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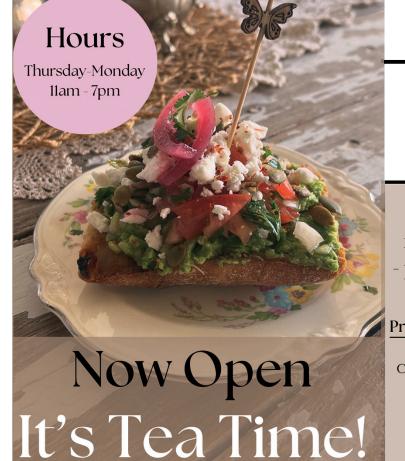
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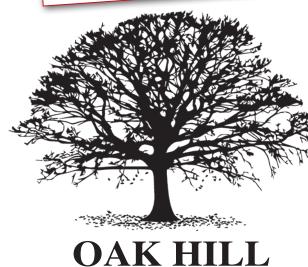






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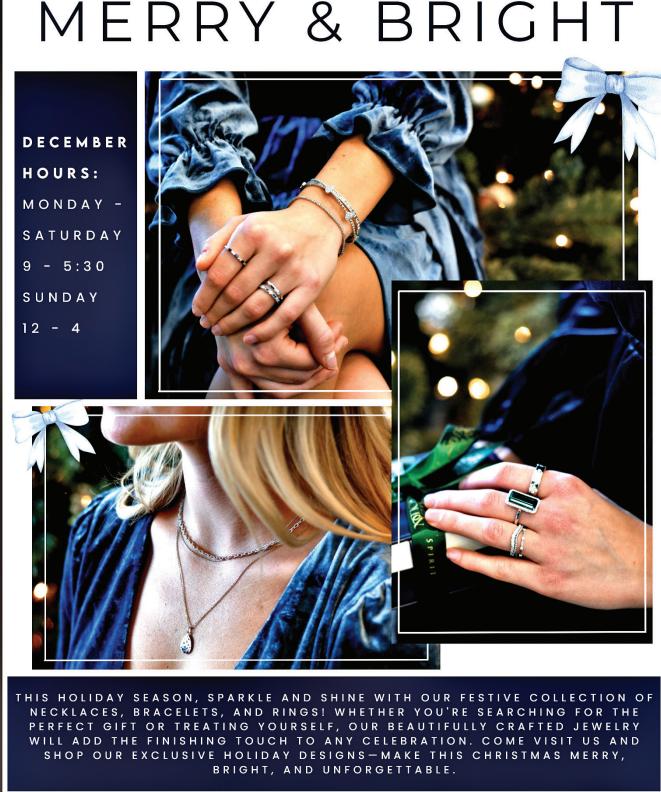
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Visit Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake, The Three Sons in Milford, or the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber in Arnolds Park to get your Winter Games gear today! We can't wait to see you all in your favorite pieces as we prepare for an amazing anniversary celebration.

Additional locations will be added in the coming weeks. For the most up to date information, visit *uofowintergames.com*. This year's logo was designed by the talented team at Blink Marketing in Milford.

This year's logo grasps the feel of this annual tradition with an emphasis on the great outdoor aspects of this annual tradition. Mark your calendars for January 23-26th, 2025, for the 45th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games. For a schedule of events, updated announcements, registration and apparel visit www.uofowintergames.com or check out Facebook page at www. facebook.com/UofOWinterGames.

If you are looking to participate in an event and showcase your business, vendor spots are officially open for the Chocolate Classic & Galleria sponsored by Ingvall Real Estate Team and the Chili Cook-Off sponsored by Hinn Realty. Forms can be found on the University of Okoboji Winter Games website.

com or 712-332-2107 with any questions.

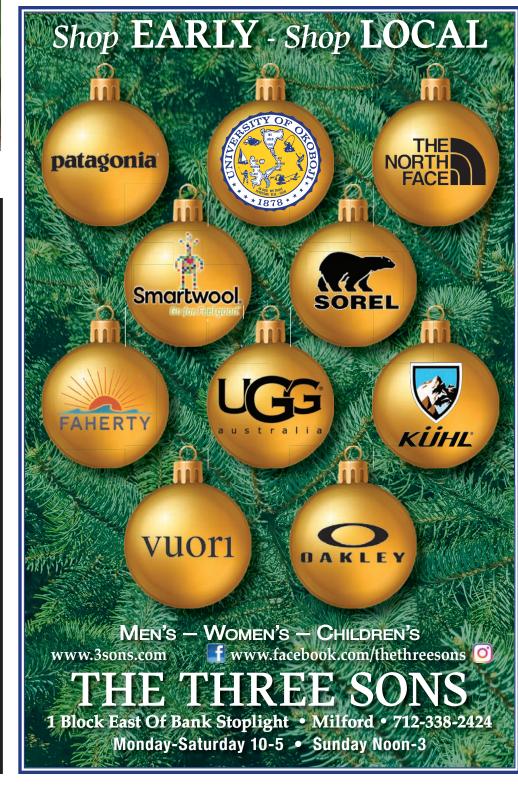


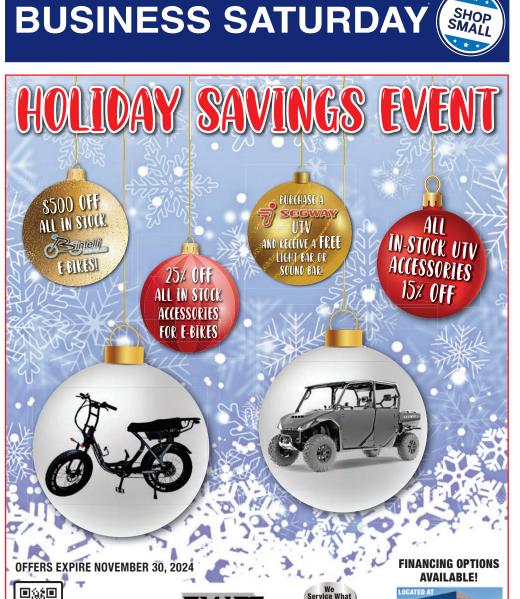












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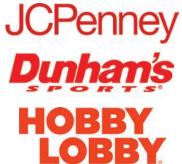
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#### 90th Birthday Announcement

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Please send your birthday cards to: John Yore, Riverview Terrace, 1501 St. Luke Drive #216, Spencer, Iowa 51351.

#### 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.

Wow. I can't believe the way the Democrats are losing their minds over the election of Donald Trump as President. The fact that he won in a landslide is the only reason they aren't crying foul like they did when Gore lost to Bush and Clinton lost to Trump. They act like the only complainers about election results are Republicans. The media is already filled with lies and propaganda. They are no longer held to the same standards as in the past. What did Trump do during his first term that makes these individuals think the sky is falling, Democracy in this country is now over and that we will never again have another election. Over the last 12 years Democrats and the Media have referred to Trump as Hitler and anyone that supports him as stupid, nazis, deplorables, racists, and garbage for what they believe. Over half of this country has now said enough is enough. You say Trump will start wars all over the world, prices will skyrocket on gas, groceries, utilities, housing. Where have you been over the last 4 years, under a rock. Under the Biden/Harris administration we are now tied to 2 wars, Ukraine and Gaza, prices have already skyrocketed due to Bidenonmics (20% inflation) and millions have crossed our borders illegally. I also want a healthy, educated, caring, just, productive society. It's time to grow up, get rid of the BS and hysteria, come together and move this country forward for the benefit of all citizens. No matter how bad you might think things are, there is still no other place I would rather live and raise my family. God Bless the United States of America.

Don Origer Milford, Iowa

#### Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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lallenges faced every day by other caregivers. For more information, call 712-336-1649 or 712-330-1270.



#### 95th Birthday Announcement

Jeane Tatman is turning 95 on Saturday, November 30. Her family would like to celebrate with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach Jeane at 3725 NE Otter Creek Drive, Ankeny, Iowa 50021.

#### **Local Trap Team Results**

The USA Clay Target League set a new record with 14,685 student athletes from 913 high schools shooting in the 2024 Fall League. The Okoboji Trap had 27 student athletes (grades 6 to 12) competing. The roster included 23 males and 4 females they completed virtually with trap teams from Nebraska, Florida, and Washington.

The Okoboji Trap scored 802.50 points to take 1St Place in the 5 week league beating the 2nd Place Blair, NE Trap Team by 117 .50 points. The home club for the Okoboji High School Team is Twin Forks Trap & Skeet Club which is located at 1723 160th Street, Spirit Lake, IA.

In addition to the 1st Place Team award, Sullie McKeen won the High Male award with an average of 24.50. Brayden Yungbluth took the 3rd place award in the Male division with a 24.0 average and Ashton Peters won the High Female award with a 23.30 average.

The Fall League was a 250 Target event shot 50 targets a week for 5 weeks. The Okoboji Trap Team had 6 of the top 8 scores in the Male Division and 3 of the top 6 scores in the Female Division.

Male: 1st Sullie McKeen 24.50, 3rd Brayden Yungbluth 24.00, 4th Tate Mertens 23.90, tie 6th Charlie Von Hofwegen 23.50, tie 6th R J Kalsow 23.50, and 8th Dalton Vinke 22.70. Female: 1st Ashton Peters 23.30, 5th Hadley Moore 20.30,

and 6th Melody Collett 19.10 Several Okoboji Shooters shot perfect 25 straights and 50

straights.
50x50 Sullie McKeen (3), Tate Mertens, and Brayden

25x25 Sullie McKeen (8), Tate Mertens (4), Charlie Von Hofwegen (3), Brayden Yungbluth (3), Ashton Peters (2), R J Kalsow (2), Dalton Vinke (2), Owen Engel, Oliver Miller, and Kael Mack

Registration for the Spring League will open about Feb, 1, 2025. Construction has started on the new Twin Forks Club House and Lifetime Time Family Membership at still only \$250. Call or text Head Coach Rick Kalsow if you have any questions about joining the Club.

The student athletes, parents, and coaches all want to thank the following sponsors for their generous support: The Dickinson County Conservation Endowment, Okoboji Foundation (Y.I.P), Bob Goff, Mr. Dan Wells, Twin Forks Trap and Skeet Club, Burgin's Lawn Service, Midway USA Foundation, Mike Hoien Construction, CC Screen Printing, Total Outdoorsmen, SCI Iowa, and Dickinson County Pheasants Forever.



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The student of the month program allows faculty members to recognize students for outstanding performance in one or more of the following: Academic excellence; special effort in the classroom activities; concern for learning, positive citizenship, hard work and/or other personal behavior which enhances the general school and classroom atmosphere. Congratulations to all these students – keep up the good work! Finn Jack, Blake Knudtson, James Allen, Carson Storey, Oakley Wright, Wes Evans, Grace Rutter, Ashton Beal, Ryker Ballis, Ethan Weston, Alyvia Bibler, Melody Collett, Paisley Petersen, Drake Boicourt, Nora Conover, Dillon Wittrock, Paisley Petersen, Railee White, Layla Rice, Jake Neuharth, Peighton Parsons.



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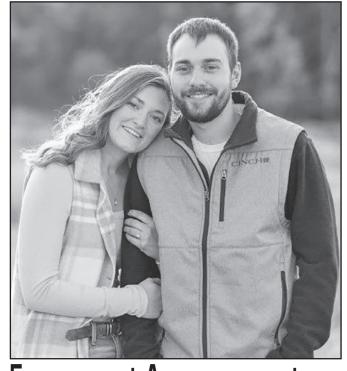
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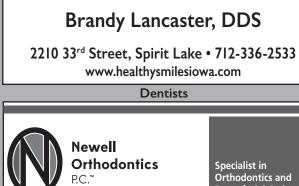
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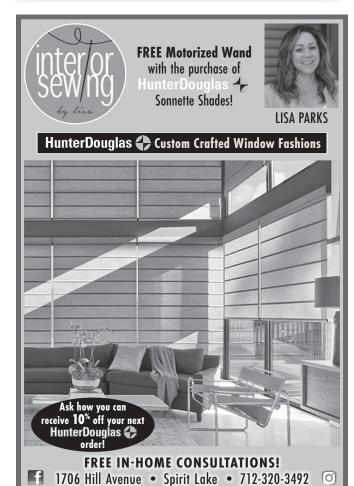
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West River Art Glass, Rise and Grind, Stan's Metal Works, Pampered Chef, Sewing After Hours and Itch Barn Creations were signed up as of this press release. Lunch will be available to purchase from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or

while supplies last. There will be a raffle for a vendor's basket. All proceeds will be used to support The Friends of the Mu-

seum's mission to preserve and maintain the history that has shaped the Lake Park community. The Friends of the Museum (Lake Park Historical Society) operates and maintains Heritage Square Museum, The Prairie House, the City Jail and the Knox Cabin. They are currently beginning a campaign to raise funds to renovate and add on to the Heritage Square Museum.



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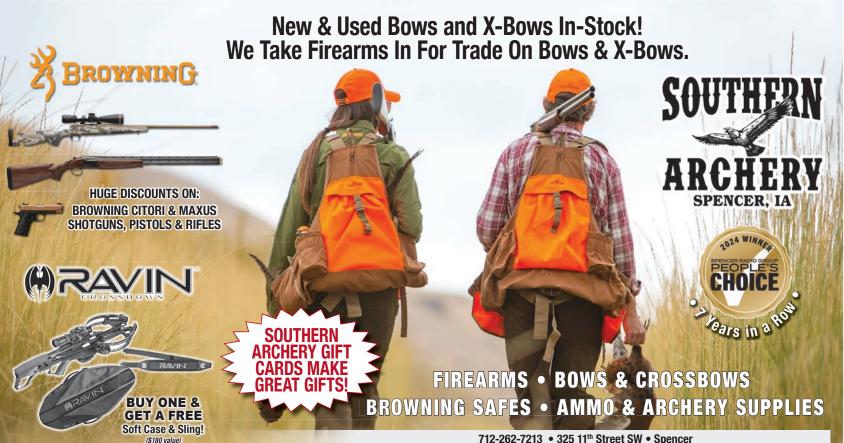




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The free concert features the Iowa Lakes Handbell Choir and other ensembles, all under the direction of Carol Ayres. With an afternoon of festive music, attendees can enjoy a moment of

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Get into the holiday spirit and take a musical pause before the December rush begins. Join friends and family for this delightful seasonal concert!

#### 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.

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#### Lakes Area Senior **Center Activities**

Tuesday, November 26 8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker -Treva Graves

12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, November 27 9:00 - Exercise Class

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Monday, December 2

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, December 15 from 8:30-12:30 - Freewill Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month! The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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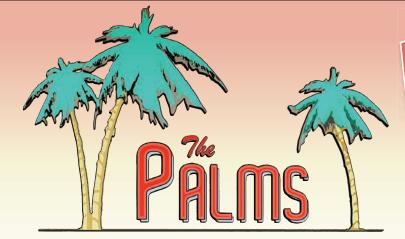
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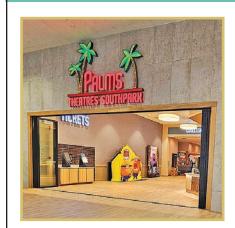
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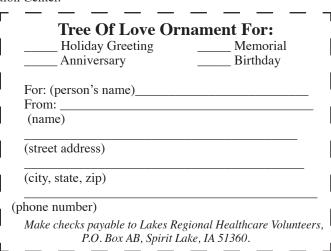
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Mary Kay Bates, President, and CEO of Bank Midwest, expressed her confidence in Luke's abilities, stating, "Luke brings a wealth of experience and an unparalleled dedication to our customers. His strategic leadership and forwardthinking approach make him an

ideal fit for the role of Chief Banking Officer."

Luke Donnenwerth, reflecting on his new responsibility, shared, "Taking on this new role is truly an honor, and I couldn't be more excited. I look forward to working with our exceptional team to continue the growth and success of our company while serving and supporting the communities we're proud to be part of."

Having joined Bank Midwest in 2010 as a commercial loan officer, Luke has been serving as Market President for Spirit Lake, Okoboji, and Wall Lake, IA since 2022. A native of Spirit Lake, he graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and began his banking career in 2005. Luke's outstanding abilities were recognized by BankBeat.biz, which named him a Rising Star in Banking in 2023. That same year, he actively participated in the Iowa Bankers Association Leaders in Advocacy Program, representing the banking industry at the state and national levels. Most recently, Luke was recognized as Dakota Finance SBA Lender of the Year and was honored with the designation of Patriotic Employer by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Apart from his professional accomplishments, Luke is actively involved in various organizations, including the YMCA of the Okobojis, where he serves as CVO Elect; the Spirit Lake Youth Athletics, where he holds the position of Treasurer; and the Good Neighbor Fund, where he serves as Board Chair. Luke is also involved in the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis, among other organizations. Alongside his wife, Megan, Luke is a proud parent of three children.

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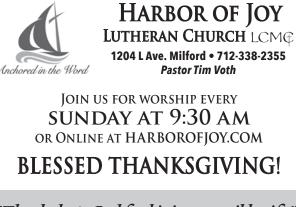
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#### **View From The Bench** by John Adams, Jr.

#### Cyclones Survive Salt Lake

In one of the craziest Iowa State games I have seen in years, the Cyclones kept alive their Big 12 Championship hopes with a 31-28 win over Utah in Salt Lake City on Saturday night. The Big 12 season has been a wild roller coaster ride, and Saturday was no different. Iowa State needed quite a bit of help heading into Saturday night to mainly control their own destiny, and the Cyclones got that help with Kansas becoming the only Division I team with a losing record to win three straight games vs ranked teams when they knocked off #16 Colorado 37-21. About the same time the Kansas/Colorado game was going on, #21 Arizona State won at home 28-23 vs #14 BYU in a game with a wild ending that I don't even have enough room to explain! The table was set for Iowa State to now basically be in control of their destiny, and all they had to do was beat a sliding Utah team who had started the season 4-0 but had lost six straight games.

Iowa State did everything they possibly could do to lose this game to an inferior Utah team. The first big miscue was in the first half with ISU driving and holding a 7-3 lead when Rocco Becht threw behind Jaylin Noel, Noel tipped the ball in the air and Lander Barton intercepted it, broke a Becht tackle, and raced in for an 87-yard pick-six to give the Utes a 10-7 lead. Then in the second quarter with ISU leading 14-10, the normally sure-handed Noel muffed a punt deep in Iowa State territory, fortunately the Cyclone defense got three great plays and forced a Utah field goal that trimmed the lead to 14-13. In the fourth quarter with ISU looking to be in control of the game up 24-13, and Utah now on their fourth string quarterback, the Utes blocked a Tyler Perkins punt and recovered it in the end zone to trim that comfortable 24-13 lead to 24-21. Utah somehow had 21 points without an offensive touchdown.

Iowa State mostly did everything they could to win the game, despite those three aforementioned plays. The Cyclones had 25 first downs compared to Utah's nine, went 8-16 on third down conversions against one of the best 3rd down defenses in the country, also were 2/2 on 4th down conversions, outgained Utah 405 yards to 221 and won the time of possession by 12 minutes. However, after Luke Bottari led an improbable 92-yard TD drive late in the fourth quarter, Iowa State found themselves behind 28-24 with 5:51 left in the game. Rocco Becht, as he has done all season, did not flinch; leading the Cyclones on an impressive 75-yard drive that resulted in a Carson Hansen 3-yard TD run to put ISU back on top 31-28 with 1:31 remaining. The offensive play of the season so far (Kyle Konrardy's 54-yard field goal to beat Iowa is still the play of the season) happened the play before the TD, when Hansen took a pitch from Becht and then threw it to a wide-open Gabe Burkle, who took the ball down to the Utah 3-yard line. This was a brilliant play call by first-year offensive coordinator Taylor Mouser, as Hansen had hurt the Utes all game on the toss sweep, and they were clearly expecting this play when Hansen took the pitch, leaving Burkle wide-open. Utah kicker Cole Becker, who had committed to Iowa State in high school before flipping his commitment for Colorado and then transferred to Utah, would miss a 54-yard field goal on the final play of the game, and the Cyclones escaped with the crazy 31-28 victory.

Iowa State has now won nine regular season games for the first time since 1906, and sits tied for first place with Arizona State, BYU and Colorado with a 6-2 Big1 12 record. The #17 Cyclones will host 8-3 Kansas State on Saturday night at 6:30 in a game that, if they win, should put them in the Big 12 Championship Game. The Cyclones still need one of five other games to go their way, with a very strong chance that should happen. This will be the biggest game in Jack Trice Stadium history with not only a Big 12 Championship game appearance on the line for ISU, but also a possible berth in the College Football Playoffs. The Utah game was a microcosm of Iowa State's season so far, taking you on a roller coaster ride of emotions and for the most part ending with a victory. Let's hope the Cyclones can continue to find a way to win one more time on Saturday night, get that heart medicine ready!

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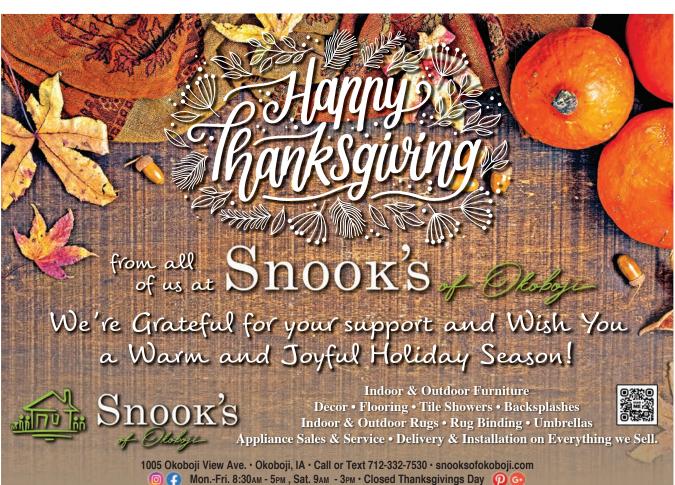
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Unit whose values are the same as the word auxiliary indicates, a as the Legion, and are dedicated to serving veterans, military and

The Milford American Legion Auxiliary is very active in our community. Each year we support our Veterans through donations to our local VA office in the form of gift cards, money for the emergency fund, items to be boxed up for care packages to be sent to deployed troops and pocket flags

that are sent to our deployed troops as well. The Milford ALA also participates in the distribution and education about the Memorial Poppy. In 2024, with the help of the Okoboji High School Art Society, a Poppy field was erected near the Perkins Restaurant location. Amid white crosses, the field had over 140 Ceramic Poppies, each bearing the name of a deceased Veteran the family wished to honor. Plans to continue the project each year are in the works.

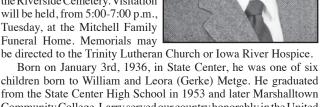
The ALA is proud to support our local schools through many different avenues. Apples are provided for all staff each November for American Education Week. Scholarships are awarded each year to 2 graduating seniors. The opportunity is available to any girl in her Junior year of high school, that would like to attend the Girls State program for one week in June. Money is also donated for the Scholastic Book Fair for students who may not be able to purchase a book otherwise.

There are many more things that the Auxiliary does that people are unaware of. We invite you to stop in and attend our monthly meeting, held the 3rd Tuesday of each monthm starting at 2:00 [.m., at the Milford American Legion Post building. Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary can reach out to a member of the Legion or Auxiliary for information. Even if the meeting time does not meet your schedule, know that your dues money will always benefit a Veteran. Without new members we won't be able to continue to support our Veterans. Without our Veterans we would not be able to continue with the freedoms afforded us through their sacrifice.

#### **Obituaries**

Larry Metge, age 88, of Marshalltown, passed away on Saturday night, November 23rd, at the Iowa River Hospice Home with his family at his side

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 27th, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home with Pastor Gregg Davison officiating. He will be laid to rest with full military honors provided by the Combined Honor Guard of the American Legion and VFW in the Marshalltown area, in the Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be held, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. Memorials may



Community College. Larry served our country honorably in the United States Navy from 1955 until 1957, stationed on the USS Salamonie. On September 8th, 1956, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Beverly Smith, at the Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. After his discharge from the Navy, the young couple farmed north of

State Center for one year until moving to Marshalltown. Larry was employed at KIOWA for 24 years. While at KIOWA, e served as president of the Central Iowa Purchasing Association and was on the Iowa Products Committee for many years. In 1986,

he became co-owner of Landon-Landon until retirement. After retirement in 1999, he and Bev moved to the Okoboji area to enjoy retirement and make many memories with the family. Fishing and boating along with family and friends were the treasures of those years. This past June, they moved back to Marshalltown. The Metges are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake.

Left to cherish his memory are Bev, his loving wife of 68 years; daughter, Jana L. Metge of Minneapolis; son, Todd (Lila)of Marshalltown; two precious granddaughters - Ashley (Chad) Van Rees of Cedar Falls, IA and Shannon Metge of Denver, CO; three greatgranddaughters - Morgan, Oaklyn, and Aspen, as well as many nieces, ephews, cousins, and friends.

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Russell (Russ) Allen Hecht, son of Wilfred and Sara Mildred (Headey) Hecht, was born into this world on the family farm in rural Welcome

Minnesota, on August 29, 1938. On November 22, 2024, he passed from this world, lovingly wrapped in the arms of his family at home. While we wanted to keep him forever, his calling came at the age of 86.

Visitation will be held at Henry Olson Funeral Chapel in Estherville, Iowa, 5:00-7:00pm, Tuesday, November 26, 2024. A funeral service will be held at the Estherville Lutheran Church in Estherville at 10:30om on Wednesday, November 27. Pastor Tim Johnson - Officiant. At rest - Estherville Lutheran Cemetery

Following his graduation from Sherburn High School, Russ was united in marriage to Mary Jane Linn of Estherville on October 17, 1959, at the Salem Lutheran Church in Jackson, Minnesota. He enjoyed his new important title of "Dad" when their first baby, Kathy, was born in Estherville. Russ and Mary Jane lived briefly in St Paul, Minnesota, where his title of "Dad" grew with the birth of Jeff and Becky. The couple moved back to Estherville to make their home. He worked briefly at Fareway before beginning a 37 year career at Estherville Sand and Gravel. Fun fact: It was important to Russ that there was a pile of sand in Estherville so that all families could fill their kids' sandboxes for free. Russ simply adored kids. It was also during this time that his title of "Dad" doubled from 3 to 6 with the family additions of Greg, Brian, and Shelley. Following a first retirement, he exchanged working with sand to working with sanders and sandpaper to pursue a love for furniture refinishing and collecting antiques. Their interest grew larger, so Russ and Mary Jane opened Highway 9 Antiques and ran "the shop" for 25 years where they met the most wonderful customers who became lifelong friends. Following a second retirement from this antique business, the couple moved to Spirit Lake.

Russ was a member of the Estherville Lutheran Church. He had passion for hunting and trapshooting. He spent many hours, again making lifelong friends, at the Izaac Walton League and trapshooting competitions across the state. His children have fond memories of going to these meets to watch. Russ enjoyed music from a young age. He played the harmonica and guitar, listened to country western, bluegrass, and polka music... and could whistle like no other! As a young man, he and his mom won first place at the Jackson County Fair performing a harmonica and organ duet. He continued to enjoy playing harmonica privately with his family, gifting many harmonicas as Christmas presents and teaching kids how to play. Russ shared his talent for woodworking and construction, even assisting his son, Brian, in building a new home. He consistently modeled for his children and grandchildren how to have a strong work ethic.

Playing ping pong, pool, card games, dominos, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, and squirrel watching were things Russ and family truly enjoyed doing together on a regular basis. Every Christmas for the last 44 years, Russ and his daughter, Shelley, held the tradition of picking out the family tree. The tree went up early this year with lights turned

Russ is survived by his wife, Mary Jane of Spirit Lake (celebrated 65 years of marriage in October); his children, Kathy (Kevin) Zinn of Lake Park, Jeff Hecht (Crystal Nissen) of Estherville, Becky (Bill) Hanson of Riverside, Greg (Molly) Hecht of Estherville, and Shelley (Kevin) Miller of Spirit Lake. He left a loving legacy of 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Ken (Diana) Hecht of Grants Pass, Oregon, and sisters-in-law, Mary Hecht of Jackson, Minnesota and Donna Hecht of Sherburn, Minnesota.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Sara Hecht; his stepmother, Wilma Hecht; his son, Brian Hecht, and brothers, Robert, Richard, and Bill Hecht; and sister, Shirley Boyer.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www. henryolsonfuneral.com.

#### scheduled for Friday, December 13, from 4:00-6:00pm, at The Arnolds Park Museum. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online

**Obituaries** 

James (Jim) Dorgan Jensen, 74, of Arnolds Park, Iowa, died

ovember 14, 2024, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota

condolences may be left at www. spiritlakefuneralhome.com Jim was born February 2, 1950. He grew up at the family resort, Jensen's Sunset Beach Cottages. Jim's love for Okoboji began here while giving sailing lessons, regularly attending Roof Garden summer dances and competing to earn sailing

A Celebration of Jim's life is

trophies. Winters throughout his life were spent in Lauderdale By The Sea, Florida,

After graduating from Arnolds Park High School in 1968, Jim earned a BS in Business Administration-Marketing in 1972 and his MBA in 1974 in Marketing from the University of Iowa. In the summer of 1971, Diana Boyt and her father rented a sailboat

from Jim at Jensen's Sailing Center on West Lake Okoboji. That meeting was the beginning of fun years of dating at the University of Iowa, followed by a wonderful 50-year marriage Jim owned Jensen's Sailing Center. In 1979, Okoboji Boats purchased Jensen's Sailing Center and Jim became sales manager

for Okoboji Boats. In 1986, Jim and Diana purchased Okoboji Boats. In 2001, Jensen's sold Okoboji Boats to Parks Marina. Jim absolutely loved working at Okoboji Boats. His customers were his friends and his co-workers were family. He enjoyed seeing

boaters making memories at the lake. From 2001-2020, Jim captained the Queen II excursion boat. During that time, Jim joined son Michael selling real estate in 2009. After several years, Jim and Michael founded Jensen Real Estate

in 2014. They enjoyed working together for 10 years. Jim served on the Arnolds Park City Council for 46 years. Jim deeply enjoyed his city council service - he devoted his time and talent to the city of Arnolds Park. His love for the area can be seen in many municipal projects.

He was the Commodore of the Okoboji Yacht Club in 2003 and served as secretary of the Yacht Club for 40 years.

It was important to Jim to take care of those he loved. He chershed his family; he found great joy in his children and grandsons.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Diana; daughter, Kate, partner Tamasa Alexander and sons T.J. and Grant; son, Michael and wife Kira and sons James and Jack; brother, Larry Jensen; nephews, Lawrence and Steven and his wife Leah and their daughters Lena and Maxine and brother-in-law Duane Zahradnik and his daughter Amy. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Bridget Olson, niece Caroline Baker; Jean Tool (Don), and niece Kelli Oswald; nephews, Ryan and Adam Tool; Sheila Nelson (Bob) and Lauren and Ross Nelson; and brother-in-law, John Boyt (Margaret), and Taylor and Devlin

Boyt. Jim has also been blessed with grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Annette Jensen; stepfather, Jack Neighbor; his sister, Marilyn Zahradnik; in-laws, Jim and Gloria Boyt; brother-in-law, Dan Olson; and aunt, Pearle Jensen Osher.

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Sergeant with the U.S. Army National Guard, Porter has always taken his role in the business very seriously, successfully replicating this integrity across his six brokerages and

several satellite offices throughout Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota. For this reason, he was recently awarded the honor of EXIT Realty's Broker of the Year in the company's Central U.S. division at their 2024 convention held at the prestigious Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

It was here, during the highly anticipated awards ceremony, where Porter also accepted the awards for #2 Highest Producing Office - Sides (Multiple), and the #5 Highest Grossing Office (Multiple) in North America, as well as earned a Bronze Award in recognition of personally closing over 25 real estate transactions in EXIT's production year, which runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

"Lee is a born leader. Since joining EXIT, he has been all-in for our brand as well as his agents, community and serving in leadership roles in our industry," explained Craig Witt, EXIT's U.S. CEO, who was in attendance for the awards presentation along with Co-Chair, Tami Bonnell, and EXIT's Founder and Chairman, Steve Morris. "He's strong, focused, determined and well-respected in his market for his unwavering commitment to representing his clients and agents at the highest level. Lee participates, contributes and inspires everyone he interacts with in EXIT, and we are proud to award him Broker of the Year for

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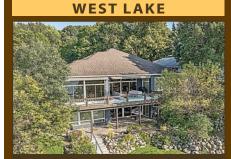


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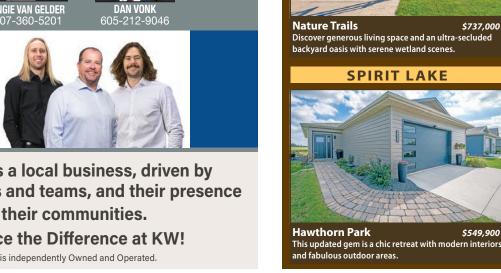
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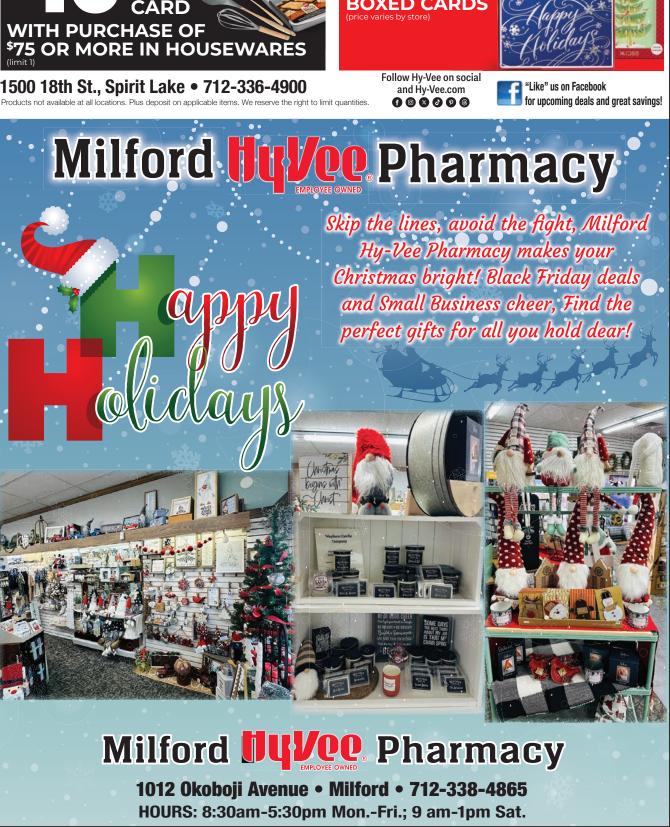
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#### Kenue Coffee Hour: Winter Birding

Are you looking to stay engaged with nature this winter? Pull up a chair at Kenue Coffee Hour: Winter Birding on Thursday,

December 5th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Maser Monarch Lodge. This month, the Dickinson County Nature Center is hosting Sue Boettcher, the Adult Program Coordinator of ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County.

Winter Birding Sue Boettcher From a young age, Boettcher developed

a passion for birding, stating, "I have been interested in birding since I was a child. We always had bird feeders hanging by the windows and a bird book by the window to identify the birds."

The birding enthusiast is eager to share her interest in the topic in a fun and engaging way, and attendees are in for a treat

to try their hand at Winter Bird Jeopardy! "I look forward to sharing the health benefits of birding,

winter bird identification, and the fun of birding," she stated. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and don't miss this month's speaker! Kenue Coffee Hour is a free adult program that does not require any preregistration. For more information, visit www. dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com.

#### 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

4:00-6:00pm, Thursday, December 5, 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 November Food Bank, 601 individuals (224 families) received 9,079 lbs. of food. The

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**Traditional Tastes of the Holidays** With Sarah Page from So Good by Sarah

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

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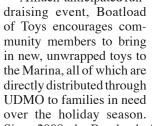
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Opportunity (UDMO) in Dickinson County as part of its annual Boatload of Toys fundraiser, happening now through December 14.

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Those who bring in donations by December 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.

#### Over 80 Local Dancers to Present The **Nutcracker with American Midwest Ballet**

American Midwest Ballet, along with the non-profit organization, Iowa Great Lakes Nutcracker, is excited to present The Nutcracker Ballet at the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts in Spirit Lake on December 6 and 7. Show time for December 6 is 7:30 pm with a matinee being

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**Brayden Yungbluth** 

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Sullie McKeen (8) Tate Mertens (4) Brayden Yungbluth (3) Ashton Peters (2)

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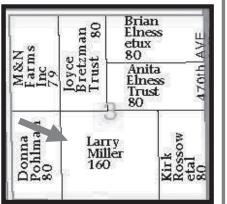
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Spirit Lake High School

DCEF Council Advisor Ann Ditsworth recognized the 2024 Advisory Council, which is made up of volunteers who broadly represent the County's residents: Chairman Evan Bensley - Lake Park, Vice Chairman Marilyn Vos - Arnolds Park, Treasurer Dawn Matthews -Terril, Secretary Sandi Bueltel -Superior, Greta Gruys - Spirit Lake, Megan Helgeson - Wahpeton, Tim O'Hagan - Spirit Lake, Ryan Schmidt – Okoboji and Annie Wasson -Milford. Ditsworth also noted, "The

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or from the Dickinson County Auditor. All applications for consideration of the current openings should be submitted to the Auditor's Office by December 13, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

The following Boards have an opening effective January 1, 2024:

- Board of Adjustment (to fill vacancy)
- Board of Health
- **Conservation Board**
- · Planning & Zoning Commission
- Trails Board
   – (County Member & Arnolds Park Rep)

All applicants must read the Appointment Policy and submit a signed copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy with their completed application, both of which are on the County Website, and available in the Dickinson County Auditor's Office.

For additional information, contact the **Dickinson County Auditor at** lpedersen@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov , your County Supervisor, or visit our website at www.dickinsoncountyiowa.gov

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## Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB

**Hope Rolls & DCTB Donate Adaptive Rides** 

The DCTB's summer fundraising collaboration with Hope Rolls raised \$9,500 for trail development and provided a double gift of adaptive tricycles for twins Miles and Russell at Spirit Lake Elementary School.

Hope Rolls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing adaptive tricycles to local children who are unable to ride traditional bikes, ensuring that kids of all abilities can enjoy cycling with their family and friends. In addition to their tricycle program, Hope Rolls is partnering with Spirit Lake Elementary to raise funds for an inclusive, fun-filled playground that will be fully accessible and empower children of all abilities to play alongside their family and peers.

The DCTB is proud to support this cause and looks forward to seeing the community come together for fun and adventure. To learn more about Hope Rolls, please visit their Facebook page for additional details and ways to support

#### Fall Friends Campaign

We are excited to build upon the significant growth the trails system has experienced over the last few years, including over 15 miles of new trail development and a beautiful new trailhead in Spirit Lake. We could not accomplish all of this without the generous support of our donors.

The DCTB is committed to expanding and enhancing the trail network around the Iowa Great Lakes. With your support, we can continue to connect more communities in Clay County and advance the development of the Tatanka Ska Trace rail trail. Additional exciting projects include a beautiful sculpture trail in partnership with the Pearson Lakes Art Center that will offer a unique blend of art and nature, and a new trail in West Okoboji that will alleviate traffic on a busy street route while enhancing connectivity and the overall trail network around the lake.

It is Fall Friends Campaign season and we hope you consider joining Friends of the Trails. Your gift will enable us to enhance the quality of life in the Iowa Great Lakes while making a substantial contribution to the area's health and economy. For more information on how you can donate to the trails, please visit our website at www.dickinsoncountytrails.com. We deeply appreciate the community's continued support in helping us improve and expand the trail system. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

#### **Enjoying Fall On The Trails**

There are still some beautiful days to appreciate before the snow settles in for the winter. Getting out on the Iowa Great Lakes Trails is a great way to enjoy nature while maintaining your mental and physical health as the temperatures cool. However, when the snow does come around, we will continue to keep you posted on our Facebook page about conditions on the beautiful cross country skiing trails at Brooks-Nature Center and Kettleson Hogsback.

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Questions can be directed to Melissa Lutat at 712-240-3782. Applications will be reviewed upon receiving.

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community chorale in NW Iowa, is announcing their series of Christmas concerts entitled "The Work of Christmas." Under the direction of Timothy Schumacher, this year's concerts will voice a wide range of styles from traditional to vocal jazz.

The Many Voices Choir, the premier

The concert series will include performances on the following dates at these venues:

- Sunday, December 1st, 3:30 pm: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft
- Friday, December 6th, 7:30 pm: United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake
- Estherville

Admission to all concerts is free, a free-will donation will be accepted. The concert series, "The Work of

Many Voices Choir Announces Christmas Concert Series

Christmas", will feature this piece which is based on the poem by Howard Thurman, "When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone.... the work of Christmas begins." Schumacher describes the piece as "a beautiful closing benediction to the Christmas celebration. It suggests that we are not merely to take in the sights and sounds of Christmas, but be inspired to respond by working toward peace on earth." Other program highlights include the reverent Latin Christmas masterpiece, "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen, an energetic Austrian Saturday, December 7th, 1:30 pm: carol "As Lately We Watched" arranged St. Patrick's Catholic Church in by Kirby Shaw, and a Celtic piece by

Mark Hayes, "Shepherd's Joy" featuring

cellist Randy Nelson. DJ Gommels will accompany the choir and instrumentalist Joan Gronstal, flutist, will make notable appearances throughout the performances. Established in 1988, the Many Voices

Choir comprises 40-60 members from over 15 communities in northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota. One member states, that "Singing these carols is a deeply inspirational way of expressing the story of the nativity and birth of Jesus Christ."

For further information or media inquiries, please contact Tim Schumacher at 712-209-0202 or visit their website at https://sites.google.com/view/nwiowamanyvoiceschoir/home

#### Dairy Webinar Series Continues

ORANGE CITY, IA – The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team monthly webinar series contin-

ues Tuesday, December 3, from 12 noon to 1:00pm. The pro-





Dairy Webinar Series

gram "What does this season's corn silage look like?" features a presentation by Neal Wininger, Feed and Forage Consultant with Dairyland Labs, Arcadia, Wisc.

Wininger will discuss what the lab analysis from this year's corn silage samples are telling him about the quality of the crop and what producers can anticipate about how it will convert into milk in the tank.

Producers, dairy consultants, and industry representatives can attend the webinar by registering at https://go.iastate.edu/ CORNSILAGE24. There is no registration fee; however, registration must be done at least one hour prior to the program to receive the URL.

For more information, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Field 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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#### **Christmas String Art** at the Jackson County Libraries

Join us at the Jackson County Library System for a fun Christmas themed craft. Choose from two different designs to create your very own colorful string art with embroidery floss.

This free monthly adult program will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 12:00 noon at the Jackson Library. You are welcome to bring lunch with you to the noon program at Jackson. The program will also be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Lakefield

ibrary and 5:30 p.m. at the Heron Lake Library. Coffee and tea provided.

Registration is requested for this program. Please call or stop in to your local library for more information. Program plans are subject to change.

#### Secret Santa Program Sponsorship

Okoboji Flooring & Furniture, the Campus Women's Club, and the Milford Memorial Library's Secret Santa Program is

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As of November 20th, individuals, businesses, and organizations may begin choosing a numbered ornament off of the Christmas tree, located at 1007 Okoboji Ave, Milford during normal 9-5 business



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Thank you to everyone who has sent in nominations. We are looking forward to brightening the holidays for these deserving

Jeff Zwagerman, who lives on East Lake Okoboii in Iowa and winters on Sanibel, has had his new mystery/thriller published entitled Coming To Terms. There are nine in the "Zander" series

Area Author Has His 9th Book Published

and this is the final book in that series. The following is a short synopsis of Coming To Terms:

• Just when everything seems to be working out in Zander's life, the bottom just seems to fall out. As one might assume, living on the edge for so many years has a tendency to catch up. No one can rely on luck forever. Finally, one must face the demons and begin again. Zander cannot do it alone and must engage the help of his friends. He can no longer be the loner he desires to be. • Zwagerman's first novel, Always A Kicker was the first in

the Zander series. A Full Bubble Off Plumb continues the saga of the broken and damaged character. The third book, South Of Sideways, finds the character drawn to the Florida Keys. The fourth book in the Zander series is called Tin Roof Rusted and is set in Southwest Florida, the Everglades, and Sanibel. The Skinny is the fifth in the series and involves Zander's sometime hippie friend, Fats. The sixth novel, Beyond Contempt, brings Zander back to Florida unwillingly. There he has to try and balance the women in his life which causes even more disaster. The seventh in the series, Protocol, takes Zander back to his mountain home to try and start over. Viscosity introduces us to a new character in Zander's life, which will ultimately help face his demons.

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#### ABOUT HARRIS LAKE PARK:

The Harris-Lake Park Elementary is located in Lake Park, IA. Originally the H-LP High School, the building has been configured to accommodate our PK - 5 students. The Harris-Lake Park MS/HS is also located in Lake Park. The MS/HS was built in 2004, and an addition was constructed n 2015 updating the facilities.

#### K-5 Campus

Located in Lake Park, IA, the building was the site of the previous Harris-Lake Park High School. It provides plenty of space and resources for teachers and students to be a part of an engaging education. The K-2 students have access to -pads with the 3-5 students having access to Chromebook 2:1 tablets. Mike Thompson has been the elementary principal at Harris-Lake Park since 2022.

#### MS /HS Campus

MS/HS Campus, also located in Lake Park, IA, is home for grades 6-12 and many of the teachers span the Middle School and High School grade levels. The MS/HS building is a great facility built within the last 25 years that includes a gymnasium, auditorium, public library, wellness center, and much more! Principal Greg Hiemsta has been at Harris-Lake Park school year since 2018.

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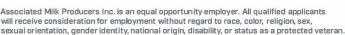
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#### Tullis Heads to Nationals

Anna Tullis competed in 3 state pageants this year: National American Miss, where she won Miss Iowa CoverGirl, US

American Miss, where she received 1st runnerup, and the Princess of America Pageant where she won Miss Iowa Great Plains. Anna will continue into nationals in Branson, Missouri, against all other state girl title holders in July 2025. Her platform for her pageant work is Saving Our Shores in the lakes area to help bring awareness to our beautiful great lakes and keeping our beaches and great lakes



Anna is a freshman at the Spirit Lake High School in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She is in show choir, cheerleading, plays the piano, and loves the pageant life. She wants to thank all her family and friends for all their support and especially all her sponsors: Tri State Litho, Lakes Auto Sport, Steam Way, All Fur Love, Parks Marina, Elegance Bridal, Boji Doors, and Bio Balance. She will be doing fundraising and appearances throughout the year to help fund her trip to nationals.

"Thank you for all the support," Anna Tullis.





**Puzzle Exchange** by Jill Jennings

The days are growing shorter and colder, which means now is a good time to find some cozy indoor activities. Top of the list, of course, is reading books, but putting together a jigsaw puzzle is also a great choice!

For a while now we have had puzzles to borrow from the Spirit Lake Public Library, along with our monthly puzzle exchange. We are changing that up just a bit. Now, you can borrow, or exchange puzzles any day that we are open. You no longer have to wait until the 2nd Saturday of the month to bring in puzzles to exchange. If you would like to borrow or exchange puzzles, make sure to talk to a staff member at the front desk.

Our puzzles have been moved from below the paperback shelf to the bottom shelves of the adult non-fiction section. If you aren't sure where to look, just ask one of our staff members to help you. When bringing in puzzles to return, donate or exchange, please make sure they are new or like-new in the original box, and complete. No missing pieces! If when you take a puzzle home, you find that it has a missing piece or pieces, feel free to keep it or throw it away.

The Spirit Lake Public Library is open Monday – Thursday, 9-6, Friday, 9-4, and Saturday, 9-2. We look forward to seeing

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, December 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Play Time
- Monday, December 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters Tuesday, December 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Gingerbread
- House Activity
- Wednesday, December 4, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Quilters

#### **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.

- December 2, 10:30 a.m.- Safari • December 9, 10:30 a.m.- Gingerbread
- December 16, 10:30 a.m.- Airplanes
- December 23, 10:30 a.m. Polar Bears

Friday, December 6, is the last day to bring in your tree to Milford Memorial Library for the Festival of Trees! Judging will be on Saturday, December 7, during Holiday Fantasy. Categories are the following: Best Business, Best Personal/Family, Best Organization, Most Creative, and Librarian's Choice. Each category winner will receive Milford Bucks from the Friends of the Milford Library. If you have any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrarv51351@gmail.com.

Please join Milford Memorial Library on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for our Holiday Open House during Milford's Holiday Fantasy. Come and enjoy kid crafts (make and take or to go), visit with Santa, Festival of Tree voting, and treats provided by the Friends of the Milford Library.

An open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place on Wednesday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m., 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 thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

"Fill the Cart" for the Dickinson County Upper Des Moines Food Pantry is going on until Saturday, December 14! We are collecting nonperishable food items at the Milford Memorial Library.

Help us fill their cupboards. Settle in and spend quality time with friends and family by completing a jigsaw puzzle. MML has a variety of puzzles, sizes ranging from 300 to 1,000

pieces. Stop in and take a look. Pick up library materials

at Milford Memorial Library's drive-up window. Place library materials on reserve by calling 712-338-4643, or by going to our online catalog, www.milford.lib.ia.us. The drive-up window is located on the east side of the library.

#### Mouw & Jackson to Perform in the London New Year's Day Parade

Spirit Lake Hight School is proud to announce that cheerleaders, Vanessa Mouw and Brooklyn Jackson, will represent Varsity Spirit, the global leader in cheerleading, dance team and band

apparel, camps and competitions, and a division of Varsity Brands, the market leader in team sports, school spirit and achievement recognition, in the London New Year's Day Parade in London, England from December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025.

 $Cheer leaders, dancers, and drum\, majors$ who are invited to perform in the London New Year's Day Parade are part of a select group of All-Americans identified at Varsity Spirit summer camps across the country. All-Americans are based on superior cheer leading or dance skills as well as leader ship skills at camps operated by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), United Spirit Association (USA) or Urban Cheerleading Experience (UCE). Only the top 12% of the cheerleaders and dancers from Varsity Spirit camps earn the chance to participate in a performance of this caliber.

'We are thrilled to be back participating in the London New Year's Day Parade, and that these excellent athletes will have the chance to perform and experience one of our Special Events abroad," said Bill Seely,

President of Varsity Spirit. "We are honored to provide athletes a one-of-a-kind opportunity, where they will meet and connect with cheerleaders, dancers, and drum majors from across the United States, as well as be a part of an international and historical parade experience."

Vanessa and Brooklyn will perform with Varsity Spirit All-Americans in an exclusive performance on Piccadilly. Since its inaugural parade in 1987, the London New Year's Day Parade attracts over 10,000 participants from the USA, UK, Europe and beyond to delight a street audience of over 500,000 and TV audience, which reaches more than 500,000,000 annually.

Besides being able to perform in a world-renowned parade, athletes will have the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across the US and enjoy a memorable trip to one of the world's most popular cities.

Vanessa stated, "I am super excited this year to share this opportunity with Brooklyn. Last year, I did it by myself and it was super fun, but now I'll have someone to share the experience with. We are very fortunate to get to go to London and I'm so grateful for everyone who's helped us be able to do this. Being a part of something as great as the London New Year's Day Parade is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Not only do we get to take part in something bigger than just cheering in Spirit Lake, but we get to connect and surround ourselves with other cheerleaders across the nation. If anything, that's the best part about being an All-American Cheerleader."

Brooklyn stated, "I am just so excited and feel so blessed to have the opportunity to experience a new culture and a new place through cheerleading. I'm looking forward to the adventure that awaits and the friends and memories ahead. I'm so excited for the incredible opportunity to be a part of the London new year parade, It feels like an incredible opportunity to represent my community on an international stage."

For more information about the Varsity Spirit All-American Program, visit www.varsity.com.



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