The Lakes Area Senior Centhe Aviation & Airport Management Program, visit www.iowter looks forward to seeing you. alakes.edu.

Singer/Songwriter Dickey Lee at Cobblestone Ballroom

The Midwest All-Music Association (MAMA), a nonprofit organization, is holding an extravaganza event at the famed Cobblestone Ballroom, 98 Lakeshore Drive, Lakeside, Iowa, on Sunday, November 3, 2024, with a MAMA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, dance and show, featuring legendary Nashville singer/songwriter Dickey Lee as an inductee and performer. Auto dealership Edwards of Storm Lake, Iowa, has sponsored Dickey Lee's appearance for the event. Doors open to the public at 1:30 p.m., the induction ceremony starts at 2:30 p.m. and the show begins at 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased at Cobblestone or by contacting MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow at 712-299-3558.

ILCC Awarded \$1.98 Million Grant for Industrial Training and Workforce Development

Iowa Lakes Community College has been awarded a \$1,986,637 grant through the U.S. Department of Energy's Industrial Training and Assessment Centers (ITAC) expansion initiative. This funding will enable Iowa Lakes to enhance its industrial training programs, particularly in areas related to energy efficiency, advanced manufacturing, and sustainability. The college is one of a select group of institutions chosen to bolster workforce training in critical sectors nationwide.

With this funding, Iowa Lakes plans to expand its curriculum, offering hands-on training that prepares students for the demands of modern industries, driving local economic growth and innovation. This will directly impact the Welding Technology, Engineering Technology, Electrical Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology programs, ensuring students gain practical, in-demand skills in high-growth industries.

Scott Stokes, President of Iowa Lakes Community College, highlighted the broader vision: "We are incredibly honored to receive this grant and excited about the opportunities it will create for our students and the industries we serve. This funding allows us to build on our tradition of delivering high-quality, relevant education that meets the needs of employers and provides pathways to rewarding careers, especially in fields like welding, electrical technology, and renewable energy."

Jeff Soole, Dean of Career and Technical Education & Workforce Training emphasized the impact on specific programs, "This grant positions Iowa Lakes as a leader in industrial and workforce training. Our Welding Technology, Electrical Technology, Engineering Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology programs will receive significant support to advance energy-efficient practices and state-of-the-art training. Our students will be prepared for the challenges of industries essential to the nation's economic and energy future.'

The U.S. Department of Energy's ITAC expansion program aims to advance energy-efficient practices and foster innovation in industrial settings. The grant will be used to upgrade Iowa Lakes' training facilities, provide cutting-edge equipment, and expand partnerships with local and regional industries, ensuring students receive practical, workforce-ready experience.

These enhancements will create new learning opportunities and improve career outcomes for students pursuing careers in fields vital to the U.S. economy, including manufacturing, energy,

and sustainable technology. Additional Benefits of the U.S. Department of Energy's Industrial Training and Assessment

Centers (ITAC) expansion initiative Through this initiative, Iowa Lakes will not only enhance academic programs but also provide

twenty-four, \$3,000 scholarships over three years for students pursuing clean energy industry careers. Additionally, 60 internship stipends, valued at \$1,296 each, will be available over that same time period to help students cover living expenses while gaining real-world experience. These internships are designed to give students hands-on exposure to the energy sector while easing the financial burden.

Additionally, Iowa Lakes will also conduct 50 technical assessments in small to medium-sized manufacturing facilities, aimed at improving energy efficiency and sustainability in the industry. These assessments will provide valuable learning opportunities for students while directly impacting the local economy and environmental sustainability.

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Spencer TOPS-Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

The upcoming Tuesday will be busy when the four members share their experiences at the Denison Rally. The TOPS group meets at 1:45pm for weigh-in and the support group and program will be from 2:00 to 3:00pm. They meet every Tuesday to be weighed in and say the TOPS pledge. Every week is a new program. Many programs come from the TOPS magazine and online

messages. The October goal is to build strength. Spencer would like four new members this year. Please call Marcia Taylor at 712-260-7204 or email her at MKtaylorMK@yahoo.com. Or visit the TOPS website at www.tops.org. That will direct you to a chapter near you. Spencer Chapter meets at the Masonic Temple at 103 E. 4th Street in downtown Spencer. You can just walk in at 1:45pm on Tuesday and they will welcome you.

One of the skits at the Denison Rally was on the weight recorders and then the weight recorders in the room of 60 attendees were Shurmaine Mc Alpine, Marcia Taylor, Helen Walker, honored. The skits showed the woman who



and Judy Johnson.

why but I always insist I remove my glasses takes every thing off to be weighed "I do not know I doubt they weigh much." They talked about the woman who when she makes a goal hugs the weight recorder and the ones who scream at the recorder when they gain. It was a fun skit and we all cheered for the group when they finished. We got information to share with our chapters at our next meeting. One handout is on exercise. One of the Spencer members, Helen Walker, President, was again recognized for her great loss in 2023. We are all trying to lose before the last weigh in of the year. It teaches you to eat right over the upcoming holidays. The morning speakers were on Protein in our diets and Exercise.

We were told at the Denison Rally on Saturday that the next rally will be June 6 and 7, 2025, in Dubuque, Iowa, at the Holiday Inn. The 2024 winners will be announced then. We hope we have some area winners that day.

We sang songs at the rally. One of the songs is as follows: "Oh, the more we get together, together, together, the more we get together the thinner we'll be. For your loss is my loss and my loss is your loss. Oh, the more we get together the thinner we'll be. Please join the Spencer group next Tuesday for support, fun and education. Call Marcia today

or text her at 712-260-7204.

Iowa Lakes Criminal Justice Program Connects Students with Industry Leaders for Real-World Career Insights

chael Elbert, is hosting a dynamic speaker series this Fall, designed to immerse students in the criminal justice career path through real-world experiences

Iowa Lakes Community College's Criminal Justice program, under the leadership of Dr. Mi-

and industry connections.

The series brings together a diverse group of professionals from law enforcement, the judiciary, and legal counsel, offering students the chance to engage directly with experts in the field. These interactions provide invaluable insights into the day-to-day realities of criminal justice careers, foster professional relationships, and better prepare students to tackle the challenges they will face after graduation.

The lineup of speakers represents a broad spectrum of criminal justice roles, giving students exposure to various career paths:

- District Associate Judge Ann Gales, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto counties
- Clay County Drug Court Panel, (October 30-Tentative)
- Kayla Evans-Olson, Juvenile Defense Counsel, Pelzer Law Firm (October 31) • Travis Johnson, Clay County Prosecutor (November 6)
- Tyler Reck, Probation Officer, 3rd Judicial District; Dan Pullen, Intensive Supervision Probation Officer; Jody Hobmeier, Substance Abuse Counselor (November 6) • Tyler Reck, Probation Officer, 3rd Judicial District; and Dan Pullen, Intensive Supervision

Probation Officer (November 13) Earlier this fall, students connected with industry professionals through hands-on experiences

and compelling discussions, including: •Office Ryan Ahrends, Estherville Police Department Firearms Instructor (October 23) •Detective Andrew Clayton, Estherville Police Department Defensive Tactics Instructor

• Shawn Olsen, Juvenile Court Officer, Emmet, Dickinson, and Kossuth Counties (October 24)

- Chief Federal Judge John A. Jarvey (Retired), Southern District of Iowa (October 25) • Jody Hobmeier, Addictions Counselor, and tour of Rosecrance-Jackson Substance Abuse
- Center in Estherville (October 18)
- District Associate Judge Shawna Ditsworth, 3rd Judicial District, lectured a juvenile delinquency class on the Dickinson County/Osceola County juvenile justice system (October 15)
- Matt Reinecke, Emmet County Conservation Director and K-9 "Pepper" (October 4) • Brent Shatto, Chief of Police, Estherville Police Department (September 20)
- Melanie Summers-Bauler, Emmet County Prosecutor (September 13)
- These sessions offer students real-world exposure, industry networking, and practical insights into their future careers, making the Iowa Lakes Criminal Justice program a gateway to profes-

To learn more about the upcoming speakers or the Criminal Justice program, or to attend a session, please contact Dr. Elbert at melbert@iowalakes.edu.



Do You Have A Special Event?

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

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Consider renting their large dining room which seats 100 if extra tables are set up. It rents for \$110 per day (there is an extra charge if kitchen equipment is used).





Literary Genre Spotlight: Horror vs. Thriller by Jill Jennings

Halloween, All Soul's Day, All Saint's Day, Day of the Dead - This time of year is dedicated to all things scary, spooky, and beyond this world. Why not read a book that fits in with that theme? Today's focus is on two popular literary genres: Horror

Horror. Horror novels are meant to scare, startle, shock, and even repulse readers. Generally focusing on themes of death, demons, evil spirits, and the afterlife, they prey on fears with scary beings like ghosts, vampires, werewolves, witches, and monsters. In horror fiction, plot and characters are tools used to elicit a terrifying sense of dread.

There are actually several subgenres of horror. A reader may think s/he doesn't like horror, but if a person looks at the variety of choices, it may be possible to find a horror novel to enjoy. A few of the subgenres under the umbrella of horror are as follows: Psychological Horror (focuses on the mental, emotional, and psychological states to frighten, disturb, or unsettle readers), Witch Horror (includes stories that involve witches or witchcraft), and Southern Gothic (employs the use of the macabre, ironic events to examine the values of the American South.) There are more than two dozen horror subgenres to choose from; maybe one of them will be right for you! (https://self-publishingschool. *com/horror-subgenres/)*

Thriller. Thriller novels are dark, mysterious, and suspenseful plot-driven stories. They very seldom include comedic elements, but what they lack in humor, they make up for in suspense. Thrillers keep readers on their toes and use plot twists, red herrings (a misleading, or false, clue), and cliffhangers (A plot device that marks the end of a section of a narrative with the express purpose of keeping the reader engaged in the story.), to keep them guessing until the end.

There are not quite as many subgenres for thrillers as there are for horror – just under a dozen. Action, political and medical are a few that readers could try. (https://self-publishingschool. *com/thriller-genre-subgenres/)*

Whatever your preference, try a new genre or subgenre today! (https://www.masterclass.com/articles/what-are-the-different-

genres-of-literature-a-guide-to-14-literary-genres)

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, November 4, 10:30 Play Time
- Monday, November 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah-Jong
- Monday, November 4, 5:15 p.m. Library Board Meeting
- Tuesday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quilters • Wednesday, November 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Quilters
- Thursday, November 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah-Jong • Saturday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Puzzle Exchange

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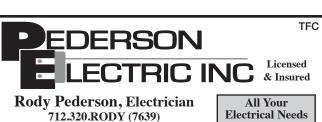


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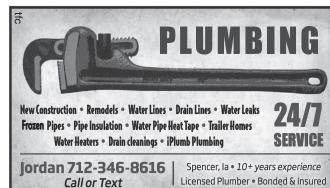




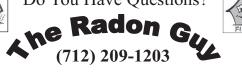
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Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB

Clay County Connection To Receive State Rec Trails Funding

Funding recommendations for the 2024 State Recreational Trails Program were

presented at the Transportation Commissioner's meeting in October with Phase II of the Clay County Connection receiving high marks and endorsement to award Clay County Connection Phase I along Pioneer Park continues to plan DCTB's request

of \$520,000. Overall, the project is an integral part of the 135-mile Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail, one of Iowa's five trails of statewide significance, that will link several existing trails and lakes in Northwest Iowa.

Clay County is nearing completion of its final 3 miles to connect with Dickinson County, and the DCTB will begin construction on the first 1.5-mile segment going south from Milford in the spring. The new funding from the State Recreational

Trails Program will enable the DCTB to build the 2-mile segment of Phase II next year as well. The Clay County Connection is divided into three phases totaling

4.5 miles and the DCTB hopes to complete the trail between the two counties by late 2026.

Continuing **Development of** Tatanka SKA Trace

The DCTB

for expansion of

Tatanka Ska Trace west of Lake Park and going east from Spirit Lake. A contract was awarded in August for tree clearing and minor grading of the railroad, beginning at the Fish Hatchery and extending 5 miles to Highway 71. This work will prepare the area for future construction and allow for trail use by mountain and fat tire bikes during the interim.

Work on the project will take place through the winter with a completion date set for June 30, 2025. The overall plan to complete the trail from Spirit Lake to Superior is organized in three phases. The first two segments have secured Transportation Alternative Program funding that will be available in 2026 and 2027.

Summer Flood Damage

The Iowa Great Lakes Trails suffered a few locations of flood damage in June that will get repaired this fall. A project was awarded last month to address the slope failure on Tatanka Ska Trace just west of Spirit Lake. Additionally, repairs will include a trench drain along Highway 71 and a culvert replacement on the Spine Trail in Spirit Lake. The Dickinson County Trails Board (DCTB) is working with FEMA to help cover the repair costs that are set to be completed by November 29.

In spite of the flooding, it was another great season on the trails and this amazing fall weather has extended the enjoyment of our beautiful landscape. The crisp air and vibrant colors of the changing leaves create a perfect backdrop for outdoor adventures, be sure to get out on the trails and soak up every moment.

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

HELLO

Clay County Fair Association Seeks **Board Candidates and Members**

The Clay County Fair Association is currently searching for eligible candidates to join its Board of Directors and encourages

interested community members to become part of the Clay County Fair Association. This year, the Fair Association's annual meeting and election of the Board of Directors has been moved to February 25, 2025, creating a new opportunity for interested individuals to get involved.



Each year, the Association's Nominating Committee seeks individuals to serve as candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Eligible candidates must have been a member of the Fair Association for a minimum of one (1) year prior to their election. The deadline to submit an application to run for the Board of Directors is December 1, 2024. The Nominating Committee reviews all interested candidates for possible inclusion on the ballot that will be submitted during the Fair Association's annual meeting in February.

The Board of Directors plays a critical role in the leadership of the Clay County Fair. Elected Board Members serve three-year terms and help shape the Fair's direction by electing the Executive Committee and approving changes to the Fair Association's By-Laws.

How to Apply

Individuals interested in running for the Board of Directors can easily access the application at https://claycountyfair.com/ about/staff-and-board/ or pick up a paper application at the Fair Administrative Office located inside the Events Center. The deadline for submitting applications is December 1, 2024.

In addition to seeking candidates for the Board of Directors, the Clay County Fair Association is also looking for new members to join the Fair Association. "There's a misconception that our organization is closed to the public, but the truth is anyone can join - even if they're not from Clay County," said Fair Manager Jerome Hertel. "We welcome everyone who wants to be part of this community tradition."

Membership is open year-round to individuals and businesses for a one-time fee of \$100. Individual Members have the right to vote and hold office, while Associate Members (businesses, organizations, etc.) can attend meetings but cannot vote or hold office. The Fair Association currently has 841 lifetime members – 786 individual members and 55 associate members.

The Clay County Fair Association's Annual Meeting, which includes the election of the Board of Directors and other important business, will take place on February 25, 2025, making this a great time to get involved.

For more information about joining the Association or applying for the Board of Directors, contact the Fair Administrative Offices at 712-580-3000 or info@claycountyfair.com.



Milford Memorial Library News

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.

• November 4, 10:30 a.m. – Interactive Stories

• November 11, 10:30 a.m. – Making Music • November 18, 10:30 a.m. – Turkey Time

• November 25, 10:30 a.m. - Hats

On Thursday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Milford Community Center, join Lakes Area Libraries for Travel with Sara.

At an early age, presenter and author Sara Broers was bitten by the travel bug. Throughout her lifetime, she developed a deeper love for sharing travel experiences with others. In 2019, she was honored to receive the 2019 Outstanding Iowa Leadership Award through Travel Iowa and the Economic Development Authority. In 2022, she wrote the book, 100 Things To Do In Iowa Before You Die and Perfect Day Iowa. She coauthored the book, Midwest Road Trip Adventures in 2022,



as well. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library.

On Monday, November 11, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., join MML for All-Day Play. Discover new and exciting toys while having fun with friends. This is a come-and-go playtime. All toys are supplied by the library. For any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milford library 51351@gmail.com.

Young Adults come hang out at MML on Monday, November 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and create a decision dice. Supplies will be provided, but will be limited. Extra supplies will be made into to-go kits. If you have any question, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Join MML's After-School Adventures on Thursday, November 14, at 3:30 p.m., for a showing of Kung Fu Panda 4. 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.

The Milford Memorial Library Book Club will be discussing Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, on Tuesday, November 19, at 1:00 p.m. Interested individuals may find a copy at MML. If you have any question, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.



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If the bond doesn't pass, what happens to my tax rate and what is your plan moving forward?

Your tax rate will not decrease, but will stay at \$9.25 per \$1,000, however, we will not address the capacity issues at either the elementary school or the high school. We plan to return to voters in November 2025; however, costs will likely rise by then, leading to a higher total request and possibly necessitating a tax rate increase. Our children deserve better than the current conditions at the elementary and high schools, which is why we will keep bringing bond referendums to the community until one is approved, even as costs continue to rise.



What insights have you gained for past projects that will influence the approach for these new ones?

In May 2024, the board of directors approved the hiring of W.A. Klinger, LLC, a construction management firm based in Sioux City, lowa, known for its extensive experience in school construction projects. Their recent work includes construction management for the new elementary school for MOC Floyd Valley and the addition at Sheldon High School, among others nearby. As a construction manager of agency (CMa), they will collaborate closely with the school from pre-construction through project completion. W.A. Klinger, LLC will provide on-sight oversight for construction projects, ensuring they run smoothly through rigorous cost control, detailed scheduling, subcontractor management, and ongoing quality assurance.

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