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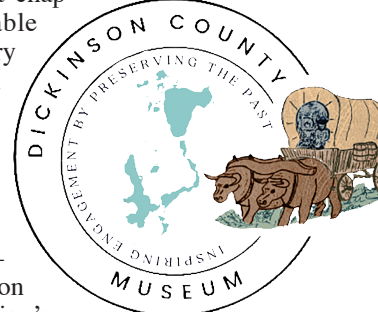
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The Dickinson County Historical Society is excited to announce the search for a new Executive Director to help guide the museum into its next chapter. After four remarkable years of leadership, Mary Dreier will transition to a new role as a volunteer, continuing to offer her invaluable support and expertise. Mary's tenure has been nothing short of transformational—her vision, energy, and dedication have shaped the organization's success, and her contributions will leave an enduring legacy.



While Mary's official role may change, her face and impact will remain a constant presence within the organization. As the search begins for the next Executive Director, the Dickinson County Historical Society is seeking a passionate and dynamic individual who can carry the torch forward, building on the strong foundation Mary has laid.

The Executive Director position is an all-encompassing leadership role that will involve overseeing museum operations, curating exhibits, managing volunteers, and fostering community engagement. The position will be posted locally with hopes to fill the position and have a new director in place by early spring.

The Dickinson County Historical Society is grateful for the time Mary has given to the museum and looks forward to welcoming a new leader who will continue the important work while honoring the legacy Mary leaves behind.

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The market is encouraging 4-H members, FFA members, and anyone who enjoys gardening to consider having a booth at the Farmers Market. You may have a small garden or have a large operation, it doesn't matter, the market has booths of different sizes. If you raise chickens, eggs are popular at the market. Specialty baked items are also a popular item. For information about the market, call 712-336-4430 and leave a message. A meeting for all returning and prospective vendors will be held April 7 at 6:00 p.m., location to be announced later. We hope to see you there.

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The cost of the tournament is \$30 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those aged 15 and younger. The Extended Contest is only an additional \$20 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to catch a fish worth thousands this summer!

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by Tony Thlen
 Dear Tony,
 I want to be a leader someday, but how do I get there?
 Being a leader is not easy. Being a leader means taking people and organizations to places where they wouldn't go on their own. It's "leading" others to a better place, better conditions, better performance, and a better life. To be a leader you must do more work than the average employee and it involves making decisions, which invite risk and criticism into your life. Being a leader means leading your organization, your people, and yourself.

In a nutshell, leading is not for everybody because it can be one of the hardest things in life to do.

But it also provides substantial rewards. For example, you can positively impact others lives. You can help your organization become better. You can take care of customers better than ever. Your pay and benefits are typically higher. Overall, your impact can be greater as a leader versus an individual contributor.

If you are up for the challenge, being a leader is worth it in my opinion. But let's be clear, it's not just a title, label, or a position in an organization chart. It's the way you serve others, customers and employees in particular

There are 5 areas I would focus on developing if I was just starting out to be a good leader, and then 5 additional suggestions. The first 5 are from the book "Leadership Challenge" by Kouzes & Posner:

1. Model the Way – live your life with integrity and know your values. Be ready to defend them.
2. Inspire a Shared Vision – Bring everyone together to aim for the same goal. Clarify the vision over and over.
3. Challenge the Process – Never stop improving. There is always room for continuous improvement. This is where courage sometimes comes into play as you challenge organizational norms.

4. Enable Others to Act – It's not enough to have a vision for your company. You must put in place what employees need to do their life's finest work. Sometimes this is taking action on your behalf, other times it's getting out of the way, and the wisdom to know when to do each.

5. Encourage the Heart – We are human beings. We respond to inspiration and motivation. To lead people, as their leader, your employees need to know that you care about them before you move on to other things.

The 5 additional suggestions from my own experience in leadership over 35 years are:

1. Work Hard – be ready to do the extra work required. Be intentional about your time and make the best use of it to allow you to do more in every hour. Avoid the trap of being busy but not productive.
2. Manage your energy, not just your time. A lot of emphasis is placed on time management. But it's not enough. You must manage both your time, and your energy, to be successful as a leader.
3. Work/Life balance – as you work hard at being a leader, don't forget to live a good life and seek fulfillment in the journey. Avoid the trap of prioritizing your work over your family and personal time.
4. Leadership is not formulaic. Management is more typically formulaic and there are certainly administrative aspects to a leader's job. But the highest and most valuable parts of being a leader are sometimes unknown until the moment arrives. Imagine leading the response to the COVID epidemic? Imagine navigating your business experiencing 4 feet of floodwater? Imagine a key employee leaving and suddenly your organization has a gap? Leading in these moments are what puts the "lead" in leadership.
5. Find a mentor. Learn from someone who has been there and done it. In general, the best way to accelerate your development is to use other people's experience vs. having to figure it out all on your own.

Lastly, every leadership role has its unique aspects that speak to the needs of the firm, or the challenges of the day. Be open to explore these challenges and meet them head on. If you want to be a leader, then volunteer to take on a problem, run towards conflicts, and be the light in everyone's day in some way.

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Please join family and friends in celebrating Betty Smith's 98th Birthday. They will be honoring her with a Come & Go party on Saturday, February 15, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Downtown Church (2105 N Avenue, Milford, Iowa).



100th Birthday Announcement

Please join family and friends in celebrating the 100th birthday of Audrey Allen. Audrey was born in Charles City, Iowa, on February 13th, 1925, and grew up in Estherville, Iowa. Cards may be mailed to Audrey Allen, 16914 255th Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360. You are also invited to drop by Well-Life in Spirit Lake from 2:00 - 4:00pm, on February 13th, to celebrate with Audrey on her birthday.

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Tuesday, February 4
 8:30 - Kiwanis
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker - Treva Graves
 12:30 - Bridge
Wednesday, February 5
 9:00 - Exercise Class
 12:00 - Dinner Date
Thursday, February 6
 10:00 - Strummers
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 1:00 - 500 Cards
 3:00 - Cribbage
 4:00 - Zumba Class
Friday, February 7
 9:00 - Exercise Class
 12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday, February 8
 Coin Auction 9:00am
Sunday, February 9
 Card Room Reserved
Monday, February 10
 9:00 - Exercise
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 1:00 - Pinochle Club

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for the program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 8:30-12:30 - Freewill Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month, February 23, with Terry Klein, potluck lunch at 3pm. 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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Terril Library News
 Story time returns on Saturdays. Elementary aged children are welcome to come for stories and crafts at 10:00am. There is no sign up. The Terril Public Library is located at 115 N State Street, Terril, Iowa 51364.

Do You Have A Special Weekend Event In The Future?
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Milford Memorial Library Youth 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.

- February 10, 10:30 a.m. - Valentine
- February 17, 10:30 a.m. - No Building Bookworms - MML will be closed for President's Day
- February 24, 10:30 a.m. - Light Up the Night

Starting Saturday, February 1, through Friday, February 28, MML's Blind Date with a book is back! All you will know is the genre and some information. It could be funny or sad. You might be glad to have picked it or maybe not. A bookmark is located in each book. Return the completed bookmark to the library to be placed into a drawing. Drawing prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library. Blind Date books are available for all age groups.

On Monday, February 10, 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.

Fourth through twelfth graders are welcome to join MML's Y.A. Maker Monday on February 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a free come-and-go program, where they will create a silly love monster. All supplies are provided by MML.

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

There are Yetis scattered around at Milford Memorial Library who are trying to tell the librarians a message. Would you help us find all of them to see what their message is? Come to MML's front desk to pick up your Yeti decoder sheet and go exploring in the children's area. Once you solve their message, come and tell a librarian what they said.

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SEDC Releases Commercial Business Assistance Grant Program

SPENCER, IOWA – Spencer Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has opened a Commercial Business Assistance Grant program for businesses within Spencer that were impacted by the flooding of June 2024.



The Commercial Business Assistance Grant will provide grants for up to 25% of non-structural business recovery costs due to flood damage for commercial businesses within the city limits of Spencer, Iowa. Nonprofits are not eligible. Grant levels start at \$1,000 for home-based businesses and range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 for other commercial businesses. These grant funds may be used to replace equipment, furniture, inventory, and more, but do not apply to structural damage and costs.

The applications for this grant program open Monday, February 3, 2025, and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until April 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted. Reimbursable expenditures must be incurred before June 6, 2025.

“SEDC is excited to open this relief grant program for our local businesses,” said SEDC President Philip Ramstack. “The commitment of our local businesses and their teams’ resolve to build back here in Spencer, given the flood devastation, shows resilience and their overall support towards the future economic vitality of our town and local community.”

“SEDC thanks the City of Spencer for their partnership in this grant program,” shared Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) President and CEO Curt Strouth. “This program will help our businesses move forward and build back the local economy.”

Grant applications can be found at <https://arcg.is/11zWSr0>. Contact Curt Strouth at info@lakescorridor.com or 712-264-3474 with any questions.

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DNR to Recap Hunting Seasons, Discuss Possible Rule Changes at Spencer Public Meeting

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at Iowa Lakes Community College, 1900 Grand Avenue, Suite B1, Entrance #1, west side of the North Mall, in Spencer, on February 18. The meeting begins at 6:30pm.

“We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff,” said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Bureau. “Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process.”

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

Kollaschs Celebrate 50 years

Robert (Bob) and Barb Kollasch celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, February 1, 2025. If you’d like to send your congratulations or share a favorite story/memory of the couple, they can be sent to: 2829 250th Street, Terill, IA 51364.

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road, in Okobojo, on February 20. The meeting begins at 6:00pm.

“We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff,” said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Bureau. “Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process.”

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Spirit Lake 5th Grade Champions

Spirit Lake 5th grade girls were the Champions of the GTRA tournament held on January 25, 2025. These girls won against E.L.C. Algona, and beat Bishop Garrigan in the championship. Congratulations on a great season to all of the Spirit Lake 5th grade girls!

Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place on Zoom now through April 16, 2025. Meeting ID is 77557290457 and the pass code is JXEU2H. 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 (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

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Wed., March 12 - 10:00 AM - 40 acres at auction in Royal, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.
Thurs., March 13 - 10:00 AM - 126.72 acres at auction in Jackson Co., MN. Auctioneers: Christopher & Dan Pike. 507-841-3125. www.christopherauction.com

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Spirit Lake Library News

Top 10 Adult Non-Fiction Of 2024
By Jill Jennings

Today I'm highlighting the Top 10 Adult Non-fiction books checked out from the Spirit Lake Public Library last year. Two notable discoveries: half of these books were published before 2024, and Daniel James Brown has two on the list!

The number ten most checked out book was *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians: True Stories of the Magic of Reading* by James Patterson. Number nine was *Create Your Dream Home on a Budget* by Daniel Jett. In eighth place was *An Unfinished Love Story: a Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

At number seven was *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. This is SUCH a good book! *The Demon of Unrest: a Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* was number six. It was written by Erik Larson, who is an excellent non-fiction author. Bill O'Reilly comes in at number five with *Confronting the Presidents: No Spin Assessments from Washington to Biden*.

Number four sounds good, but concerning: *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathan Haidt. The third most popular title is *Wild Bread: Flour + Water + Air: Sourdough Reinvented* by Mary Jane Butters.

Daniel James Brown comes in at number two with *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*. And finally, at number one, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. This book was on the NYT best seller list for several months beginning in 2016 when it was published. Last July, after Vance was named Trump's running-mate, it shot back up on that list again and stayed there for several weeks.

Stop by the SLPL today and check out a Top Ten book! SLPL staff reading spotlight: Diana is currently reading *The Rise and Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits* by Wanda Brunstetter & Martha Bolton.

Upcoming Activities At The SLPL:

- Monday, February 10, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Children's Story Time
- Monday, February 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess
- Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Valentine Crafting (come & go)
- Tuesday, February 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play
- Wednesday, February 12, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, February 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

Mobile Food Pantry in Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, at the Lake Park Methodist Church, located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm. Volunteers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions? Call Jerilyn Marra 712-348-0475.

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- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 5 cups vegetable oil for frying

Whisk together buttermilk, mustard, salt, pepper, and cayenne in a bowl. Pour buttermilk marinade into a resealable plastic bag. Add chicken pieces, coat with marinade, squeeze out excess air, and seal the bag. Marinate in the refrigerator for 2 to 8 hours. Combine flour, baking powder, garlic powder, and onion powder in another resealable plastic bag; shake to mix thoroughly. Working with one piece at a time, transfer marinated chicken to the dry ingredient bag, seal the bag, and shake well to coat. After all chicken pieces are coated, repeat the process by dipping them in buttermilk marinade and shaking in the dry coating again. Then heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Place chicken on the pan. Fry chicken in batches in hot oil, turning chicken occasionally, until golden brown and juices run clear. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the meat should read at least 165° F.

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View From The Bench
by John Adams, Jr.

Vacation Time

Michelle and I, much like the Iowa men's basketball defense and Iowa State men's basketball luck in Arizona and defensive rebounding vs Kansas State are on vacation this week, so there will be no View From the Bench. We'll get caught up next week and hope the Cyclones get caught up in their winning ways. Everyone have a great week!

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Iowa Lakes Corridor Announces 2025 Business Recognition Award Winners

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) once again recognized great achievements by local businesses Wednesday at the organization's 14th Annual Business Recognition Luncheon at the Clay County Regional Events Center in Spencer.

Winners of this year's Business Recognition awards are:

- Young Professional of the Year – Ashley Jones, Spencer Hospital, Spencer
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Jeremy & Kelcey Morrison, Bonfire Web Co & Topog Coffeehouse, Spirit Lake & Arnolds Park
- Small Business Excellence – The Lakes News Shopper, Milford (pictured above)
- Large Business Excellence – Spencer Hospital, Spencer

Additional awards:

- Project of the Year – Platinum Crush, LLC, Buena Vista County
- Outstanding Leadership – Mayor Kenny Billings, Estherville

Also recognized were Merrill Manufacturing in Storm Lake and Vander Haag's in Spencer as recent Small Business of the Week features by Senator Joni Ernst.

Four individuals were honored for their years of service on the Corridor board:

- Tim Fairchild represented the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors from July 2018 until December 2024
- Dr. Brian Lenzmeier represented Buena Vista University from June 2020 until December 2024
- John Pluth represented the Emmet County Board of Supervisors from July 2018 until December 2024
- Mike Porsch represented the City of Storm Lake from July 2018 until December 2024

"All of the award winners have shown a commitment to the region in building a career, serving their community, and leading in the region," said Corridor President and CEO Curt Strouth. "These and all of our nominations were very deserving of these awards, and we are glad to be able to celebrate even a few today."

Nominations for the annual Business Recognition awards in the categories of Young Professional,

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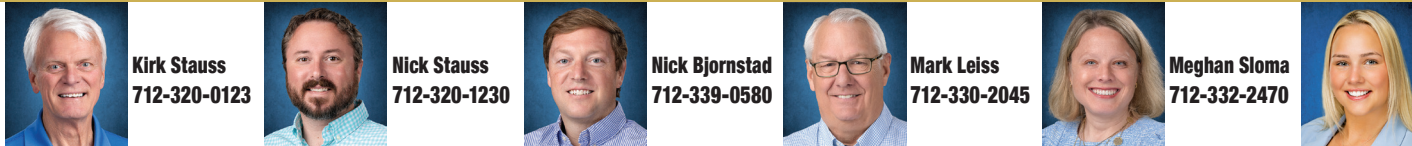
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Protecting the island at Triboji Beach

by Steve Weisman

When I mention Triboji Beach on the northwest corner of West Lake Okoboji, I often get the response, "Oh, you mean where that boat ramp is that has the island and the goats on it?" Most certainly, that's the one!

Also known as Lazy Lagoon, the area is the quieter access on West Okoboji. The entire Triboji Beach development was owned by Alex Percival and included 178 acres. In May of 1928, Percival and the Sioux City Journal entered into an agreement to develop the area that included 2000 lots. In September of 1928, the lagoon was dredged with an island in the middle. The island was originally called Island Park, and the dredged "donut" area was known as the \$5,000 Harbor.

Over the years, the Triboji lot/homeowners formed the Triboji Beach Betterment Association. According to Steve Brennan, president of the association, "Up until 2020, the Percival family still owned the island. As a board, we approached the Percival family about their ownership of the island and if they would be willing to deed the island over to the Triboji Beach Betterment Association, with the idea that we would maintain and preserve the integrity of the island." In 2020, the Percival family deeded the island to the association.



(photo by Steve Weisman) Rock barrier designed to protect the island from future erosion.

The renovation work begins

Over the previous 90+ years, the island had been left to itself with Triboji residents, Boy Scouts and others trying to tend to the island. In recent years, it became the summer home for as many as eight goats, whose job it was to keep the plant growth in check. At the same time, there was also significant concern about the severe erosion damage that had occurred to the perimeter of the island over the years.

Brennan says, "The erosion was very significant, and we knew something needed to be done. We worked with Mike Hawkins at the Spirit Lake Hatchery to get his ideas. He felt the best option was to armor the island with field rock. In order to do this, we had to get permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Iowa DNR. Once they were approved, in 2022, we put out bids for the project. Diamond Concrete of Spirit Lake was awarded the bid of \$55,000."

The work

Members of the Triboji community donated \$35,000, which was approximately 65% of the bid. Brennan says, "Diamond Concrete has been great to work with and continued completing the project as we continue to raise the rest of the money."

The project renovation was actually completed by the end of January. Construction workers used a backhoe to dig down along the outside edge of the island where it had eroded. According to Brennan, "This helped make a good base for the rock, while the fill was used on the island itself. They constructed a great barrier, and it really looks good."

Fundraiser

With \$20,000 needed to complete the project, the board chose to enlist the help of well-known fundraising artist, J. D. Speltz from Armstrong, to produce a print entitled Lazy Lagoon, that captured both the history and the beauty of the island.

According to Brennan, "We met with J. D. and showed him the island and gave him photos taken over the years. It was important to us to include the geese and ducks that are always there in the late spring, the huge cottonwood trees, a tent that represents the boy scouts of the 1950s, the beauty of West Lake Okoboji to the east and, of course, a pair of goats on the island."

The response to Lazy Lagoon has been extremely positive. Brennan notes, "I couldn't be happier with the painting. J. D. put his God-given talents into creating something beautiful and thank him for that."

In visiting with Speltz, he reflects on this most recent painting. "I've been doing these types of projects since 1980 and have done 1,700 paintings for groups and organizations across six states. I call this industrial wildlife because it combines man and nature together in harmony. This project for the Triboji Beach Betterment Association is near and dear to my heart because I spend a lot of time over around West Okoboji!"

The Triboji Beach Betterment Association began offering the prints for sale in late January. Cost is \$75 for the print, and an additional \$77 to have the print matted and framed.

To order a print, you can go to the Triboji Beach Betterment Association Facebook page for the order form.

The print is also displayed at Kable's Trading Post, Stan's Bait Shop, Okoboji Gas Company, Vick's Corner and Lunker's Lounge.

Payments can be sent to Triboji Beach Association, 208 18th Street NW, Orange City, IA. 51041.



(print by J. D. Speltz.) Lazy Lagoon captures both the history and beauty of the area.

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The next forum will be Saturday, February 15 (Sponsored by Clay County Farm Bureau), and Saturday, March 29, 2025 (Sponsored by Northwest Bank). Both events to be held from 9:00 – 10:30am (8:30am breakfast – first come first served, at Spencer City Hall Council Chambers, 101 W. 5th St., Spencer, Iowa.

Each forum will feature local legislators who will share updates on current legislative topics, answer audience questions, and engage in open discussions.

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

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To The Editor:
 Follow the money. And keep your hand on your wallet. Oligarchy: a small group of people having control of a country, organization, or institution.

45, his tech bros, and rich friends are out to steal the national treasure. Ignore the daily fire hose of crazy distractions. While highly damaging, they are distractions; the shiny object for you to follow while your pocket is picked. They're following the Steve Bannon strategy, "The Democrats don't matter," Bannon, the chief strategist for Trump's 2016 campaign said later. "The real opposition is the media. And the way to deal with them is to flood the zone with s---."

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Interesting that 45 went golfing twice after just a single week of being sworn in and not on a bible. He never wanted to govern or, god forbid, be a public servant. He wants the money, attention, glory and to stay out of prison. He's too lazy or just doesn't care to educate himself on history or civics. He's letting the Project 2025 authors tell him what to do, just as long as he gets the cheers, money and spotlight.

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To The Editor:
 Let's see if I got this right?
 Remember Charlie Manson and how he got his cult-like followers to do as he wished? The cult of Manson. We know how that ended.

Remember David Koresh? The wacko from Waco and how he got his cult-like followers to stay until the end? We all saw how that ended.

Remember Jim Jones? And how he led his cult-like following to their untimely demise? Do you recall how that ended?

Well my friends, the real fear is upon us now. You haven't seen anything yet. Can you even fathom how Trump's cult-like following will end. Our fellow American citizens turned one-against-the-other at the behest of one man, Donald J. Trump. It's unfolding right before our very own eyes.

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