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Thursday December 12
 10:00 - Strummers
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 1:00 - 500 Cards
 3:00 - Cribbage
 5:00 - Zumba Class
 5:30 - Singles Group
Friday December 13
 9:00 - Exercise Class
 12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday December 14
 Facility available for rent
Sunday December 15
 Breakfast fundraiser canceled
Monday December 16
 9:00 - Exercise
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 1:00 - Asian Mahjong
 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 the featured 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 - Free will offering. No dance this month. 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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Arnolds Park Amusement Park Announces Dustin Lynch Concert on June 20, 2025, at Preservation Plaza

Arnolds Park, IA – 12/9/2024 – The Live At The Lake Premium Concert Series is excited to announce that country music superstar Dustin Lynch will be performing once again at Preservation Plaza on June 20, 2025. This highly anticipated event promises to be an unforgettable evening of live music, stunning lakefront views, and the electrifying energy of one of country music's brightest stars.

Dustin Lynch has built a powerhouse career in modern country music, earning accolades and industry recognition along the way. With nine #1 hits, four Top 5 albums, and over 4.4 billion global streams, he has solidified his place as one of the genre's most consistent and successful artists. Known for his platinum-certified singles and dynamic stage presence, Lynch's performances are a must-see for country music fans.

Lynch's latest album, *Killed The Cowboy* (Broken Bow Records), is a bold statement that follows the success of his 2x Platinum hit "Thinking 'Bout You (feat. MacKenzie Porter)." The album also features chart-topping singles like "Stars Like Confetti" and "Party Mode," continuing Lynch's tradition of producing music that resonates with audiences worldwide.

His career achievements include sold-out tours, prestigious industry nominations, and widespread recognition, including membership in the Grand Ole Opry. He has shared the stage with country's biggest stars, including Kane Brown, Luke Bryan, Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley, and Florida Georgia Line.

The Live At The Lake Premium Concert Series provides the perfect setting for an unforgettable summer evening. The picturesque Preservation Plaza, with its beautiful lakeside backdrop, will set the stage for Dustin Lynch's high-energy performance, offering concertgoers an experience that combines music and nature in a way that only Live At The Lake can deliver.

Tickets for the Dustin Lynch concert on June 20, 2025, will go on sale 12/13/2024, and are expected to sell out quickly. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets early to secure their spot at what is sure to be one of the most exciting country music events of the summer.

For ticket information and additional details, visit arnoldspark.com.

About Live At The Lake Premium Concert Series: The Live At The Lake Premium Concert Series offers top-tier live music performances in a stunning lakeside setting, combining incredible performances with the natural beauty of Arnolds Park Amusement Park. Each event in the series provides a one-of-a-kind concert experience.



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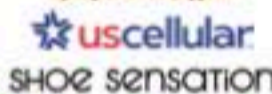
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Spirit Lake Library News

Informational Dvds by Jill Jennings

Even though watching shows on streaming services continues to increase in popularity, the Spirit Lake Public Library still has a large selection of DVDs available for checkout. Go "old school" and come check out some Informational videos this week!

To help you get ready for holiday entertaining, we have several instructional baking videos: five on breadmaking, including sourdough, muffins; breakfast baking; and pizza making. Yum! If you want to feel guilty after all those carbs, you can watch "Fed Up" or "Blood Sugar Rising." There's another cooking video called "Iowa Ingredient" where you can go on a foodie adventure through the state to learn where Iowa ingredients come from and how to cook delicious dishes with them.

St. Alban's Lessons & Service

St. Alban's 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 director of music, Elizabeth Knudson and accompanied by Allison Antoine. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this service of Lessons and Carols that prepare us for Christmas. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is located at 2011 23rd Street directly east of the Hospital in Spirit Lake.

Speaking of Iowa, if you are having company from out of state this holiday season, you could check out some videos that spotlight the Hawkeye state. There's Best of Iowa with Dan Kaercher, A Century of Iowa Architecture, Historic Buildings of Iowa: Des Moines, Iowa Outdoors, Iowa's Century Farms, and The Sidney Report: Life and Times of an Iowa Icon.

Why buy a plane ticket and have to deal with the stress of the airport to see the world? You could do a little armchair travelling with some of these videos: The Great Parks of Alaska, Exploring the Grand Canyon, and Discovering Yosemite National Park. There is a series called Sentimental Reflections: America's Heritage in Story, Scenery & Song that covers many different places and topics. For example: The Lincoln Presidential Museum, Airplanes of the Past, Wonderful Waterfalls, the Election of 1964, and Dirt Band Flashbacks. We have sixteen DVDs in that series to keep you entertained for a long time!

Calvary Christmas Dinner

RSVP Today For Christmas Dinner December 25th, 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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MENU: Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad and a Dinner Roll.
DESSERT: Apple or Pumpkin Pie
COST: Freewill Donation

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AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

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Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, December 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Children's Play Time
- Monday, December 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, December 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m., "Sun, Sand, Surf & Sidewalks" program by Tom Tourville
- Tuesday, December 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Book Club Christmas Party (no book to read!)
- Wednesday, December 18, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, December 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Thursday, December 19, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Retirement Party for library director Cindy Davis (come & go)

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DECEMBER 22: JOHN THE BAPTIST'S SONG ADVENT WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 24: ANGEL'S SONG CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 3:00 PM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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VIB ACOUSTIC EVENT WITH FOREIGNER BAND MEMBERS
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VIB - Very Important Beer: A Special Night With Foreigner

Arnolds Park, IA - On Thursday, June 26th, music fans and beer enthusiasts alike are invited to a unique event that combines the love of craft beer and classic rock. "VIB - VERY IMPORTANT BEER" will take place at the Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park, Iowa, featuring members of Foreigner, including keyboardist Michael Bluestein and guitarist Bruce Watson, both Certified Craft Beer Servers.

Bluestein and Watson, who recently earned their certifications after extensive "research" (which included plenty of pints and pilsners), are excited to share their newfound passion for craft beer with their fans. After enjoying many brews together, they're ready to raise a glass and offer a special night filled with music, beer, and camaraderie.

The event will feature an intimate, acoustic sing-along of classic Foreigner songs, performed by Bluestein and Watson, along with ex-Train guitarist Luis Maldonado. Fans can look forward to hearing some of their favorite hits, from "I Want to Know What Love Is" to "Cold as Ice," in a stripped-down, up-close setting. Additional members of Foreigner may also make surprise appearances throughout the evening, making for an unforgettable experience.

The night will be filled with more than just music. In the spirit of craft beer, attendees will have the chance to mingle with Bluestein, Watson, and their fellow beer lovers, as well as enjoy pints of locally brewed beer in an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. The event will also feature ticket giveaways, adding to the excitement.

Event Details:

- What: VIB - VERY IMPORTANT BEER with Foreigner (Acoustic Sing-Along & Craft Beer Celebration)
- When: Thursday, June 26th, 2024
- Where: Roof Garden Ballroom, Arnolds Park, IA
- Time: 7:30 PM - Doors open at 6:30 PM
- Tickets: Available online at roofgardenballroom.com

Whether you're a longtime Foreigner fan or a craft beer enthusiast, this is a one-of-a-kind event you won't want to miss. Get ready to raise a glass, sing along, and enjoy an evening of rock and beer like never before!

For press inquiries or more information, please contact: Chris Swanson 712-332-6527 chris@arnoldspark.com

About Foreigner: Foreigner is one of the world's most popular rock bands, with a catalog of timeless hits including "I Want to Know What Love Is," "Hot Blooded," and "Cold as Ice." Over the years, the band has sold more than 80 million records worldwide and continues to tour to sell-out crowds around the globe.

About Certified Craft Beer Servers: The Certified Cicerone® Program educates and certifies beer professionals on beer styles, serving practices, and beer pairings. Michael Bluestein and Bruce Watson's new passion for craft beer adds another layer to their multifaceted careers as musicians, connecting with fans in a new and exciting way.

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ILCC Renames SAVE Scholarship to Honor Elise Hinders

Iowa Lakes Community College proudly announces the renaming of the SAVE Scholarship to the Elise Hinders Memorial SAVE Scholarship, honoring the remarkable life and legacy of Elise Hinders, who inspired many people despite her young age.



A 2022 Newell-Fonda High School graduate, Hinders excelled in and out of the classroom. She was actively involved in volleyball, basketball, track, softball, and quiz bowl during high school. While in high school and during college breaks, Hinders worked at Mustang Daycare, forming meaningful bonds with children and staff alike.

Hinders attended Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, where she earned her diploma in Early Childhood Education in May 2024 and had plans to pursue her Associate of Science degree in the same field. Hinders was a SAVE program participant, a member of the Emmetsburg Campus Student Senate, and a member of Laker Life.

Life wasn't always easy for Hinders, who was diagnosed with epilepsy at six months old. However, despite the struggles, her determination to excel and her infectious positivity were unwavering, making her an inspiration to all who knew her. Her relentless drive to pursue her goals and her ability to form lasting connections profoundly impacted her community and those fortunate enough to cross her path.

To honor her legacy, the Elise Hinders Memorial SAVE Scholarship will support students who were enrolled in the SAVE program and continue their education at Iowa Lakes. This non-renewable scholarship awards \$500 per recipient, distributed by semester enrollment status (12+ credits = \$250/semester; 6-11 credits = \$125/semester).

Iowa Lakes Community College celebrates the life of Elise Hinders, ensuring that her legacy of faith, courage, and determination continues to inspire future generations of students.

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Origin of Civilization
Class ID: 7969
Instructor: Mr. H. Schar
Dates: Monday, January 13 – May 5, 2025
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Location: Room 108B, Spencer Campus
Instructor Mr. Schar will lead the class "The Great Courses - Origin of Civilization," which consists of 48 lectures by Dr. Scott Menachem and explores what archaeology reveals about the world's first civilizations. Dr. Menachem provides an in-depth look at the grand story of how humans laid the foundations of who they are today in this world. It's an unforgettable story that involves looking at the past through a broad lens, rescuing the physical remnants of early human history from near-oblivion, and rediscovering stories and cultures.

Directed by Blake Edwards
Class ID: 7970
Instructor: Dr. Kella Klinker-Simonin
Dates: Wednesday, January 15 – May 7, 2025
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Location: Room 108B, Spencer Campus
Explore the life and works of legendary filmmaker Blake Edwards in this engaging course led by instructor Dr. Kella Klinker-Simonin. Participants will watch several of Edwards' iconic films, including his collaborations with Henry Mancini and even have some appearances by the Pink Panther, followed by insightful discussions. Edwards' career, spanning from 1950s television to award-winning feature films, will be highlighted through his unique style, trusted collaborators, and the influence of his wife, Julie Andrews.

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Respite Angels December Events

Join the Respite Angels on a Thursday morning at Calvary United Methodist Church, all programs start at 10:00am. They have a great list of things for December if you're able to join them.

- December 12th- Christmas Bingo - lots of fun with this one
- December 19th- Christmas Country Music Show with Steve Lang

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'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 Street 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.





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Date: December 18, 2024
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The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) has announced the application period for the new Homegrown Talent Initiative grant program starting December 10, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

The Homegrown Talent Initiative is a new program by the Corridor to encourage former students of the region's schools to come back to the Corridor and fill the high-quality jobs available here. Recipients of the grant will receive \$6,000 paid over four years to be used toward student loan repayment, mortgage payments, or childcare reimbursement.

In August 2024, the Corridor hosted the first annual Homegrown Talent Initiative Golf Tournament at the Spencer Municipal Golf Course. The proceeds raised in the first tournament provided funds for the first grants to be awarded Spring 2025.

"As someone who has left the region and returned home, I know the impact that this program can have on both individuals and our businesses," share Corridor Senior Vice President of Economic Development Trevor Smith. "By showcasing to our alumni that there are quality jobs here and they can return home to live, work, and start a family, we benefit not just them, but the employers here that are looking for highly-qualified individuals to join their teams."

The Corridor recognizes that the four-county region has educated many qualified individuals over the years that have gone on and furthered their education. The region also boasts many local employers with high-quality jobs with great benefits and pay for those individuals to pursue. This new initiative will bring that homegrown talent back to the region and support those individuals ready to come home.

Eligibility requirements include graduating from a high school within the Corridor region; currently living in or moving to a Corridor community; work for a Corridor business; have graduated college in the last five years; and have proof of student loan, mortgage, or childcare debt and expenses.

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The Lakes Area Dementia and Caregivers Cafe will be Tuesday, December 17, at 10:00 to 11:30am. The Spirit Lake High School Meistersingers will do their set of Christmas songs. Then pianist Rachelle Gewecke will play and lead singing Christmas Carols. This event is for the caregiver and the person with dementia to enjoy social time together and meet others.

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View From The Bench
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Rough Game, Great Season, Greater Memories

Tyler and I flew down to Dallas this past weekend for the Big 12 Championship Game to watch #16 Iowa State battle #16 Arizona State at AT&T Stadium, also known as Jerry's World, the home of the Dallas Cowboys. We were obviously hoping to see a Cyclone victory in what I thought would be a close game, but the Sun Devils had other intentions as they ran away from Iowa State in the third quarter and put a 45-19 beatdown on the Cyclones in a game that ended up being not even as close as that final score.

The game started out great for ISU as they took a 7-3 lead on a Rocco Becht pass to Carson Hansen on their first drive of the game. ASU would answer with a Sam Leavitt run for a TD to put the Sun Devils up 10-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Cyclones tied the game at 10-10 on their next drive with a Kyle Komandy 38-yard field goal but that would be the end of the good vibes for Iowa State. Cam Skattebo put the Sun Devils up 17-10 on ASU's next drive before both defenses finally got some stops late in the half. Arizona State got a huge Skattebo touchdown with just :27 left in the half to take a commanding 24-10 halftime lead.

I felt okay about things at halftime as Iowa State has been a better second half team this season, and defensive coordinator Jon Heacock normally makes some great halftime adjustments. This hope quickly faded as Iowa State turned the ball over on their first three possessions of the third quarter the Sun Devils beat down was on. Skattebo continued to run through, over and around the Cyclone defense, and Sam Leavitt proved to be a much better quarterback than I thought he would be, throwing some great passes where his receivers made some amazing catches, and also extending drives with his running ability. The Sun Devils put their foot on the gas and pushed the lead to 45-10 at the end of the third quarter. The Cyclones were able to score a field goal and TD against the ASU second team to make the final score look a little more respectable, but those who watched the game knew they had witnessed total domination by the Sun Devils.

It was definitely a disappointing end to what has been a very special season for the Cyclones. I took a day to cool down and gain some perspective before writing this as I was very disappointed on Saturday night. After gaining some perspective, I am so appreciative of the many great memories this Iowa State team brought this old guy and the rest of Cyclone Nation. Much more important than the wins and great plays are the memories that Cyclone sporting events help create for our family. We are all die-hard Cyclone fans (still trying to convert Tyler's girlfriend Belle from the Hawkeye dark side), and we love getting together to cheer on our Cyclones, whether it's from the stands or at home. Tyler and I had such an amazing time in Dallas, getting to spend quality time together while also getting to see a long-time coaching friend from my Wyoming days who now coaches football at North Texas. My family will tell you that I ride the roller coaster of emotions way too much with my sports teams, and I am working on getting better at that. (one would think at 53 I would be there by now) As I sat on the plane on Sunday reflecting about the weekend and the record-breaking football season for my Cyclones, I had to take a step back and realize how lucky I am to have memories such as this past weekend, and how much fun (and sometimes heartbreak) the Cyclones give us. Thank you, Iowa State for an amazing season, and more importantly, thank you Cyclones for all the fantastic memories shared with family and friends from this loyal son, forever true!

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

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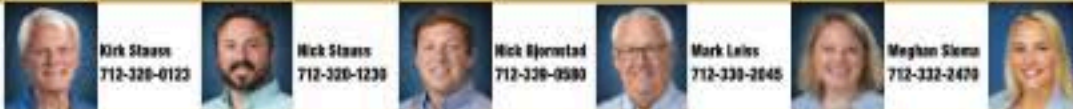
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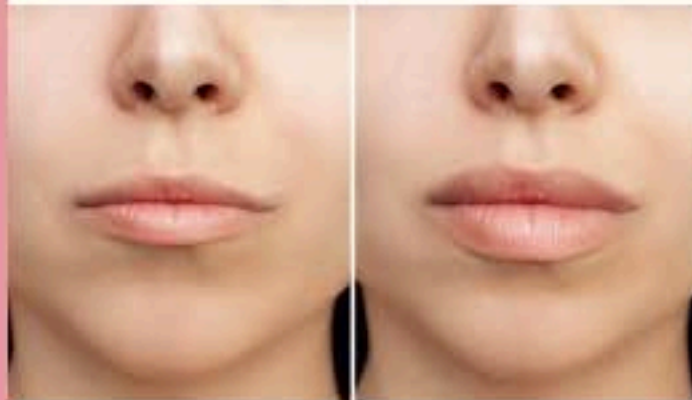
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3.49 Neville Tail House morsels 7 to 12 oz.	2/\$7 Family Size Nabisco Oreo cookies, Ritz or snack crackers 10.65 to 20.5 oz.	2.98 Silk almond milk 59 or 64 fl. oz.	1.88 Betty Crocker potatoes 4 to 5.4 oz.
3.88 Eckhart & Dushell raspberries 5 oz. pkg.	6.99 lb. Hy-Vee Choice Reserve boneless beef bottom round roast	3.48 lb. Hy-Vee Midwest Pork bone-in assorted chops	4.99 lb. Harold Coss 85 whole boneless ham
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FANTASTIC FINDS FOR FRIDAY! Dec. 13 ONLY!

3.99 lb. Fresh ground chuck 80% lean, 15% fat from our service case	.99 Hy-Vee sour cream or dip 8 oz.	.49 Hy-Vee chili style or kidney beans 15.5 oz. 2/pkg 4l	1.99 Butterfinger, Candy, 300 Grand or Baby Ruth candy 33 or 10.2 oz. 2/pkg 2l	1.48 Hy-Vee One Step russet potatoes 5 lb. bag	.99 Our Special Recipe breakfast links or patties regular or wieners 3 or 3.75 oz.	2.99 ea. with purchase of 4 Pepsi soda 4 pk. bottles 16.7 fl. oz. or 4 pk. 16.7 fl. oz.
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Friday, December 20th

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Halo Mandarins 3 lb. **\$4.98**
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\$2.98

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\$1.98

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SUNNY DEAL!

Ripe Avocados 2 lb. Bag **\$3.48**

SUNNY DEAL!

California Navel Oranges 4 lb. **\$4.88**

SUNNY DEAL!

Sweet Blueberries Pint **4/\$10**

SUNNY DEAL!

Crisp Cucumbers Each **68¢**

SUNNY DEAL!

Sugarbee Apples 2 lb. Bag **\$4.88**

SUNNY DEAL!

Fresh Tomatoes On-The-Vine Per lb. **\$1.48**

SUNNY DEAL!

Wimmer's Little Smokies 10-14 oz. **\$4.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Smokin' Boyd's BBQ

Smoked Boneless Pork Loin Chops **\$7.99** Per lb.
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SUNNY DEAL!

Kretschmar Fresh Sliced Oven Roasted Turkey Breast Per lb. **\$7.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Cook's Traditional Bone-In Ham Shank Portions Per lb. **\$1.77**

Butt Portion \$1.97 per lb.

SUNNY DEAL!

Bone-In Pork Butts USDA Inspected, Per lb. **\$1.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Baby Back Pork Ribs Bone-in, USDA Inspected, Per lb. **\$2.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Sunshine's Own Butcher Fresh 85% Ground Beef Family Pack, Per lb. **\$4.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

USDA Prime Grade Boneless Ribeye Full Loins Per lb., Average Weight 16-18 lb. **\$19.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Kretschmar Fresh Sliced Colby Jack Cheese Per lb. **\$6.99**

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Koukauna Cheeseballs or Logs 8 oz. **\$2.99**
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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL!

Hershey's, Reese's, or Heath Baking Chips 8-12 oz. **\$2.99**
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SUNNY DEAL!

Taco Bell Seasoning Mix 1-1.4 oz. **79¢**

SUNNY DEAL!

Prairie Farms Premium Sour Cream or Snack Dips 16 oz. Var. **\$2.49**

SUNNY DEAL!

Kemp's Premium Cottage Cheese Big 22 oz. Var. **\$3.79**

SUNNY DEAL!

Sunbelt Bakery Granola Bars 7.61-11 oz. **2/\$5.50**

SUNNY DEAL!

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinners Big 5 pack! **\$4.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Kraft Easy Mac or Velveeta Shells & Cheese Cups 4 Pack Var. **\$4.49**

SUNNY DEAL!

Campbell's Soups Select Var., 10.5-11.5 oz. **2/\$3**

SUNNY DEAL!

Kerrygold Butter 8 oz. **\$3.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Dinner Bell Creamery Premium Butter 1 lb. Salted or Unsalted **\$3.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Better Butter 3-3.7 oz. **2/\$5**

SUNNY DEAL!

Smucker's Uncrustables Big 10 Ct. **\$7.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sandwiches 13-18 oz. **\$4.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Mr. Dell's Frozen Premium Hashbrowns 24-32 oz. **\$3.59**

SUNNY DEAL!

Coke Products 12 Pack Cans + deposit **Buy 2 & Get 2 FREE**

DIGITAL DEAL!

Gregory's Frozen Cookie Dough 36-48 Ct. **\$9.99**
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SUNNY DEAL!

Blue Ribbon Classics Ice Cream 48 oz. Var. **\$2.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Marie Callendar's Fruit or Cream Pies 25.6-36 oz. **\$6.99**

DIGITAL DEAL!

Bellatoria Personal Size Pizzas 8" or Roma Original **3/\$9**
-1.00
3/\$8

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DIGITAL COUPON
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SUNNY DEAL!

New York Brand Garlic Toast or Breadsticks 6-8 Ct. **2/\$5**

SUNNY DEAL!

Coke Products 8 Pack 12 oz. Bottles + deposit **Buy 2 & Get 1 FREE**

SUNNY DEAL!

Coke Products 2 L Bottles + deposit **Buy 2 & Get 1 FREE**

SUNNY DEAL!

International Delight Coffee Creamer 32 oz. Flavors **\$3.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Scooter's Premium Coffee 12 oz. Bag or 12 Ct. K-Cup Var. **\$6.99**

SUNNY DEAL!

Maxwell House or Yuban Coffee 23-27.5 oz. Cans **\$8.99**

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 3 lots per min with a one minute extension
PAYMENT AND PICKUP: Monday, December 16, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.
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LOCATION: 20472 193rd Street Loop, Milford, IA

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Carol Ayres Stueven and Tim Ireland Honored with Awards

Iowa Lakes Community College celebrates the achievements of Carol Ayres Stueven and Tim Ireland, who were honored with awards during the 2nd Annual Convention and Tradeshow hosted by Community Colleges for Iowa on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in Des Moines, Iowa. The awards recognize the exceptional contributions of faculty and staff who exemplify excellence in education, leadership, and service.

Carol Ayres Stueven - Outstanding Faculty Award
A cornerstone of Iowa Lakes Community College since 1988, Carol Ayres Stueven has inspired students and enriched communities for 36 years as a Professor of Instrumental Music and Jazz Band. In addition to her full teaching schedule, she serves as an online learning Mentor/Trainer, fostering the growth and development of her colleagues.

Ayres Stueven's dedication to music education is evident through her leadership of the Concert, Jazz, and Pep Bands, along with Handbell, Percussion, and Brass Ensembles. She also oversees a biennial musical production and has co-founded or spear-



Tim Ireland, Scott Stokes, President of Iowa Lakes Community College, and Carol Ayres Stueven.

headed programs like the Iowa Collegiate Honor Band, the Iowa Lakes Reggie Schive Jazz Camp, and the Jazz Festival at Iowa Lakes. Beyond her contributions to Iowa Lakes, she leads the Lakes Area Community Theater and directs the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Handbell Ensemble.

"Carol's passion for music and her unwavering commitment to her students, colleagues, and the community are truly inspiring. She embodies the mission of Iowa Lakes to enrich lives and create opportunities," said Scott Stokes, President of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Tim Ireland - Outstanding Staff Award
As the Director of the Iowa Lakes Veterans Centers, Tim Ireland exemplifies service and dedication to student veterans. Following a distinguished 38-year military career with the Iowa Army and Air National Guard, including five years as a Chief Master Sergeant, Ireland now oversees three Veterans Centers, ensuring veterans have access to priority enrollment, credit transfers, and the benefits they have earned.

Ireland also leads the Veterans Center Mentor Program, fostering a solid and supportive community for veteran students. His exceptional work has earned him national recognition by Victory Media as a Veteran Champion of the Year.

"Tim's tireless advocacy for student veterans reflects the core values of Iowa Lakes. His leadership ensures that those who have served our country have the resources and support they need to succeed," praised President Stokes.

Iowa Lakes Community College is honored to have such dedicated individuals as part of its team. Their achievements underscore the college's commitment to excellence and its role as an institution that values education and community service.

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In addition to now supporting controlled atmosphere storage, FSFLs also provide low-interest financing to help producers build or upgrade storage facilities and to purchase portable (new or used) structures, equipment and storage and handling trucks.

The low-interest funds can also be used for controlled atmosphere storage monitoring equipment, designed to notify facility owners immediately if potential atmospheric concerns are detected. Producers may renovate existing storage facilities to include controlled atmosphere storage monitoring equipment. Authorized loan terms for FSFL renovations are three and five years only.

To assist with monitoring gases and particle concentrations for controlled atmosphere storage, the following equipment, but not limited to, is eligible for an FSFL:

- Optical oxygen sensor.
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FSFL borrowers do not need to demonstrate lack of commercial credit availability to apply. The loans are designed to assist a diverse range of agricultural operations, including small and mid-sized businesses, new farmers and ranchers, operations supplying local food and farmers markets, non-traditional farm products and underserved producers.

For more information, see the FSFL fact sheet and contact FSA at your local USDA Service Center.

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USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Crop Advantage Series Returns to Northwest Iowa in January 2025

The 2025 Crop Advantage meetings will give producers a solid foundation of current research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for their farming operation. The meetings are an opportunity for farmers and crop advisers to hear current research and crop production information from Iowa State University.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists will travel to 12 locations around Iowa from January 2-29, providing updated management options and recommendations on crop production issues facing Iowa growers. The Okoboji Crop Advantage meeting will take place January 14, 2025.

Meetings include continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers and pesticide applicator recertification. All sites offer private pesticide applicator continuing instruction for an additional fee of \$30. "There is no other program in our crop production education year where we are able to bring this many Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists together in sites across the state. We're excited to provide the quality, in-person education farmers and retailers have come to expect," said Gentry Sorenson, local field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach based near Algona. Program topics vary by location and are selected for regional issues. Examples of topics this year include crop markets, corn sweat and 2025 weather outlook, soybean aphid resistance, tarspot, nitrification inhibitors, tiling and water quality, farm transitions, panels on crop production and conservation and more. To view an exact schedule of topics for each location, visit <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas>. "Our goal is always to prepare producers to manage potential issues when they arise, or even before they arise, by sharing the most up-to-date scientific knowledge from Iowa State University researchers," said Leah Ten Napel, local field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach based near Le Mars. "Each location's program is unique as content is driven by local needs and production issues."

Early registration for each location is \$75; late registration made less than seven days prior to the meeting, or on-site, is \$100. Registration includes lunch and CCA credits. Private pesticide applicator recertification fee is \$30 paid to the local county Extension office. For additional program details and online registration, visit www.aep.iastate.edu/cas. For more information, contact local field agronomists Gentry Sorenson at 641-430-6715 or Leah Ten Napel at 712-541-3493.

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Inflation: Keeping it basic and simple. No fancy lingo. That way I understand it. What is Inflation? When there is high demand for anything, and the supply can't keep up providing the amount of the good or service. Who causes Inflation? We do. You and I. We, and a whole lot of us, want something and there just is not enough to fill the want (the need - the demand). So, when more demand than product or service is available, the prices go up. It is just that simple and basic. Good or bad. Right or wrong.

THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

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

Sat., Dec. 14 - Dec. 31 Inventory Liquidation at auction online only. Auctioneers: Howells, Helmers & Rooney, 712-260-9500. www.howellshelmersandrooney.com.

Thurs., Dec. 19 - 10:00 AM - 58.17 acres at auction in Winnebago, MN. Auctioneers: Harting, 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.

Mon., Dec. 30 - 10:00 AM - 151.39 acres at auction in Jackson, Co., MN. Auctioneers: Christopher & Pike 507-841-3125. www.christopherauction.com.

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- 2 cups all-purpose flour
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- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1/2 cup raspberry jam
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

Instructions:

In a large bowl, whisk the flour, almond flour, salt, and cinnamon together. In a separate bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add in the egg yolks, vanilla extract and lemon zest and continue to beat until well incorporated. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and continue to beat until just combined to form a dough. Divide the dough in half; pat each half into a disc, wrap with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour. Remove the dough from the refrigerator, and let it soften for about 5 minutes, until soft enough to roll. On a lightly floured surface, roll one disc of dough out to about 3/16" thickness, using a 7" cookie cutter, set out cookies. Set out a lip for each cookie using a smaller cookie cutter to cut out the center. Transfer the cookies to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Gather the scrap dough, roll, and repeat. Place the first batch of cut cookies in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to chill. Preheat the oven to 350° F and repeat the process with the second batch of dough. Bake the chilled cookies for about 12 minutes or until just starting to turn golden around the edges. Let the cookies cool for a few minutes until transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely. Once cooled, spread the bottom half of each cookie with some raspberry preserves, leaving a thin border around each cookie. Dust the top of each cookie with powdered sugar and place on its corresponding bottom half. Use a spoon or piping bag to fill the cut-out center with a 1/2th more of the preserves.

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Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed.

For more information, go online to Iowa-Al-Anon.org, meetings tab, find a group (center: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

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