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Milford RAGBRAI Announces Logo, Theme and Launch of Website

Milford, Iowa - The Milford RAGBRAI Committee is excited to share the official logo and theme for 2025! Plus the launch of the new milfordragbrai.com website.

Blink Marketing created the Milford RAGBRAI logo in partnership with the Milford RAGBRAI marketing committee. Blink design insight was based on the heritage of Milford and the original water mills along Mill Creek as seen at Millstone Park. From the designer, "I immediately drew a connection to the similarity of a bicycle wheel and a Mill wheel. I aimed to create a unique symbol that combined and represented both. For the Milford text I wanted something that was bold/vintage/rustic. After that I added a few smaller designs such as the chain link in place of the "I", chaining in place of the "O", and the winding creek that balanced out the weight of the logo on the right," said Leif Jeppson.



The theme "Anything But Run of the Mill", plays off the history of the mills of Milford and a saying that works to show Milford is a unique community with plenty to bring people to visit. We can't wait to show off all the community has to offer in July!

The launch of the website milfordragbrai.com also happened thanks to Blink Marketing! The community and riders are now able to find all the information about Milford RAGBRAI in one spot. On the website there are forms for hosting riders, volunteering, being a vendor, and more. The website will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

For those interested in reaching out to the Milford RAGBRAI Committee please feel free to email milfordragbrai@gmail.com. Follow along with updates on the Milford RAGBRAI Facebook page and Instagram.



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Spirit of Okoboji Announces First Two Grant Recipients for Lakes Area Museum Alliance Members

The Spirit of Okoboji proudly announces the first two recipients of its Lakes Area Museum Alliance (LAMA) grant program, marking a significant step forward in supporting cultural preservation and community engagement in the Iowa Great Lakes region.



Heritage Square Museum Accessibility & Restoration Project - The Heritage Square Museum has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to enhance accessibility, ensure safety, and beautify the museum grounds. This funding will help make the site more welcoming and inclusive for all visitors.

"All of us at Heritage Square Museum are incredibly grateful for this support," said Allison Azevedo, Project Executive for the Museum. "This grant allows us to improve accessibility and preserve the integrity of our historic structures, ensuring that our cultural heritage is available to everyone. We are thrilled to be taking this next foundational step on the reimagined Heritage Square Museum site which is now possible because of this generous grant award!"

Winchester Store Museum "Let's Get LAMAed!" Elegant Dining Program - The Winchester Store Museum's innovative "Let's Get LAMAed!" program has received a \$500 grant, with matching funds up to \$10,000 based on ticket sales. This unique dining and tour event aims to promote cultural engagement and foster collaboration among LAMA members.

"This grant not only provides crucial funding but also the marketing support needed to make our event a success," said David and Jane Kruse, owners of the Winchester Store Museum. "We're excited to bring the community together through a dining experience that highlights local history."

A Commitment to Community and Culture - "These projects exemplify the spirit of the LAMA grant program — bringing history to life and making it accessible for all," said Tim Kinnetz, Founder and Chair of the Spirit of Okoboji. "We are proud to support initiatives that strengthen our cultural fabric and foster community connections."

The Spirit of Okoboji looks forward to seeing the positive outcomes of these projects and continuing its mission to support the preservation and celebration of the region's rich heritage.

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SEDC Awards Commercial Business Assistance Grants

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Applications for the program opened February 3. As of March 7, 38 grants had been awarded for a total of \$747,000 in assistance to Spencer businesses to reimburse for equipment, furniture, and inventory lost in the June 2024 natural disaster.

Funds are currently still available with applications open until April 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted. Reimbursable expenditures must be incurred before June 6, 2025.

"We appreciate the businesses and their teams that have re-invested into Spencer," said SEDC President Philip Ramstack. "SEDC is honored to support the businesses that call this community home."

This grant fund program was made possible in partnership with the City of Spencer and Spencer Municipal Utilities.

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



No School Day Camp

No School? We have a solution! The Dickinson County Nature Center is offering a No School Day Camp on Monday, March 17th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, for youth in kindergarten through third grade. The theme of the camp is Green in Nature to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of Spring.

Throughout the day, youth will go on a four-leaf clover scavenger hunt in the Nature Center, explore the outdoors on a hike to look for signs of Spring, learn all about frogs, and enjoy a relaxing time outside while coloring or reading a book.

"No School Day Camps offer a day of screen-free and enriching experiences where kids can get fresh air, make new friends, and learn to appreciate their natural surroundings," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the nature center. "This is a stress-free option for parents who need a plan for the day."

Register before 5 PM on March 14th by visiting the Programs/Events page at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. For a registration fee of \$15, the camp includes two snacks and activity materials. A sack lunch and refillable water bottle are required. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to watch for our latest updates.



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Poppy Field 2025

The Milford American Legion Auxiliary Unit 384 "planted" a poppy field next to Perkins last year in memory of fallen veterans. Anyone who wanted to honor a loved one was able to purchase a beautiful ceramic poppy handcrafted by the Okoboji High School Art students under the direction of Mrs. Laura Turner. They were put on a weather proof stake with a white satin ribbon attached identifying the name and branch of service. Plans are underway for this year's installation on May 21. New poppies may be ordered for \$30 each and become yours after the Memorial Day field has been picked on May 27. Those who ordered poppies last year and would like to have them placed in the field this year may return them to the American Legion at your convenience. Poppies can be placed in the entryway at any time. For more information on placing an order, please contact Heidi Pearson at 712-260-9630. If she's not available, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Drake is Dancing After Dominating the Valley

Drake has been one of the best stories in all of college basketball this season, losing their coach, Darien DeVries and their best player, Tucker DeVries to West Virginia after last season's 28-7 record that included a Missouri Valley Conference Championship and trip to the NCAA Tournament. Drake also lost the rest of their key contributors off that 2023-24 team either through graduation or the Transfer Portal and expectations were low for the Bulldogs to make their third straight trip to the March Madness. Drake hit a homerun on their head coaching hire, luring Ben McCollum from Northwest Missouri State, where the Storm Lake native had won four Division II National Championships. McCollum brought his top four players with him from NW Missouri State and also signed a strong group of players from high school and the Transfer Portal.

There were still a ton of questions about how the Division II success would translate at the Division I level for McCollum and the players he brought with him. Those questions were quickly answered when Drake stormed through the preseason undefeated with wins over Power Five teams Miami, Vanderbilt and Kansas State. The Bulldogs kept things rolling in the Missouri Valley Conference, winning the league by two games with a 17-3 record and entered March Madness as the #1 seed. Despite Drake's 27-3 overall record, there still were doubts that they would earn an at-large spot in the NCAA Tournament, especially after last year's regular season champion, Indiana State was snubbed after the Bulldogs beat them in the 2024 MVC Championship game despite the Sycamores impressive resume. McCollum and his Bulldogs left nothing to risk by winning the 2025 MVC Championship on Sunday, with a dominating defensive performance in a 63-48 victory over #2 seed Bradley. The game was close at halftime, with Drake clinging to a 31-27 lead, but the Bulldogs defense smothered the Braves in the second half, holding them scoreless during a 10-minute stretch as they put the game away behind MVC Player of the Year and Tournament MVP Bennett Stirtz, who finished with 24 points, 4 assists and 4 rebounds. Drake also got a huge game from the MVC Sixth Man of the Year, Tavion Banks, who finished with 13 points and 9 rebounds.

This Drake team does the little things at such a high level for 40 minutes of basketball. They play tremendous team defense, they rebound very well and they all play to their strengths as one unit. Stirtz by far is the key to the Bulldogs success, having the ball in his hands for a majority of the game and controlling things on both ends of the court. The 6'4" junior plays with such a calm demeanor that flows through the rest of the Bulldog team, and he left no doubt that he belongs at the Division I level, averaging 19.1 points, 4.4 rebounds and 5.7 assists this season. The other DII transfers have also had outstanding seasons, as Daniel Abreu averaged 10.1 points per game, Mitch Mascari led the team in 3-pointers with 86, and Isiah Jackson has been great off the bench. Last year, Drake earned a 10 seed in the NCAA Tournament and I would imagine this year's team will be seeded in a very similar position. Drake has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 2021, and that was a First Four game as an 11-seed playing another 11-seed in Wichita State (sorry, I don't count play-in games as NCAA Tournament victories). The last Drake victory in the field of 64 dates way back to 1971 when the Bulldogs took down Notre Dame before falling to Kansas. That was so long ago that it was the year that this old man was born! This team is not just a feel-good story, they are a very good basketball team that is extremely well-coached. I know if I was a 7 seed I would want no part of playing this Bulldog team in the first round, and I look for this group of Division II transfers and cast-offs from other programs to end that 53-year-old drought;

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But I had a secret weapon. I had a grandfather. My grandfather on my mother's side had a woodworking shop in his garage. It was full of the smell of sawdust, and just about every kind of wood you can imagine. I just knew he would help me design and build the best pinewood derby car and help me win the contest.

I was 10 years old at the time when we met in his garage. I got my kit out and explained to him what the objective was and asked him to build me a car. He asked a few questions and then got down on one knee and looked me in the eye and said, "I can't do what you are asking, but if you have any questions on how to use any of the tools, I'll be more than glad to teach you. If I were to build you a car, it wouldn't be your project, and it wouldn't be fair to the other kids."

I don't remember much about what I did that day to build the car, but I did remember what he told me for the rest of my life. He taught me several things that day:

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- Honesty** It wouldn't be honest in the spirit of the project for him to do it.
- Mentoring** He would teach me, but he wouldn't do the work for me.

My grandfather on my father's side lived on a working farm and it was always a pleasure to visit them. The cinnamon rolls, the hearty meals, and the endless ways a kid can find adventure on a farm.

One time, also when I was around 10 years old, my father asked me to help Grandpa Thelen clean up the brush around a grove of trees. We had a John Deere Model B tractor with a loader on it. Grandpa drove the tractor, and I piled up all the brush and other debris in the bucket. I worked as hard as I have worked my entire life up to that point.

When my father came out to check on us, he asked grandpa how I was doing. I'll never forget what he told my dad, "He's a good worker, but I could do without all the belly aching and complaining". The standard for my work ethic and how I handled myself changed that day and forever more.

As I've aged and thought about these events early in my life, and how I've lived my life since. I do believe, after all, that I did have a secret weapon in my grandparents.

Their wisdom has been invaluable to shaping my life. I think we all have people in our lives who make deposits into our future—parents, siblings, bosses, friends, teachers, and so on.

Here's to the "grandfathers" in our lives. To those who pour into us whether we know it at the time or not. May we accept their wisdom and use it to become the best version of ourselves.

Check out my website for FREE resources & more:
The River (<http://therivercoach.org>)
Got a question? Send your question directly to Tony at tony@therivercoach.org

University of Okoboji Homecoming Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2025 University of Okoboji Homecoming Races is NOW OPEN! The event is Saturday, July 19, 2025, in Arnolds Park. Participants can choose from various race categories, including Individual Triathlon, Team Triathlon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. Early registration gives you the lowest price. Price will be increasing as the event date approaches. For detailed information on registration fees, deadlines, and to sign up, please visit okobojichamber.com.

For further details, including race schedules, volunteer opportunities, and lodging information, please refer to the official event website okobojichamber.com or call us at 712-332-2107.

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, March 14 and 28, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. 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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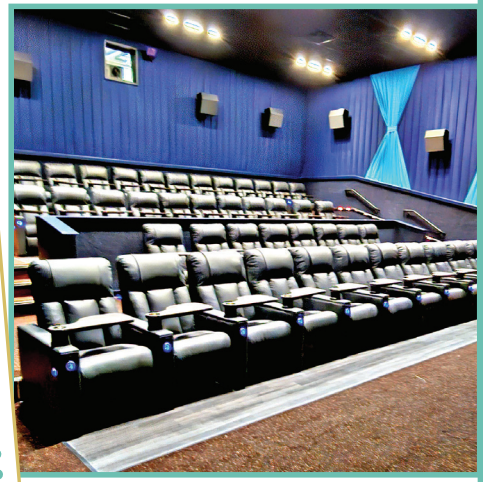
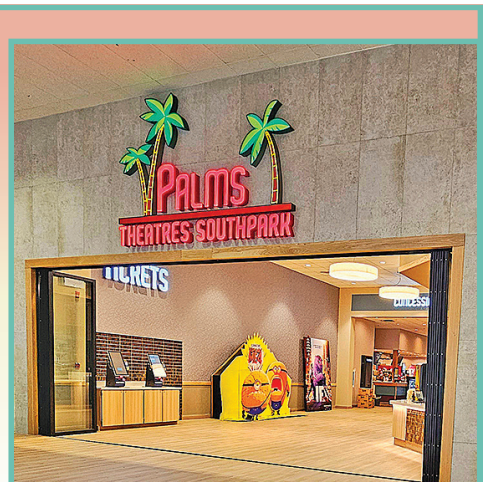
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Free Breakfast Saturday, March 22 at Grandview Church Gym

Free Breakfast Saturday, March 22, 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 Street 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.

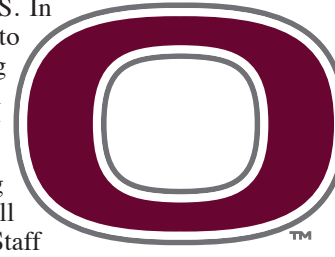


90th Birthday Announcement

Glenda Von Ehwegen will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, March 13, 2025. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Send well wishes and cards to 709 North 3rd Street, Teril, Iowa 51364.

Pioneer Parents Spring Update

Pioneer Parents, the parent-teacher organization at Okoboji Elementary, has had an exciting couple of months supporting the students and staff of OES. In December, they were able to sponsor a special movie outing to the Pioneer Theater for each and every student at OES. They just finished providing teachers with food during their spring conferences and celebrated all of the staff at OES during Staff Appreciation Week. And in April, they are sponsoring the annual "Date to Create" day where students spend the entire day being creative and crafty as well as a special presentation for Okoboji Performing Arts to the 3rd and 4th graders.



The school year is winding down, but you still have one more opportunity to get involved in a very tasty fundraiser- Puffins Pastries! From now through Monday, March 24, you can order these easy and delicious frozen pastries which will be delivered just in time for your Easter celebrations. So find an OES student or stop in at the OES office to order your Pastry Puffins today! If you would like to know how you can become involved with Pioneer Parents, please contact oesparents@gmail.com for more information.

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SPEAKER ON TUESDAYS at 12:30pm
 • March 11: TBA • March 18: TBA • March 25: Treva Graves

Breakfast Fundraiser
 Sunday, March 16
 8:30am-12:30pm ~ Free will offering!

Please stop in and see what we have to offer!
 Exercise • Cards • Pool • Music Speakers • Companionship

UPCOMING EVENTS
 COIN AUCTION - Sat., March 29
 DANCE & POTLUCK - Sun., March 30

DINNER DATE MEALS!

Call to reserve your nutritional meals for **NEXT** week!

17 Monday French Onion, Hamburger & Rice Casserole Vegetable/Bread Fruit/Dessert	18 Tuesday Pork Loin Slices Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable/Bread Fruit/Dessert	19 Wednesday Swedish Meatballs Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	20 Thursday Cowboy Cornbread Casserole Fruit/Dessert	21 Friday Hamloaf Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert
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7/22 | John Ford Coley
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8/5 | THE DRIFTERS
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HAPPILY EVER AFTER: CANCELLED!
 Directed by Jessica Schable
 Auditions: Sunday, March 30, 1-4pm
 Rehearsals: April 7 - April 11, 4:15pm - 8pm
 Performance: Saturday, April 12 at 5pm
 Registration: Opens 3/14, Cost is \$25 per child

Happily Ever After: Cancelled is a humorous, creative musical experience for students grades 2-8, where young performers will learn about acting, singing, and the performing arts while putting together a full production in just one week.

CULINARY CLASSES

Visit lakesart.org/culinary for full schedule

Plate to Palette Hands-On Cooking & Art for Kids Ages 7-12 4-6pm \$30/\$40 With Cathie Critchitt owner of Lagniappe Tearoom Travel Down Historic Route 66: prepare the "mom & pop" cuisine this infamous roadway inspired, as well as create art uniquely representing each state along the way. Must register 2 days prior to each class. Mar. 27: Arizona Fry Bread Apr. 17: California Classic Hamburgers	Cup N' Saucer Dinners With Chef Seth Lintelman Apr. 24 & May 22 6:00pm \$150/\$160 Each gourmet dinner offers 4 courses and a unique menu, drawing upon the freshest seasonal ingredients. Dinner includes a glass of wine selected to complement the dining experience. Must register 7 days prior to each dinner.	Beautiful Brunches With Sarah Page from So Good by Sarah Mar. 20 & Apr. 23 11:00am \$50/\$60 Quiches, casseroles, chicken salad croissants, and fruit! Sarah has planned the perfect brunch to welcome warmer weather! Class has a light hands-on activity to assist the chef, and then relax and enjoy a delectable meal. A glass of wine included. Must register 5 days prior. Each brunch will offer a unique menu.
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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 (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

Activities at the LAAC

Tuesday, March 11
 8:30 - Kiwanis
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker -TBA

12:30 - Bridge

Wednesday, March 12
 9:00 - Exercise Class
 12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, March 13
 10:00 - Strummers
 12:00 - Dinner Date
 1:00 - 500 Cards
 5:30 - Singles Group

Friday, March 14
 9:00 - Exercise Class
 12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, March 15
 Available For Rent

Sunday, March 16
 Breakfast Fundraiser at 8:30 AM

Monday, March 17
 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 every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for program at 12:30 with their featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Their next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, March 16, 2025, from 8:30-12:30 - freewill offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month with a potluck lunch at 3:00pm. 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 Avenue in Spirit Lake.

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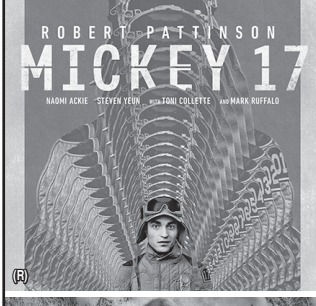
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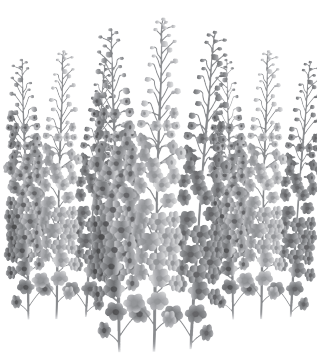
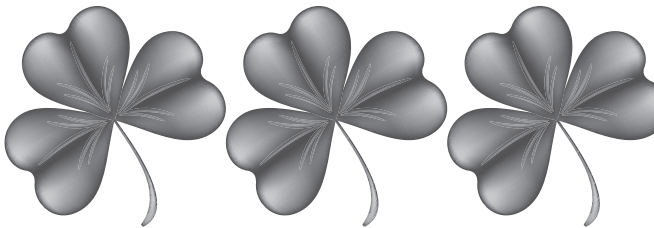
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

Letter to the Editor,
Put on your "Common Sense" hat and answer some questions. Who funds the federal government? Is it your money and mine? If you were running a business, would you have to be accountable and balance your budget? Would you want to know if the people who worked for you were doing their job? Would you want them to be accountable? And if you asked them to just give you one thing a day for five days that they had accomplished, is that too much to ask? Would you want to know if they were still working for you or if they were showing up at all? Would you want all fraud and waste to be exposed or ignored? If you were deep in debt, would you want all waste exposed? How long could you run your business if it was deep in debt and continued to go deeper each year? I don't know about you dear citizen, but it seems to me that these are all easy common sense questions. Does it make you wonder why the extreme left is so intent on attacking DOGE? Could it possibly be that they don't want all this fraud uncovered and exposed? DOGE is an entity that represents you and me and our taxpayer money folks. It is uncovering fraud. Thousands of people over the age of 130 are still collecting Social Security! Where is that money going? Makes you wonder doesn't it.

If there were thousands of criminals and gang members committing all manner of crimes in our country and in protected sanctuary cities would you want to just keep protecting them? I think if you listen to a mother whose daughter was murdered by a gang member from Venezuela you might have a quick answer. How in the world was this allowed to happen?

Or how about if you had a daughter who had worked her entire life to go to the Olympics and the guy who decided to be a girl competed against her and beat her out? Really, how absurd does it get?

I witnessed the most shameful and disrespectful show by the Democrats who did attend the president's state of the nation speech. They did not even stand when the president of the United States entered the room. What a display to the people of this country as well as the world.

They could not make themselves get off their chair for one positive thing that was represented that night. Not even a Little 13-year-old boy was given a special reward and who is suffering from cancer. You cannot tell me that there was not even 1 positive thing that they could rise from their chairs for.


Nothing but disrespect in every way. The only thing I saw any one of them clap for was support of continuing the war in Ukraine. There is no way to defend that kind of disrespect. How Low can you get?

In response to a Letter to the editor Last week, I think if the author went online and Looked at all the waste uncovered in USAID she might have a different view. It's not the GOOD things that are being weeded out but the bizarre waste.

I think in conclusion everything that is happening is for the best of you and me the United States citizens. Let's stop attacking and give this effort a chance.

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Lakes Area Farmers Market News

Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds
15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Lakes Area Farmers Market has a new web site. Find us at lakesareafarmersmarket.org. On the web site you can learn the goals of the Farmers Market, read about the managing board, see the hours we are open and the location, and find out about the vendors. There is even an application and information if you are interested in becoming a vendor. The Farmers Market's annual meeting for returning and prospective vendors will be April 14, 6:00 PM, at the Expo board meeting room. This meeting will have important information for all vendors.

New things are being planned for the Farmers Market this year. There are new hours Wednesday evenings, 3:30 - 7:00 PM, where we hope to have food trucks and entertainment. Many of last year's vendors will be returning with the products you want. This year the market will open May 31 at 7:30 AM. This is going to be a good summer at Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake. We hope to see you there.

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by Bill Brandt, owner and operator of Brandt Gardens & Greenhouse LLC

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The following are the CSA share choices:

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The following fruits and vegetables will be available sometime during the 2025 growing season in the CSA box share: apples, asparagus, beans-green, beets-red or golden, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage-green or red, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chard, cucumbers-slicers-burpless-pickling, eggplant, *garlic, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce-leaf green-red-romaine, onions-red-yellow-white, peas-sugar snap, peppers-sweet bell-hot, pie pumpkins, potatoes-red-white-Yukon, rhubarb, radishes, rutabagas, scallions, shallots, summer squash-yellow, sweet corn, tomatoes, winter squash- 10 varieties, and zucchini.

Our business is offering our community members another choice/means of accessing good food. Good food does two simple things. Good food tastes better and good food nourishes our body. Nothing is better than the first taste of a vine ripened tomato or that first ear of fresh sweet corn or for that matter, anything grown in the garden after a long cold winter!

Just as important as these two simple things is the idea of knowing exactly where your CSA box share of food was grown.

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Please note: we are now approved to accept SNAP-EBT toward the purchase of CSA produce and/or any produce (for more information on this new service please contact us. We are excited to help you get fresh produce.)

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Marchand Named to Dean's List

Raylen Marchand of Milford has been named to the 2024 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

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Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Open Golf Tournament Distributes Funds

The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 is again helping local children and adults with special needs through its Tootsie Roll Open Charity Golf Tournament, held last summer at Okoboji View Golf Course.

The event, coordinated by Knights of Columbus member Mark Maeyaert, included 18 holes of golf with cart in a 4-person scramble format. There were pin prizes, a meal after golf and Tootsie Roll Mulligans for purchase! It was open to all golfers and offered a decidedly good time for a great cause.

The many sponsorships from local businesses combined with the entry fees from dozens of area golfers to secure a whopping \$10,000, a new Tootsie Roll Open record. The Knights of Columbus distributed these funds to local organizations including Lakes LifeSkills, Hope Haven and Special Olympics.

For more information on sponsoring a tee box, or on donating logo merchandise, or to register as a team or individual for the 2025 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Open, please contact Mark Maeyaert at 507-530-8406.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family,



Brian Nokleby and Paul Katzjey, Knights of Columbus; Don Baughn, Lakes LifeSkills; Eddie; Destiny Fulton, Lakes LifeSkills; and Mark Ingwersen, Knights of Columbus.



Paul Katzjey, Knights of Columbus; Stephanie Baskerville, Kaitlyn O'Neal and Allison Metz, Hope Haven; and Jed Skogerboe and Brian Nokleby, Knights of Columbus.

community, and parish needs. Local Knights, based at St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake, sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the

world's leading international charitable organizations, with more than 1.9 million members in over 16,000 local councils. Last year, Knights around the world donated nearly 49 million service hours and nearly \$200 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families, reflecting Blessed McGivney's devotion to helping the widowed and the orphaned. Examples of their work include distributing 8,891 wheelchairs, supporting more than 1,200 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and giving nearly 181,000 coats to help warm children in need.

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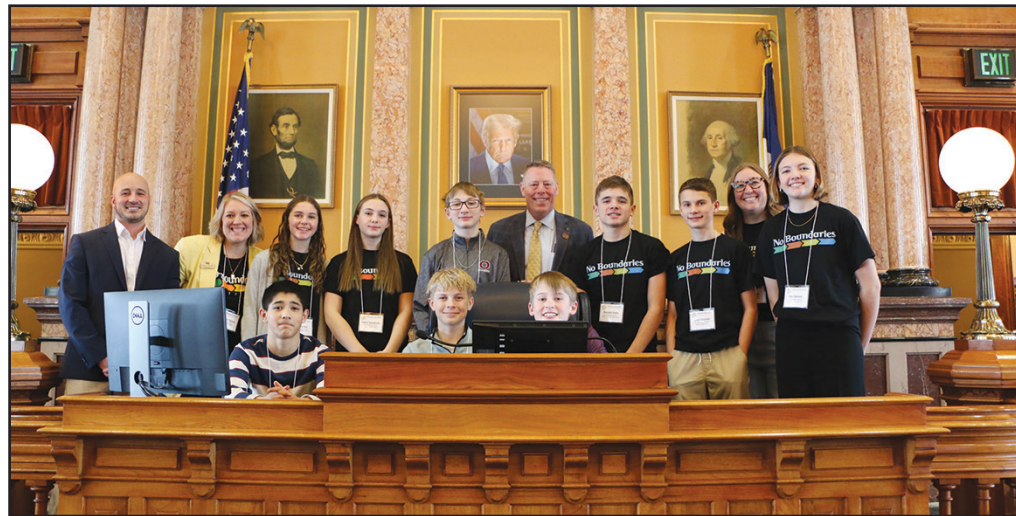
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LRH Board Approves County Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2026

The Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) Board of Trustees recently approved the hospital's property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year, maintaining the county tax rate at \$0.48 per \$1,000 of property value. This decision ensures continued financial support for vital healthcare services without increasing the tax burden on Dickinson County residents.

At just 2% of the average property tax bill in Dickinson County, LRH's tax rate remains one of the lowest among county-supported hospitals in Iowa. In fact, out of 44 county tax-supported hospitals statewide, LRH has the second lowest tax rate, ranking 42nd out of 44 hospitals. The median tax rate for similar hospitals in Iowa is \$1.98 per \$1,000 of property value – more than four times LRH's rate. Additionally, most hospitals receiving tax dollars are designated as Critical Access Hospitals, which are typically much smaller and provide fewer services than LRH.

The \$0.48 allocated to LRH funds essential healthcare services in Dickinson County, with the majority directed toward ambulance services and hospital operations:

- \$0.27 for Ambulance Services:
- \$0.21 for General Hospital Operations:

Unlike many counties where ambulance services are operated separately from hospitals, LRH provides this critical service directly. Tax support in this area generates \$1.1 million, covering approximately half of ambulance operations, as patient insurance payments account for the other half. Additionally, these funds help support the purchase of replacement ambulances, which the 2025 cost runs around \$300,000 per ambulance.

Generating \$850,000, these funds help address staffing costs and inflationary pressures. Healthcare salary costs continue to outpace inflation, and national staff shortages have forced hospitals including LRH to rely on contract workers at significantly higher costs. Meanwhile, inflation peaked at 9% in fiscal year 2023, while insurance reimbursement rates only increased 2-4%. This funding allows LRH to continue to provide high quality care by narrowing the financial gap created by these economic challenges. Additionally, the funds are used to offset care that is provided to patients who are unable to pay for them. Over the years, that number has been between \$1 million and \$2 million annually.

"We take being good stewards of the funds we receive very seriously," said LRH President and CEO, Jason Harrington. "By maintaining a stable tax rate while providing essential healthcare services, LRH remains committed to serving Dickinson County with quality, accessible, and affordable care."

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ILCC Hosts OPERA Iowa for an Enchanting Evening of Cinderella

Iowa Lakes Community College welcomes the Des Moines Metro Opera's OPERA Iowa for a captivating evening performance of Cinderella at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. This enchanting production is open to the public, offering a unique cultural experience for audiences of all ages. Admission is free for K-12 students and Iowa Lakes students, while adult tickets are only \$10.

OPERA Iowa's Cinderella, a dazzling new adaption of the classic fairytale sung in English, shows Cinderella defying the odds and rising above hardships to become the person she was always meant to be, the person she was all along. Cinderella is a perfect introduction to newcomers to opera and seasoned opera enthusiasts alike, promising to captivate audiences of all ages with a magical experience.

The performance is part of OPERA Iowa's statewide tour, which includes their visit to Estherville. In addition to the evening performance, OPERA Iowa will present a morning workshop for 4th graders, a school-day performance, and an afternoon master class for high school and college students.

Don't miss the opportunity to witness Cinderella like never before—secure tickets and experience the magic of opera now! To purchase tickets, visit <https://iowa-lakes.ticketleap.com/opera-iowa-cinderella>.



(Photo by William Beardsley) Image of "Floating Dock".

Beardsley Wins Iowa Water Category in Keep Iowa Beautiful Photography Contest

Congratulations are in order for local photographer, William Beardsley of Spirit Lake for winning the Iowa Water category of the 15th annual Keep Iowa Beautiful (KIB) photography contest. This contest invites photographers to showcase Iowa's natural and environmental beauty through their lenses and capture the essence of their favorite seasons in a creative and engaging way.

Beardsley's winning photo entitled "Floating Dock" captures a beautiful Big Spirit Lake Sunset, with a dock that appears to be "floating." It was also awarded the Public Favorite as voted on by Iowans. In addition, Beardsley was also awarded honorable mention for "Window to Serenity."

- Keep Iowa categories include:
- Iowa Cities
 - Iowa Landscape
 - Iowa Water
 - Iowa Wildlife
 - Iowans In Action
 - Hometown Pride

For 2024-25, over 900 photos were entered in this year's photo contest with first, second and third place recipients in each category receiving \$100, \$75, and \$50, respectively, while the Public Favorite award winner received a \$100 prize.

Additionally, the prestigious Robert D. Ray Best of Show awards honored top photographers with prizes of \$500 for 1st place, \$250 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place.

"As an avid photographer, my dad, Bob Ray, rarely went anywhere without his camera," the late governor's daughter Randi Ray said. "Through his lens, he captured the faces and stories of Iowans he cared so deeply about. His passion for keeping Iowa beautiful extended far beyond its natural scenery; it was rooted in his love for the people who made this state so special."

Randi Ray was also a panelist in the photo contest. To ensure fairness and objectivity, all entries were judged blindly — without the names of the submitters visible to the judges — emphasizing the quality and creativity of the photos themselves.


"Keep Iowa Beautiful's annual photo contest is a great opportunity for photographers to capture and share the essence of Iowa's story," KIB Executive Director Andy Frantz said. "We were truly impressed by the incredible quality and creativity of this year's submissions. This contest not only highlights the immense talent of photographers across our state, but this year, we introduced a new category, Hometown Pride, to celebrate the spirit and character of the communities involved in our Hometown Pride Program."

Reflections of a winner
Beardsley has done well over the past several years in the annual photo contest, winning the Iowa Water category in 2023-24 and placing second in the same category in 2022-23. In 2021, Beardsley was a winner in two categories: Iowa Wildlife and Iowans in Action. His winning photos have also been chosen the Public Favorite for the past two years.

According to Beardsley, "Thanks to Keep Iowa Beautiful for sponsoring the contest and thank you to everyone who voted for my photo in the Public Favorite category. Entering the contests are fun, but I take photos as a creative activity and for enjoyment. Entering contests is just a great way to share my creativity."

Beardsley notes that he takes a ton of photos, and sometimes opportunity arises. He shoots landscapes primarily during the golden hour, one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset. For wildlife, the golden hour can also work well. As he says, "You discover a new perspective to shoot. For instance, recently I was shooting photos at sunset on Big Spirit, but the best shot ended up being puddle reflections on the lake without the sunset in the image."

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Iowa Lakes to Host Surgical Technology Open House Event

Iowa Lakes Community College invites prospective students, healthcare professionals, and community members to explore the cutting-edge Surgical Technology Program Open House on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00pm, at the Spencer Campus, 1900 Grand Ave., Suite B-1, Spencer, Iowa.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the newly upgraded Surgical Technology lab, observe live demonstrations featuring state-of-the-art mannequins and surgical equipment, and engage with faculty, current students, and program alumni to learn about career pathways in the high-demand field of surgical technology.

"The advancements in our program, including the addition of the Surgical CHLOE™ simulator, offer students a realistic and immersive training experience that prepares them for the demands of modern operating rooms," said Kevin Pirie, Program Coordinator for Surgical Technology. "This technology allows students to gain hands-on experience in a safe and controlled environment before stepping into real-world surgical settings."

Iowa Lakes Community College's Surgical Technology Program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), provides comprehensive hands-on training, including clinical rotations and state-of-the-art simulation technology, ensuring that graduates are fully prepared for careers in the fast-growing healthcare industry.

"The program bridges the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world surgical environments," said Tammy Shimon, Dean of Health Sciences at Iowa Lakes. "Students who complete our program enter the workforce with the confidence and skills needed to make an immediate impact in hospitals and surgical centers."

The Open House will also provide insights into career opportunities, job placement rates, and the application process for the upcoming cohort.

To RSVP for the Open House, contact Ashley Miller at ashmiller@iowalakes.edu or call 712-580-8620. For more information about the Iowa Lakes Community College Surgical Technology Program, visit iowalakes.edu.

Spencer Hospital Named Among Nation's Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals

Spencer, IA - Spencer Hospital is celebrating another prestigious national honor. After recently being named a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital, the recognition has been elevated even further earning a coveted spot among the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals in the nation. This distinction, awarded by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), places Spencer Hospital among the highest-performing mid-sized rural hospitals in the country.



"I am incredibly proud of our healthcare community," said Brenda Tiefenthaler, Spencer Hospital President. "Each day, our dedicated team strives to provide the highest quality care and achieve the best outcomes for our patients and region. While this recognition is an honor, the true achievement lies in the unwavering commitment of our healthcare team, medical staff, volunteers, and all who contribute to our mission of excellence."

The National Rural Health Association selects the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals (RCH) from the Top 100 RCHs, as identified by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. For the past ten years, Spencer Hospital has consistently been recognized as a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital—standing as the only hospital in Iowa to achieve this honor every year. This year marks Spencer Hospital's third time earning a place among the Top 20 (previously in 2022 and 2024), a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence.

"This honor not only reflects the exceptional dedication of our healthcare professionals but also underscores Spencer Hospital's vital role in ensuring the health and well-being of our region," said Amanda Bare, Chair of the Spencer Hospital Board.

By consistently achieving national recognition, Spencer Hospital continues to set the standard for excellence in rural healthcare—demonstrating a steadfast commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care.

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Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library would like to congratulate Blind Date with a Book Winners, Judd and Ashley. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this event. Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Library for providing the Blind Date with a Book prizes.

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.

- March 17, 10:30 a.m. – Rainbows
- March 24, 10:30 a.m. – Magic
- March 31, 10:30 a.m. – Silly Stories
- April 7, 10:30 a.m. – Pirates

Monday, March 17, is a day full of fun at MML! At 10:30 a.m., Building Bookworms will be reading about rainbows and creating rainbow sand bracelets. Following at 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., join MML's for All-Day Play. This is a come-and-go playtime for kids to discover new and exciting toys, while having fun with friends. Fourth through twelfth graders, can enjoy Y.A. Maker Monday! This month they can create a beaded friendship bracelet. This is a come-and-go activity from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All supplies are provided by the library. For any questions, please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com

Create a concrete egg candle at MML's CrAFTER Hours on Wednesday, March 18, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. We will have all materials. The cost is \$5. Register now by calling MML at 338-4643.

On Tuesday, March 18, at 1:00 p.m., any interested individuals are welcome to join the Milford Memorial Library Book Club to discuss A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Copies can be found at MML. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

MML's Read Across America Bingo is going on until Monday, March 31. Kids in fourth grade or younger, may pick up their bingo cards at MML's front desk. Four Bingos in a row equals a small prize, and a completed bingo card equals a prize drawing entry.

MML's Hot Read is Battle Mountain by C.J. Box. Go to MML's website, www.milford.lib.ia.us, to find other Hot Reads or to place a reserve on our online catalog.

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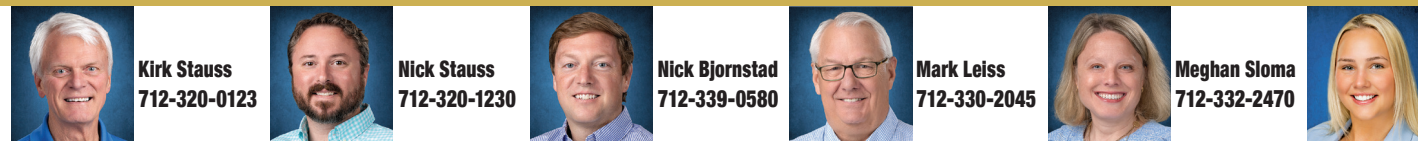
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The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the Biggest Walleye Tournament to the 43rd Annual Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend! This optional additional tournament was a favorite staple of the event in the past and its return was a roaring success in 2024.

The cost of the tournament is \$25 for entrants, and the tournament will run in conjunction with Walleye Weekend. Registrations must be entered by 11:59pm on Friday, May 2nd. The tournament will begin at 12:00am on Saturday, May 3rd and run until 11:59pm on Sunday, May 4th. All participants must register through the mobile phone app called Fish Donkey where they will be able to photograph and enter their catches and follow along with the leaderboard live all weekend long.

In order to follow the Iowa DNR regulations and protect the fish stock in the Iowa Great Lakes, this tournament will be conducted entirely through a mobile app called Fish Donkey. Those interested in participating are encouraged to download this free app and search for "Biggest Walleye Tournament - Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend". A full list of rules and regulations can be found on the app.

Cash Prizes will be given to the top three largest walleye with the cash amounts coming from a percentage of registration fees. Your \$25 registration includes entry into the tournament and a chance at the top prizes! The top three largest walleye will be paid out: 25% to overall largest walleye, 15% to second largest walleye, and 10% to third largest walleye. Last year's winners walked away with almost \$1,000 in cash prizes!

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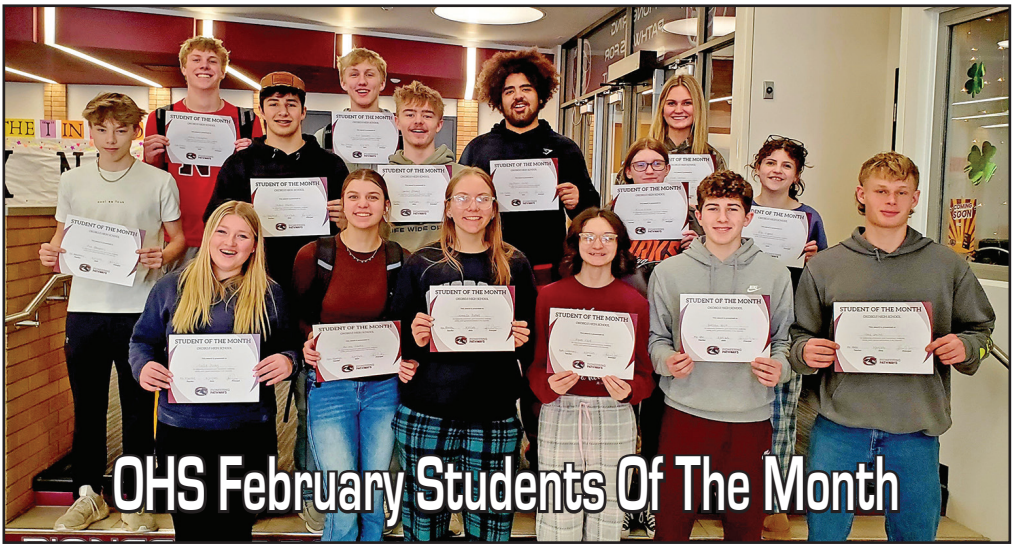
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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

Wed., March 12 – 10:00 AM – 40 acres at auction in Royal, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Wed., March 12 – 5:30 PM – Estate auction in Humboldt, IA. Auctioneers: Hundertmarks. 515-890-0380. www.hundertmarkauction.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.

Sat., March 15 – 9:00 AM – 2 Day gun auction in Estherville, IA. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmer. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com.

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Wed., March 26 – 10:00 AM – 80 acres at auction in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Thurs., March 27 – 9:00 AM – Spring consignment auction in Sioux Center, IA. Auctioneers: Zomers, Krommendyk, Huenink & Gradert. 712-476-9443. www.zomercompany.com.

Sat., March 29 – 9:30 AM – Coincination in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.

Wed., April 2 – 10:10 AM – Online retirement auction in Lakefield, MN. Auctioneers: Christopher 507-841-3125. www.christopherauction.com.

Sat., April 12 – 8:30 AM – Community Day auction in Ceylon, MN. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmer. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com.

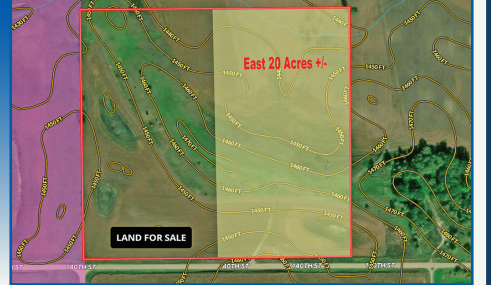
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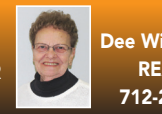


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Spirit Lake Library News

Learning Resource Kits by Jill Jennings

Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma: How are you doing with those kids this winter? Looking for something new to keep them engaged and off screens? I'd like to suggest a Learning Resource Kit from the Spirit Lake Public Library!

Learning Resource Kits are themed bags and backpacks that are available for our Provisional and Residential patrons to check out. Learning Resource Kits are designed to provide a hands-on, interactive learning experience for children, allowing them to explore concepts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) through engaging activities that can be taken home and used independently or as a family, often including books and manipulatives, promoting creativity and critical thinking skills while having fun.

The topics range from Animals to Wetlands. What is included in an LRK varies. For example, in the Pets Learning Resource Kit you will find three plush pets (cat, bunny & dog), ten Littlest Pet Shop figurines, a turtle hand puppet to play with, and a dozen books to read. In the Vehicles and Machines LRK you will find four Fisher Price vehicles (garbage truck, ice cream truck, motorcycle & tractor), four Fisher Price Little People, six mini cars with playmat, Big Truck and Diggers A-Z flashcards, and eight books. Some items in the Learning Resource section are smaller or single items such as themed book pouches, boxes of flashcards, learning DVDs, educational puzzles or a pouch of ink pads and stamps. If you have any questions about the Learning Resource Kits, feel free to chat with one of our friendly staff members at the Spirit Lake Public Library.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Amanda is reading *The Swimmer* by Loreth Anne White and listening on Libby to *The Spider's Web* by Mike Omer.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

- Monday, March 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Play Time
- Monday, March 17, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Children's Shamrock Craft
- Monday, March 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, March 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
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Corridor Announces Big Idea Finalists

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) has announced the top five Big IDEAs moving on to the live pitch competition on April 1, 2025.



After two weeks of public voting on entrepreneurial ideas submitted to the Corridor, the top five are Fuller Radiance LLC (Cody Fuller), Spencer Create Catalyst (Vanessa Moore), Glacier Made (Jack Bauermeister), Boji Bites (Jeff Krage), and Outlaw Kicks (Cayden Fischer). These five finalists will compete in an in-person pitch competition on Tuesday, April 1.

The Big IDEA Challenge is a program designed to support the Innovative Development of businesses through Empowering entrepreneurs and Accelerating small business growth. It allows entrepreneurs the chance to submit their dreams to start or expand their business, then encourage friends, family, and customers to vote for them online. Public votes account for 10% of scoring in the final in-person pitch competition with \$10,000 in prize money to be awarded.

"We had some great Big IDEAs submitted this year, and we are excited to see these five in person on April 1," shares Corridor Senior Vice President of Economic Development Trevor Smith. "Even more so, we are excited for each of them to run with their ideas and continue the entrepreneurial spirit and achievement in the region."

These businesses are all located within the Iowa Lakes Corridor's four-county region, are in early development or operational stage, looking to expand a product or from part time to full time, or are looking to expand into a storefront location.

The in-person pitch event is closed to the public, but awardees will be announced after the event. Pitches will be judged by a panel of business professionals and business owners from across the four-county Corridor region.



Hometown Angler - Chris Miller

Chris Miller, local business owner of Frame2Finish L.L.C., found the right bites at the St. Croix Rods Bassmaster Open on Sam Rayburn Reservoir this past month. Chris Miller clinched the win amongst 233 anglers after four weeks came in the first day, shortening their time from three days to one. Miller finished with five bass totaling 28-15. Miller collected a hefty \$52,086 prize and his first Bassmaster Trophy. This huge win also qualified Chris to participate in the 2026 Bassmaster Classic in Knoxville, TN. "I'm absolutely pumped for this opportunity. I couldn't do it without the great support system I have at home. To have my wife and kids at this event made it that much more special. This is an incredibly humbling sport, and to show them that, with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. I'm going to have to stay locked in to maintain EQ points moving forward against some of the best anglers on the planet," said Miller. Chris grew up in Sanborn, Iowa, and learned to fish and read water as a kid. He found his love for fishing right here in the Iowa Great Lakes where he resides with his wife and three children. A huge thank you to everyone that has helped along the way to make this possible; Powerhouse Lithium, Berkley Fishing, Frame2Finish L.L.C., Oak Hill Marina, Oak Hill Outdoor and The River Coaching & Consulting LLC.



The Outreach Spencer Announces Re-Launch of Free Community Meal Program

Spencer, IA – The Outreach Spencer, a newly formed non-profit organization, is pleased to announce the (re)launch of its free community meal program, providing nutritious meals and fellowship to individuals and families in the Spencer area. This initiative follows the displacement of the Grand Avenue Community Kitchen program due to the historic flooding of 2024.



The inspiration behind the free meals stems from a desire to create a welcoming space where people from all walks of life can enjoy a hot meal and connect with others. A dedicated group of volunteers (initially with Grand

Avenue Community Outreach) recognized the need for community and connection, especially in the wake of the tragedy our city experienced last summer. The program aims to address both food insecurity and loneliness within the area.

Following the flood, a group of volunteers formed "The Outreach Spencer" to continue this vital service that was being utilized by nearly 200 people per meal. With the support of the United Way, a new location has been secured and equipped with a commercial kitchen and dining area on the south side of Spencer.

"We are thrilled to announce the launch of this important program," says Kevin C. Brown, Founder of The Outreach Spencer. "The flood presented a significant challenge, but it also provided an opportunity to rebuild and strengthen our commitment to the community. We believe that everyone deserves access to nutritious food and more importantly - a place to connect with others."

The Outreach Spencer is a faith-based ministry, with support coming primarily from the local church community. The organization is grateful for the outpouring of support received thus far, including a generous contribution from the United Way for building restoration. Ongoing funding is essential to cover operational costs and ensure the long-term sustainability of the program.

Their new location is nearing completion, and The Outreach Spencer anticipates beginning meal service on

March 17, 2025. The organization plans to rebuild its following of patrons and supporters, while remaining focused on sharing the "why" behind their mission: to enhance community over food, where everyone feels cared for and connected. The Outreach Spencer encourages individuals to come and share a meal with their neighbors - regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, etc.

"We want this ministry to be more than just a place to get a meal," says Brown. "We want it to be a place where people can build relationships, find support, and experience the true meaning of community."

The Outreach Spencer is committed to operating with excellence and will continue to assess community concerns, remaining open to expansion as needs arise and resources allow. The organization is dedicated to collaborating with other local organizations to avoid duplication of services and ensure that all needs are being met.

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Pastor Chris St. Claire will be entertaining at the Memory Cafe meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 10:00 - 11:30am. He will entertain with some of your favorite songs and sing along. Social time and refreshments are part of the cafe time. The Cafe is designed for the caregiver and the person with dementia as a fun outing with others with similar interests.

There is no cost for the cafe being held at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Pre-registration would be appreciated but not essential. Please call 712-336-1649 for more information.

Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or 712-330-1270.

Obituary

A memorial service for Becky Berg, age 76, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, was held Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford.

Becky Lynn Berg, 76, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2025, at Ruthven Community Care Center in Ruthven, Iowa.

Becky was born on April 23, 1948, in Hartley, Iowa, to Raymond and Lois (Bracker) Trojahn. At the age of two, her family moved to Texas, where Becky graduated from high school and continued her education at Tyler Jr. College. In the fall of 1967, Becky moved to Spirit Lake and in 1968 was united in marriage to Larry Berg in Spirit Lake, where they built a life together.



Becky spent her career doing secretarial work and dedicated 16 seasons of service to Lutheran Lakeside Camp, where she formed lifelong friendships. A woman of deep faith, she was an active member of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford.

She found joy in the simple pleasures of life—gardening, especially tending to her beloved flowers, cooking, and baking. Becky also had a deep love for animals and cherished the companionship of many pets over the years. Above all, she treasured the time she spent with her family and friends, including her cherished Tuesday girls' coffee group.

Her family extends a heartfelt thank you to those who lovingly cared for Becky in her final days.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Larry Berg; son, Eric (Angela) Berg; son, Bryan (Kristin) Berg; granddaughter, Eva Berg; sister, Nancy Huber; sister, Billy Hartman; many cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as friends.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituary

A memorial service for Ann Bindner, age 83, of Spirit Lake and formerly of Paullina, was held Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Interment was at Prairie View Cemetery in Paullina.

Ann Gaylyn Bindner, the daughter of Selmer and Evelyn (Osgood) Larson, was born on March 18, 1941, in Sioux City, Iowa. Ann grew up in Paullina, Iowa, with her older sister, Cynthia. She spent her summers as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at Mill Creek State Park just outside Paullina and graduated from Paullina High School in 1959.



Ann attended the University of South Dakota for two years and was a proud member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. The summer after her freshman year, Ann toured 13 European countries and attended the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Italy.

Ann married the love of her life, Roger Bindner, on June 10, 1961, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Granville, Iowa. The newlyweds moved to Des Moines, where Ann finished her French, Spanish, and physical education degrees at Drake University. She began teaching at St. Joseph's Academy for Girls while Roger completed law school at Drake.

Ann and Roger welcomed their son, Todd, in 1962, followed by their daughter, Kristine, in 1964, while living in the married student residence at Drake. Eventually, they returned to Paullina, where Roger joined the law firm of Ann's father, and Ann began her teaching career, sharing her passion for languages and athletics. She taught French, Spanish, and physical education at Floyd Valley High School and coached volleyball, leading her team to the state tournament. In 1978, their family grew once more with the birth of their second daughter, Jamie.

Ann later taught Spanish at South O'Brien Schools, where she made a lasting impact on her students both in and out of the classroom. She led the Spanish Club, organizing summer trips to Mexico. She also helped establish the Paullina Little League Softball Program for girls and coached high school softball, volleyball, and golf, leading the girls' golf team to the state tournament. Her dedication to education, sports, and mentorship helped shape countless lives.

Ann and Roger always enjoyed the lakes area and became condo owners at Okoboji Woods before retirement. Ann embraced the "Boji life" full-time when she retired from teaching. She always found joy in driving her beloved Cyal around the lakes area while listening to "Mustang Sally" with her grandkids. She loved exercising, golfing, boating, reading, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. Ann also loved animals, especially the family pets. She served as the "first lady" of the condo association, keeping the books while Roger served as long-time president. Ann also worked for ten years as a receptionist at Faust School of Cosmetology and three summers at Arnolds Park as a ride operator.

Roger and Ann wintered in Florida and Arizona for several years. However, when Roger passed away while in Arizona in 2018, Ann moved into Wel-Life Assisted Living Center at Spirit Lake. Ann found a way to embrace her new life, developing new friendships and getting involved in activities. While living at the center, she used her talent to write poetry, composing heartfelt verses for family, friends, the staff, and residents. She also helped write music for the bell choir and led daily exercise and church services.

Ann's vibrant spirit was evident in everything she did—whether it was passionately following fantasy football, cheering on the Cyclones, or supporting her grandkids' many activities. She had an impeccable sense of style, always dressed to impress with perfectly manicured nails and a flawless hairdo.

Ann was a member of P.E.O. for 56 years. She served as President of Chapter FX in Paullina and continued her membership with Chapter BE in Spirit Lake. Ann was also a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford.

Ann passed away peacefully on February 25, 2025, at Accura in Spirit Lake, Iowa, at 83 years of age.

Ann will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory are her son, Todd Bindner (Beth) of Eagle, Idaho; daughter, Kristine Faust (Kent) of Paullina, Iowa; daughter, Jamie Van Horn (Steve) of Waukee, Iowa; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sister, Cynthia Lenz; sister-in-law, Linda Sorensen; brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Lynn Bindner; her beloved hairdresser and dear friend, Jodi Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband Roger, her parents, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, three brothers-in-law, three nephews, and two nieces. Her legacy to listen, love, and inspire will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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SUNNY DEAL!

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2/\$7

SUNNY DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL! **SUNNY DEAL!**

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SUNNY DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL! **SUNNY DEAL!**

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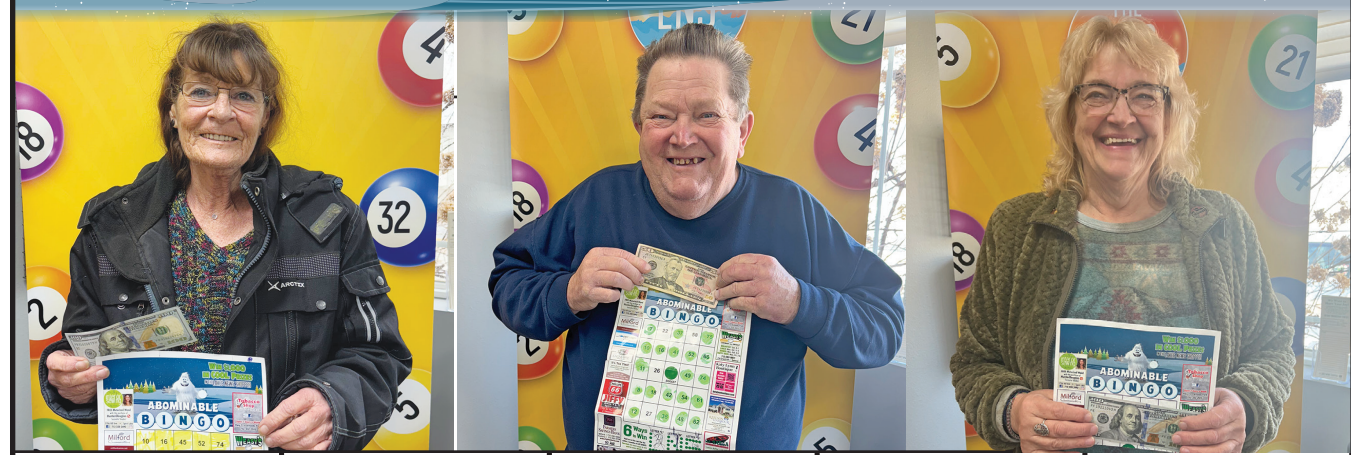
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The structure on City owned property will be considered for sale under the following conditions:

- The structure will be sold "as is", "no warranty", "no return" with no express or implied warranties or guarantees of any kind.
- The City's transfer of the structure shall be by Quit Claim Bill of Sale.
- The successful bidder must comply with all requirements of the City.
- If relocating in the City, the bidder must follow the special exception use permit process which requires Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment proceedings.
- Bidder must obtain a valid permit from the City including the appropriate bond and insurance requirements, safety inspection and all related matters in Milford City Ordinance Chapter 123-House Movers.
- Successful bidder will be required to pay in full by "collected funds" certified check, cashier's check, or bank draft (in the City's sole and complete discretion) payable to the City and to relocate the house (at bidder's sole expense) within 6 months. If this does not occur, the City reserves the right to sell to the next highest bidder, rebid, or take whatever action it deems appropriate. In the event of multiple identical high bids, the earliest received bid may be given preference.
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WHEREAS, the Council has determined to set this matter for a public hearing as required by Iowa Code § 364.7.

WHEREAS, the bids are due by **March 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Milford City Hall, 806 N Avenue, Suite 1, Milford, IA 51351

WHEREAS, the bids will be considered at the **March 24, 2025 council meeting at 6:30 p.m. unless tabled/continued to a later date.**

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Volunteer at the LASC

The key to the Lakes Area Senior Center's success rests in people like you who embody the spirit of greatness by saying "Yes I can, and YOU can too!" Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart. Volunteers are unpaid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

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Family Services Resource Guide

Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stop-shop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/county-resource-guide>. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.

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 - Gabriella Hurtig: 100 IM, 50 Breastroke
 - Ella Kasperbauer: 200 Breastroke
 - Ray Kaiser: 100 Backstroke
 - Girls 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay: Reese Phillips, Emerson Wittrock, Josephine Haulard, Aubrey Paterson



2nd Place:

- Reese Phillips: 100 Backstroke, 200 Backstroke
- Ray Kaiser: 50 Backstroke, 200 Backstroke
- Ella Kasperbauer: 50 Breastroke, 100 Breastroke
- Oliver Miller: 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle
- Carson Profit: 200 Freestyle
- Noah Mensing: 50 Backstroke
- Zayla Ruisenor: 100 Backstroke
- Gabriella Hurtig: 100 Breastroke
- Emerson Wittrock: 50 Backstroke
- Girls 8 and Under 100 Medley Relay: Brielle Eick, Bristol Paterson, Lola Erickson, Nori Rohling
- Boys 8 and Under 100 Freestyle Relay: Cooper Daggett, Grady Wilken, Noah Mensing, Merritt Haulard
- Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay: Emerson Wittrock, Reese Phillips, Josephine Haulard, Aubrey Paterson
- Boys 15-21 200 Medley Relay: Ray Kaiser, Ethan Weston, Oliver Miller, Caleb Duhn

3rd Place:

- Merritt Haulard: 25 Fly, 50 Freestyle
- Emerson Wittrock: 100 Backstroke
- Josephine Haulard: 100 Fly
- Cooper Daggett: 25 Breastroke
- Avery Krull: 100 Breastroke
- Brielle Eick: 25 Backstroke
- Noah Mensing: 25 Backstroke
- Reese Phillips: 50 Backstroke
- Boys 8 and Under 100 Medley Relay: Noah Mensing, Cooper Daggett, Merritt Haulard, Grady Wilken
- Boys 9-10 200 Medley Relay & 200 Freestyle Relay: Buddy Wahpepah, Keaton Cook, Jackson Mensing, Maddox Krull
- Boys 15-21 200 Freestyle Relay: Ethan Weston, Caleb Duhn, Oliver Miller, Ray Kaiser

4th Place:

- Josephine Haulard: 50 Fly
- Emerson Wittrock: 200 Backstroke
- Lola Erickson: 25 Breastroke
- Ethan Weston: 50 Breastroke
- Zayla Ruisenor: 50 Backstroke
- Girls 8 and under 100 Freestyle Relay A: Lola Erickson, Bristol Paterson, Nori Rohling, Brielle Eick
- Girls 9-10 200 Medley Relay: Emma Cunningham, Gabriella Hurtig, Zayla Ruisenor, Lindy Wittrock

5th Place:

- Maddox Krull: 50 Freestyle

- Abigail Mensing: 50 Freestyle
- JR Sandy: 100 Backstroke
- Oliver Miller: 100 Fly
- Noah Mensing: 25 Breastroke
- Caleb Duhn: 200 IM
- Trice Edwards: 100 Breastroke
- Girls 9-10 200 Freestyle Relay: Jovie Erickson, Emma Cunningham, Gabriella Hurtig, Lindy Wittrock
- Boys 13-14 200 Medley Relay: Finn Donovan, Alex Wilken, Carson Profit, Elias Mendenhall-Borus
- Girls 15-21 200 Freestyle Relay: Nevaeh Wahpepah, Jade Henson, Kaela Weston, Ella Kasperbauer

6th Place:

- Brielle Eick: 25 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle
- Cooper Daggett: 25 Freestyle, 50 Breastroke
- Ethan Weston: 50 Freestyle
- Trice Edwards: 50 Breastroke
- Emma Cunningham: 50 Backstroke
- Kaela Weston: 500 Freestyle
- Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay: Finn Donovan, Elias Mendenhall-Borus, Alex Wilken, Carson Profit

7th Place:

- Lola Erickson: 25 Fly, 50 Freestyle
- Alex Wilken: 100 Breastroke, 200 Breastroke
- Ethan Weston: 50 Fly
- Merritt Haulard: 25 Freestyle
- Emma Cunningham: 100 Backstroke
- Caleb Duhn: 100 Backstroke
- Lanaeh Wahpepah: 200 Backstroke
- Avery Krull: 50 Breastroke
- Maddox Krull: 100 Breastroke
- Abigail Mensing: 100 Breastroke
- JR Sandy: 50 Backstroke
- Girls 8 and Under 100 Freestyle B Relay: Josi Henson, Theresa Cunningham, Braelyn Ferguson, Nellie Rohling
- Girls 13-14 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle Relay: Lanaeh Wahpepah, Avery Krull, Gemma Tamisiea, Abigail Mensing

8th Place:

- Nori Rohling: 25 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle
- Grady Wilken: 25 Backstroke, 50 Backstroke
- Lanaeh Wahpepah: 100 Backstroke
- Avery Krull: 200 Breastroke



- Girls 15-21 200 Medley Relay: Nevaeh Wahpepah, Jade Henson, Ella Kasperbauer, Kaela Weston
- Other State Swimmers:**
- Buddy Wahpepah: 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 100 Backstroke
 - Bristol Paterson: 25 Breastroke, 50 Breastroke
 - Lindy Wittrock: 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
 - Kaela Weston: 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle
 - Finn Donovan: 100 Backstroke, 200 Backstroke
 - Henry Meyer: 50 Backstroke, 100 Backstroke
 - Jade Henson: 200 Breastroke, 100 Breastroke
 - Caleb Duhn: 100 Fly
 - Maddox Krull: 50 Breastroke
 - Keaton Cook: 50 Breastroke
 - Josephine Haulard: 50 Breastroke
 - Alex Wilken: 50 Breastroke
 - Lanaeh Wahpepah: 100 Breastroke
 - Abigail Mensing: 100 Freestyle

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