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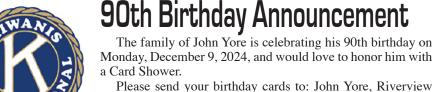
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Kiwanis Bingo Nights

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Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, December 12, 2024. 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.



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Please send your birthday cards to: John Yore, Riverview Terrace, 1501 St. Luke Drive #216, Spencer, Iowa 51301.





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Gifts to the Good Neighbors Fund help support the following organizations:

2024 Fund Drive Goal Organization American Red Cross \$5,000 **Atlas** \$3,500 **Bedell Family YMCA** \$10,000 **Camp Foster YMCA** \$7,500 \$4,000 **Cherish Center** \$6,000 **Dickinson County Museum Dickinson County RSVP Literacy Partners** \$1.000 **Family Crisis** \$3,000 **Girl Scouts** \$5,000 **Hope Rolls** \$5,000 **Dickinson County Humane Society** \$5,000 **lowa Great Lakes Fishing Club** \$3,000 **Kings & Queens** \$4,000 **Lakes Area Hockey Association** \$5,000 **Mid-American Council-Boy Scouts** \$3,000 **Pearson Lakes Art Center Program** \$5,000 **Respite Angels** \$3,000 **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** \$2,000 **Spirit Lake Youth Athletics** \$5,000 **Upper Des Moines Opportunity** \$5,000 **Voluntary Action Center** \$5,000

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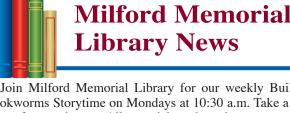












Join Milford Memorial Library for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information, 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 milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

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. 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7,

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.

"Fill the Cart" for the Dickinson County Upper Des Moines Food Pantry is going on until Friday, December 13! We are collecting non-perishable 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 from the comfort of your car 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.











Parks Marina Holds Annual Boatload of Toys Fundraiser OKOBOJI-- Parks Marina, located on East Lake in Oko-

boji, Iowa, is once again teaming up with Upper Des Moines

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

Amuch-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.

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Since 2008, the Boatload of Toys event has accumulated over \$60,000 worth of toys donated.

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 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.

SCAN FOR DONATION PAGE

'Tis The Season to Give Back: Blink Marketing "Meals on Wheels" Angel Tree

Blink Marketing will be hosting their 11th annual Meals on Wheels Angel Tree. This program was designed to bring in



donations that will directly go towards the local Meals On Wheels program managed by the Voluntary Action Center of Dickinson County.

The Meals on Wheels Angel Tree is set up at Blink Marketing, located at 1020 10th St in Milford, Iowa, just a block off Hwy 71, turn at The Milford Coffee Shop. The public can stop in to purchase a custom designed ornament, for \$5.00 each, which covers the cost of a meal for an individual in need in our area or you can mail your donation to: Blink Angel Tree, PO Box 168, Milford, IA 51351. Blink will match all donations for this program.

"At Blink, we deliver meals for Meals on Wheels in December and January each year since it is often the time when nobody wants to deliver those meals, due to the

cold. These people need a little extra help this holiday season," said Jill Harms, President of Blink Marketing. "If you have the ability to give back you should. It's a small effort, but it makes a big difference. We know it has been a difficult year for so many, but, if you can and are able to give, please consider giving to this program,"said Harms. The Angel Tree will be up until December 23rd at Blink Marketing in Milford.





Lueders Ridiculous Christmas Lights are Back for the Holiday Season

Located at 1078 110th Street, Lake Park, Iowa, the Lueders will have their first lighting November 28th, at 5:30pm. The lights will run nightly, 5:30pm to 10:00pm, through December 31st. Their display is 250,000 computer controlled lights set to music. Be sure to tune your radio to 97.5 and listen to the music as you enjoy the show. Everyone, mark your calendars for Santa's visit Saturday, December 7th, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Santa and his helpers will have goody bags for the kids and candy canes for everyone.

"From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!"



Gift A Smile Campaign with an Evening of Food, Fellowship & Karaoke! Each Gift a Smile of \$25 provides one day pass for a deserving child and all passes purchased from Dec. 3rd to Dec. 6th will be matched by Arnolds Park Amusement Park. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH **DURING AND AFTER HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET. ♥** 5PM The Pavilion Opens for Beer Sampling and Food

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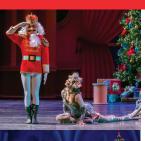
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Dewey Decimal System Day - December 10th

by Jill Jennings Melvil Dewey, the creator of the famed Dewey Decimal System which classifies mostly non-fiction library books and resources, was born on December 10, 1851, in New York and this date has been adopted to celebrate and honor him annually for Dewey Decimal System Day.

Dewey created his proprietary system of library resource classification while working at the Amherst College library at the age of 21. The Dewey Decimal System was first published in 1876 and is now the most widely used system around the world in over 200,000 libraries in 135 countries. The 20th edition of the system had been published by the late 20th century.

The system allows us to locate resources by topic assigned to one of 10 classes. The 10 main groups are 000-099, general works; 100-199, philosophy and psychology; 200-299, religion; 300–399, social sciences; 400–499, language; 500–599, natural sciences and mathematics; 600–699, technology; 700–799, the arts; 800-899, literature and rhetoric; and 900-999, history, biography, and geography.

Each class is further categorized into 10 hierarchical divisions which are then subcategorized into 10 sections. The Dewey system's numerical classification provides a shorthand identification and location tool. The notation lends itself to memory through the constant repetition of a standard pattern — area arrangement, different numbers for particular languages — through parallel subject developments and patterned repetition of standard subdivisions, such as theory, history, geography and so on.

It's hard to believe it's been over 100 years since the original introduction of the Dewey Decimal System. Today, Americans check out an average of 7 items from their local libraries every year so the need to maintain order continues. The digital age made the beautiful card catalog cabinets housing the index cards listing the decimal classification obsolete. Interestingly, Dewey also helped to create the index cards themselves. The same year he created the decimal system, Dewey founded the Library Bureau, a company selling index cards and filing cabinets. (https:// nationaltoday.com/dewey-decimal-system-day/)

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- Monday, December 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, December 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess • Tuesday, December 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
- Wednesday, December 11, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, December 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Santa's Village



Mobile Food Pantry In Estherville St. Alban's Lessons & Service

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



Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For over 74 years, the Okoboji Women's Club has been supporting local projects. We continue this along with interesting speakers. We also continue the fun and friendly fellowship with our wonderful members. We welcome visitors to our club and new members. If you are interested in attending, please make a

Our next meeting is on December 6, at noon, for a Christmas potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Instead of a speaker for this month, we will continue the tradition of signing Christmas Carols. This is so much fun! We will have our meeting after the caroling.

Our meeting is held at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. I am looking forward to seeing all the members and visitors that can attend our Christmas Potluck.

President of the Okoboji Women's Club

Boettcher, the Adult Program Coordinator of ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson County. From a young age, Boettcher developed a passion for birding,

To The Editor:

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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.

St. Albans to host Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday,

December 15th, at 7:00pm. Join in the celebration of Advent

as they await the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Singers from many area churches from all over the community

make up the Choir and will help us as we work our way to

Bethlehem. The choir is under the direction of St. Alban's direc-

tor of music, Elizabeth Knudtson and accompanied by Allison

Antoine. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this service of Lessons

and Carols that prepare us for Christmas. Refreshments will fol-

low in the Parish Hall. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is located

at 2011 23rd Street directly east of the Hospital in Spirit lake.

Kenue Coffee Hour: Winter Birding

Are you looking to stay engaged with nature this winter? Pull

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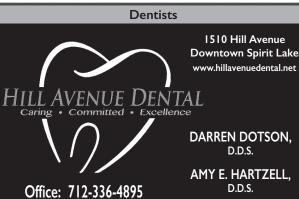
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- December 12th- Christmas Bingo lots of fun with this one • December 19th-Christmas Country Music Show with Steve Lang Refreshments will be served and they would love to see you.

If you have any questions, you can call Chelsie at the church 712-332-2447 or Kelly at Respite Angels 712-229-6064.





Writers and Writing

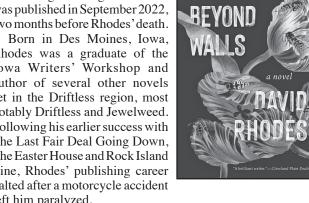
Rhodes Novel Predicts the Future

The late David Rhodes returns to his beloved Driftless region of southwestern Wisconsin in his futuristic novel Painting

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Beyond Walls, a story of a man of humble beginnings who goes on to achieve great things. The novel was published in September 2022, two months before Rhodes' death.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Rhodes was a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and author of several other novels set in the Driftless region, most notably Driftless and Jewelweed. Following his earlier success with The Last Fair Deal Going Down, The Easter House and Rock Island Line, Rhodes' publishing career halted after a motorcycle accident left him paralyzed.



Chicago of 2027 sets the stage for Rhodes' final novel. While the time isn't far in the future, Rhodes' depiction of events is a clear warning of how climate change could impact not just the landscape, but human behavior:

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Dr. Grafton tries to weasel his way out of August's discovery, saying men in superior positions have acquired an innate right to as many females as they want. While Grafton does not directly threaten him, the message is clear. Don't mess with your superiors.

After he loses his position due to funding cuts, and with salt in the wound from a breakup with his out-of-his-league girlfriend Amanda Clark, August returns to his beloved Driftless region to heal.

Through his mother, August meets April, a devastatingly beautiful woman living in a gated community who seems totally out of reach until . .

Rhodes has a devilishly clever knack for putting hapless individuals into seemingly hopeless situations then entertaining us as they struggle to emerge from them. Rhodes' description of the Driftless region is spot-on, and totally heartwarming.

It's also a wonderful final tribute to a great writer.

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





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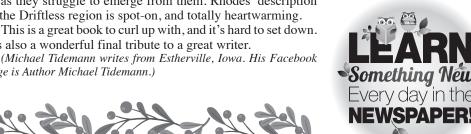
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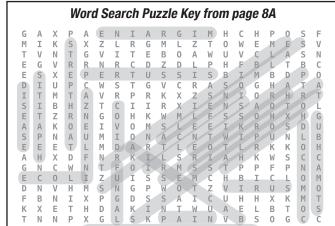








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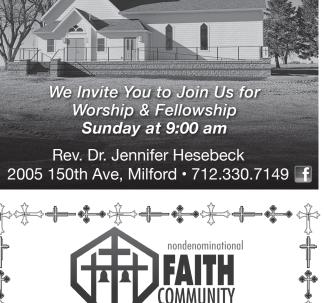
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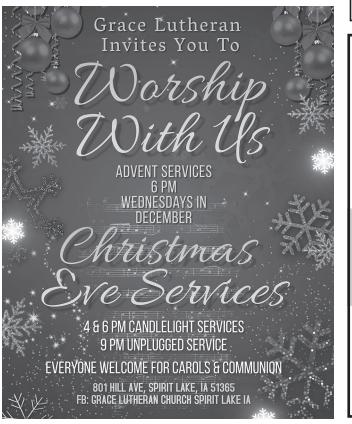
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Feast Week Delivers!

Michelle and I had a fantastic, long weekend with all of our kids home, and also enjoyed spending quality time with both sides of our family. One of the highlights of Thanksgiving Week in the sports world is known as Feast Week, which is filled with a full week of high-level college basketball games with teams at Holiday Tournaments, NFL games on Thursday and Sunday,

and a full slate of college football rivalry games on Friday and

Saturday. This year, more than any that I can remember, Feast

Week delivered with some big-time games and thrilling moments, especially for the Iowa State Cyclones and Iowa Hawkeyes! My

Vikings also had a great win on Sunday but I don't have enough

I won't write as much about the Iowa State Men's Basketball team as I've got all winter to do that, but will do a short summary of their Feast Week Festivities. The #5 Cyclones traveled

to Hawaii to participate in the Maui Classic, one of the toughest

three-day tournaments in the nation, as this year's bracket featured four teams in the Top 25, including three in the top five!

Iowa State went 2-1 with the only loss coming in the opening round to #4 Auburn. The Cyclones blew a 16-point halftime

lead and lost on a tip-in at the buzzer to the Tigers, who went

on to win the entire tournament, beating North Carolina 85-72 in the semifinals and handling Memphis 90-76 in the finals. I'm guessing you'll see Auburn ranked #2 when this week's rankings

come out. Iowa State rebounded nicely by beating a very good Dayton team 89-84 in a hard-fought win, and then blew out

conference foe Colorado 99-71 in the fifth-place game, after the Buffalos had upset #2 UCONN the day before. Keshon Gilbert made the all-tournament team with three very impressive games, and if the Cyclones can get their new guys to figure out their defensive rotations, which I'm very confident TJ Otzelberger and his staff will do, this team could definitely contend for a

Big 12 Championship and make a deep NCAA Tournament run.

"Iowa" win ever, as the Hawkeyes found a way to beat the Huskers for their 9th victory in the last 10 games of this series when Drew Stevens drilled a 53-yard field goal on the last play

of the game for the 13-10 Hawkeye win. Iowa won the game

despite the following stats: First Downs-Nebraska 20, Iowa 5; Total Yards-Nebraska 334, Iowa 164; Rushing Yards-Nebraska 144. Iowa 49: 3rd Down Conversions-Nebraska 8/17. Iowa 0/10: Time of Possession, Nebraska 39:01; Iowa 20:59. The Hawkeyes managed to stay in the game despite the offensive struggles with a bend but don't break defense, and then did what they do better

than any team in the nation, let their opponent beat themselves. Nebraska built a 10-0 lead and then did the following; missed a short field goal to start the second half; muffed a punt at their own 4-yard line that lead to an Iowa field goal; missed four tackles on one of the best catch and run plays I've ever seen by Iowa's Kaleb Johnson that led to a 72-yard touchdown to tie the game; and then Dylan Railoa fumbled on a great play by

Iowa's Max Llewellyn's with just:20 remaining at the Nebraska 40-yard line to set up the game-winning field goal. This, like many of Iowa's victory was a culture win. Iowa does the little things better than any program in college football and rarely

beats themselves. According to stats guru Matt Benson, since

2018, Iowa owns a 6-7 record when it gains 200 or fewer yards, a .462 winning percentage. The rest of FBS combined is 18-403

in that span (.043) with 200 or less. This win was no fluke, it's

Iowa State ended the local college version of Feast Week with a huge 29-21 victory over Kansas State on Saturday night at Jack Trice Stadium. The win moved the #16 Cyclones to 10-2, making it the first 10-win season in program history. More importantly,

it kept alive ISU's chances to play in the Big 12 Championship Game, but the Cyclones needed BYU to beat Houston in a game that kicked at 9:00PM Saturday night. We (Michelle and I, the

kids fell asleep) stayed up until 1:00AM to watch BYU win a

hard-fought game, 30-18 and send the Cyclones to the Big 12 Championship Game vs Arizona State on Saturday in Dallas. Iowa State ended the season with a 7-2 Big 12 record and a four-way tie with Arizona State, BYU and Colorado. I'm not smart enough to figure out all the tiebreakers, but they went in ISU's favor and the Cyclones will play for a chance at a berth in

the College Football Playoffs on Saturday. This win was typical

of Iowa State's 10-2 season, as it wasn't always pretty, but the

Cyclones found a way to pull out the victory by playing some great complimentary football. The ISU defense held the potent

Wildcat running attack to 144 yards while rushing for 187 vs

the Big 12's number one rushing defense. Iowa State also forced

two huge K-State turnovers that led to 14 Cyclone points. Iowa

State's special teams delivered with a huge blocked field goal

by Darian Porter, and Kyle Konrardy made two big field goals

(although he missed one late that would have iced the game).

Rocco Becht didn't have his greatest game as a Cyclone, as K-

State did a great job of disguising their coverages and limited Becht to just 137 yards on 13/35 passing, but Becht didn't turn the ball over, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another one

while leading the Cyclones to the monumental victory. This game

also saw for the first time in program history, two ISU receivers

go over 1,000 yards on the season with Jaylin Noel and Jayden Higgins topping that mark, and proving they are one of the best

receiving duos in the nation. Iowa State will now play in their second Big 12 Championship Game in five years. The great

thing for Cyclone fans is this year, unlike the Covid season of

2020, there is no attendance limitations at AT&T Stadium, and

I anticipate Cyclone fans (Tyler and I are going) to turn Jerry's

World into Jack Trice South on Saturday; Go Cyclones!!

what Iowa does and more often than not, it works!

Friday night saw the Iowa Hawkeyes take on rival Nebraska on a chilly night in Kinnick Stadium. This had to be the most

room to write about that one this week.

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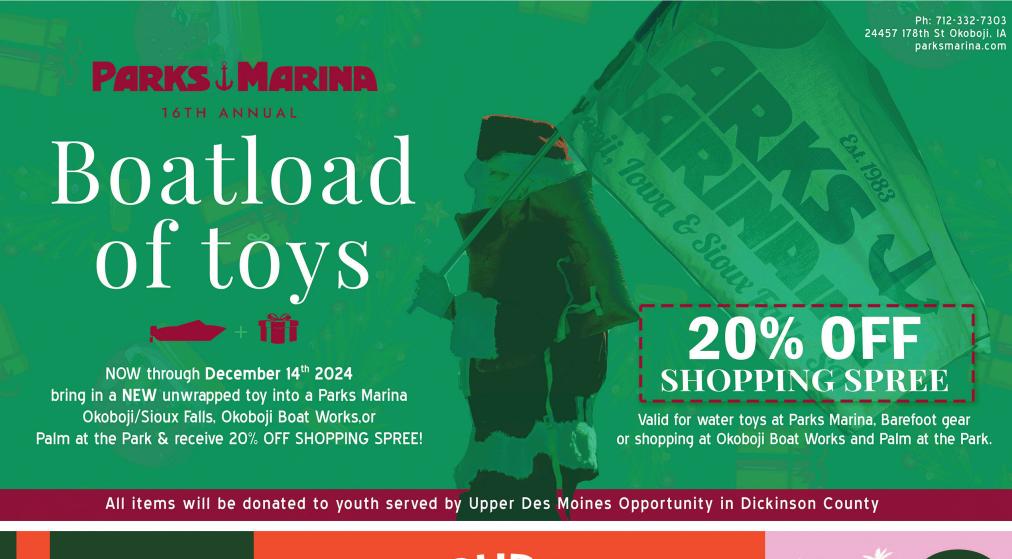
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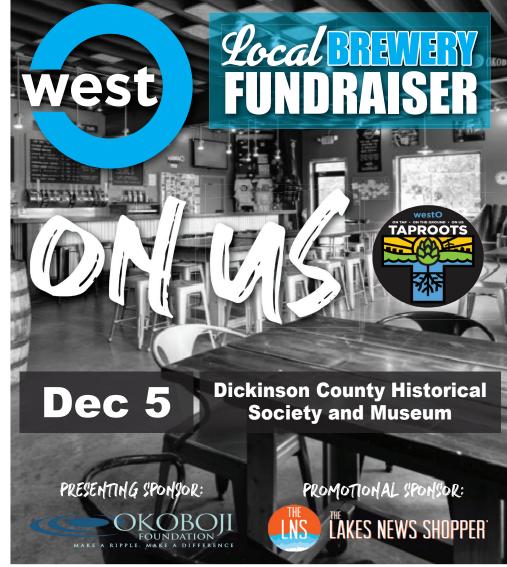
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Tuesday, December 3 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker -Nature Center 12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, December 4 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, December 5 10:00 - Strummers 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, December 6 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, December 7 Coin Auction at 9:30 am Sunday, December 8

Card Room Reserved

Monday, December 9

12:00 - Dinner Date

9:00 - Exercise

1:00 - Pinochle Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join the Lakes Area Senior Center on every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for program at 12:30 with their featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. The next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 8:30-12:30 - Freewill offering. No dance this month. The Senior Center is closed the week of Christmas, December 23-27. 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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Wed., Dec. 4 - ONLINE -Machinery auction online only. Auctioneer: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www. hallbergauction.com

Thurs., Dec. 5 - 10:00 AM -Machinery auction in Buffalo Center, IA. Auctioneer: Hallberg Auction and Real Estate. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Thurs., Dec. 5 - 10:00 AM -62.62 acres at auction in Fairmont, MN. Auctioneers: Kahler & Hartung. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.

Sat., Dec. 7 - 9:30 AM -Coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-

Fri., Dec. 13 - 10:00 AM -75.87 acres at auction in Winnebago, MN. Auctioneers: Kahler & Hartung. 507-236-7629. www. auctioneeralley.com.

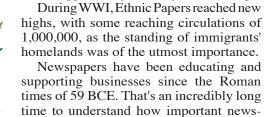
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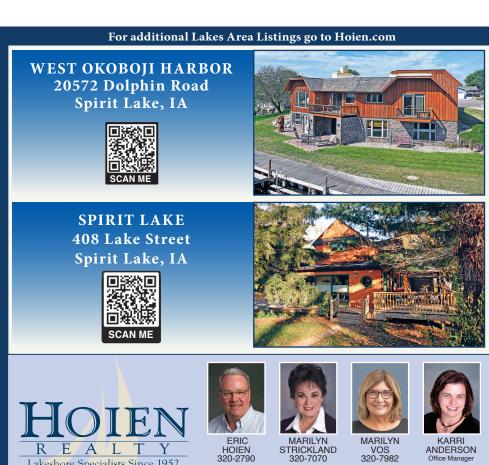
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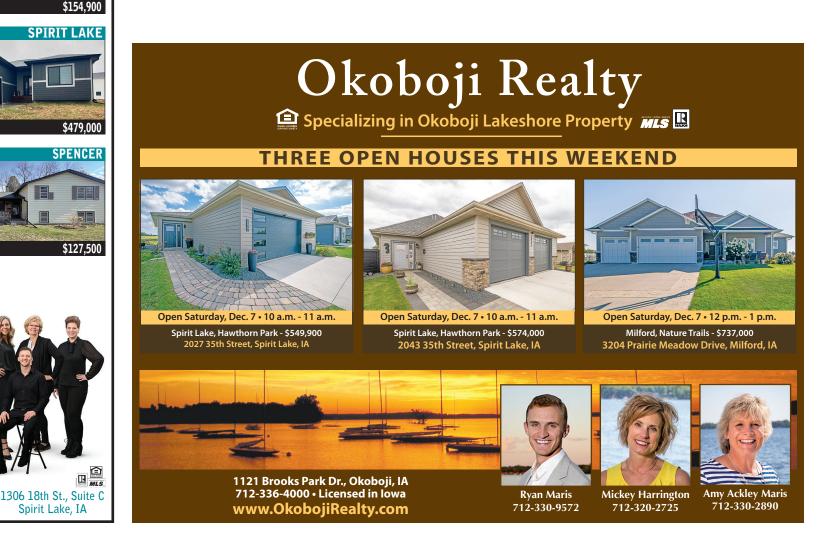


The Everly dance, sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly, Iowa. The doors are open at 6:15, the dance is from 7:00pm -10:30 pm. The band is The Itty Bitty Boji Band. Put on your dancing shoes for a fun evening of dancing! Feel free to bring snacks to share! Singles and married couples are welcome





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Dickinson County Endowment Fund Awards Grant to NWIA Humane Society

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Ellen Louise Watkins Hales, age 91, of Arnolds Park, passed away on Tuesday, November 26th, just 2 weeks shy of her 92nd birthday. She will be dearly missed

Graveside services will be held at 11:00am., Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Riverside Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa. Officiating will be Pastor Ben Unseth of Faith

Louise (as we all knew her by) was born 12/8/1932 to Ida (Henderson) and Oscar Watkins in a log cabin near Goodnight, Oklahoma. She had 3 siblings; older brother Louis, younger sister Dorothy, and younger brother James (Bud). They

settled in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she spent her childhood years. As a young adult, she went to college in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she met and married her husband Vivian "Marion" Hales in 1952. They moved to a farm near Terril and had 2 children, Vickie

She worked as a dental assistant and in a jewelry shop before taking on her long-time position at the Terrill School as school board secretary. She later retired and started really enjoying a hobby of quilting. Eventually, she owned a quilt shop in Mesa, Arizona, and shared her passion of quilting with many people. She felt led to come back to Arnolds Park and the Lakes where she enjoyed traveling to see the grandkids playing soccer and participating in dance recitals.

Louise is survived by daughter, Vickie (Bob) McBain; grandchildren, Brett McBain, Rhiannon (Reid) DenHerder, Katie McBain, Levi (Teri) McBain, Lindsay Eagan and Tyler John Ireland; greatgrandchildren, Gabriel McBain, Zoey, Kenzie, and Tori DenHerder, Hunter and Madison Eagan, and Ava Ireland. In death, Louise rejoined her parents, brother Louis, ex-husband Marion, and son Victor.

Douglas "Doug" Kness, 67, of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake

Acelebration of life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Friday, from 5-7 p.m., at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the Spirit Lake Memory Gardens Cemetery. People who knew Doug, know that he liked to dress casually. To honor his memory, the family requests that you dress casually for the visitation and service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condo-



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lences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com Douglas Dean Kness was born on December 19, 1956, in Spirit

Lake to Dale and LaVonne (Selberg) Kness. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School. He was united in marriage to Sally Seleen on April 1, 1978, in Spirit Lake. He worked as a heavy equipment operator. He put in many hours helping shape the lakes area by building roads,

In his free time, Doug enjoyed fixing up motorcycles and riding them. He and Sally went on many rides on his Goldwing. Aside from tinkering in his garage, he enjoyed attending his grandson's sporting events. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sally Kness of Spirit Lake; daughter, Jill (Chris) Bonrud of Spirit Lake; son, Darrin Kness of Spirit

Lake; and grandson s, Grady and Gannon Bonrud. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother David.



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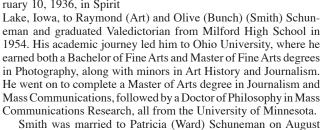
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A funeral service for **R. Smith Schuneman**, 88, of Okoboji, will be held at 2:00pm, on Monday, December 9, 2024, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home

in Spirit Lake, followed by a burial at Lakeview Cemetery. R. Smith Schuneman, a distinguished educator,

and entrepreneur, passed away on November 24, 2024, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was 88 years old.

He was born on February 10, 1936, in Spirit



As a professor at the University of Minnesota he developed the university's program in Photographic Communication, one of only two nationally accredited programs in the United States. His students earned numerous accolades for their work, and he proudly boasted of the number of his students that were full time staff Photographers at National Geographic. His legacy in the field of visual communications is widely recognized.

In 1976, Smith left his professorship at Minnesota and founded Media Loft, Inc., an audiovisual production firm specializing in corporate and educational presentations and events. Over the next two decades, he served as President, Chairman, and CEO of the company, which earned national acclaim for its innovative work. Media Loft boasted clients like Target Polaris and Cost to Coast during his time.

In 1998, after completing the sale of Media Loft to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), Smith and Pat built their new home on Lake Okoboji. He continued his involvement in various community organizations, including serving on the Board of the Okoboji Foundation and as a member of the "Friends of the Lakeside Lab" Board.

Smith is survived by his wife, Pat Schuneman of Okoboji; his son, Bill Schuneman, and grandchildren, Logan Schuneman and Claire Schuneman. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Thomas Schuneman.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Mass of Christian Burial for Marjorie Ruml, age 83, of Lake Park was held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 10:30am, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mil-

ford. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Milford.

Marjorie Ann Agnes Ruml (better known as "Marge"), beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away on November 26, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on March 30, 1941.to Francis and Matilda Doran. Her childhood was spent in Ocheyedan, Iowa, where she received her education. She graduated from Ocheyedan High School in 1959.



She married Bill Ruml, the love of her life, on August 24, 1963. They were married for 55 years when Bill passed away on June 6, 2019.

She was a devout Catholic who lived by her faith and it was the cornerstone of her life. Her fierce dedication, love and loyalty for her family was unwavering. Family was her greatest joy in life and she embraced every moment spent together. She cherished and enjoyed her role as Grandma Margie. She loved being a Grandma. Her rural upbringing inspired her love of yard work, gardening and cooking. Marge loved being on the farm helping Bill with harvest and cooking for the men. Many were lucky enough to be on the receiving end of Marge's home-cooked meals or treats.

She will always be remembered by her family and friends for her fun-loving spirit and bubbly personality that was larger than life. Left to cherish those memories are her son, Mark (Cindy) Ruml, and daughters Ann (Mike) McClain, Debra (Tim) Bierman and Deana (Royce) Olson; her grandchildren, Jennie (Mychal) Sheridan, Taylor (Charlie) Marquez, Amanda (Garrett) Hagen, Nicole McClain and Nolan Pruett; her great-grandchildren: Juliana Marquez and Matilda Sheridan and her step-grandchildren: Matt (Elaine) Humphrey, Jennifer Humphrey and Veronica Olson and step great-grandchild,

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents, Francis and Matilda Doran; her brother, Ronald Doran, and nephew Robert (Bob) Doran, as well as many other family members and

As we mourn her loss, we celebrate the life she lived and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but forever

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Bertha Marietta (Fliss) Wahlman, passed into the arms of her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, November 26th, her 95th birthday. She

was born November 26, 1929, to Andrew Jacob and Lela Alpharetta (Case) Fliss, on the family farm near Terril IA. Marietta attended Terril schools until her senior year, when her parents retired and moved to Milford. She graduated from Milford High School in 1947.

After graduation, Marietta worked for Smith Lumber Company in downtown Milford. Marietta married Virgil LeRoy Wahlman on September 3, 1950, at the old Union Memorial Church in Milford, where the post office now stands. In 1951, Virgil, who had served in the US Army from 1946 to 1949,



enlisted in the US Air Force and served at Offutt Air Force Base NE until December 1955; thereafter the couple moved back to Milford. Marietta worked for the Farm Bureau for a short time, then returned to Smith Lumber in 1957, and worked there until 1971 when she joined Virgil at the family business, Buy Rite Food Center. The two operated the store until April 2001 when it was sold to sons Neal and Eric and longtime employee, Tom Arends. Virgil and Marietta were fortunate to be able to travel to nine foreign countries and forty-eight states, many of these trips with grocery industry groups.

Marietta was an accomplished pianist and served Terril United Methodist, Union Memorial and Milford Baptist Churches for many years. She played for many weddings, funerals, and special events. Marietta continued to play into her nineties. She passed on this musical gene to her children and grandchildren, all who learned to play the piano and other instruments.

Marietta, along with her parents and husband, was involved with the founding of Milford Baptist Church, and served as a longtime Sunday School teacher and Awana leader. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years, and served as President, Treasurer, Membership Chairwoman and Pianist. Marietta enjoyed the fellowship of the "Carpet Rag Ladies," sewing carpet rags for disabled veterans to weave into rugs. Ever in touch with her roots and heritage, she was a lifetime member of the Farm Booster Club, where she served as Secretary/Treasurer and Milford Music Parents. She was also a member of the Federated Women's Club, and served as President, and the Advent Christian Church.

Marietta was an accomplished businesswoman, and managed the office at Buy Rite Food Center and the family farm after the death of her parents and brothers. The farm has been in the family well over one hundred years, of which Marietta was enormously proud.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Kenneth and Darrell; sister, Clara; sister-in-law, Mary Fliss; infant son, Randall Clare; grandson, Heath Huberg; son-in-law, William Betz and parentsin-law, Charles and Mamie Wahlman. Left to cherish her legacy and memory are her husband, Virgil; sons, Neal (Debra), Eric (Diane); and daughters, Marla Betz, Cheryl (Mark) Zieringer, Linda (Dan) Ballah; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and sister-inlaw, Christel Fliss.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 6, from 5:00 to 7:00, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford, with services at The Downtown Church at 12:00 on Saturday, December 7. Lunch will be served after the service followed by interment at Riverside Cemetery, Spencer IA. Memorials are preferred to the American Legion Auxiliary, c/o LaVonne Siemers, 1306 Terrace Park Blvd, Milford, IA 51351 or The Advent Christian Village, PO Box 4345, Dowling Park, FL 32064.

The family thanks the staff at Stonebridge Suites, Accura Healthcare and St. Croix Hospice for their compassionate, helpful, and

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Christa (Evink) Kelp, age 49, of Terril, formerly of Hospers, passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at her home.

A family prayer service will take place on Saturday, November 30, at 10:30am, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Hospers. Interment will follow the prayer service at the Hosper Cemetery near Hospers. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, at 11:30am, at the church with the Rev. Duane Tinklenberg officiating. A meal and time of visitation with the family will follow the memorial service, at the church. The Oolman Funeral Home in Hospers is in charge of arrangements. Christa Annette, the daugh-



ter of Donald John and Helen Ann (Burns) Evink, was born on December 25, 1974, in Morris, Minnesota. When she was still a young child, her family moved from Hancock, Minnesota to Hospers. Christa was a student at the Hospers Christian School and at the Hospers Elementary School and Floyd Valley Middle School before graduating from the MOC-Floyd Valley High School in 1994. After high school, Christa enrolled at the Iowa Lakes Commu-

nity College in Emmetsburg, where she studied early childhood care and also began working at Terril Tele-Technologies. While working in Terril, she was introduced to Kevin Lee Kelp, through mutual friends. With Kevin's encouragement, she later returned to school in order to pursue her interest in graphic design. In addition to being a student, she also worked part-time at the Hy-Vee Grocery Store in Spirit Lake and at Del's Garden Center in Spencer. She and Kevin were united in marriage on June 7, 2008, in Spirit Lake. Together they made their home in Terril, where Christa was a homemaker. In 2015, she was diagnosed with pulmonary sarcoma, and after surgery and treatment, she remained in remission until 2019, when the cancer returned.

Prior to her health issues, Christa was a regular attendee at the Good News Community Church in Spirit Lake. She enjoyed being outdoors, often tending to her flowers, and was an avid reader of non-fiction books and articles. She also liked to scrapbook and collect recipes, and looked forward to attending events at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux City and visiting the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Christa's family was important to her, and spending time with them at The Lakes was always a joy. She also loved animals, which was evident in the way she cared for her dog Izzy and cat Tia.

She will be deeply missed by her husband, Kevin Kelp, of Terril; her parents, Don and Helen Evink, of Hospers; two brothers, Eric Evink, and his wife, Laura, and their children, Anna and Ross; and Ethan Evink, all of Hospers; and her paternal grandmother, Audrey Evink, of Morris. She is also survived by Kevin's parents, Larry and Judy Kelp, of Spencer; and his brother and his wife, Robb and Laura Kelp, of Jacksonville, Florida; and their children, Alex Doppenberg, and his wife, Gabby; and Elizabeth Doppenberg.

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Story time returns Saturday, December 15th, at 10:00am. Elementary aged children are welcome to come for stories and crafts. Their is no sign up. The Terril Public Library is located at 115 N State Street, Terril, Iowa 51364.

Annual Tuba Christmas and Soup/Pie Supper at Estherville Methodist Church

The Annual Tuba Christmas and Soup/Pie Supper will be held Thursday, December 5, Estherville Methodist Church, 102 S.

8th Street. The soup and pie supper begins at 5:00pm in the church hall. At 6:00, over 25 tuba and euphonium players from all over the area will be presenting your favorite



holiday carols in the sanctuary. At 7:00, the Tuba Christmas will move to the downtown library to continue sharing their holiday music. Entertainment during the soup/pie supper will be provided by the saxophone quartet, "Cracked Reeds". Members of the quartet are Julia Rolston (Emmetsburg), Katherine Wiemers (Humboldt), Julie Konecne (Humboldt), and Cindy Johnson (Dakota City). Merry Tubachristmas!



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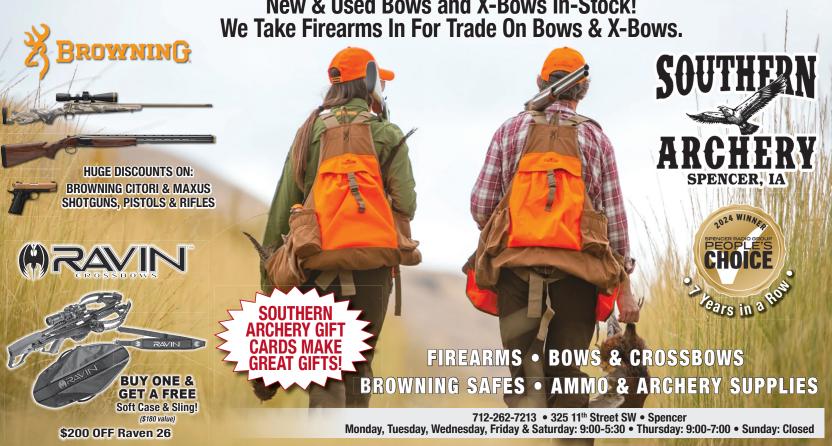
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Seasons Center to Open Crisis Stabilization Center in Spencer

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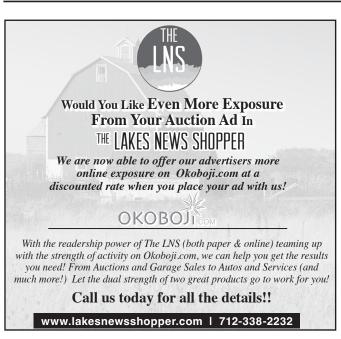
The crisis stabilization center is named Alex's Place in honor and memory of Alex Jacobsen. Alex was no stranger to pain, was troubled for a very long time, and was plagued with mental hardship which included many diagnoses. While no stone went unturned in the family's attempts to save him from himself, in December 2020 Alex died by suicide. If we can learn anything from Alex, it's that mental illness is real and it doesn't discriminate.

Alex's Place is a four-bed stabilization center that will provide services to adults 18+ experiencing a mental health crisis which does not require an inpatient level of care. Examples of a mental health crisis include but are not limited to suicidal ideation, behavior that could pose risk to themselves or others, anxiety, depression, or substance abuse in combination with increasing mental health symptoms. Alex's Place is appropriate for individuals that do not require hospitalization but need symptom stabilization assistance and skill-building services to regain stability and wellbeing.

"We are excited for the opening of Alex's Place and the ability to provide crisis stabilization services in this area," said Karen Rosengreen, VP of Medical Services at Seasons Center. "Alex would want to see others reach out for help before it is too late, and so do we. We would also like to thank Sioux Rivers and Care Connections Mental Health regions for their partnership in this project and the Jacobson family for allowing us to honor Alex's memory in this way."

Alex's Place will begin serving clients sometime in January

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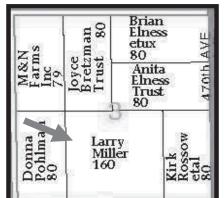
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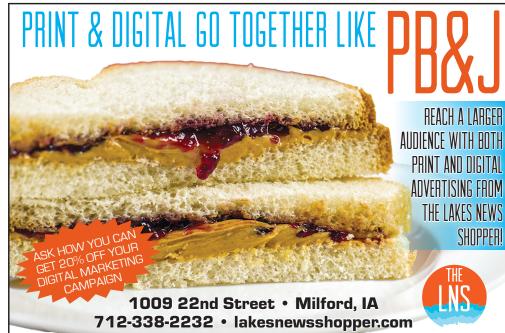
Caregivers Support Group

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.

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

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Wetland Restoration Work at Howard K. Vincent WPA (Moore Slough WPA) Nearing Completion

Back on Thursday, September 14, 2023, the for- At the same time, Ducks Unlimited was asked mal dedication of the Howard K. Vincent Waterfowl Production Area Site (Moore Slough Waterfowl Production Area), a 195.5-acre parcel of farmland took place, which, when completed, would become both a much-needed wildlife area and an important buffer to help protect Big Spirit Lake waters.

This was an incredible collaborative effort across borders among conservationists in both Minnesota and Iowa to make the purchase of this land a reality.

Since that time, much work has been going on behind the scenes to turn this property into a true waterfowl production area. However, before we look at the current work, let's take a look at how this all happened.

History of the Howard K. Vincent WPA (Moore Slough WPA)

Located northeast of the Mini-Wakan State Park entrance (north side of Big Spirit Lake) on the Minnesota side of Grade Road or Stateline Road, this parcel of farmland has historically flooded during the early spring runoff and again during heavy spring and summer rains, sending the temporary nutrient rich water across into McClelland Slough, finally reaching Big Spirit Lake.

Conservationists, clean water advocates and lake homeowners in the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed worked for years to secure this property. Finally in May of 2022, the land was secured through the contributions from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (USFWS), Wildlife Habitat Society of McLeod County, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Spirit Lake Protective Association, the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission (IA), onX Hunt, Nestlé PURINA, Jackson County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, along with business and individual donors who believed in the need to purchase the land. All contributions support the Build A Wildlife Area® program which is seeking to raise funds to complete this project and pursue a second phase addition to build upon this habitat complex.

Moving forward

The property will now be managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for quality habitat and outdoor recreation such as hunting, hiking, trapping, photography and bird watching. When completed, the Howard K. Vincent WPA (Moore Slough WPA) will also address several conservation plans, including the MN Pheasant Action Plan, North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed Management Plan.

Lots of physical work to get to "the now"

If only we could have simply waved a magic wand on September 14, 2023, and completed all the work on the property that has occurred over the last 15 months...but projects like this don't just happen. Instead, it's taken a series of steps.

Beginning in late September of 2023, Pheasants Forever seeded 105 acres of prairie uplands with native prairie species to create a large habitat complex critical to resident and migrant wildlife species. The resulting growth has been a positive sight on the

to lead the restoration of the 76-acre shallow lake in the heart of this WPA. Survey and design work were completed in the winter of 2023/2024. The next step in restoring this shallow lake was removing the surface water from the heavy spring rains so dirt work could begin.

History of farming the lowland

This is where the most labor-intensive work has taken place on the Howard K. Vincent WPA (Moore Slough WPA). First off, this land had been farmed in some capacity since the early 1920s. Meant to be a wetland, the land was tiled with clay tile in the 1920s with a minimal amount of success, followed by more drainage in the 1950s with the addition of cement tile hooked to the original clay tile. Row crop planting continued with more flooding issues, so in the 1960s, plastic tile was added and in the 1970s a pumphouse was installed to pump the water out of the bottom ground and across the road to McClelland Slough and eventually into Big Spirit Lake. This would get the water out, but with huge rainfalls, the bottom land would continue to flood and have to be

pumped out. Reclaiming a wetland

Why? People often ask what good is a wetland anyway? Well, here's an important fact. Wetland restoration of the previously drained 76-acre wetland, along with its surrounding upland will provide an estimated 85 percent reduction in phosphorus and nitrogen leaving this tract annually and a reduction of 30 tons of sediment per two-inch rainfall going into Big Spirit Lake. Now that's significant.

The total package of new wetland and grassland offers habitat for waterfowl and upland wildlife, reduced soil erosion, improved water quality, reduced runoff, reduced flooding and sequestration of carbon. Now that's the whole nine yards!

Moving dirt and busting tile

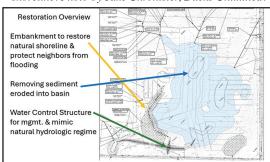
Over the past several weeks, heavy equipment has been used to remove drainage tile, get rid of the pumphouse and pump, remove sediment eroded into the basin, restore shoreline and protect neighboring landowners from future flooding. Jake Chronister, regional biologist for Ducks Unlimited, notes, "Alot of soil has been moved to restore a shallow lake with an average depth of 2-3'. This is ideal for growing both emergent and submergent vegetation. At the same time, during drier periods, there will be exposed soil, which will help these plants to germinate. There will be some areas where we removed eroded sediment that will approach 5' in depth."

To manage the entire wetland system, a custombuilt water control structure will hopefully be put in place by the end of December, if the drier weather holds. "If that all happens, Chronister adds, "the goal is to let the snow melt and spring rains fill the

All this dirt work can be seen from the Grade Road or Stateline Road, that goes along the south side of the Howard K. Vincent WPA (Moore Slough WPA). There is also a parking lot just off the road on the east side of the property.



Landscape photo of early stages of wetland restoration work facing NW. Sediment removal can be seen already holding water and some tile removal lines are also visible, as well as embankment construction restoring the natural shoreline. Photo by Jake Chronister, Ducks Unlimited.



Restoration overview blueprint.



The three common types of drainage tile were found in one area, representing the major efforts to drain this shallow lake since the 1920s. Plastic, clay, and cement tile can be seen along the trench they were removed from. Photo by Jake Chronister, Ducks Unlimited.

A final perspective

John Smeltzer, president of the Spirit Lake Protective Association (SLPA), shares just how important this project has been to the entire watershed. "The importance of the collaboration and patience required to make a project like this come together should not be underestimated. The SLPA is but a small partner in this entire effort. We have a passion for protecting our waters, and we appreciate the investment we are all making in this area. This is truly a legacy project."



Spirit Lake Pre-K children, joined by Kim Johnson, Spirit Lake Elementary. Presenting the coats, boots and gloves are Knights of Columbus members, from left, Paul Katzfey, Jed Skogerboe, Jim Peterson and Brian Nokleby.

K of C Coats for Kids

The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 again held its Coats for Kids campaign in October and November. They distributed new hats, coats, gloves, boots and snow pants to children in the Terril, Harris/

Lake Park and Spirit Lake school districts. Members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake and the public had helped by donating cash and new winter clothing to help keep these elementary school children warm and dry this winter.

Spirit Lake Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition - slated for Sunday, Jan. 5 at the Bedell Family YMCA – and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Brian Nokleby and Jed Skogerboe, Knights of Columannual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll of Terril Elementary are several students. Golf Open for Special Olympics and other local organizations.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils, with each Knight called to live a life of charity, unity, and fraternity. Last year, Knights donated more than 49 million volunteer hours and nearly \$200 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families, and youth. A few examples of their work include



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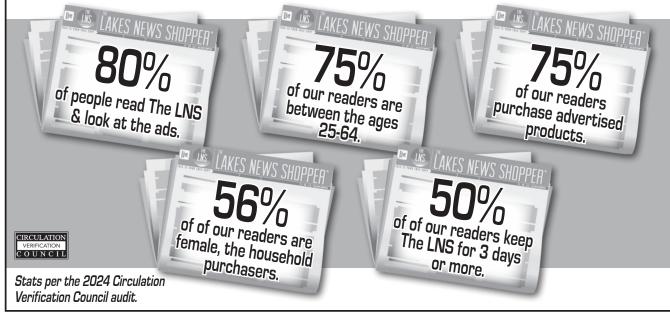
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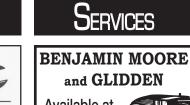
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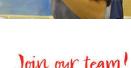
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Harvest Progress and Market Outlook

2024 Crop Harvest Progress Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) reports 92 percent and 98 percent of the state of Iowa corn and soybean harvest, respectively, is now complete (https://iowaagriculture.gov/), both considerably ahead of last year. Anecdotally, while driving around NW Iowa, very few cornfields remain to harvest (no soybean fields found), again both reflecting drier conditions and lower yields.

2024-25 Market Outlook

Corn: Based upon the most recent WASDE release (November 8, 2024), ending stocks are lower, following a reduction in 2024 production (from yields). Demand is unchanged. With supply falling and no change to use USDA is projecting season-average received by producers of \$4.10 / bushel (unchanged from last month; 45 cents lower than one year ago). The foreign 2024/25 grain outlook is for higher corn production; while lower ending stocks are forecast mostly behind a decline in China. NOTE: the Iowa operating breakeven (traditional corn on soybeans rotation) was forecast at \$4.46 per bushel.

Soybeans: Based upon the most recent WASDE release (November 8, 2024), the 2024/25 U.S. soybean supply and demand include lower production, exports, crush and ending stocks. The largest production declines were Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. The U.S season-average soybean price forecast is \$10.80/ bushel for 2024/25 (unchanged from last month; \$1.60 / bushel lower than one year ago). NOTE: the Iowa operating breakeven (traditional soybeans on corn) was forecast \$11.24 per bushel.

Protein/Eggs and Milk: The 2024 outlook for proteins and milk continues the recent volatility.

Production is projected higher for all beef and poultry. Pork and egg production are both forecast lower. Beef prices are projected higher; pork prices lower. Beef exports continue to be robust behind stronger demand. Pork exports are projected lower as the result of production pullbacks. Poultry and egg prices are projected higher from a combination of current tighter supplies and the lower production outlook.

Milk production is forecast modestly higher based upon lower cow numbers, but improved output/cow. The 2024 all-milk price of \$22.75 per cwt is lower, still reflecting higher recent prices for butter; however the all-milk price is forecast at \$22.85 for 2025. Except for 2024 declining butter prices, Class I-II-III cheese, non-fat dry milk and whey prices are projected higher based upon tighter inventories (except butter) and stronger demand (foreign and domestic).

Sources: https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/wasde0924. pdf; https://www.cheesereporter.com/pricemilk.htm

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/ For more information, contact Gary Wright, Farm Management Specialist, at gdwright@iastate.edu or 712-223-1574.

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