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View From The Bench
by John Adams, Jr.

Minnesota Mauled in Detroit's Den

What has been one of the most surprising seasons in the NFL came to a thud of a regular season ending on Sunday night as the Minnesota Vikings were dominated by the Detroit Lions, 31-9 at Ford Field in Detroit. This game was built up all week as a primetime ending to the NFL regular season with so much on the line. Both teams entered the game at 14-2 and this was the first time in NFL history a final regular season game would feature two teams with 14 wins. The NFC North championship was on the line, and perhaps even more importantly, the #1 overall seed and a first-round bye in the NFC Playoffs went to the winner. The loser would drop to the #5 seed and have to go on the road in the Wild Card Weekend to face the LA Rams.

I was expecting an offensive shootout but the first half proved to be anything but that. Both teams struggled to do much but Minnesota had many more opportunities, forcing two first half turnovers that they were only able to convert into six points. The Vikings had the ball twice with first and goal opportunities and only scored three points on those two possessions. A late field goal by Will Reichard trimmed the Lions lead to 7-6 with just :20 left and it appeared the Vikings had gained momentum heading into halftime and they were also to receive the opening kick of the second half. Reichard, however put the kickoff out of bounds, giving Detroit prime field position at their own 40-yard line with one timeout remaining. The Lions took advantage of the mistake and quickly moved the ball to set up a 48-yard Jake Bates field goal to take a 10-6 lead into halftime.

The Vikings continued to struggle with Detroit's pressure in the second half but did trim the lead to 10-9 with 10:00 left in the third quarter behind a 51-yard Reichard field goal. The Lions would take control of the game when they converted a fourth and two at the Viking 10- yard line for a Jahmyr Gibbs touchdown reception from Jared Goff and take a 17-9 lead. Minnesota's defense was brilliant for nearly all of three quarters, but eventually wore out and gave up two more Gibbs touchdown runs while their offense continued to show no ability to move the football on a banged-up Lions defense. Sam Darnold, who has had a phenomenal season, struggled all night, overthrowing receivers while finishing just 18/41 with 166 yards. The Lions did an outstanding job of mixing up pass coverages and blitzing Darnold from different spots and the Vikings never found an adjustment that worked as Darnold was pressured all night and when he did have time, he must have anticipated pressure as he was off-target and also missed several wide-open receivers.

As a Minnesota pro sports fan, we should have expected nothing else than to see one of our favorite teams not show up for the biggest game of the season. I did have to remind myself that I would have gladly taken a 14-3 season that included a sweep of the Green Bay Packers, at the start of the year, as I honestly would have considered just making the NFL Playoffs a huge success for this team. Coach Kevin O'Connell did a phenomenal job of giving Sam Darnold confidence while surrounding him with talent on offense, and the free agents who were brought in on defense all had very impactful seasons, especially Rock Valley native Andrew Van Ginkel. I'm hoping this game was just a blip on the radar, and the Vikings can rebound with a win over a Los Angeles Ram team who did beat Minnesota 30-20 earlier this season. I'm not a big fan of how the NFL does the Playoffs with giving Conference Champions the top four seeds, as I don't think it's right that a 14-3 Viking team has to play on the road vs a 10-7 Rams team. I think if they just seeded the teams like the NBA does, you would have a fairer Playoffs and you also would have teams playing for more on the last weekend than you currently see with so many teams having clinched their seeds and sitting out their top talent. That's a topic for another article as I'm running out of space this week. Skol Vikings!

90th Birthday Announcement

Peggy Muhlbauer celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday, January 6, 2025. An early surprise celebration was held in November. Help her celebrate by sending a greeting to: 3340 Prairie Meadow Drive Unit B, Milford, IA 51351.

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, January 9 & 23, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. There will be a progressive jackpot blackout game at the end of the night. 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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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

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- 6 - 7 PM The Barefoot Bar's 11th Annual Charity Battle of the Bartenders presented by Sazerac, JC Fischer Ent., Diageo & Codigo 1530
- 6:30 PM Junk FM on the License 2 Travel Main Stage

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show
- 11 AM Snappers Turtle Bay Cafe open
- NOON Boat House Bars & Muff Wader Tap Truck open
- 4 PM Hanging Bar Competition sponsored by Drip Okoboji Sazerac Shot Bell
- 4:30 PM Blue Mountain Band on the License 2 Travel Main Stage
- 8 PM Johnny Holm Band on the License 2 Travel Main Stage

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- ALL DAY Boats on Ice Boat Show
Barefoot Blowout Clothing Sale
Winter Games Photo Wall by Twisted Tea
Hanging Bar Competition by Drip Okoboji
Muff Wader Tap Truck in the Boat House
Sazerac Shot Bell & Angry Orchard Ice Luge
- 8 AM The Barefoot Bar & Boat House bars open
Flag Football on the pond sponsored by Parks Marina
Pizza Shack open at Barefoot
- 10 AM Ice Oval Races presented by Parks Marina
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- 11 AM The Fishheads on the License 2 Travel Main Stage
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- 2:30 PM Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Exile Brewing Co. (BOAT HOUSE)
- 3 PM Monster Arm Wrestling WEIGH IN (Contest at 4 PM) sponsored by JCL
- 3:30 PM Jacuzzi Puma on the License 2 Travel Stage
- 4 PM Keg Toss by Doll Distributing & Snappers (POND)
- 8 PM 90s Country Rewind on the License 2 Travel Main Stage



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 7 AM - 2 PM O'Farrell Sisters is open
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- 12 - 7 PM Karaoke & Dance tunes with Big Nacho
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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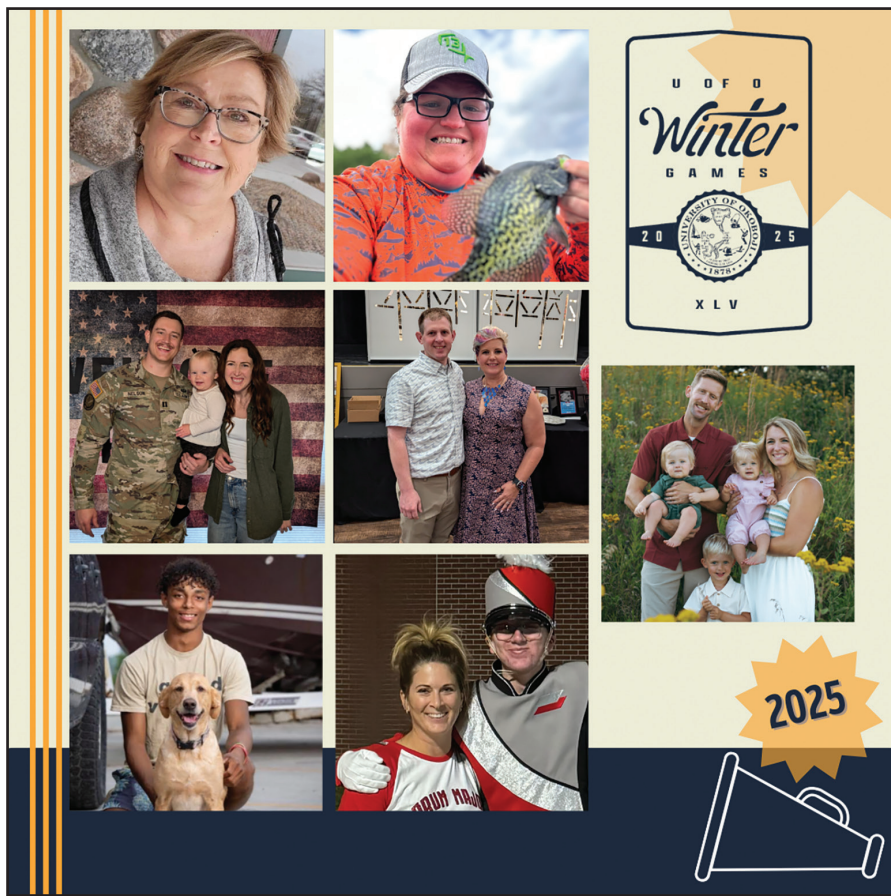
Winter Games Cheerleaders: The Votes Are In!

After collecting nominations for all of December and holding a community-wide voting on January 2nd and 3rd, the Winter Games Committee has officially tallied up the votes! This year over 1,800 ballots were counted both electronically and in person at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber. We now present to you the 2025 University of Okoboji Winter Games Cheerleaders, and due to a tie we are announcing 9 deserving individuals.

Sue Boettcher - "She works at ISU Extension where she does many programs to support small businesses, helps educate on Parkinson disease, and promote protecting the environment through conservation to name a few. She loves to teach people about bird watching, Master gardening, and shares her love of everything through photography. She is willing to help in anyway that is needed within the community and church. Her enthusiasm for the lakes area is evident in all the ways she works to promote it not only in her job but through her posts. She will not only bring a smile but a major positive energy to being a cheerleader."

Bree Blom - "If you are looking for a Winter Games hype person, Bree is the one! An Okoboji weekend warrior who became a permanent resident 10 years ago, has been enjoying Winter Games for the last 24 years. As an area naturalist who absolutely loves this area, she wants everyone that comes to the Iowa Great Lakes to enjoy what all there is to offer. When everyone else's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving or Christmas, Bree's is Winter Games! She helped bring Stumps to Winter Games and was a co-chair for several years. It has always been one of her dreams to become an Okoboji Winter Games Cheerleader, so let's make that dream come true!"

Tom and Krista Nelson - "Tom and Krista Nelson can often be found enjoying and being a part of various activities in the Iowa Great Lakes - from trivia nights and volleyball leagues to volunteer opportunities. Tom recently returned from deployment and is employed at Bank Midwest. Tom is also on the board of the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis and is an active member giving his time as much as possible. Krista works remote from their home in Spirit Lake and can often be found on the volleyball courts playing in various leagues or teaching young athletes. These two are great cheerleaders for our area year round and would make



wonderful Winter Games cheerleaders."

Nathan Kraft - "Nathan is an avid supporter of the community - always willing to give and serve others. He represents what the U of O Cheerleaders purpose is - to recognize those that give, support, and volunteer with the communities of Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Milford. He was a vital part of the flood relief and helps support by giving time and donations to so many other community events. Nathan and his wife are always willing to help!"

Joseph Salmon - "Joe is a selfless person who acted in a heroic manner to save a fellow tourist. Joe was later injured severely but still maintains a positive and Boji proud attitude."

Jo Van Patten - "Jo is a Spirit Lake native who came back to the Iowa Great Lakes area to raise her family and be a huge advocate for the community. Jo spends countless hours giving back to our community in a variety of ways. She has generously volunteered to serve on the board for the SL Music Boosters, SL After Prom, been an instructor at various workout

facilities, active in Relay for Life and the list continues. She is frequently seen at many of the philanthropic fundraiser events in the area, always supporting with a smile and her infectious personality. Throughout her work in Iowa Great Lakes area, she has always been a supporter and cheerleader for the community we all love!"

Kiley and Kyle Zankowski - "Kyle and Kiley Zankowski bring unmatched energy and enthusiasm, making them the perfect candidates for University of Okoboji cheerleaders. Kiley, as the Tourism Director for the Iowa Great Lakes area, has spent years promoting the community, including running Winter Games as Chamber staff. This would mark the first time she can participate as a cheerleader, making it an especially meaningful opportunity. Meanwhile, Kyle, a dedicated teacher and coach, inspires young athletes daily with his passion and positivity. Together, their vibrant personalities, lifelong connection to the area, and ability to energize those around them would make them exceptional representatives for the University of Okoboji."

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Spencer Chamber of Commerce Announces 2025 Eggs & Issues Legislative Forums

The Spencer Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the dates for the 2025 Eggs & Issues Legislative Forums. These forums offer residents of Northwest Iowa the opportunity to connect with local legislators in a question/answer format. All forums will be moderated by Spencer Chamber Executive Director Sheriffa Jones.

- Event Details:
- Dates:
 - Saturday, January 25, 2025 (Sponsored by Iowa Lakes Community College)
 - Saturday, February 15, 2025 (Sponsored by Clay County Farm Bureau)
 - Saturday, March 29, 2025 (Sponsored by Northwest Bank)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (8:30 AM Breakfast – First come first served)
 - Location: Spencer City Hall Council Chambers, 101 W. 5th St., Spencer, IA

Each forum will feature local legislators who will share updates on current legislative topics, answer audience questions, and engage in open discussions. State Senators Lynn Evans & David Rowley along with State Representatives Megan Jones & John Wills have been invited to attend these forums.

The sessions will be live on KICD, SMU, & taped by Mediacom Cable TV, with both stations replaying the session. Each session will start live at 9:00 AM.

The Spencer Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to attend these forums.

For more information or to submit a question please contact Blake at the Spencer Chamber of Commerce at programs@spenceriowachamber.org.



70th Anniversary Announcement

Please join family in a 70th Anniversary card shower honoring Carl and Sally Ingwersen, who were married on January 9, 1955. Let's shower them with love and cheer to make their day extra special this year.

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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.

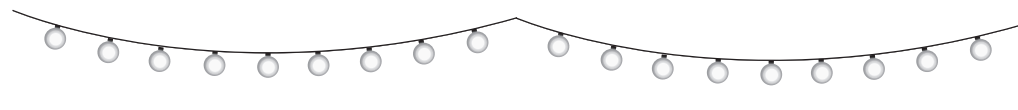
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Applications Open for Healthcare Scholarship and Loan Programs

Spencer Hospital is now accepting applications for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, the Adam J. Anderson Scholarship, and the Cornwall Loan Program. These programs aim to support students from the region pursuing careers in healthcare.

The Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship provides annual awards to individuals who have completed at least one semester in nursing or allied health programs. Eligible fields include radiology, respiratory care, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, and pharmacy. This scholarship does not support students pursuing degrees in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant studies, or veterinary science.

Ben Shine served as a trustee for the Spencer Hospital Board, while his wife, Ernestine, was an active member and past president of the hospital auxiliary. Together, the Shines established this scholarship to promote quality healthcare in the community.

The Adam J. Anderson scholarship supports individuals training to become certified EMS providers, from EMT to Paramedic. Created by Duane Anderson of Webb and Marcia Anderson Taylor of Spencer in memory of their son, Adam, this scholarship honors Adam's passion for serving others through emergency medical services.

Adam was an EMT for Spencer Hospital and a volunteer with the Terril ambulance crew. Before his untimely passing in 2001, Adam aspired to become a paramedic. This scholarship enables others to achieve the dream Adam held so dear.

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program provides low-interest loans to individuals pursuing healthcare education. Established by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, the program reflects the Cornwall family's gratitude for the exceptional care Ruth received from Spencer Hospital during her illness.

The application deadline for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholarship and Ruth Cornwall Loan Program is March 31, 2025. Recipients will be notified of their award in May. Applications are available on the Spencer Hospital Website at <https://www.spencerhospital.org/about-us/professional-education/scholarships/>.

For questions, please contact Danelle Stumbo, Spencer Hospital Educational Coordinator at danelle.stumbo@spencerhospital.org

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Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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Changes are coming in 2025 for the Lakes Area Farmers Market. Some you will see and some you will not notice. We have become an official non-profit and are making plans for 2025 and beyond. Look for our new website, possibly as soon as early February. Follow this column each month for news about other changes and events. In early April we will hold our annual meeting and begin taking applications for new vendors. All vendors need to have their own liability insurance that covers farmers markets. Some products, such as meat or on-site consumable food, require a special license. Check with the Iowa Department of Health for more information. Winter is an excellent time to plan a garden and order seeds or make and stock up on those handmade crafts that everyone likes. We accept vendors on a first-come, first-served basis so early commitment is important. Check our Facebook page for contact information. We hope to see you soon.

Clay County Long Term Recovery Group Update

The Clay County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is pleased to announce the creation of their organization's new logo. Jason Vulk, art director, at F8 Creative in Spencer designed the logo with style in mind. With that, he "wanted to incorporate the large C with the arrow symbolizing action, along with the iconic county courthouse represented in a simple form for ease of use while still symbolizing our county's structure."

The Clay County Long Term Recovery Group is committed to, "empower Clay County residents to rebuild, restore, and strengthen resiliency for a brighter future."

For more information, please contact: Sheriffa Jones *director@claycountyltrg.org*.



LRH Foundation's "Grape Escape" Signature Tasting Event and Auction

This year Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation will hold their 12th annual fundraiser called the Grape Escape to celebrate the advancements in healthcare in the Iowa Great Lakes and to raise funds toward future projects. The event will be held on Friday, February 7 at the Roof Garden Ballroom. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and prosecco and bourbon tasting upon arrival followed by three plated courses prepared by the Hi-Lo Supper Club and Catering, paired with select wines. There will be a live auction following the meal and entertainment from Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos to close out the evening. Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.classy.org/event/the-grape-escape/635093> or by calling 712-336-8791. Those unable to attend the Grape Escape but interested in supporting Lakes Regional Healthcare Foundation can contact Foundation Executive Director Sonja Hamm at 712-336-8791 or sonja.hamm@lakeshealth.org.

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The second course, Directed by Blake Edwards (Class ID: 7970), begins January 15, running Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Dr. Kella Klinker-Simonin will guide participants through the legendary filmmaker's works, including iconic collaborations with Henry Mancini and appearances by the Pink Panther, paired with engaging discussions. Each course costs \$25, and registration is open now.

To register or learn more, visit ce.iowalakes.edu/community-solutions/third-age-college/ or contact Melissa Haukap at mhaukap@iowalakes.edu or 712-852-5206.

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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

- Tues., Jan. 7 - 10:00 AM** - 141.21 acres at auction in Martin Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartung. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.
- Wed., Jan. 11 - 10:00 AM** - Downsizing of Okoboji Boats auction in Okoboji, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.
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- Sat., Jan. 18 - 9:00 AM** - Large coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Gravley. 507-822-0403. www.auctionsgo.com.
- Wed., Jan. 22 - 10:00 AM** - 76.2 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - 10:00 AM** - 152.1 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-301-4664. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - 10:00 AM** - 131.5 acres at auction in Fairmont, MN. Auctioneers: Hartung. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.
- Sat., Feb. 8 - 9:30 AM** - Coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.

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Soper Named to Dean's List

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Breakfast—January 19, 8:30-12:30-Freewill Offering

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Pioneers Place Second at Pocahontas

The Okoboji 5th Grade OYBA team placed second at the Pocahontas Tournament on January 4th. The Pioneers beat Manson NW Webster and Pocahontas to reach the championship game and then lost a close battle to Spencer. Pictured above are Layla Evenson, Jenna Vander Wolde, Jerrielle Samuels, Aria Vonk, Sydney Graves and Rowan Lindgren. (Not pictured, Raya Jacobsen). The Pioneers are coached by Heath Jacobsen and Dave Vonk.

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

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Campers will learn about Dutch oven cooking by using the equipment, making a recipe, and savoring the final product! We will also craft some Tie Dye winter hats, and campers will learn about primitive weapons and fire-building techniques. There will also be a wilderness hike to look for wildlife, tracks and signs on the trails of Horseshoe Bend Wildlife Area.

Two snacks are included with the registration fee of \$15, but a sack lunch and refillable water container for each child is required. Please preregister children by 5:00 p.m. on January 17th by going to the Programs/Events page at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest updates and programs.




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Milford Memorial Library News

Join MML 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.

- January 13, 10:30 a.m. – Kites
- January 20, 10:30 a.m. – Penguins
- January 27, 10:30 a.m. – Plants

Milford Memorial Library would like to announce the top titles that were checked out during 2024. MML welcomes you to come and enjoy these beloved stories. We are looking forward to seeing what you will read in 2025.

- Adult Fiction: The Women by Kristin Hannah
- Adult Non-Fiction: Mostly What God Does by Savannah Guthrie
- Children's Picture Book: Bluey Sleepytime by Joe Brumm
- Children's Chapter Book: Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder by Dav Pilkey
- Young Adult: Heroes by Alan Gratz

Join us for MML's CRAFTERS Hours on Wednesday, January 15, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. This month we will be making jewelry. Participants get to choose what they want to learn how to make. We will have materials available for necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. The cost is \$10 and you will get to take home two created items. Register now by calling MML at 338-4643 or online at <https://milford-ia.whofoi.com/calendar/event/5416184>.

On Monday, January 20, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., join MML for All-Day Play. Discover new and exciting toys while having fun with friends. This is a come-and-go playtime. All toys are supplied by the library. For any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

MML's Young Adult (4th-12th graders) Maker Monday, will be held on Monday, January 20, from 9:30 A.M. until 4:30 p.m. They will be creating beaded snowflakes. This is a free come and go event. All materials will be provided by the library. For any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Any interested individuals are welcome to join MML's Book Club on Tuesday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. The featured book, All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker, can be found in our library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please. For any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

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Obituary

Becky Frederick, 76, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Becky Jo Frederick was born on February 2, 1948, to R.E. "Johnny" and Elaine "Shorty" (Hinton) Chalstrom in Spirit Lake. After graduating from Spirit Lake High School, she attended Iowa Lakes Community College. She was married to Darwin Frederick on September 24, 1982, in Spirit Lake. Becky worked many years in retail, and she retired from working in the lunch program for Spirit Lake Schools.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading and trying her luck at the casino.

She is survived by her husband, Darwin Frederick of Spirit Lake; sister, Diane Spengler of Hermando, FL; brother, Bill (Margo) Chalstrom of Bremerton, WA; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Steve Chalstrom.



Obituary

Bonnie Gilbertson, 81, of Apache Junction, Arizona, formerly of Milford, Iowa, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2024, surrounded by her family after a long battle with cancer. In her life she found solace and strength in her faith in Jesus Christ as her savior.

Bonnie was born on a farm near Milford, Iowa, on February 14, 1943. She married Larry Wintz in 1959, and from this marriage they had four children. Later she married Jerry Gilbertson.

Bonnie's life was marked by significant achievements. She had a long and successful career working at Microchip.

In her retirement, Bonnie had a passion for crocheting, and her beloved cats. She also enjoyed long scenic walks and had a deep love for finding homes for displaced cats.

She is survived by her children, Brenda Hicks, Tom, Becky Dubois, Terry Wintz, Dorothy, and Traci May, Lance. Ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Siblings Deann VanEnter, Dean, Bob, and Dave Welle. Several nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Pearl Welle, her husband, Jerry Gilbertson, six siblings, and her son-in-law, Dave Dubois.

A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2025, and more details will be provided at a later date.



Obituary

Private family services will be held at a later date for Joan Miner, age 79, of Spirit Lake.

Joan Elizabeth Miner, daughter of Robert and Lois (Swalm) Miner, was born on March 26, 1945, in Traer, Iowa. Joan grew up in Superior, Iowa, and graduated from Estherville High School in 1963. She married Darrel Schnell, and together they raised three children while living in various communities across Iowa and Nebraska, including Ankeny, Red Oak, Grinnell, Fremont, and finally returning to Estherville in 1976. Once her children were grown, Joan made the lakes area her home.

Joan was a familiar face at many local businesses throughout the 25 years that she lived in Spirit Lake. Her warm smile and quick wit were most often seen at Shoppers Supply/Bomgaars, where she worked for over 15 years before retiring. Joan's checkout line was always the longest—she had an unmatched gift for gab, playful banter, and a knack for making every customer feel like family. Even after retiring, she was recognized wherever she went, a fact that brought her endless joy.

Joan's passion for rescuing animals was a driving force in her life. Her home was a haven for creatures in need, and her love for the outdoors was evident in the time she spent caring for her plants and flowers. Swan Lake and the spillway were her favorite retreats. One of her proudest recent accomplishments was growing a tomato plant taller than herself—a feat she celebrated with a photograph, knowing it was a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Joan had an affinity for the simple joys in life: feeding her backyard birds, nurturing vibrant flowers, and everything Jeep-related. Her family ties to Miner Motors, an AMC dealership owned by her father, cemented her love for Jeep vehicles. Everything Jeep. Jeep Cherokee, Jeep T-shirt, Jeep coffee mug, it didn't matter. Joan's love of purple was another signature trait. Everything purple. If it wasn't purple, she painted it purple.

Joan passed away peacefully, at home, on December 30, 2024. Her life was one of resilience, joy, and connection. She will be remembered for her humor, kindness, and the love she shared with her family, friends, and her cherished animal companions.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Duane Schnell (Dawn); daughter, DeAnna Schnell; daughter, Jenny Schnell (Doug DeVore); grandchildren: Josh Ryan, Joel Ryan, Gracie Schnell, Seth Schnell, Brady DeVore, Macy DeVore; brother, Jerry Miner; sister, Julie Nelson as well as extended family and friends.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lois Miner; brother, Jim Miner and sister-in-law, Judy Miner.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Obituary

M. Maralee Langholz, 90, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024, at the Lakeside Lutheran Home in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Maralee was born on September 10, 1934, in West Bend, Iowa, to William and Iva Marguerite (Bell) Bargman. She graduated from Rodman High School where she was the class Valedictorian, and she went on to attend Iowa State University. She was united in marriage to Lauren D. Langholz on February 20, 1954, in Mallard, IA. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2007, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She worked as a Media Specialist & Audio/Visual Teacher for many years.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading and spending time with her friends, family and grandchildren. She also enjoyed donating her time to her church in various church circles and lending a hand where it was needed.

Maralee is survived by her daughters, Sherri Gruber of Des Moines, Diane Jennings of Spirit Lake; sons, Donald Langholz of TX and John (Cindy) Langholz of Bay City, MI; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Jo (Gus) Berninghaus of MN; Janell Johnson of Mallard, IA; and her brother, George (Linda) Bargman of GA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons Larry and Tom, brother Bill, grandson Joshua, son-in-law Thomas Gruber, a daughter-in-law Julie Langholz and brother-in-law Karl Johnson.

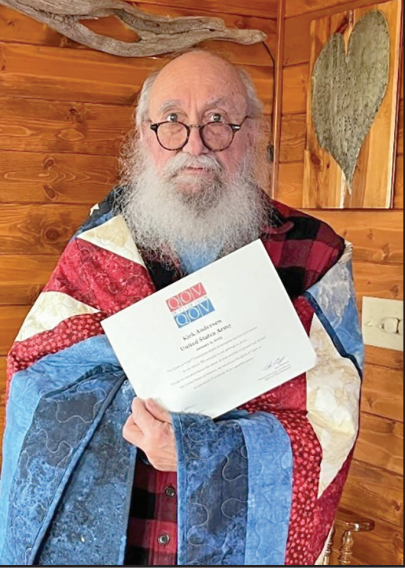


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Free Breakfast Saturday, January 18 at Grandview Church Gym

Free Breakfast Saturday, January 18, from 8:00-10:00am, at the Grandview Church gym. Burritos, pancakes, sausage, and eggs are being cooked, and milk, juice and coffee will also be served. The breakfast is completely free, and everyone is invited. Breakfast will be served at Grandview Baptist Church's gym, which is at 3705 170th St. in Estherville. They have had an average of 130 people attend the free breakfasts. There will also be a small food pantry for families to take shelf-stable food. Thanks to Estherville Foods, HyVee, Fareway, Kwik Star, and I & B Ag Supply for donating to the Free Breakfast. If you have questions, please contact Brett Fuelberth at 712-330-1145.



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1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles, drained
6 whole wheat tortillas (8 inches), warmed
6 tablespoons salsa

In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, egg whites, jalapeño and cayenne; set aside. Crumble sausage into a large skillet; cook over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain. Push sausage to the sides of pan. Pour egg mixture into center of pan. Cook and stir until set. Sprinkle with cheese and chiles. Remove from the heat, cover and let stand until cheese is melted. Place 1/3 cup mixture off center on each tortilla. Fold sides and end over filling; roll up. Top with salsa.

Recipe Courtesy of: Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook by the Taste of Home Kitchens

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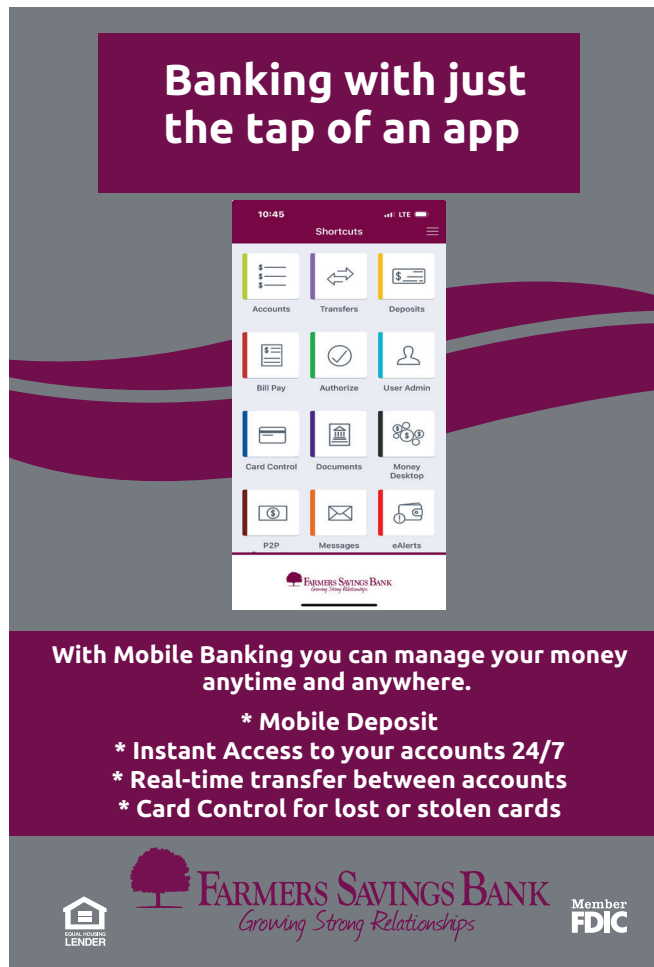
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LRH Welcomes New Year's Baby

Congratulations to Madysen Bergendahl and Dakotah Fisher of Estherville, Iowa. They are the proud parents of Tucker, Dickinson County's New Year's Baby. Tucker was born at Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) on January 2, at 7:03 am, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 inches in length.

Madysen and Dakotah weren't too surprised to have the New Year's Baby because they had a planned c-section delivery scheduled for the day after New Years. Madysen said, "It still has been fun to officially have this recognition!"

Tucker will be welcomed home by brother Beckett. "Tucker looks almost identical to Beckett when he was born, except that he has my dark hair," said Madysen.

The experience at LRH has been a positive one too. Madysen said, "We love the doctors and nurses here. Both Dakotah and I were born here, and Beckett, and we've always had really good experiences."

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, the First Five Program, and Lakes Regional Healthcare nurses donated gifts for the first baby born in the new year, including diapers, books, clothing, and more. Madysen said, "We didn't expect any gifts and were really surprised and thankful for them!"



Spirit Lake Library News

Top 10 Adult Fiction Of 2024

by Jill Jennings

Top 10 lists are pretty popular this time of year, so I thought I'd share the top 10 adult fiction books that were checked out from the Spirit Lake Public Library in 2024. Eight of the ten are in the crime/mystery/thriller category. The number one book was historical fiction, and the odd man out was a general fiction book. I'll list them David Letterman style counting down from ten to number one.

With 33 checkouts each, Still See You Everywhere by Lisa Gardner, and The Truth about the Devlins by Lisa Scottoline are tied for numbers 10 and 9. They are both crime/mystery/thriller (CMT) books. Number 8, with 34 check outs, is The Exchange by John Grisham (CMT). There's another tie for the 7th and 6th positions: The Edge by David Baldacci (CMT), and Swan Song by Elin Hilderbrand (General Fiction). They each had 35 checkouts.

Right in the middle, with 36 checkouts, is A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci (CMT). The 4th and 3rd place titles, with 43 checkouts each, are The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger, and Camino Ghosts by John Grisham. They are both crime/mystery/thriller novels. The second most popular book at the SLPL is Three-Inch Teeth by C.J. Box (CMT) with 51 checkouts. And the number one adult fiction book checked out in 2024 is The Women by Kristin Hannah. This historical fiction novel blew the other titles out of the water with 113 checkouts!

As we ring in 2025, it will be exciting to see what new titles are released. Stop by the Spirit Lake Public Library and see what's new in the browsing section! We are open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Friday 9-4, and Saturday, 9-2.

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, January 13, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Children's Story Time
- Monday, January 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, January 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess
- Tuesday, January 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
- Wednesday, January 15, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
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by Tony Thelen

I grew up in a small town in Iowa. As kids we ran around town in the summer, often barefoot in the sun, playing games all day. Many of us had BB guns and were very good at using them. As long as we targeted starlings and didn't shoot out any windows no one really bothered us (I tested the limits of this theory one time and ended up having to write a 1000-word essay for the local police department on the value of songbirds in society). When the streetlights turned on we knew it was time to start heading home. After dinner we'd reconvene in the early twilight for a game of kick-the-can or when the darker angels of our nature took over, ding-dong-ditch 'em. My how blessed we were.

Eventually all the parochial schools sent their kids to town for high school. This opened up my life not just to my neighborhood, but to kids from other communities and to those who lived on farms. Most of us got jobs detasseling or walking beans and thought we were rich with \$7/hour and a free suntan. Our grade school games evolved into seasons of high school baseball, basketball, football, and track/field. We played euchre in the back of the bus on the way to road games. This is the environment where I met many of my lifelong friends, and where I met some people who still inspire me to this day.

One of the kids from this era taught me a lesson that I've carried with me all my life. It was during my junior year of basketball season. Our team was very talented with a senior class that had future D-1 players, and a very strong coaching team. This coaching staff had a belief that if we were in better physical condition, it would give us the edge in close games. Aligned to this belief system, we ended every practice with wind sprints, "ladders", and whistletops where you had to run as fast as you could down the court, but then change direction every time the whistle was blown. I can still to this day sense the nausea, fatigue, and utter exhaustion from these practices. After these sprints, the mental and physical toll was complete and comprehensive on the mind and body.

It was after one of those practices that I gained my first real understanding of what leadership was all about. The team was in the locker room humped over in chairs when one of the seniors announced the coaches had left the building. He also announced that we were going back up to the gym and doing more sprints on our own. In that moment I distinctly remember wondering if I was hallucinating. I don't know where it came from, but the entire team found the energy to do an additional 30 minutes of sprints. No coaches, just us. In that moment we became a team that did the tough work necessary to succeed, and it took a leader to get it out of us.

Nick Nurse was that kind of leader even in high school. The day we ran those sprints I am sure Nick was hurting as we all were. But he pushed himself and inspired us to join him. He made very good players around him better. He went on to success at the University of Northern Iowa, and famously led the Toronto Raptors to an NBA title in 2019 as their head coach. His journey to the top of the NBA was much like his leadership on his high school team—he put in the tough work and sacrifice over 30 years to succeed.

We all dream of success. But what I learned from Nick in high school and throughout his career was that to become your best, to come close to your ultimate potential, you must give it your all. Nick says it perfectly in his book, "Rapture", as follows:

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

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Feb. 27 | 5:30-7:30pm | \$30/\$40
Level: Any, 18 years+, Register by 2/20

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With Jennifer Tittle-Oitzman

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Chinese New Year Luncheon
With Helen Alexander

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