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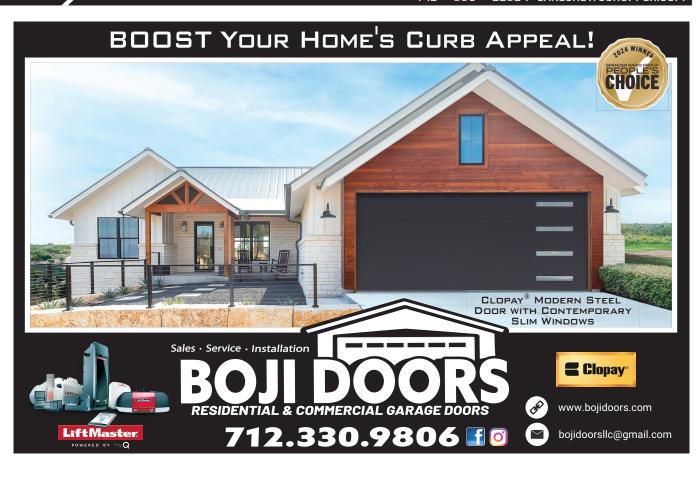
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The complimentary event invites music lovers, students, staff, and members of the community to experience a diverse lineup of performances by skilled Iowa Lakes students and local musicians. The program will showcase a range of musical genres, such as country, jazz, pop, and show tunes, ensuring entertainment for all tastes.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to reach out to the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712.362.8345 or music@iowalakes.edu.

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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.

Mobile Food Pantry In Lake Park

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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

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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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Save Turtle Lake: A Community Effort to Preserve a Vital Waterway

Turtle Lake, a vital waterway connecting Millers Bay, Emerson Bay, and Spencer Beach is in urgent need of preservation. Over time, sediment buildup has impacted the flow of clean water into West Lake Okoboji, making navigation difficult and reducing the habitat for local marine life. In response, a committee has been formed to raise the necessary funds for dredging the lake and a portion of the canals to protect this important wetland area.

The preservation of Turtle Lake will safeguard its future as a recreational space for kayaking, paddle boarding, and fishing.

The Save Turtle Lake committee aims to raise \$750,000 for the project and has already secured \$350,000 in pledges. Community support is critical to reaching the funding goal by December 2024, ensuring that dredging equipment can be secured, and work can begin in the fall of 2025.

All contributions are tax-deductible, and pledges will only be collected if the total financial commitment is met. Those interested in contributing can send pledges to *Save.Turtle.Lake@gmail.com* by December 20, 2024.

Please include your full name, address, phone number and pledge amount in the email. Donations will be collected in late December or early January, depending on what tax year the donor would like to use.

The committee urges the community to unite to support this important cause to protect Turtle Lake for future generations.

Please contact Tim Ireland at 712-229-1450 with any questions.



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gram receives one book per month from birth to age five - at no cost to families. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.

The program's impact has been widely recearched, and results.

The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit *imaginationlibrary.com*.



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Lakes Area Senior Center Activities

Tuesday, November 5 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Nature Center - Decomposers 12.30 - Bridge

9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, November 7 10:00 - Strummers

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage

5:00 - Zumba Class 5:30 - Singles Group Friday, November 8 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date

Coin Auction at 9am Sunday, November 10 Card Room Reserved NWIS 2-6pm

11:00 - Reserved 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Reserved

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us on every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, November 17 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month! The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith



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by Steve Weisman

Pheasants Forever is one of those unique organizations that is about both conservation and the people that are part of this conservation organization. There is a reason that it is nicknamed "The Habitat Organization."

Across 40 states and parts of Canada, there are more than 750 local Pheasants Forever chapters and over 140,000 members. The top two states for Pheasants Forever members are Minnesota and Iowa. Now, that's pretty darned huge. Yet, there is something really different about Pheasants Forever that separates it from so many others.

The local chapters retain 100 percent decision-making control over their locally raised funds. What this does is allows local chapters and their volunteers to develop wildlife habitat projects and conduct youth conservation events in their own communities. So, the money and the efforts stay right there in that community. At the same time, the national organization and the state organizations provide a voice regarding state and federal conservation policies.

Only the annual \$35 membership (and up), which funds Pheasants Forever's award-winning magazine, professional services of regional biologists and representatives, national conservation education programs and state and federal legislative advocacy, is forwarded to the national office.

As mentioned earlier, it is on the local level that so much gets accomplished for the local community. One of these

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Iowa Great Lakes Pheasants Forever gives back

Meanwhile, the Iowa Great Lakes Pheasants Forever chapter will be holding its second annual Veterans Hunt weekend, November 15-17. According to volunteer Mary Jo Rapp, "We will be hosting nine veterans this year with six of the veterans from The Foundation of Exceptional Warriors (The FEW) who will come from around the United States, while the other three veterans will be from the local area."

Rapp shares the mission of The FEW and how the upcoming Veterans Hunt fits into this mission. "The Veterans Hunt fits the mission of The FEW, which is to provide adventures to unite, reward and inspire veterans who have served together to heal together by helping Warriors reconnect with themselves, their families and

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is nothing more healing than camaraderie between fellow war heroes, whether by the fire, in a boat or on a hunt or any of The FEW's other outdoor adventures.

Weekend itinerary

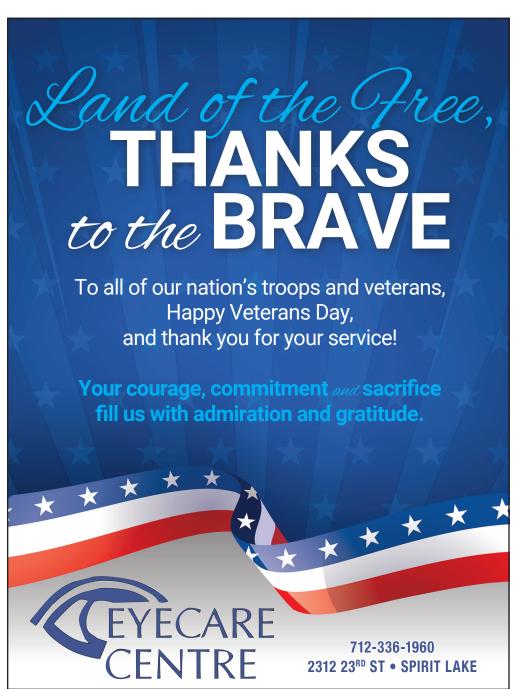
Events will start at the Rapp property north of Superior on the 15th with late afternoon shooting clays. Supper will take place at Lunkers, by Vick's Corner west of Spirit Lake, on Friday evening.

Then, on Saturday, November 16, the chapter will host the full day of events at the Rapp farm. It all starts with breakfast, a morning hunt at a neighboring farm, lunch back at the Rapp farm and hunting there in the afternoon.

Rapp notes, "Ross Dirks, who is a falconry expert, will be doing a falconry hunting demo late that afternoon, followed by supper."

The Sunday breakfast will be at Lunkers with a hunt just north of there. She adds, "We will finish about noon on Sunday, cleaning birds, having lunch and getting our guests on their way home with, hopefully, a legal limit of birds and other gifts."





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Lakes Area Senior Center Classes and Events

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

Blood Pressure Screening the last Tuesday of every month Zumba class on Thursday at 5:00.

Asian MahJong-1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00pm.

Breakfast—November 17, 8:30-12:30.

Dance to the music of Bill and Jackie on November 24th, 2:00-5:00pm; potluck lunch at 3:00pm.

They also have pool tables and ping pong available. Stop in and see them today. Located at 2101 Zenith Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Fall is Here at the LASC

This is a time of harvest and gatherings with those we know and care about or with new friends.

The Lakes Area Senior Center hopes that you can find time to come in and see what they have to offer.

Join them for a meal and get to know everyone and become a part of their community.

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

This is a time to celebrate and show our sense of community

The Lakes Area Senior Center looks forward to seeing you.



Bill & Jackie to **Perform**

On Saturday, November 9, Bill & Jackie will be performing for the monthly dance at the American Legion in Brewster, Minnesota. They'll be playing your favorite dance music from 7:30 to 11:00 PM that evening. Take a short drive across the state line to one of the best dance floors in the area. Spend the evening dancing, along with your friends, to the music of Bill & Jackie at the American Legion in Brewster, Minnesota.



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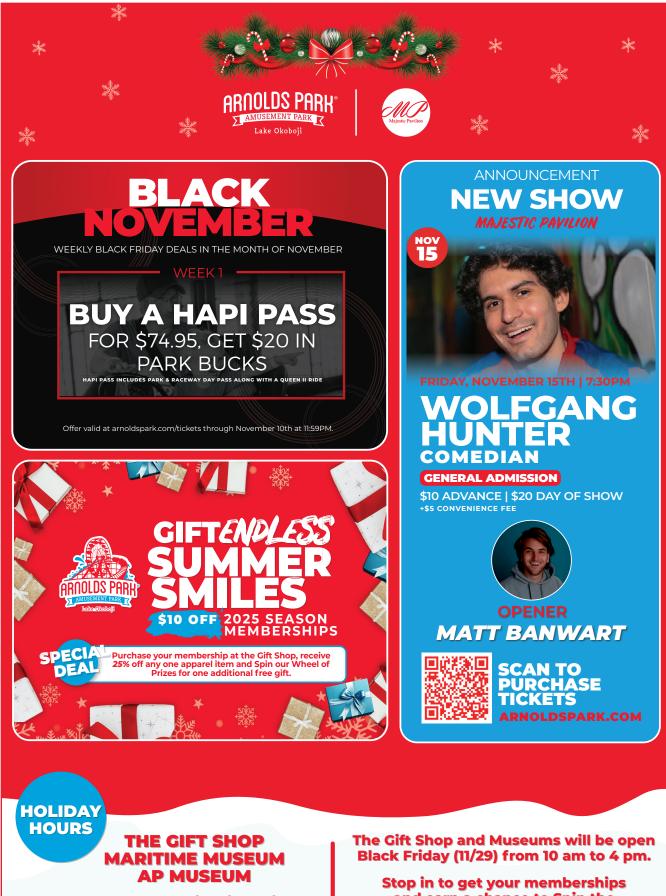
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated

in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. To The Editor:

Although we live in Omaha we spend a lot of time at our cabin at the lake. One thing that has always bothered me is the unfairness of gas prices in all of the communities. I feel bad for the full time residents and am offended by how you are being taken advantage of by the corporations that control the gas stations. I came up to the lake 10-27, gas was \$2.99. Today as I was leaving it was \$2.96. Driving home I saw prices at or around \$2.58. We have a Casey's a couple of blocks from us in Omaha. Their sign today is advertising \$2.49 for super unleaded and \$2.64 for un88. I would think our city leaders should look into this... Jim Hastings

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Spirit Lake American Legion 10th Annual Turkey/Ham Dinner

Spirit Lake American Legion Timpe Post #23 and Auxiliary are having their 10th annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at the Post headquarters at 1102 15th Street, from 11:00 - 2:00. Cost is a freewill donation (suggested \$10 donation). Children under 5 can eat for free. All donations go towards the operating funds for the upcoming year.

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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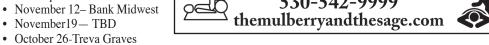
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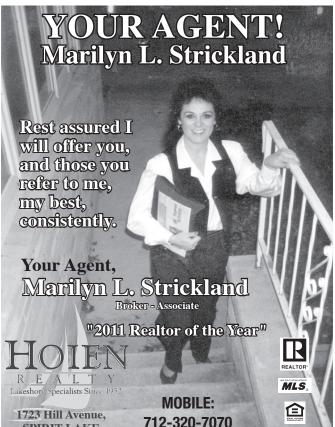
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The Venice of Iowa

Imagine a sunny, late-August day in Okoboji. The birds are chirping, the smell of freshly cut grass tickles your nose, and the sounds of speed boats off in the distance signal another funfilled day in the Iowa Great Lakes.

Away from the aquatic action on West Okoboji, a unique stillness in the canals of Wahpeton is broken by a giant splash off one of the docks. Minutes later, a giant rake-like implement is hauled back on to land by a rope with huge blobs of aquatic weeds and muck in tow.

A man works to remove all the slimy weeds from the giant rake only to repeat the process over and over again until he has returned the waterway surrounding his dock into a manageable and navigable state.

Looking out into Turtle Lake he sees a group of kayakers attempting to make their way out of the canal towards Crescent Beach. Their paddles already tangled in the forest of weeds lurking just beneath the water. Their next challenge is to shimmy over a log that lays just below the water's surface. The man wonders if he should warn them about the numerous challenges that lie before them.

This late in the summer the canal has become more of a bed of weeds than a navigable waterway. A reminder that 70 plus years of manmade silt build-up has reduced most of the inlet to a depth of six inches.

He wonders if he will hear their cries for help and have to go pull them out of their misery with his boat as he did with other kayakers last weekend. They had had the misfortune of neither being able to stand in the bottomless muck or swim through the labyrinth of weeds, a common fate to anyone who happens to fall in at the wrong spot. Hopefully these kayakers will make it but they probably won't be back if they do. Many have endured but few return to face the perils these canals have become.

In 1911, J.A. Beck and H.E. Mills had the idea to turn a small lake and wetlands in the Lakewood Park area of Wahpeton into a navigable waterway connected to West Lake Okoboji. The goal was to create a tranquil area off the main lake for residents and vacationers throughout the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy.

When finished, the waterways would connect Emerson Bay to Millers Bay and out to Spencer Beach. Beck said the development would become "an American Venice of lagoons, islands, waterways, rustic bridges, driveways, soft music and moonlit nights to delight the guests and residents". The project was a catalyst that created what today is known as the Wahpeton Canals and Turtle Lake. The surrounding area was developed with private homes and the opportunity for public access points along the scenic, aquatic estuary.

Today, Beck's vision aligns with the tourism zeitgeist of prioritizing, respecting and preserving a place's natural treasures. A massive increase in ecotourism has given new value to the expansive bike trail system that circumnavigates the lakes, bringing tourists through wondrous, biologically diverse natural habitat. Bikers glide through lush Iowa fields filled with prairie flowers and woodland creatures.

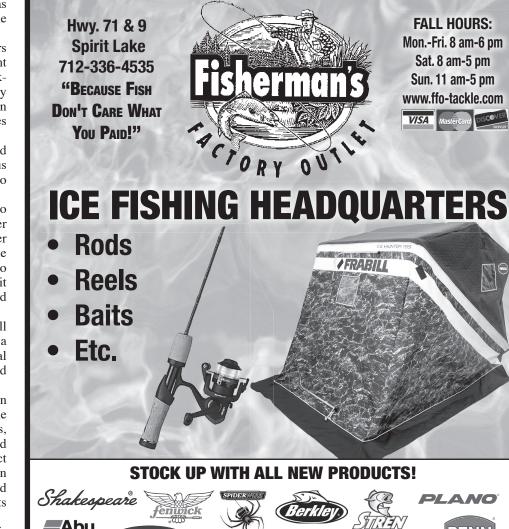
These experiences can extend to the lakes via kayaking and paddle boarding with the chance to view the region's unique fauna and flora. This has created a renewed interest in the canals that offer the chance to see those same Iowa fields of prairie flowers interact with a bursting array of aquatic life. From indigenous aquatic plants to elusive mink and beavers, the canals are teeming with natural diversity.

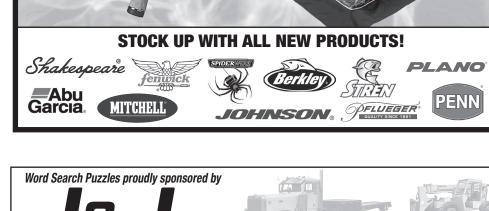
Unfortunately, after years of neglect, the canals are in a desperate state. One third of the canals leading into Little Emerson Bay have been choked off by access roads without bridges. Decades of runoff from both farmland and development have reduced the depth so that it is almost unnavigable by small boats. Algae and weeds dominate the last precious few inches of water.

Despite the hundreds of millions of tourist dollars flowing into the Iowa Great Lakes, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) does not have the budget or resources to fix the problem or even try to manage it. For now, the only short-term solution is for homeowners in the canals to address the weed problem by hand. However, there are growing aspirations that a renewed interest in the canal system will raise awareness of the problem and lead to a permanent fix.

Several recent projects give advocates hope: the initiative to restore habitat on East Lake by forming a reclaimed island and Triboji's efforts to dredge and restore wetlands and shorelines impacted by development that has choked out nature.

As we enter a new era in which Iowans seek to give back to our Great Lakes - one of our most precious resources that have given so much to us - J.A. Beck's vision of a Venice in Iowa should be a key part of the plan. If you would like to help, there is a Facebook page "Turtle Lake Preservation and Restoration" that has additional information.







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80th Birthday Announcement

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Cards are welcome, but please no gifts. If you can't make the celebration and would like to send JoAnn a card, please send to 1408 14th Street, Milford, Iowa 51351.

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds 15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

It has been an unusually warm fall and the vendors outside at Lakes Area Farmers Market have been busy. That is winding down but there may be some fall vegetables left for the winter Market in November. On Saturday, November 23, Lakes Area Farmers Market will hold a Handcrafted Christmas, with lots of hand made, home baked, or home grown items, all produced locally. It is open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and is at the Community Building in Spirit Lake, north of Hy-Vee. There will be music by Sonya Johnsen, free coffee, cocoa, cookies, and children's activities, as well as lots of shopping. Hot sandwiches will be available. You will find unique Christmas gifts and decorations, stocking stuffers, quick breads, bars, cookies and candy, meat, and maybe some fall vegetables. Hospital Auxiliary ladies will be there with their jewelry and items from the gift shop. Join us on November 23, at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

November Kenue Coffee Hour

November's Kenue Coffee Hour will be a 'hoot' as Dickinson County Conservation Board Environmental Education

Coordinator Danika Cox will inform attendees about Iowa Owls. Kenue Coffee Hour, a free adult program, will occur at Maser Monarch Lodge on Thursday, November 7th, at 10:30 a.m.

"Each month, we host a unique speaker that presents a topic connected to nature in some regard," says Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "This month the audience will learn about local owl species,

their behavior, diet, and unusual adaptations that make them

excellent predators in the dark.' Heibult also mentioned that Cox will feature mounted owl

specimens to give the audience an up-close view of adaptations. Cox aims for the audience to develop an appreciation for these mysterious birds of prey. "My hope is that people will leave with a renewed interest in these animals and understand the need to protect them," said Cox.

Adults can enjoy a complimentary coffee bar and conversation with others at the program. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. To see the latest updates and programs, like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram.

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A silent auction will be held with items available in any price range - from local items and gift baskets all the way up to a Brock Purdy autographed San Francisco

49ers jersey, a Taylor Swift autographed Concert Photo display, and much, much more.

See many of the wonderful items in upcoming posts on our ATLAS of the Lakes Area Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as updates at lakesatlas.com.

Come and learn about the non-profit organization and the advocacy services provided to the Lakes Area. Light cocktail food will be provided, and an open bar serving soft drinks, beer, and wine is available.

No admission charge, however having your participation in bidding and or donating is very much appreciated.

ATLAS stands for Attaining Truth, Love, And Self-control, and strives to be advocates for those in the community with high needs as they deal with life's relational, physical, emotional, financial and spiritual difficulties

For more information, please contact ATLAS at 712-332-6390, or lakesatlas@gmail.com. Arnolds Park office hours are 9 am – 4 pm, by appointment preferred. Walk-ins are welcome during business hours as available.

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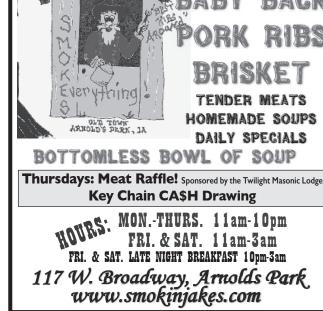




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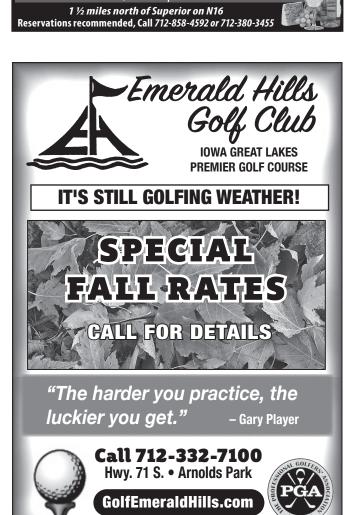
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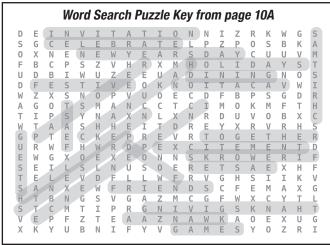
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Preheat oven to 350° F. Drizzle olive oil on baking sheet and coat thoroughly. Gently clean the mushrooms and remove stems. Finely chop stems. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add stems, onion and garlic, and sauté until stems and onions are soft and garlic is fragrant. In a mixing bowl, add bread crumbs,

cheese and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and stir to combine. Add sautéed mixture to bread crumb mixture and mix well. Spoon filling mixture into mushroom caps. Ar-

range on prepared baking sheet, stuffed side up. Bake about 20 to 25 minutes, or until the mushrooms are tender and the tops are golden. Gool for several minutes before serving.

Arrange on serving tray or platter. Recipe Courtesy of: Lines+Angles

ILUUF Sunday Service - Healing A Divided Nation

Allan Saugstad will preside over the Sunday, November 10th service for the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service held at the Lakes Area Activity Center (Senior Center), 2101 Zenith Ave, Spirit Lake. The service begins at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow.

Visitors are always welcome and those who wish to attend via Zoom can request an invitation with the "Contact Us" link on the Fellowship Website - www.uuokoboji.com. Service Title: "Healing A Divided Nation".

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Cyclones Lose in the Margins

ISU head coach Matt Campbell is famous for saying that his program needs to win in the margins to be successful, which means do the little things that you can control better than your opponent. For most of this season, the Cyclones have done that, but on Saturday against a mediocre Texas Tech team, a lack of a killer instinct and controllable mistakes cost ISU the game, as they fell to the Red Raiders 23-22 at Jack Trice Stadium. The loss drops Iowa State to 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the Big 12 Conference.

Iowa State came into the game as the least penalized team in the nation, averaging just three penalties per game for 25 yards, but on Saturday they had their highest number of penalties, being flagged eight times for 58 yards. While 58 yards is not an awful amount of penalty yards, the penalties ISU had occurred at critical times in the game, and totally had an impact on the outcome. One huge penalty came in the third quarter with ISU leading 13-10; the Cyclones had pinned Tech deep in their own territory with a great punt by Jace Gilbert and Jontez Williams appeared to have his fifth straight game with an interception; however, Tyler Onyedim was called for hands to the face, negating the interception. The Red Raiders would take advantage of that penalty and put together a 97-yard drive to take a 17-13 lead. ISU center Jarrod Hufford had two costly ineligible receiver down field penalties that took away a 10-yard pass, which would have put the Cyclones in the red zone, instead they ended up losing their first fumble of the season three plays later. The second Hufford penalty negated a 20-yard pass, which would have put the Cyclones just outside of the red zone and stalled the drive, which ended up with a field goal instead of a touchdown. The last costly penalty occurred with ISU having a first and goal at the one-yard line early in the fourth quarter and trailing 17-13; star receiver Jayden Higgins had a false start penalty on the next play, pushing the Cyclones back to the six-yard line, where they would stall out and have to settle for a 21-yard Kyle Konrardy field goal to trim the lead to 17-16 instead of take a 20-17 lead. The Cyclones entered this game seventh in the nation in turn-

over margin, with a +9 number on the season, but on Saturday they would have the aforementioned fumble in the red zone and also throw an interception. ISU did pick off Tech quarterback Behren Morton twice, but couldn't get a turnover or big stop on the biggest drive of the game, as Morton led the Red Raiders 71 yards in the final 2:00 to score the game winning touchdown on a Tahj Brooks six-yard run with just :20 remaining. ISU had a chance to seal the game with a 4th down and seven stop at midfield but couldn't get the stop, and then missed a chance at an interception on the play before Brooks' TD run.

The loss to Tech dropped Iowa State to #17 in the latest rankings and probably took away their chances for an at-large berth in the College Football Playoffs. The good news for the Cyclones is they still control their own destiny for making the Big 12 Championship game, as four wins in a row will send them to Dallas. That road became much harder with this loss, as the Cyclones have to find their mojo back that has been missing their last two games, both subpar efforts against mediocre teams at home. Matt Campbell often preaches about responding to adversity, and his teams in the past have done a tremendous job of bouncing back after tough losses. I'm hoping this loss wakes the team up and gives them a laser focus that has been missing these last two games. No matter how much you preach to an 18–22-year-old about having to do the little things right to be successful, that message can sometimes be ignored when these players are having everyone on the outside tell them how good they are. The Cyclones will head to Kansas City to play Kansas this Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium to try and get back on track in what is now a must-win game. This ISU team is good enough to win their last four games, but they are not talented enough to just show up and win, they must be elite in the things that they can control and hopefully get back to "winning in the margins"!

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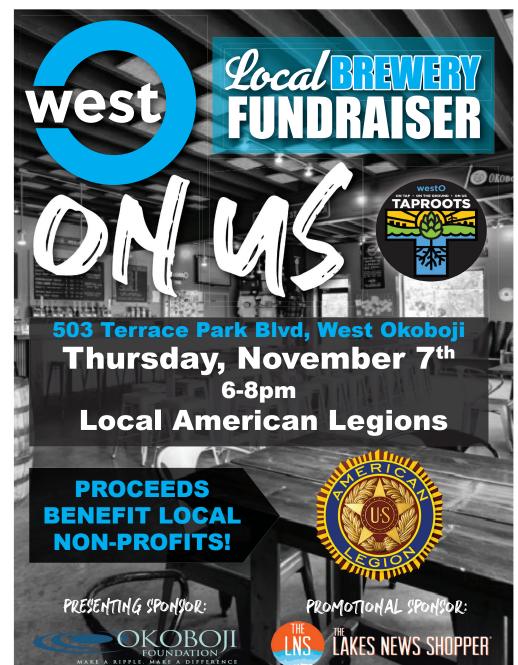


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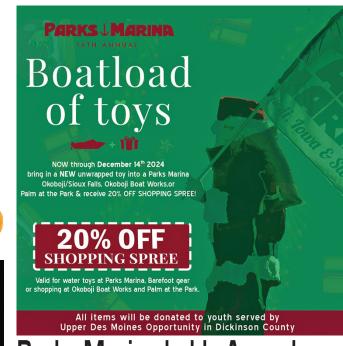
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OKOBOJI-- Parks Marina, located on East Lake in Okoboji, Iowa, is once again teaming up with Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) in Dickinson County as part of its annual Boatload of Toys fundraiser, happening now through Dec. 14.

A much-anticipated fundraising event, Boatload of Toys encourages community members to bring in new, unwrapped toys to the Marina, all of which are directly distributed through UDMO to families in need over the holiday season. Since 2008, the Boatload of Toys event has accumulated over \$60,000 worth

UDMO is dedicated to helping build stronger communities by addressing the effects of poverty on individuals and families.

One of 16 Community Action Agencies serving Iowans since 1965, UDMO provides a helping hand during times of crisis, aiding individuals, families and children as they get back on their feet, with staff members working diligently to provide continued support while encouraging families to achieve self-sufficiency, according to their website.

Those who bring in donations by Dec. 14 will receive a 20% off shopping spree, valid for Parks Marina water accessories, Barefoot apparel, and shopping at Palm at the Park. Donations can be dropped off at Parks Marina in Okoboji or Sioux Falls, Okoboji Boat Works, or Palm at the Park in the Central Emporium.

For more information on the Boatload of Toys fundraiser, go to www.parksmarina.com or look for Parks Marina on Facebook. For more details on the Upper Des Moines Opportunity and their initiatives, go to www.udmo.com.



Iowa Lakes Corridor Seeking Nominations For Business Awards

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is excited to announce the nomination period for

the fourteenth annual Business Recognition Luncheon to be held in January. This ceremony thanks the businesses and individuals in our



region for stimulating the region through job creation, investment and fostering quality of life throughout Corridor communities. Nominations are open for four awards to be given during the luncheon: Small Business Excellence (fewer than 30 employees), Large Business Excellence (30 or more employees), Entrepreneur of the Year and Young Professional of the Year. Businesses and individuals may be nominated for various reasons: contribution to the local economy, recent expansion, new product or service, customer service, management practices and community involvement. The business or individual must be located in one of the Corridor counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson or Emmet. A person can submit a nomination for any for-profit business, entrepreneur or young professional in any of the four categories. Businesses and individuals may nominate themselves. Multiple nominations are accepted. Nominations will be reviewed and judged by a selection committee consisting of business owners and community leaders throughout the region. All information is confidential, and answers provided will be used solely by the judges for award purposes. If you would like to nominate a business, entrepreneur or young professional, please visit lakescorridor.com to download nomination forms and see a list of past winners. Nominations can be submitted via email at info@ lakescorridor.com or mailed to the Corridor office at 520 2nd Avenue East, Suite 2, Spencer, IA 51301. All nominations are due by Monday, January 6, at 4:00pm. For further information, please contact the Corridor at 712-264-3474.





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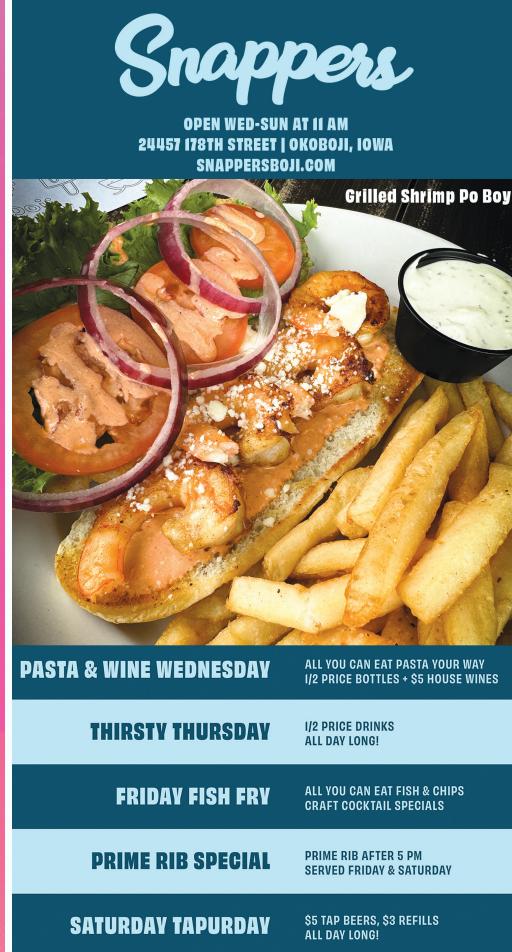
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Their smaller card room rents for \$65 per day. The room seats 40 and has a small kitchenette

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).

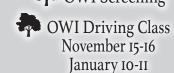


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Bruce Edward Will passed away on October 27th, 2024, at nome under Hospice care, after a hospital stay in Sioux City.

Bruce was born on December 9th, 1937, in Paton, Iowa, to Harry and Ila (Tonkinson) Will. After moving to the Milford area at age three, he attended two years of country school. He then moved to Milford Community Schools and graduated in 1956. Bruce was active in FFA, 4H, and class plays plus played football and basketball. A true farmer at heart, he graduated Veteran's Farm School at Iowa Lakes Community College.

Bruce was a proud member of the Army. He served from 1960-1962. He spent 17 months in Germany,

and had many good stories to tell about his time there. He was a member of the Terril American Legion.

July 1973 he married Weyvon Drake Wang in Spencer. He proudly adopted Kristin, Melissa and Brandon from Weyvon's revious marriage. To this union, Matthew was born.

Bruce loved farming. He spent 28 years working at Eaton Corporation and sold Archer Oil to area farmers since 1965. He also erved five years on the FSA county committee.

He was an active member of the Langdon United Methodist Church, serving as council chair for many years. From 1998-2002, each year he traveled to the East Coast to help with the Appalachian Service Project. This was a mission dear to his heart. He loved helping people.

Bruce enjoyed family vacations and gatherings, class reunions, reading farm magazines and gardening.

Two years ago he fulfilled a dream of going to Washington DC on an Honor Flight out of Fort Dodge. He met many people and had a wonderful time.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Weyvon of 51 years; children, Kristin (Wayne Kolander) Strohman Lakefield, MN; Melissa Fox, Columbia, SC; Brandon (Delene) Will, Omaha, NE; Matthew (Terra) Will, Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Andrew (Heather), Jenna Noa (George) and Nathan Strohman. Cassidy (Andrew) Christy and Cooper Fox, Nicholas and Drake Will, Alex Robertson, and one great grandson, Jameson Christy; brother, Aryln Will, Mesa, AZ and sister-in-law, Sally Will, Spirit Lake IA; many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Deceased are his parents; brothers, Robert and Darwin; sistersin-law, Janet and Gwen, and son-in-law, Steven Fox.

LRH Celebrates National Medical-Surgical Nurses Week

In recognition of their contributions to patient care, Lakes Regional Healthcare is observing National Medical-Surgical Nurses Week from November 1-7, 2024. Medical-Surgical Nurses play a critical role in inpatient care, ensuring that patients are cared for safely, efficiently throughout the day and night. They work closely with physicians, therapists, and other healthcare professionals to provide patients with the care they need.

"We appreciate all they do for our patients," said Lakes Regional Healthcare Director of Inpatient Services Amy Petersen. "We are lucky to have the amazing staff we do!"

Those interested in becoming a Registered Nurse can contact Iowa Lakes Community College. Registered Nurse job opportunities may be available at www.lakeshealth.org/careers.

A memorial service for LeRoy Koep, age 89, of Milford, was held November 2, 2024, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Interment was at Little Sioux Lu-

theran Cemetery in rural Milford. LeRoy Arlen Koep passed away on Monday, October 28, 2024, at Correctionville Specialty Care in Correctionville, Iowa. He was born on March 24, 1935, to Edwin and Mathilda (Koele) Koep at Spencer Hospital.

After graduating from Milford High School in 1953, LeRoy worked on a farm until he enlisted in the United States Army in January 1957. He served honorably for three years, returning to civilian life to work at the Fostoria Elevator until 1963. That year, he began a long career at Berkley's, where he

devoted 32.5 years before retiring on May 24, 1996.

LeRoy was a man of many interests and hobbies. He enjoyed walking his dogs, tending to his yard, and spending time fishing and hunting. His commitment to his community was evident in his active involvement with several organizations. He was the charter president of the NW Iowa 2 Cylinder Club and served as both director and president for 15 years of the Dickinson County Museum. A proud member of the Milford American Legion and Spirit Lake VFW, LeRoy also dedicated 17 years as a director for Dickinson County Pheasants Forever.

LeRoy is survived by his sister, Judy (Don) Brinkley of Milford, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Dick.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Darlene Louise DeLaughter, the daughter of William Ludlow Scott and Della Mae Sarver, was born November 12, 1928, in

Sioux City, Iowa.She was a beloved mother, loving wife, loving grama and great-grama. Darlene worked with her husband, Bob, as retail owners in fabrics for many years. She loved camping, boating and anything around water, she also loved to dance. Darlene was an accomplished Mary Kay Consultant who loved her family and friends, people in general. She always had a smile on her face and loved to give hugs.

Darlene passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer, at the

age of 95. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Robert DeLaughter; siblings: William (Bill) Scott, Waneta M. Scott (McClarty), Walter E Scott, Wanda Scott, twin brothers Wayne Scott and Darrell Scott andgrandson, Ryan DeLaughter.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Claudette (De-Laughter) Barr, David (Diane) DeLaughter, Cheryl DeLaughter; grandchildren: Paul (Stacey) Rydell, John (Jessi) Rydell, Rich (Veronica) Doede, Bob (Jill) Duitsman, Lance (Tiffany) Duitsman, Shandon Wolf, Traci (Dusty) DeLaughter Feuerbach, Katie (Jordan) DeLaughter Kalisek and Garrett Moore; great-grandchildren: Artemis Rydell, Isabelle (Cameron) Rydell Hatfield, Kaden and Karsen Rydell, Emersyn Gilman, Jordan (Makayla) Lechleitner, Quinton Crouch, Jasmine Doede, Jake Duitsman, Myah Duitsman, Brianna Gotto, Lexi Gotto, Winter Wolf, Nash Feuerbach, and other close family and friends.

A family burial will take place and a come and go Celebration of Life will be held on November 16, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00, at the Good News Community Church, 1010 Julia Street - Okoboji, Iowa.



FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Traci joined the Turner Jenness team in 2024. She has been a licensed funeral director since 2001. She previously served funeral homes and surrounding communities of Manning, West Bend, and Algona. She also volunteered for various church, school, and community organizations. Traci was raised on a farm near Turin and graduated with honors from West Monona High School in 1989. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University.

Traci is currently a resident of Spirit Lake. She cherishes time spent with her family and is the proud mom of two sons, Brandon and Aidan. Traci enjoys a multitude of things, including sports, golfing, reading, playing piano, playing cards, billiards, bowling, Pilates, horseback riding and hiking. She is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Turner Jenness Funeral Homes and serve families in the area. You can find Traci during the week at our **Milford Funeral Home location!**

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Kiwanis Bingo Nights Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, November 14 and Thursday, December 12, 2024. There will be no Bingo on November 28 due to Thanksgiving. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. The final Bingo

of each night is a progressive jackpot game with a maximum jackpot of \$600. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.



FALL BEAUTY - A recent fall morning brought this beautiful photo of the Queen II in all her autumnal glory, gracing her dock in majestic Arnolds Park.

Route 86 Music Student of the Month

Route 86 Music is pleased to announce the Student of the

Month for September at Route 86 Music: Sigrid Ahumada of Milford, Iowa. Sigrid just started guitar lessons but already knows many notes and chords. She learns quickly with such a great positive attitude. Congratulations, Sigrid!

Lambert who has relaunched guitar and drum lessons in the region. With Gár you are getting a teacher with over 30 years experience in playing and over 20 years teaching



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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 11, 10:30 a.m. Making Music with MML and Kindermusik at the Lakes
- November 18, 10:30 a.m. Turkey Time
- November 25, 10:30 a.m. Hats
- December 2, 10:30 a.m.- Safari

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 milfordlibrary51351@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.

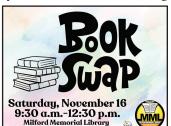
Join MML's After-School Adventures on Thursday, November 14, at 3:30 p.m., for a showing of Kung Fu Panda 4. This is a free program and a small snack will be provided. For any questions, contact us by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, November 12, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

MML will be hosting a Book Swap on Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please only bring in books that are in good condition, that you would recommend to someone, or give to a friend. There is no cost to this event, just books that you would like to swap.

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.





Congratulations Okoboji Cross Country, and all area athletes, on your accomplishments throughout the season and at the State Tournament!

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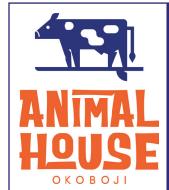
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CONGRATULATIONS on a great season Tyson! We are all so proud of you and your team. Mom, Dad, Baylon & Fynlee









Congratulations to both Okoboji & Spirit Lake Cross Country Teams on Making it to State!





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to the Okoboji Boys Cross Country Team on earning a spot at the State Meet!

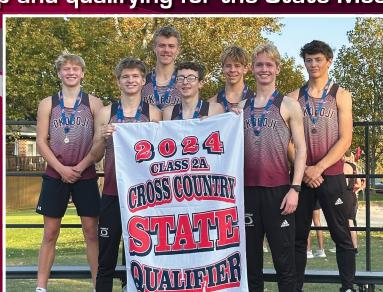
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For more information on how to Adopt a Family or contribute to our program, you can also call the UDMO Outreach office

Names of all applicants are confidential.



Spirit Lake Library News

National Young Readers Week - November 11-15, 2024 by Jill Jennings

Youngsters need to read, and Young Readers Week, celebrated in the second week of November every year, is the perfect opportunity to introduce your young ones to the incredible world of books. Did you know that children learn between 4,000 to 12,000 words per year by simply reading, no matter what book it is? Young Readers Week raises awareness about the importance of reading, and it is a great time to help your kids develop a fiery passion for reading. Celebrate Young Readers Week by teaching your children all about the joys of books and literacy. We promise it is a lesson that will follow and help them throughout their lives.

Five Reasons Why Reading Is Important For Children: 1.) A reading child is a confident child. Learning to read gives children confidence — reading presents kids with a challenge and teaches them the skills needed to overcome it. 2.) It encourages independence. Kids get a sense of fulfillment when they finally learn to read on their own. It also teaches children to make choices for themselves — about what to read — and cultivate their own interests separate from that of their parents. 3.) It makes their brains grow faster. Reading might not make your kid's brain grow literally, but it certainly helps with brain development — reading to your child or teaching them to read can increase their brain function considerably. 4.) It helps them bond more with parents. Kids can read together with parents or parents can read to them — either way, it is a great way for parents to establish a nurturing space for and with their children. 5.) Reading helps kids communicate better. Reading helps kids improve their vocabulary and, through reading, your little ones can also understand context cues and get better at general communication. (https://nationaltoday.com/national-youngreaders-week/)

Come see us at the Spirit Lake Public Library this week! We have a wide variety of resources for youngsters to help them become strong readers and to learn to love books.

Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, November 11, Closed
- Tuesday, November 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quilters
- Tuesday, November 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children's Chess
- Tuesday, November 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Chess All-Play • Wednesday, November 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Quilters
- Thursday, November 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah-Jong
- Friday, November 15, 10:30-12:00 p.m. Fall Gnome Craft (school-age children, come & go, pre-registration REQUIRED)







Congratulations Spirit Lake Cross Country on your 9th place finish at the State Cross Country Meet!





Donnenwerth Recognized as Individual Lender of the Year

Congratulations to Luke Donnenwerth, Market President at Bank Midwest in Spirit Lake, Iowa, for being recognized by Dakota BUSINESS Finance as the FFY 2024 Individual Lender of the Year! To learn more about SBA lending or to tap Luke's award-winning expertise, please visit us at www.bankmidwest. com/business-borrow/business-loans-and-credit/





Secret Santa Program

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!



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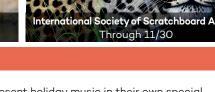
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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR DECEMBER YOUTH ART CLASSES: PORTRAIT COLLAGE



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Nov. 14 OR Dec. 5 | 6:30-8pm | \$35/\$40 Level: Any, 18 years+, Must register 1 day prior to class.

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drawing to explore our limitations and foster change in our behaviors. This class is for EVERYONE that could use a positive shift in their mood. All artistic abilities welcome, . even if you don't necessarily consider yourself 'creative'. Come try it, you will like it! Participant's can choose from several different media to use in completing this project. The finished product will be an abstract work of art

CULINARY CLASSES

Traditional Tastes of the Holidays

Wine Class With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman

6:00pm | \$45/\$55 Nov. 7: Mountainous & Volcanic Area Wines

Dec. 12: The World of Sparkling Wine!

With Sarah Page from So Good by Sarah

Dec. 5 | 12pm | \$50/\$60

Demonstration class includes lunch and a glass of wine. Sit back, observe and learn about traditional dishes from Christmas and Hanukkah. Enjoy a break between the hustle and bustle of the Holidays!

From Plate to Palette Cooking & Art for Kids

Ages 7-12 | 4-6pm | \$30/\$40 With Cathie Critchett

Call 712-332-7013 or visit lakesart.org to register.

Travel Down Historic Route 66: learn about and prepare the "mom & pop" cuisine, as well as create art unique to each state. Must register by 11/19. Nov. 21: Kansas Bierocks





Grandparents Day in Kenue Park

Grandchildren are one of life's most significant legacies, and your family tree is something to be celebrated! On Saturday,

November 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., celebrate Grandparents Day: A Tree-rific Day in Kenue Park.

At Maser Monarch Lodge, Dickinson County Nature Center staff will provide a soup and sandwich meal to enjoy with your grandchildren, and there will be ongoing



Grandparent's Day

activities and crafts throughout the event.

Build crafts like an acorn catapult or use natural tree products to assemble a tree face. Adventure outside on a short, guided hike around the forested area near the lodge to learn about animals that live in the forest. Work on tree activity sheets together and make some fond memories with family.

"Just as grandkids represent the branches of the family tree, the attendees will be exploring all about our local trees," said Britney Snell, naturalist for the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "Kenue Park features an oak savannah, which ties in nicely to our Tree-terrific theme," Snell said.

A preregistration fee of \$5 per person will include the meal and activities. Please preregister adults and children by visiting the Programs/Events page at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.





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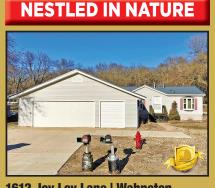
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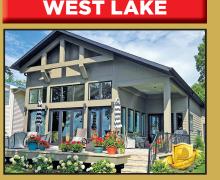
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All That I Have Seen

Author Judy Larson's new book "All That I Have Seen" is an impactful memoir that takes readers through the highs and

All That I Have Seen

lows of the author's life. Recent release "All That I Have Seen" from Page Publishing author Judy Larson follows the Author's story from her younger years in the early '40s through her tough twenty- three-year marriage to an abusive alcoholic husband.

Judy Larson, a retired Realtor who lives in rural Northwest Iowa, has completed her new book "All That I Have Seen" an autobiographical work that invites readers to join the author on her journey to finding the two loves of her life, raising a family, and finding her way in

the world over the last eighty-one years.

Author Judy Larson writes, after my divorce in 1983, I was able to open up somewhat about the abuse that I suffered through. When I married Bob, I started talking to some of his friends about a few of my past experiences. They would tell me, "Judy, you should write a book." I really didn't think I had anything to write. As time went on, life happened, and I never thought about it again.

She continues, "In the Summer of 2022, I got together with a good friend and old classmate of mine, Clara. As we talked, she told me I was a good storyteller, and that I needed to write a book. At this time, I started to give it more thought.

"Shortly after my visit with Clara, my granddaughter had come over for a visit and was looking through some of my childhood scrapbooks. I told her what Clara had said to me about writing a book. I told her I wasn't sure what I would write about. She put her hands on the album and said, "This, Grandma, your life!" Published by Page Publishing, Judy Larson's enthralling

work memorializes her unforgettable life story. Readers who wish to experience this moving work can purchase "All That Have Seen" at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes Store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble.

Travel-Generated Expenditures in Iops Meetings Iowa Top \$7 Billion for First Time Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings

The Iowa Tourism Office released new data showing tourismrelated expenditures in the state reached \$7.3 billion in 2023, a 5.1% increase over 2022.

Travel-generated expenditures in Clay County totaled \$40.5 million, an increase of 1.2% over 2022.

Additional data from the Tourism Economics study shows travel-generated state

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and local tax receipts at \$1.1 billion. Tourism in Iowa also supported 70,954 jobs. The tourism industry employs 302 people in Clay County.

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We're thrilled by the continued growth in Iowa's tourism industry," said Amy Zeigler, manager of the Iowa Tourism Office. "We look forward to continuing the momentum and seeing more travelers experience all that Iowa offers."

The entire report is available at *traveliowa.com*.

The Iowa Tourism Office, part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, works closely with community partners, attractions and events, to promote the state's beautifully vast scenery and unique history. For more information on everything Iowa has to offer tourists, visit traveliowa.com.

Meetings Milford New Hope Al-

Al-Anon

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.

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The Spirit Lake Chapter 369 TOPS-KOPS Meet Every Friday

Sherry Kloster, Colleen Lemkuil and Mary De Boer attended the TOPS Fall Rally in Denison. Mary is the Spirit Lake Chapter 369's weight recorder and the weight recorders were honored at the fall rally.

Join the Spirit Lake TOPS Taking Off Pounds Sensibly support group to help you lose weight on Fridays at the United Methodist Church on highway 71 at 9:30 for weigh in and 10:00 to 11:00 meeting and 11:15 for Lunch at the Lakes Medical Center.

Call Betty Sangel leader, for more information, at 712-320-4858. The program was

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presented on the Fall Rally at Denison. The members joined sixty members at the United Presbyterian Church. They had a great program and morning snacks and lunch for us. We sang songs. We heard a great program by Sara Gual. She presented on the Power of Protein. Protein helps build and repair your body and is a great energy source. Protein maintains your muscles, boosts your metabolism, and stabilizes your blood sugar. We need 50 grams of Protein a day. The second presentation was on Exercise. The benefits of exercise will make you stronger, have more endurance, give you better posture, helps with food intake and diet. You will sleep better and have less balance problems. He said we need Vitamin D so go outside in the sun and walk and/or take your Vit D medication. They also heard and shared a program on the Energy Bus Action Plan by Jan Gordan to get the whole club working together to help each other make their goals.

The members have just gotten their new magazine, TOPS News and will be reading articles from the magazine for their November presentation time. The Yes, yes, this week is do wide leg squat sitting on a chair and getting up again. The No, no is to be positive and help others to be positive. The chapter has lost over 107 pounds this year. Snowbirds are leaving to go to Chapters at their winter homes. Come fill their chairs. Come lose weight and get into your favorite Christmas dress again. Learn how to control your weight over the holidays We sang a song about not eating Halloween candy and treats. It really helped me to resist that dish many people share. For more information, go to www.tops.org. You can do TOPS online.

Colleen M. Lemkuil TOPS reporter.







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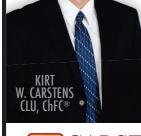






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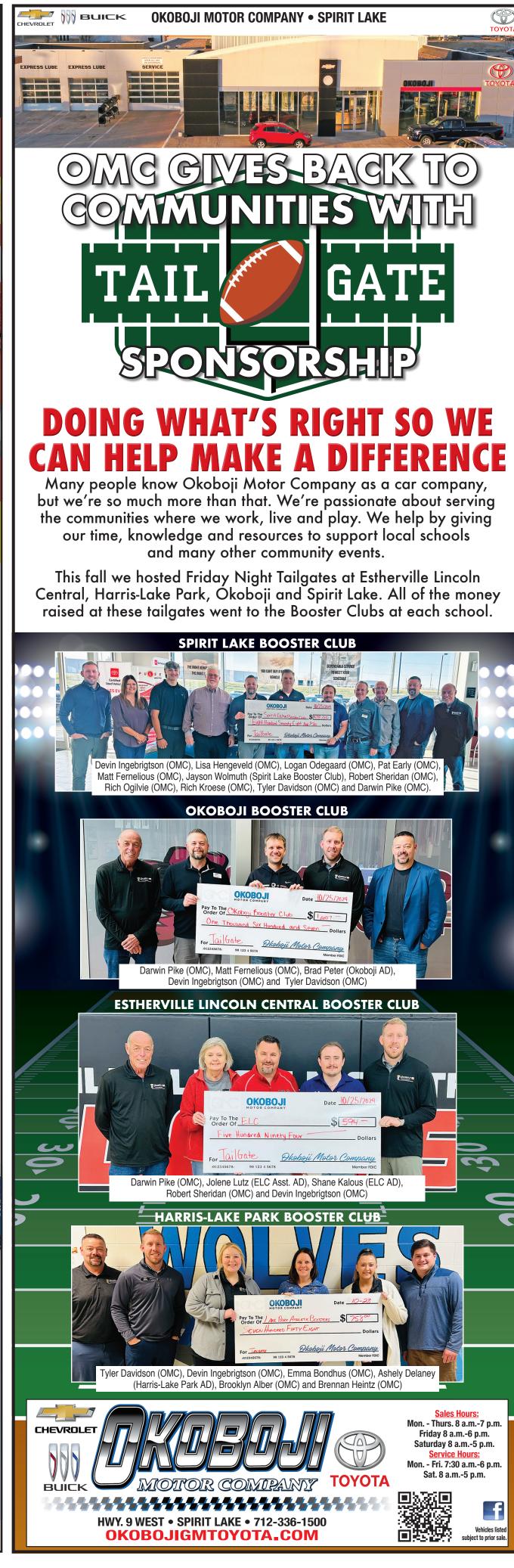






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ILCC Hosts Area Legislators to Highlight **Aviation Program Expansion and Future Growth**

Iowa Lakes Community College recently welcomed state legislators to the Spencer Municipal Airport to showcase the expansion of the college's Aviation Program and highlight other key

In attendance were Representative John Wills (House Speaker Pro Tempore, House District 10), Representative Megan Jones (House District 6), Representative Henry Stone (House Majority Whip, House District 9), Senator Dave Rowley (Senate District 5), and Senator Lynn Evans (Senate District 3).



The event, hosted by Iowa Lakes leadership, gave legislators an opportunity to learn more about the Aviation Program's growth, including the recent expansion to the satellite location at Spencer Municipal Airport. The event highlighted the critical role the program plays in addressing the increasing demand for aviation professionals in Iowa and beyond.

Currently, Iowa Lakes has two running cohorts: one at the Estherville campus and this year's class at the Spencer campus, which serves as a satellite location. The Aviation Program alternates between these two campuses to meet student needs, accommodate flight schedules, and ensure adequate space for all enrolled students. Students enrolling for the Fall 2025 semester will attend classes at the Estherville campus.

Tim Busch, Chief Flight Instructor and Aviation Program Director, emphasized the significance of the program's expansion:

"Our aviation program has seen remarkable growth in recent years, and the expansion at Spencer Municipal Airport will allow us to provide even more opportunities for students. This partnership enhances our ability to train the next generation of aviation professionals, meeting the increasing demand for pilots and other aviation careers across the region and beyond."

Scott Stokes, President of Iowa Lakes Community College, underscored the importance of legislative support in the program's success:

"Iowa Lakes is proud to be at the forefront of aviation education in Iowa, and the continued support from our local legislators is critical to our success. The growth of the aviation program is a testament to the strong partnerships we've developed and our commitment to providing high-quality education that meets the needs of our students and the industries we serve." The event was also attended by several Iowa Lakes leaders, including Board of Trustees

President Arden Kinnander, Executive Director of Foundation & Governmental Affairs Dan Lutat, and Chief Flight Instructor and Aviation Program Director Tim Busch. The expansion of the Aviation Program is part of Iowa Lakes' broader commitment to innova-

tion and workforce development across a range of industries. The college continues to pursue growth in key areas such as health sciences, advanced manufacturing, and renewable energy, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in high-demand careers.

For more information on Iowa Lakes Community College's Aviation Program and other educational offerings, please visit www.iowalakes.edu.

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3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$1,399	\$1,291	\$646
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,560	\$780
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,982	\$1,829	\$915
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,986	\$1,493	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$2,098	\$1,049
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Writers and Writing by Michael Tidemann

Memoir redefines the City of Light "We'll always have Paris," Rick tells Ilsa in the classic film Casablanca in which Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman set for the ages Paris as a backdrop for

romance. Some even consider the film as ginning up public support for the Allied invasion of North Africa in World War II. While the impact of that classic

film will likely never die, Paris as a mecca for lovers is redefined in the moving memoir Paris Lost and Found by Scott Dominic Carpenter, professor of French literature and creative writing at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. Carpenter recounts the place Paris had in his and his late wife Anne's hearts, how



virtual shutdown of Paris during the COVID pandemic and finally Carpenter's rediscovery of Paris through the eyes of another partner. As a professor of French literature at Carleton, Carpenter

was probably better able to negotiate the cultural intricacies of Paris than most Americans. However, that did little to heal the pain he felt as Anne fell victim to her disease. Despite that, Carpenter manages to use humor throughout the book like a bandage over the pain of loss and sorrow. As he

negotiated through a labyrinth of French idiosyncrasies, we can begin to understand just how frustrating life was as he found light at the end of the tunnel in, of all places, the City of Light. That light came when he met Bonnie, a woman whose back-

ground and tastes matched his own. "Turned out, Bonnie had lost a mate, too. We compared notes

and generally agreed that it sucks." In the end, it was their mutual ability to see Paris as it was that made them a perfect match.

"That's what I'd been doing for Paris over the years – catch-

ing it with its makeup off. And now Bonnie was willing to do the same for me. Indeed, she embraced this new responsibility with gusto." Carpenter's memoir can offer lessons for us all. Just as we

may associate a certain place with a certain person, that can all change when that person is gone. However, if we are able to rediscover that same place through another's eyes, life can take on new meaning. Carpenter's memoir is entertaining and moving, but without

the meaningless romantic platitudes foisted upon us by travel agencies and the tourism industry. We see Paris as both gritty and beautiful.

And people can be the same.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)

Fall Apple Festival

A Fall Apple Festival at Lake Park Methodist Church will be held Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

There will be 12 vendors that include, Midwest Mrs, Aprons by Jeanie, DoTerra Oils, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, The Faith to Be, Pampered Chef, Blue Thistle, Rooted North, Forbes Meat Locker and more. Hometown Florals will be there to help you make a Holiday Porch Pot - you can bring your own pot or one will be provided. Besides vendors we will have a bake sale, including frozen Dutch apple pies, double crust apple pies,



apple crisp and apple sauce. Kids will enjoy fishing for treats in the "Fishing Pond". Morning coffee and treats as well as lunch beginning at 11:30 will be served for a freewill offering. Make plans to attend and join the fun.

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.



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ISU Extension and Outreach's Venture Club to Host a Boutique Hop Nov. 22

inson County office will continue its "Venture Club" for adults interested in exploring and supporting local businesses right in their own backyard on Friday, November 22, with a holiday shopping boutique hop around the county. There is no charge from Extension to participate in the event and all are welcome.

"It is time for another 'Venture Club' and this time we're going to get our holiday shopping underway," said Sue Boettcher, adult program coordinator with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Come with friends or come alone and meet new friends – either way, we encourage and invite you to shop small right here in Dickinson County. We have so many local businesses that the gift opportunities are endless. Let's support those local businesses that support us and our families!"

Boettcher reminds that although the monthly event is called 'Venture Club,' there is no club membership or mandatory attendance required. Any adult is welcome to join if it interests them and works in their schedule.

Participants should meet at the Extension office located at the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake at 8:30 a.m. From there, everyone will carpool to each business.

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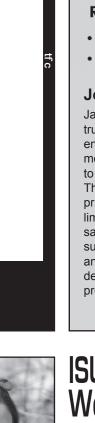
WIND is a local collaboration of the Dickinson County Conservation Board, ISU Extension and Outreach of Dickinson County, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, and Clay County Conservation Board to bring together women who have an interest in

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"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

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For more information, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist in your area: in Northwest Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu; in Northeast Iowa, Jennifer Bentley, 563-382-2949 or *jbentley@iastate.edu*; in East Central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu; in Ames, Dr. Gail Carpenter, 515-294-9085 or ajcarpen@



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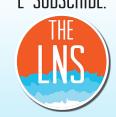
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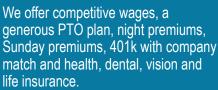
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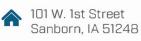


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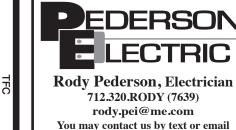
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YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR SCHOOLS YOUR VOTE

What motivated you to buy land for a new elementary school without certainty about the bond passing?

As part of their responsibilities, school board members and administrators must continuously plan for the future. We recognize that our current elementary school has outgrown its capacity and that we need more space. Extensive research indicates that purchasing land and constructing a new building is more fiscally responsible than expanding the existing elementary structure. Even if the current bond referendum is not successful, the need for a new elementary school will persist, and we will continue seeking voter approval for the project, confident that we will eventually build at this site. It's worth noting that the land for the current middle school was acquired in 2010 due to the foresight on board members at the time, 10 years before the new middle school was built.

What is the reasoning behind purchasing land rather than accepting a donation of land?

By collaborating closely with city officials, we identified viable parcels of land, including 25-30 acres available within or near city limits. During the current A34 project, the city informed us that utilities were being installed at the corner of 213th Ave. and A34, which made that particular property very appealing. Although we considered a generous land donation, we found that the cost of running utilities to that donated site exceeded the purchase price of the property at 213th Ave. and A34. Therefore, it was more fiscally responsible to buy the land at the corner of 213th Ave. and A34 rather than accept a land donation at an alternate site.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOUR TAX RATE?

In short, **it won't**. Your current property tax rate is \$9.25 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Whether or not it passes, your property tax rate is staying the same.

COMPARING NEIGHBORING & SIOUXLAND CONFERENCE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TAX RATES 2025 PROJECTED

Spirit Lake	8.072
Okoboji CSD	9.25
Sibley Ocheyedan	10.465
Ruthven/Ayrshire	10.651
Central Lyon	10.993
Spencer	11.965
MOC-FV	12.528
Harris-Lake Park*	12.598
West Lyon*	12.698
HMS	12.859
Graettinger/Terril	13.875
Boyden Hull	14.449
Sheldon*	14.46
Rock Valley*	16.39
Sioux Center	17.625

*Including debt service rates for FY 2025

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