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“Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies: and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

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John 11:25-26

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Matthew 16:15

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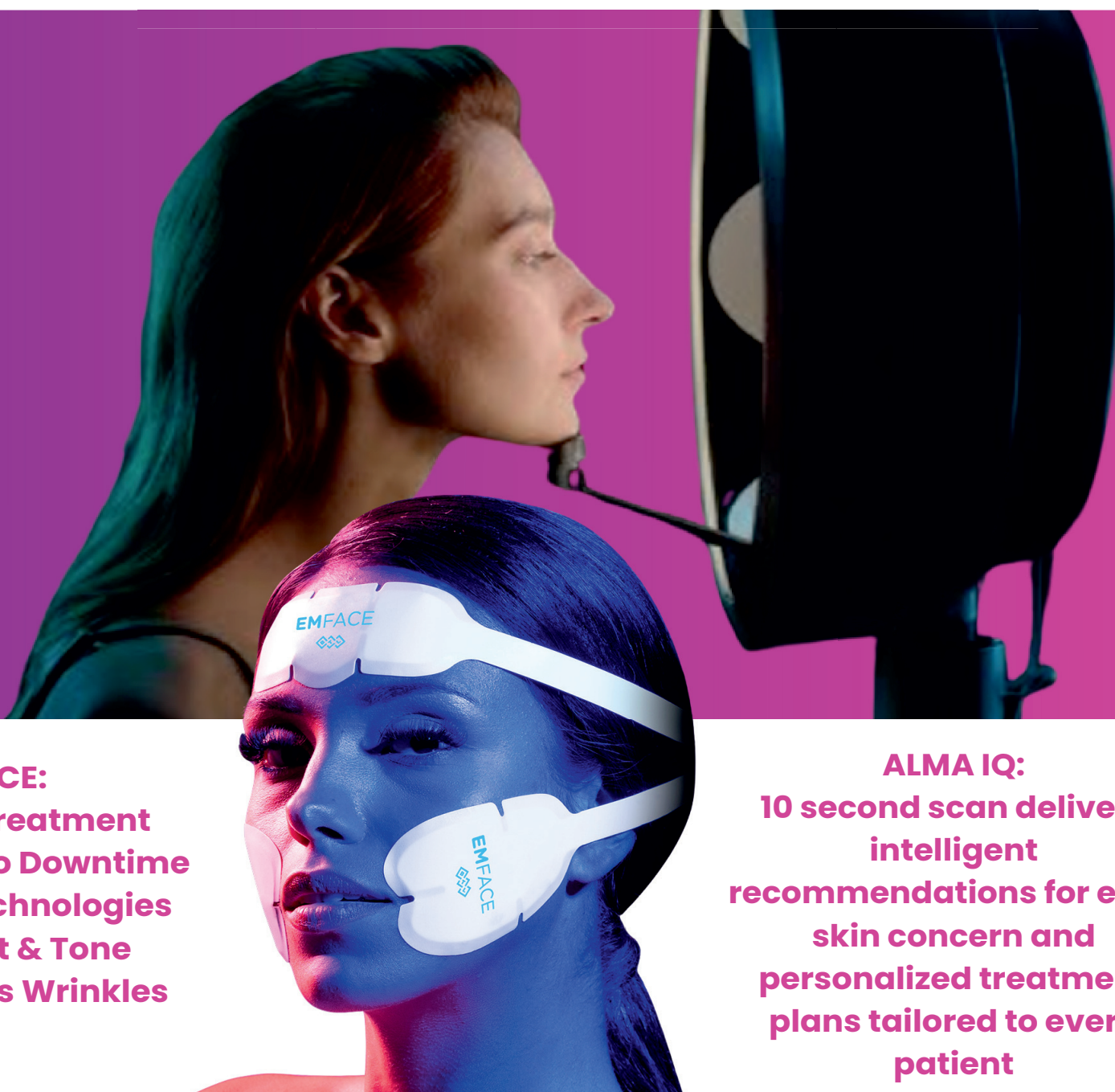
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"Set the Standard" – Indian Motorcycle Volunteers for Habitat Siding Day

Spirit Lake, IA — Setting the standard for community partnership, Indian Motorcycle is teaming up with Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity to help side our newest Habitat home on Friday, April 25th, 2025.

Indian Motorcycle employees will roll up their sleeves and lend a hand, but experienced volunteers and contractors are still needed to join this important build day! Volunteers with construction or siding experience are especially encouraged to participate and help guide the day's efforts as we work together to make affordable housing a reality for local families.

As a special thank you, lunch will be provided by Back Alley BBQ for all volunteers.

This event is a powerful example of how businesses and individuals can come together to strengthen our communities through service and support. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer on April 25th, please contact Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity at: 712-363-3479 or northwestiowahabitat@gmail.com

Come be a part of something lasting — Set the Standard with Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity and Indian Motorcycle!



IBBB to Perform at Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesday, April 15

The Itty Bitty Boji Band will be performing for a dance at the Spirit Lake VFW from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 15. Admission is only \$5.00 per person for this enjoyable evening of dance music with the 2023 inductees into the Midwest All Music Association Hall of Fame, the Itty Bitty Boji Band. Come early and enjoy a meal prepared by the VFW.

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CONGRATULATIONS KELSEY! Kelsey Ehret of Harris-Lake Park High School has signed with South Dakota State University to continue her Rodeo career! #RollWolves #Jackrabbits-EarsUp

Spring Tea and Fashion Show

A Spring Tea and Fashion Show will be held Saturday, April 26th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations will be taken until April 23rd. Call 712-332-2447.

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6:00-7:00	Fishing Contest Bring your own fishing pole, tackle & bucket. Bait will be furnished by Kabele's Trading Post Prizes for fish caught - length only. All fish released alive.
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March Mania Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following winners of our Men's March Mania Bracket Challenge! We had a three way tie for first place with JoAnn winning the tiebreaker by having the closest to the total score of the Championship Game. Thanks for playing!

- 1st Place: JoAnn Cookinham of Milford winning \$100
- 2nd Place: Wyatt Gray of Bedford winning \$75
- 3rd Place: Julie Kliegl of Arnolds Park winning \$50
- 4th Place: John Whitrock of Milford winning \$25

Thanks to our Men's March Mania sponsors: Blink Marketing, Boji Boat Brokers, Boji Doors, Boonedock's, Boss' Pizza, Captain's, Carstens Financial Group, Consumers Lumber, Fareway, Farmers Savings Bank, Flooring America, Hy-Vee, Jiffy Convenience

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4th Annual Farm to Fork FUNdraiser Set for May 3

Spencer, Iowa — The Clay County Fair Charitable Trust will host the 4th Annual Farm to Fork FUNdraiser on Saturday, May 3, at the Clay County Regional Events Center. The event will bring together community members for an evening of fine food, live music, inspiring stories, and impactful giving, all supporting the Clay County Fair.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 7:15 p.m.

The event's highlight is a four-course meal prepared by the Events Center's own Chef Eric, using ingredients sourced from local producers. The menu includes local tomato bruschetta, spinach bibb salad, aged center cut filet mignon, and fondue. Guests with dietary restrictions are encouraged to call the Fair Office at (712) 580-3000 in advance.

In addition to the meal, attendees will hear from local youth involved in agriculture programs. These students will share their experiences of volunteering their time through these programs to assist with improvements to the fairgrounds' facilities. They will highlight the importance of agricultural education in shaping both their future and the future of the Clay County Fair.

Local favorite Ryan Sather will provide musical entertainment. The evening's fundraising components include a live auction, an online auction, and a 50/50 raffle. The online auction will open on Friday, April 25, and participation is open to the public. Attendance at the event is not required to bid online.

Proceeds from the Farm to Fork FUNdraiser will support the mission of the Clay County Fair Charitable Trust. Funds raised will help preserve fair traditions, invest in facility improvements on the fairgrounds, and provide continued opportunities for youth in agriculture. This support ensures that future generations can enjoy the heritage and impact of "The World's Greatest County Fair."

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table sponsorship, which includes seating for eight. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://claycountyfair.kindful.com/e/farm-to-fork-fundraiser-2> or in person at the Events Center Box Office.

More information, including auction listings and the full menu, can be found at <https://claycountyfair.com/farmtofork/>.

About the Clay County Fair Charitable Trust Established in 1993, the Clay County Fair Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the legacy of "The World's Greatest County Fair." Through generous donations and long-term support, the Trust helps ensure a blue-ribbon future for generations to come.



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Let's Get Social After 5 at Pearson Lakes Art Center

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is hosting a Let's Get Social event at Pearson Lakes Art Center on Tuesday, April 22nd, from 5-7pm. Remember Business After 5? Well, it's back, just with a new look. This event offers local professionals, business owners, and community members the perfect opportunity to connect, engage and enjoy an evening of great conversations, light snacks from Krafty's Meat Market, craft beer from WestO Brewery and wine samples from Okoboji Wines! Come check out what Pearson Lakes Art center has to offer and what is on their agenda for the upcoming years. The IGLA Chamber team is thrilled to bring together our local businesses for an evening of networking and camaraderie at Pearson Lakes Art Center.

This Business After 5 Social event is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring business cards and invite colleagues to join in the festivities. See you then!



Easter Egg Hunt

The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19, at 10:00am sharp, at the YMCA soccer fields (event will be held indoors if inclement weather). The kids will be separated into three age groups 0-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Children should bring their own bags or baskets to gather the thousands of eggs that will be available.



Milford RAGBRAI Public Meeting and Vendor Applications

Milford, Iowa - The Milford RAGBRAI committee has been working hard and will host a public meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00pm, in the Milford Community Center with many updates.

This meeting is for those interested in learning how Milford RAGBRAI planning is going, information on ways to get involved, an exciting announcement about the entertainment lineup, and vendor information. During this meeting the food vendor and non-food vendor committee chair will talk about vendors and how to become a vendor for Milford RAGBRAI. Even if you are slightly interested in this information, we encourage you to come to the meeting. Those interested can also apply to be a vendor through our website at milfordragbrai.com.

For those wanting to reach 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. For more information, go to our website at milfordragbrai.com.

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JUNE 27 7:30PM

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LEE BRICE



AUGUST 1 7:30PM

WARREN ZEIDERS



AUGUST 15 7:30PM

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MARCH 20TH - APRIL 20TH

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SUNDAY

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10:30 A.M.



Experience the Joy of
Easter Church Services

GOOD FRIDAY @ 6PM
EASTER SUNDAY @ 9AM

All are welcome to join us!



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Anniversary Announcement
William and Dianne Jansen will be celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 12:00 - 3:00pm, at the Lake Park Community Center. No gifts please. If unable to attend, but would like to send a card, your greeting can reach them at 502 E Railroad Street, Lake Park, IA 51347.



HARBOR OF JOY
LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC
1204 L Ave. Milford • 712-338-2355
Pastor Tim Voth

EASTER WEEK

Maundy Thursday Service | Thursday, April 17th, 6:30pm
Good Friday Service | Friday, April 18th, 6:30pm

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

OR ONLINE AT HARBOROFJOY.COM

BIBLE READING WITH US

GO TO THE BIBLE RECAP APP "YOU VERSION"

WEEK 16:
1 SAMUEL 25-27
PSALM 18, 121, 123-125, 128-130
2 SAMUEL 1-4
PSALM 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21

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Have a blessing LEAVE IT
Need a blessing TAKE IT
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Wednesdays at
3:30-5 PM

Join us Easter Sunday

Free Picnic by the Lake



April 20th: 1:00-2:30 PM
Memorial Park, Spirit Lake
<https://life360.org/okoboji-ia/>



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OKOBOJI

Join Us for Resurrection Sunday

8:45am & 10:30am

Good Friday Service 6:00-7:00pm

Visitors Welcome!

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St. Alban's
Episcopal Church
"The Lord Be with You"

10:00 AM
SUNDAYS

Priest in Charge,
The Reverend Carolyn Tuttle

Live Stream 
through our Facebook Page

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY • April 17, 5 PM
GOOD FRIDAY • April 18, 5 PM Stations of the Cross
EASTER SUNDAY • April 20, 10 AM

Email: office@stalbansepiscopalchurch.org
Website: stalbansepiscopalchurch.org

The Episcopal presence in the Iowa Great Lakes Area
23rd & Zenith Ave. • Spirit Lake • 712-336-1117

Come back to Church this Easter Season!

Join us for Holy Week...

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 17, 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
April 18, 6:30 pm

The Greatest Comeback

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

Traditional Service 8:30 am
9:30 AM Fellowship Time/Coffee & Rolls
Contemporary Service 10:30 am


Spirit Lake
United Methodist
Church

1812 Gary Avenue • Spirit Lake, IA • 336-3115



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COMMUNITY
CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH US!
SUNDAY • 10:30 AM

Coffee & Fellowship
Before & After the Service

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hesebeck, Pastor
805 Okoboji Avenue • Milford, IA
712.338.4642 • www.faithcommunitymilford.com

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, April 24, 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.





HOLY
WEEK
Services

Maundy Thursday
April 17th at 6:30PM

Good Friday
April 18th at 6:30PM

Easter Sunday
April 20th
6:30AM & 8:30AM & 10:30AM
7:30AM COFFEE & GOODIES

First Lutheran Church, Milford • 1525 Three Cross Road
www.3cross.org • 712.338.4514

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 17 | 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 18
12pm & 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20
6:30 & 9:00am
Easter Breakfast
Between Services

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State Farm & Habitat for Humanity
Youth Rain Garden Project

Spirit Lake, IA — Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce a two-part community event thanks to the generosity of State Farm and their Long-Term Disaster Recovery Grant program.

On Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity will host a Youth Rain Garden Project in collaboration with the Spirit Lake Middle School 5th/6th Grade Builders Club. The project will kick off the construction of a 100-year flood-resistant rain garden in downtown Spirit Lake. This vital project is designed to protect two newly built Habitat homes — housing two families and five children — and the surrounding neighborhood of future builds from future flood risks, while also restoring critical natural habitat.

The rain garden was developed through a partnership with Drew Howing, Assistant Professor and Environmental Studies Program Coordinator at Iowa Lakes Community College; Clint Haines of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Eckard Landscaping. One of Professor Howing's students, under his supervision, designed the project according to NRCS specifications, ensuring long-term environmental sustainability and effective stormwater management. The rain garden will help absorb and filter rainwater runoff, serving as a natural flood defense while supporting native plants and pollinators in the heart of Spirit Lake.


The event will continue with a Public Volunteer Planting Day on Saturday, May 31st. Volunteers of all ages are invited to join Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity and help plant the final wave of native species. This event will offer a fun, educational opportunity to enhance flood resilience while beautifying the community with natural, sustainable landscaping.


We thank State Farm for their outstanding support — because, like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

Stay tuned to Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity's announcements for additional updates and opportunities to get involved!

For more information or to volunteer: 712-363-3479 or northwestiowahabitat@gmail.com.

Like a Good Neighbor





Youth Rain Garden Project
April 29
Public Volunteer Planting Day
May 31
Contact: 712-363-3479
or northwestiowahabitat@gmail.com

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN US FOR

EASTER SUNDAY



April 20, 2025
8 am & 10:30 am
EASTER BREAKFAST &
EASTER EGG HUNT IN BETWEEN SERVICES

801 HILL AVE.
SPIRIT LAKE, IA 51360

Join Us...



Two WORSHIP SERVICES

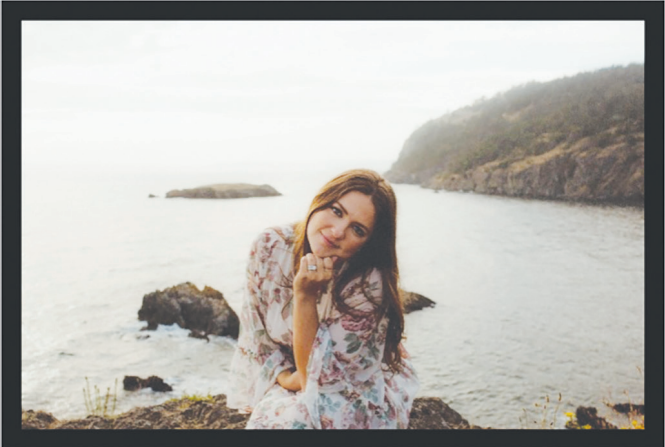
Saturdays at 6:00pm & Sundays at 9:00am

Try Chair Yoga with Sue DeBord - Tuesdays at 10:00am



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Leanna Crawford In Concert
At First Lutheran July 13th, 2025


First Lutheran Church of West Okoboji announces that Leanna Crawford, one of the young rising in popularity contemporary Christian music artists, will be in concert on First's Drive-In Worship stage Sunday evening, July 13th.

Leanna's music and her newest release, "Still Waters" (Psalm 23) show over 1.5 million followers on Spotify and YouTube combined. You can listen to Leanna and other contemporary Christian music artists on The Message Sirius XM 65, and locally on Mediacom channel 1734, contemporary Christian music.

Leanna has always loved creating, and music has always been a huge part of her life. From a young age, growing up in the Pacific Northwest, Leanna was inspired by the beauty of God's creation that surrounded her. Some of her other songs are: "The Truth I'm Standing On", "Mean Girls", and "How Can You Not".

On July 13th, the evening's music will begin at 6 pm with "First to Dance" opening for Leanna. "First to Dance" is a local Christian music group that opened last August for the Jason Gray concert at First. Leanna will take the stage at 7 pm.

All are invited to attend this memorable evening of Christian music! A freewill offering will be taken. Be watching for further details on Leanna's concert in the lakes area July 13th.



Beautiful at Any Age!

The family would be honored if you would help celebrate

Florence Kramer's 90th birthday

on April 24th by sending her a card to: P0 Box 82, Fostoria, IA 51340

No gifts or money please. Your shower of birthday wishes is enough!

You're cordially invited to the Kindermusik at the Lakes Scholarship Fundraiser



teddy bear tea party

Saturday, April 26
10 a.m.

First Lutheran Church Milford
For children ages 1-6 with a grownup and favorite stuffed animal

To reserve a spot, contact Jenny at studio@kindermusikatthelakes.com
RSVP by April 23

Free Will Donation (suggested donation of \$10 per person) for the Kindermusik Scholarship Fund



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Good Friday at 6:30pm
Easter Sunday at 9:00am
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with us at
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Easter Services
9:00 am & 11:00 am



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3501 Hill Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA



Fundraiser Event

Join Scout Troop 168 for a freewill donation Soup Supper on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 4:00 - 7:00pm, at the Maser Monarch Lodge (22703 Nature Center Road, Okoboji).

All proceeds used by Troop 168.



St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Holy Week Schedule

All are welcome to join the St. Alban's Episcopal Church during Holy Week.

- April 17 - Maundy Thursday 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing. Mother Carolyn Presiding
- April 18 - Good Friday 12:05pm. Stations of the Cross
- April 20 - Easter Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Father Paul.

For questions and more information, call 712-336-1117. Or email, office@stalbanseiscopalchurch.org.

St. Alban's is located just east of Lakes Regional Healthcare 2011 23rd Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa.



Spring Tea & Fashion Show

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2025
2-4 PM

Calvary United Methodist Church
Arnolds Park, IA

\$15 per person

*Reservations will be taken until April 23rd
Call 712-332-2447

Fashions by Kari's of Okoboji & Spencer & Grand Bridal, Spencer
Entertainment by Calvary United Methodist Bell Quartet



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 17
MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:05 pm Worship Service
6:05 pm Worship Service


APRIL 18
GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm Shared Worship
@ First Presbyterian
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
@ GRACE

APRIL 19
EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship
9:00 Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 pm Easter Sunrise Worship

801 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360





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Dig In & Discover

WEDNESDAYS 11:45am to 1pm

Enjoy a Great Lunch,
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Call for reservations
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APRIL
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 16 - Mindy Sparks
Operation Manager- Iowa Rock & Roll Association

April 23 - Peyton Hantelman
Owner- Priority Health Northwest

April 30 - Julie Beehler
Medical Director- Community Health Center of Spencer

JUST BY ATTENDING!!
You can help us raise \$10,000



WIND

Friday, May 2nd
WOMEN IN NATURE DAY
SPRING W.I.N.D.

Hosted at Lakeside Laboratory with Iowa State Extension and Dickinson County Conservation Board

Who: Women 18+ years
When: 6:00-8:00PM
What: Social + ONE Experience
Cost: \$20

Spring Experiences:
 Go Wild for Charcuterie
 Wonders of the Wetlands
 Nature is Calling

Register at www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com

DISCOVERY HOUSE PRESENTS

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Señor Cliff Hinderman: A True Hero

Señor taught high school Spanish in Spirit Lake for decades receiving numerous statewide awards. Spirit Lake Kiwanis named Señor Citizen of the Year in 1990.

Señor retired in 1997. He was instrumental in building Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots. The organization was his passion.

Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots provides an avenue for extremely poor children in Oaxaca, Mexico, to get an education. Every year from his retirement in 1997 until his passing in 2021, Señor spent 6 months in Oaxaca hands on and 6 months in Spirit Lake raising money and finding sponsors for "his" children.

"You can give a child a taco and it is good for today. If you give a child an education, it is good for a lifetime."- Señor Cliff Hinderman.

Señor took no salary, no travel expenses and no living expense for his work. His remuneration was the love he received from the children and their families. Señor passed away June 16, 2021. Señor had helped over 2,000 children complete high school and nearly 150 complete university. In 2021 there were nearly 700 additional children in schools and universities. Señor was a true hero.

It is the opportunity of a lifetime to sponsor children and support Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots, a qualified 501c charity. To sponsor a child, donate, get involved or learn more, you may contact Dennis and Dori Lippon.

Dennis will be speaking at the Lakes Area Senior Center (Spirit Lake) during their Dinner Date meal at noon on April 22, 2025.



FREE FOOD
FOR THOSE IN NEED

MILFORD MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

APRIL 17
4:30PM - 6:30PM

DOWNTOWN CHURCH
2105 N Ave, Milford, IA
(Located near Cherished Again & The Lakes News Shopper)

FOOD PANTRY IS FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL DCHUNGERC@GMAIL.COM

FOOD IS AVAILABLE 24/7 at:

- Randy's Pantries at Milford LRH Physical Therapy
- Randy's Pantries at Spirit Lake Senior Center
- Milford Blessing Box at the Harbor of Joy Church
- First Lutheran Church in Milford (1525 Three Cross Road)

Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:30am to Noon on Sundays



Dickinson County
Hunger Coalition



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Okoboji After Prom

Okoboji After Prom is looking for help from Junior and Senior parents to volunteer at After Prom on May 3. Sign up for a time slot with your friend at After Prom! Also looking for items to be donated for After Prom. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAF82DA0F8C25-55928263-2025/#>

Republican Party Meeting

Are you interested in becoming involved with the Dickinson County Republican Party? Join the Dickinson County Republican Party at a Central Committee meeting on April 21, 2025, at 5:30pm. The meeting is held at the Spirit Lake Library meeting room. Please enter through the back side door. The Dickinson County Republican Party looks forward to seeing you.



Do You Have A Special Weekend Event In The Future?

A Family get-together, anniversary, graduation, birthday? The Lakes Area Senior Center has a beautiful, clean facility with most weekends available. Call and visit with someone at the office for details at 712-336-5247. Consider renting their large dining room which seats 100, if extra tables are set up. It rents for \$125 per day. Rental for the dining room and kitchen is \$160.00 per day. Their smaller card room, which seats 40, also has a small kitchenette, and rents for \$75.00 per day. There is also a small meeting room for \$40.00. Please note new pricing effective January 1, 2025.

Rev Your Engines: 29th Annual Rodders Swap Meet Rolls into Clay County Fairgrounds

Cars, cars, cars: Don't miss the 29th Annual Rodders Swap Meet on Sunday, April 27. This event will take place at the Clay County Fairgrounds with activities starting at 7:00am and only \$5 for general admission. Vendors And Guests Welcome All vendors are welcome, no pre-registration required. Vendor set up is 2:00- 5:00pm on Saturday, April 26 or 7:00am on Sunday, April 27. Outside space is \$25 and indoor space is \$35. Vendors must enter through the North gate off W 18th Street.



90th Birthday Announcement

Jana Zahren will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Sunday, April 27th, 2025. Family would like to honor her with a card shower. Please send birthday greetings to Jana at: 540 53rd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266.

Dickinson County Fair 2025 Open Class Entries

There will be open class entries in Photography, Wood-working, Decorative T-shirts and Sweatshirts, Quilts, Painting, Creative Arts and Handicrafts, Foods, Horticulture, Vegetables, and a new class of Individual Table settings Casual and Formal at the Dickinson County Fair 2025. Exhibitors are limited to permanent and summer Dickinson County residents. There is a junior division for 18 year olds and younger and a senior division for 19 year olds and older. Photography exhibits can be entered in color or black and white Classes. Furniture for indoor and outdoor use can be entered in the woodworking area. In the Decorative T-shirt and sweatshirt Class, exhibitors can show their artistic talents decorating the Item using cross-stitch, paints, appliqué, beads or other, materials. Some of the quilt classes are patchwork, sampler, infant, hand quilted And others. Painting classes can be drawings using chalk, charcoal, pencil, Ink, pastels, oil painting, water base painting or an illustration of a poem or story. Creative arts or handicraft classes are basket weaving, leather craft, Nature craft, stained glass, holidays, doll stuffed animal, doll or toy, or any other craft not specified. Food classes include pie, bread, cookies, Jams & jellies, decorated cake, candies, and garden vegetables.

There is an entry fee of \$1.00 per class. Exhibits check in time is July 14th and 15th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, and Wednesday, July 16th, from 8:00 to 10:00am, at the Dickinson County Expo Center office in Spirit Lake. Open class rules and regulations and entry forms are available at the Dickinson County Expo Building. Call John at the Expo Building to pick up rules at 712-336-0479 or to have him email them to you. If you have any questions, you may also call Carla at 712-320-3701.

THE WATERFRONT
GRILLE & EVENT CENTER
610 Linden Dr, Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Prime Rib Easter Brunch Buffet
Sunday, April 20th, 2025 | 9am-2pm
Adults - \$49.95 | 12 & Under - \$12 | 3 & Under - Free
Prime Rib | Appetizers | Breakfast | Entrées | Desserts | Salads
Reservations-> WaterfrontOkoboji.com | 712-220-3200



EASTER BUFFET
Sunday, April 20
Starting at 10:30 am
Kids Menu Available
Hardwood-Smoked Roast Beef
Smoked Gold Medal Ham
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Homemade Soup & Salad Bar
Fresh Fruit
Dinner Rolls & Sweet Treats

Friday Night FISH FRY
April 18 • 4pm
Hand Battered Pollack with Baked Potato, Homemade Coleslaw. **\$14.95**
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SPEAKER ON TUESDAYS at 12:30pm
•April 15: Jennifer Amesquiter/Health
•April 22: Dennis Lippon- Oaxaca Youth Empowerment
•April 29: Treva Graves- Nutrition/ Sample Recipe

WALLEYE WEEKEND FISHING TACKLE FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION
May 2 ~ 9:30am-6pm
May 3 ~ 9am-2pm
May 4 ~ 8:30am-1pm
Join us for Breakfast Sunday, May 4

DINNER DATE MEALS!
Call to reserve your nutritional meals for **NEXT** week!

21 Monday Chicken Parmesan Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	22 Tuesday BBQ Pork /Bun Vegetable Fruit/Dessert	23 Wednesday Goulash Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	24 Thursday Scalloped Potatoes with Ham Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	25 Friday Hot Beef and Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit/Dessert
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• PLEASE CALL 712-336-5247 BY 1:00 PM FRIDAY TO RESERVE A MEAL FOR NEXT WEEK •
Elderbridge suggests a donation of \$7 - \$10 or whatever is affordable.
Dinners are provided by **CARSTENSEN'S MEAT & GROCERY** of Lake Park.
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VISUAL ARTS

LET'S GET SOCIAL
Tuesday, April 22 | 5-7pm
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PERFORMING ARTS

8/26 | WINTER DANCE PARTY
Tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, & The Big Bopper
7:30 PM | \$40/\$50
MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE 4/15-4/21
Call 712-332-7029 to purchase pre-sale tickets.
Sales begin at 10am- please have credit card information ready.

DICK BAUMAN BIG BAND
Every Monday Night, Memorial-Labor Day
7:00-9:00PM | \$10 at the door

6/10 | PARROTHEAD PARADISE
A Jimmy Buffet Show
7:30 PM | \$40/\$50 **SOLD OUT**

6/17 & 6/18 | Hotel California
A Salute to the Eagles
7:30 PM | \$40/\$50

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Frog's Leap Winery Tasting Event May 7 6:00pm \$75/\$85 Frog's Leap Winery has a rich history and deep roots on the Rutherford Bench in the heart of Napa Valley. This reputable Family-Owned winery founded in 1981, remains dedicated to using many old world techniques in handcrafting wine. Join us for a memorable evening tasting quality wines. Small savory bites from Yesterdays included. Register by 5/1.	Spring Tea Luncheon With Sarah Page from So Good by Sarah May 15 1:00pm \$70/\$80 Celebrate Spring with dainty tea sandwiches, buttery scones with jam & cream, sweet surprises, herbal teas, good company and a glass of bubbly! Must register by May 10.	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.
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90th Birthday Announcement

Beautiful at any age! The family would be honored if you would help celebrate Florence Kramer's 90th birthday on Thursday, April 24, 2025, by sending her a card. No gifts or money please. Your shower of birthday wishes can reach her at PO Box 82, Fostoria, IA 51340.

Compost Available for the Public

Spring has sprung! Temperatures are rising, and it's the perfect time to start thinking about your garden or what flowers to put in your planters. The best way to get those big tomatoes and peppers, help those dry trees and produce flowers all your neighbors will envy is to improve your soil health with compost! Compost can be put anywhere you have plants. Around trees, tilled into your garden, in potted plants and even on your grass lawn. The Dickinson County Regional Collection Center in Milford turns last year's greenwaste into valuable compost. Woodchips are also available and are useful for landscaping and tree plantings.

Finished compost and woodchips are available at the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center at 2260 220th Street in Milford. It is free of charge if you are filling up your own containers. For trailer/truck loading, there is a \$10 per bucket (3 to 3.5 cubic yards) loading fee. Call for loading availability at 712-338-2549 or email RCC@dickinsoncountyia.gov

Operating hours are: Summer Hours (April 1- October 31)
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Tuesday, Thursday 10:00am - 6:00pm.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

What does it mean or what does it entail, when a newly elected officer or newly appointed board member takes the oath of office? It is more than a raised hand and reciting the words after me.

I NAME do solemnly swear that I will support the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all the duties of the office in Dickinson County as now or hereafter required by law.

Within the Iowa Constitution is ARTICLE 1.- Bill of Rights Section 2 which outlines the following. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security and benefit of the people and they have the right, at all times to alter or reform the same, whenever the public good may require it.

Public officials have an obligation to manage assets competently, be good stewards of the public treasury, protect the health/safety of the people and to put the public's interest before their own direct or indirect personal interests.

The proposed wind turbine project may not provide adequate safeguards for the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the people residing, living, working or visiting Dickinson County. Materially detrimental damage or prejudice may in fact be present that has a negative effect on all the property owners within the county.

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- > Decommissioning/Discontinue plan is not adequate. A plan shall provide financial protection by cash, an irrevocable letter of credit or performance bond for the current costs plus an annual inflation adjustment to properly remove and fully restore land before any construction begins to protect landowners, adjacent landowners and Dickinson County interest today and in the future. The people of Dickinson County must have peace of mind that future costs will not be borne in the event of a bankruptcy, financial restructure, sale, new wind turbine owners or an exit in the market.
- > The past 21 years Dickinson County has waived nearly \$173,000,000 million of property taxes for the special valuations of wind energy conversion property.
- > Property tax credits are eventually shifted to ALL the remaining property owners who did not receive the special property tax credit. Property owners' general welfare has not improved because of higher property taxes.
- > What would the next 20 years look like if a new tax credit is approved for this new wind project? Consider this, all the remaining property owners who did not receive the special property tax credit would have higher property taxes.
- > Annually our Great Lakes tourism attracts nearly 1,400 jobs and provides \$332,000,000 million in economic growth in Dickinson County. Wind turbines may hurt future tourism and the general welfare of our community.
- > Many property owners have not realized lower electrical rates, lower property values, a safer environment, substantially more full-time jobs, lower housing costs and a community that is focused on long-term economic growth. What is this wind turbine project all about? Is it for protection, security and general welfare of the people of Dickinson County?

An article entitled Big Wind's Bogus Subsidies by Nancy Pfothauer stated the following: "Not only are federal wind subsidies a colossal waste of money and detrimental to the economy, but they subsidize an industry that is actually harmful to the environment. When lawmakers give special tax breaks to their friends and favorite industries, they shift the burden onto everybody left in the tax base". Warren Buffet was also quoted "We get tax credits if we build wind farms. The only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the tax credits."

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It is about PEOPLE of Dickinson County The wind turbine project is not adequate to provide protection, safety, security and general welfare for the PEOPLE of Okoboji, I am asking for your help to please take the time to attend the upcoming public hearing, write a letter to the Board of Adjustments in opposition to the project and talk to your friends, neighbors, co-workers to also attend the meeting and write letters.

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Monumental Masters Moment for McLroy

In what he termed the “best day of my golfing life” Rory McLroy won his first-ever Masters Golf Tournament in dramatic fashion on Sunday evening; defeating Justin Rose, who was also after his elusive first Masters title, in the first hole of a sudden-death playoff after each golfer finished 72 holes at -11. Rose started the day seven strokes back from McLroy but shot an impressive 66 on Sunday to put himself in contention for the green jacket. This was McLroy’s first major victory in 11 years, and also gives him the impressive Career Grand Slam of Golf, which is championships in the four majors, the US Open, The Open, the PGA Championship and the Masters, joining legends Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Gene Sarazan and Tiger Woods as just the sixth golfer to achieve the Career Grand Slam.

The green jacket that has eluded McLroy during his 17-year professional golfing career was not easily earned, as it rarely is. McLroy started the day with a 2-shot lead over Bryson DeChambeau but quickly gave that lead up with a double bogey on the first hole. McLroy appeared to take control of the tournament with a four-shot lead with just eight holes remaining. McLroy then double bogeyed hole #13 after hitting the ball into Rae’s Creek and followed that with a bogey on #14 that brought Rose and Louis Aberg back into the title hunt. The roller coaster ride would continue, after a tremendous shot on #15 that put him in position for an eagle, he would miss the putt but did make a birdie and appeared in control of the tournament again, especially after a birdie on #17 that gave him a two-shot lead over Rose. Rose then drained a long putt on #18 to trim that lead to one. All McLroy needed was a par on #18 to claim his first green jacket, and he appeared in great shape after a monster drive, but Rory pushed a wedge to the right into the front bunker. After a nice bunker shot put him within six feet of the championship, McLroy pulled the putt and had to settle for a bogey and playoff with Rose. When asked how he composed himself after the bogey, McLroy gave all the credit to his childhood friend and caddie Harry Diamond, who reminded Rory as they headed back to the 18th tee for the playoff hole that he would have loved to have been given this opportunity at the start of the tournament. The playoff hole was filled with the typical drama of a Sunday at Augusta National, with both Rose and McLroy hitting bombs off the tee box; Rose would hit to the green first and put a wedge within 12-feet of the pin; McLroy had a very similar shot from the fairway that he had just hit on #18 but this time he hit a shot of a lifetime, putting that same wedge that had failed him 15 minutes ago within 5 feet of the pin. Rose just missed his birdie putt to the right and had to settle for par, setting the stage for McLroy, who calmly made his birdie putt and immediately dropped to his knees.

When asked about that moment, McLroy said at first it was relief and then celebratory as he hugged Diamond and then Rose and his caddie. McLroy couldn’t hold back his emotions as he hugged his family and friends and broke into tears. Those tears continued to flow as McLroy made his way to the clubhouse through thousands of fans who chanted “Rory, Rory, Rory!” Moments like these are what make sports so great and transcending. McLroy has been through many ups and downs in his career, and has been the voice of the PGA in their battle vs LIV Golf, not shying away from taking a stance about what he believes in while turning down millions of guaranteed dollars to stay with the PGA. Rory’s final round was much like his roller coaster of a career, more ups than downs, but the downs are what normally stays with you the most. Those downs didn’t stay with McLroy on this historic day, as he found a way to stay mentally strong enough to get back up after being down with his two double bogeys and bogey on 18, climbing his way to the top with a memorable finish that he and many golfers will never forget.



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Tuesday, April 29th at 6pm
Wednesday, April 30th at 6pm

SEND an email or letter with your concerns and opposition to: **mkardell@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov** or Dickinson County Board of Adjustment- 1802 Hill Ave, Ste 2101, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

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- Imposing height and noise of 600 ft tall turbines?
- Wind developers pay reduced taxes... Is this fair?

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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:

County Supervisors Meetings

This last Dickinson County Supervisors' meeting (4/8/25) I attended surprised me in that a motion was made to make taxes 'fair' and it did not pass. If I have not understood this completely, I urge the County Supervisors to enlighten me.

Recent meetings on county taxes have been in the works as the county has sent out notices on assessments and I really encourage all Dickinson County residents to watch these meetings on YouTube. I do have to 'thank' the supervisors for having this available to the Dickinson County residents who cannot attend the weekly meetings on Tuesday.

April 22, 2025, is the last day that changes can be made for our county taxpayers. I urge everyone to 'voice your opinion' to your supervisor.

Darlene Moritz
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Iowa Lakes Hosts Spring Handbell Concert in Spirit Lake

Spirit Lake, Iowa – The Iowa Lakes Handbell Ensemble will ring in the spring with a joyful Handbell Concert on Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, located at 3501 Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake.

The concert will feature performances by:
Iowa Lakes Community College Handbell Ensemble
Lakes Area Community Handbell Ensemble
First Presbyterian Adult Handbell Ensemble
First Presbyterian Youth Handbell Ensemble

Under the direction of Carol Ayres Stueven, the Iowa Lakes Handbell Ensemble is a six-octave ensemble performing with Schulmerich bronze handbells ranging from G2 to G8. These handcrafted bells range in weight from just four ounces to a hefty 26 pounds and are accompanied by a seven-octave set of hand chimes.

This year's concert will include selections by each ensemble, several pieces for two groups, along with a special collaborative piece that brings together all four groups in a grand finale performance.

Admission is free, and donations will be gratefully accepted to support the ongoing maintenance and purchase of handbells and hand chimes. Join us for an uplifting afternoon of music and community spirit.

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Exploring West Lake Okoboji At The Jackson County Libraries

Join us at the Jackson County Library System for an Adult Program to learn about the underwater lake environment from local scuba diving team members Tim Hilbert and Dave Swanson. They will share their knowledge and findings on fish that are native to the Iowa Great Lakes, historic structures that still lie on the bottom of West Okoboji, and the diving gear and equipment that Dave and Tim have used in their scuba diving adventures. This free monthly adult program will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, at 12:00 noon at the Jackson Library. You are welcome to bring lunch with you to the noon program at Jackson. The program will also be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Lakefield Library and 5:30 p.m. at the Heron Lake Library. Coffee & tea provided. Please call or stop into your local library for more information. Program plans are subject to change.

Family Nature Night: Night at the Nature Center

Families are invited to Family Nature Night: Night at the Nature Center on Friday, April 25th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This free event has become a favorite and offers encounters with many of the animal ambassadors at the Dickinson County Nature Center!

During the program, meet some of the beloved animals like Steve the bearded dragon, Luna the hedgehog, Bindi the bunny, and a few others! Families will learn about the animal sponsorship program and explore Kenue Park to highlight some of the local wildlife, from swans to squirrels.

"This is one of our favorite programs of the season because it showcases the animals that have ignited an interest in our local Iowa wildlife," commented Community Relations Coordinator Amy Heibult.

Before concluding a fun-filled evening, kids will paint their own wooden slithery snake to take home and play a game of "Which Animal is That" to find clues hidden throughout the Nature Center and guess which animal fits the clue for a chance to win a prize.

To join in on the activities, families can preregister for free before 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd by visiting www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com.

Boat Renewal Deadline Is Fast Approaching

Before you put your boat in the water, be sure you have Red 2025 stickers on it, so you are current on your registration. The Recorder's office is located at the East end of the first floor in the Dickinson County Courthouse (1802 Hill Ave – Spirit Lake) and office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm; cash, check or credit card are accepted.



Donations Needed at the LASC

Ongoing activity center wish list:

- City of Spirit Lake green garbage bags.
- Postage Stamps
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David vs. Goliath: When Big Wind Blows to Town

As a local, small business owner and rural Dickinson County resident, my family and I have come to embrace country living. The peace, tranquility, and view-scape the countryside provides has been instrumental in helping our wedding business flourish. So once I found out about a potential industrial wind complex that would surround our acreage, I felt it was imperative to advocate for my neighbors, my business, and my family. Having spent countless hours researching and encouraging our county to update our outdated wind ordinance from 2009, another rural resident and myself were asked to represent the other rural residents and be part of a wind subcommittee formed by Dickinson County Planning and Zoning.

While on that subcommittee, we made reasonable requests based on recommendations from conversations we had with county officials across the state, real-life experiences of those living around turbines, and those backed by science. Of all the topics, **setbacks, shadow flicker, and noise level** were the most discussed. Below, I have included our requests and the reasoning for our requests, followed by a graph comparing our requests, the wind company's request, and the county's final approval.

Setbacks:

- Why property lines?
 - o The wind industry is one of few industries that can use the exterior of a landowners home for siting purposes. We felt it was important for every homeowner to safely enjoy their entire property, not just a portion of it. When building a home in city limits, the builder sites their build from the property line, NOT the exterior of the neighbor's house. Why should this be any different in the country?
 - Why 2,640'?
 - o The Nordex safety manual instructs their employees to move 1 km (3,280') away from a turbine during lightning strikes and inclement weather. We felt 2,640' was a compromise from the previous ordinance of 1,200' and the 1 km (3,280') safety requirement from the wind company's safety manual. If 3,280' is a safe distance away for a wind companies employee, is 1,600' really safe for county residents?
 - Why 1.1x turbine height from property lines?
 - o 1.1x turbine height would ensure that if a turbine were to tip over, no part of the turbine would fall on a non-participating landowner's property. As the current ordinance is written, if a turbine were to tip over, a significant portion of the turbine would fall on the adjacent property.
- Shadow Flicker:**
 - No shadow flicker for non-participating landowners
 - o Shadow flicker may cause annoyance and can be concerning for people who suffer from photosensitive epilepsy and experience seizures. If non-participating land owners currently don't have to worry about shadow flicker, why should we ever have to worry about it?
- Noise level:**
 - 35 dBA at night and 40 dBA during the day
 - o These levels are recommended by the World Health Organization. Turbine-induced symptoms are sleep deprivation, headache, ringing in the ears, heart palpitations, anxiety, depression, and daytime sleepiness.

	What the community asked for:	What Invenergy asked for:	What Dickinson County Approved:
Setbacks	2,640' from property lines/1.1x turbine height from property lines	1600' from dwelling/ turbine shall not overhang property lines	1600' from dwelling/turbine shall not overhang property lines
Shadow flicker	No shadow flicker on non-participating landowners; 30 hours per year/30 minutes a day on participating landowners property	30 hours a year/30 minutes a day average on participating AND non-participating property	30 hours a year/30 minutes a day average on participating AND non-participating property
Noise Level	35 dBA at night; 40 during the day	50 dBA	50 dBA

As you can see, the voice of the rural residents went unheard. Why would county officials choose not to listen to the people they were elected by, but rather a multi-national wind company? *Because they were afraid of being sued.*

Although our ordinance was recently updated, it is still severely inadequate in terms of setbacks, shadow flicker, and noise. Since 2020, nearly 25% of Iowa counties have updated or are in the midst of updating their wind ordinances to reflect more modern standards. In those 4 ½ years, there have been 14 counties who have updated their setbacks to an average of 2,946'. In that same time frame, another 9 counties have enacted moratoriums until they can update their wind ordinances.

If this concerns you, please attend the Board of Adjustment hearing on Invenergy's Application for a Conditional Use Permit at the Dickinson County Courthouse on 4/28-4/30 starting at 6pm. If you cannot attend, please write an email addressed to the Dickinson County Board of Adjustment to mkardell@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov asking to deny the RedRock Wind Project until Dickinson County can update their ordinance to reflect more modern standards not dictated by the wind industry.

Thank you,
Aaron Janssen
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April 14, 2025

Dear Board Members,

The Iowa Great Lakes Association (IGLA) strongly supports the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCT) recommendation to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to lower the property tax levy from 2.83% to 2.45% or less.

Dickinson County residents are very upset with their property tax increase and are requesting relief. The DCT has made a strong argument that the county has enough reserves to justify the reduction.

The BOS has other means to increase the county's taxes by simply raising the wind-turbine property tax.

Sincerely,
William Van Orsdel

JOIN THE CAUSE

1) Attend the upcoming public hearing
**MONDAY, APRIL 28
6 PM**
Dickinson County Courthouse

2) Write a letter to the Board of Adjustments in opposition to the project:
**Dickinson County Board of Adjustment
Dickinson County Courthouse
1802 Hill Ave, Spirit Lake, IA 51360**

3) Talk to your friends, neighbors, co-workers to also attend the meeting and write letters.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPECIAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR WIND ENERGY CONVERSION PROPERTY

ORDINANCE NO

Be It Enacted by Board of Supervisors for Dickinson County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to PROVIDE SPECIAL PROPERTY TAXATION IN LIEU OF THE VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS IN SECTION 441.21 (9) (B) & (C), AND SECTIONS 428.24 TO 428.29, FOR WIND ENERGY CONVERSION PROPERTY WHICH IS FIRST ASSESSED FOR PROPERTY TAXATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1995, AND ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE VALUED BY THE LOCAL ASSESSOR FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FOR THE FIRST ASSESSMENT YEAR, AT ZERO PERCENT OF THE NET ACQUISITION COST.
- B. FOR THE SECOND THROUGH SIXTH ASSESSMENT YEARS, AT A PERCENT OF THE NET ACQUISITION COST WHICH RATE INCREASES BY FIVE PERCENTAGE POINTS EACH ASSESSMENT YEAR.
- C. FOR THE SEVENTH AND SUCCEEDING ASSESSMENT YEARS, AT THIRTY PERCENT OF THE NET ACQUISITION COST.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. For use in this Ordinance, the following terms are defined.

- 1. "Net acquisition cost" means the acquired cost of the property including all foundations and installation cost less any excess cost adjustment.
- 2. "Wind energy conversion property" means the entire windplant including, but not limited to, a wind charge, windmill, wind turbine, tower and electrical equipment, pad mount transformers, power lines, and substation.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF SPECIAL EVALUATION. To qualify for the special property taxation under this Ordinance, the taxpayer shall file with the Dickinson County Assessor by February 1 of the assessment year in which the wind energy conversion property is first assessed for property tax purposes, a declaration of intent to have the property assessed at the value determined under this Ordinance in lieu of valuation and assessment provisions in the Iowa Code section 441.21 (9) (b) & (c) and Iowa Code sections 428.24 to 428.29.

SECTION 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. To qualify for the special property taxation under this Ordinance, the taxpayer shall file with the Dickinson County Assessor by February 1 of the assessment year in which the wind energy conversion property is first assessed for property tax purposes and by February 1 of each year thereafter the information as follows:

- 1. Ledger Sheet: A copy of the asset ledger sheet submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for the property.
- 2. Engineering Report: A copy of the engineering report reflecting the breakdown of the component parts of the property.
- 3. Numbering System: Documentation reflecting the numbering system for the wind towers.
- 4. Leased Equipment. Report of all leased equipment, the name (s) of the company (s) it is leased from, and the agreement between the lessor and lessee regarding who is responsible for the property tax on the leased equipment.
- 5. Contact Person: The name of the contact person for the taxpayer, including phone number, fax number, and mailing address.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF SPECIAL VALUATION. If in the opinion of the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors continuation of the special valuation under this ordinance ceases to benefit Dickinson County, the Board may repeal this ordinance. Property specially valued under this ordinance prior to repeal shall continue to be valued under this ordinance until the end of the nineteenth assessment year following the assessment year in which the property was first assessed.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

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Dear Tony, I struggle with learning anything new, especially with all the changes these days with artificial intelligence, technology devices, and applications. How can I have a better relationship with learning new things in my career and life?

Most of the time, learning something new brings anxiety and tension to our lives, and maybe even some self-doubt. The energy created in learning new things can turn negative and can even lead to avoidance if we don't handle it in a positive and constructive way.

The best way I have seen to do this is a process I learned a long time ago that brought me great peace as I was struggling to gain new skills in my career. It's a 4-step process that has immense power in alleviating stress and anxiety as you learn new skills.

Think about anything that you learned in the past few years. It may have been playing the guitar, using a video conferencing system, a new language, or anything new in your life. You most likely walked through each of the following 4 steps:

1. Unconscious Incompetence: You don't know what you don't know. Think of Donald Rumsfeld's "unknown unknowns". I think of my first 5 years of flyfishing as an example. It wasn't until I hired a guide that I was able to understand what I didn't know, and I didn't even know what questions to ask. *Pro-Tip:* Spend a moment to think about this and the next time you learn something new. Taking on a new job? Moving to a new city? Dealing with a substantial problem in your current role? Acknowledging that you don't even know what questions to ask is a great starting point.

2. Conscious Incompetence: This is usually where the anxiety sets in, and in my experience it's where the greatest threat to give in to frustration is realized. This is where you realize how bad you are (in the beginning) at something new. You are aware that you can't do something very well. It's easy to give up at this stage, but if you understand that it's normal and an expected part of the process, it becomes easier to accept and keep going.

3. Conscious Competence: This is where we start to meet with some initial success. It's still hard because we are focusing on the new skill, and it feels like a lot of work. For example, in perfect conditions I learned to cast a tiny fly across a river to a pod of rainbow trout, and a couple of times out of 10 or 20 casts it would land perfectly on the water where the trout would come up and eat the fly. This occasional success is a sign that you are doing something right. This stage is one about building confidence and momentum.

4. Unconscious competence. This is where you fall into a zone, and it all comes together without thinking. This is where I learned how to cast a fly to a trout, avoid the trees behind me, land the fly perfectly on the water, wait for the exact right moment to set the hook when the trout ate the fly, and carefully manage the currents and the fish to the net. All of this without thinking. Hours and hours go by and I'm doing things without thinking that I literally could not possibly do just a few years ago.

Take the time to acknowledge the important role of learning in your life, no matter where you are in your career and life. It's truly never too late to start. In fact, it can be energizing to realize that while you cannot rewrite the beginning of your life's story, you can write a new ending by changing how you think and learn right now, at this very moment. Take a step toward learning something new today and you will not regret it, and if you understand the 4-step process of learning, you will have less anxiety and stress.

Hopefully this 4-step process gives you confidence to learn new things with less anxiety. I know it has for me, and that is my hope for you.

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Tony at tony@therivercoach.org

Spring Salad Luncheon & Style Show

"All Fun and Games" themed Spring Salad Luncheon & Style Show, hosted by Milford Court #1585 Catholic Daughters, will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at St. Joseph Catholic Church social hall. Doors will open at 11 am and lunch will begin at 11:30 am. Elegance by Sarah Ruhs will host the style show this year. A wonderful selection of clothing will be featured. Raffle items will be for sale throughout the luncheon!

Ladies - come one and all to experience fun & games themed tables throughout the luncheon for a wonderful time with friends & family! Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15.00 or call Julie at 712-320-6118 to purchase yours in advance.



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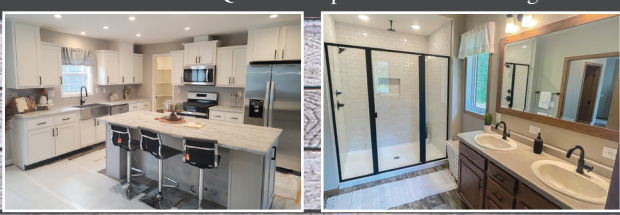
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Wildcat Stadium, located at 74 Bascom St in Arnolds Park, is set to host a special all-inclusive baseball game on Saturday, April 26th. The event, titled "Play More Ball," is designed to provide a fun and engaging baseball experience for differently-abled individuals in the community.

The first pitch is scheduled for noon, and participating players are kindly requested to arrive by 11:30 AM to prepare for the game. Following the on-field action, a family picnic will be held, offering an opportunity for participants and their families to socialize and enjoy the afternoon together.

Notably, there is no cost to participate in the "Play More Ball" game, making it accessible to all interested individuals. Those wishing to sign up for this inclusive event can do so by using the QR code provided.

This initiative promises to be a heartwarming event, fostering community spirit and providing a joyful experience for everyone involved. Residents of Arnolds Park and surrounding areas are encouraged to come out and support these enthusiastic athletes.

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Congratulations to Via, our winner of Milford Memorial Library's Spring Egg Hunt! Thanks to all the egg-sra special participants who joined in on the fun! We're already counting down the days until next year's Spring Egg Hunt! Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Library for sponsoring MML's Spring Egg Hunt!
Congratulations to Milford Memorial Library's Spring Coloring Contest Winners:
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6-8-year-old: Rowan
9-10-year-old: Braelyn
Huge thanks to all the artistic rock stars who brought their A-game to MML's 2025 Spring Coloring Contest! Can't wait to see what kind of masterpieces you'll create next year! And, pst... don't forget to swing by the library in April to check out the adorable mouse squad on display!
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.
• April 21, 10:30 a.m. – Trees
• April 28, 10:30 a.m. – Superheroes
• May 5, 10:30 a.m. – Cinco De Mayo with Kindermusik
Unlock a world of imagination and creativity! On Monday, April 21, Building Bookworms Storytime will be from 10:30 a.m.; followed by MML's All-Day Play from 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This incredible come-and-go play time is where kids can unleash their inner selves, explore different toys, and make unforgettable memories with friends. Fourth through twelfth graders, get ready to create something truly amazing. Join Y.A. Maker Monday to make your own crayon slime from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided for this FREE, come-and-go activity!
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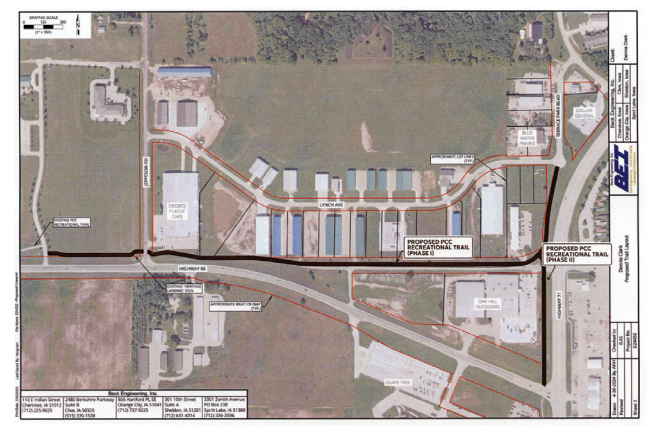
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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



To The Editor:
The Milford West Okoboji Trail, featured in the 4-8-25 issue of the Lakes News Shopper, is planned to be installed and finished by July 20, 2025, for Ragbrai.

The trail will continue where it left off in 2006 at First Lutheran Church, heading east past Okoboji Classic Cars to the north side of Oak Hill Outdoor, then turning north to the cul-de-sac in West Okoboji. The Trail also goes south from Oak Hill Outdoor to connect with the sidewalk at the Highway 71 & 86 intersection at the Perkins corner.

This Milford West Okoboji Trail has been proposed to the Dickinson County Trails Board for 2 years. The Board has agreed to a bike trail from West O Beer to Jepson Road, by Heritage Landing, following a tree/fence line. The residents of West Okoboji on Okoboji Blvd. on Terrace Beach do not want bike traffic along West Lake Okoboji. The Milford West Okoboji project will help 80 percent of the Milford population on the west side of Highway 71 have access to the trails around West Lake Okoboji and Arnolds Park Amusement Park.

(Dickinson County does not need both east-west trails.)
If the Dickinson County Trails Board and the City of West Okoboji were to abandon the West Okoboji Trail project, and award the same allotted money to the Milford West Okoboji Trail, Milford West Okoboji Trail will award the same allotted money to extend the bike trail connecting Milford to the Clay County line bike trail along Highway 71. Both trails are using Beck Engineering and Beck Excavating in their plans for the trails.

I have adopted a 2.5 mile section of Highway 86 from the Iowa Department of Transportation from Emerson Bay to Perkins for 24 years in the Adopt-A-Highway program. I have also adopted the section of bike trail from Emerson Beach to First Lutheran Church along Highway 86 for 19 years, since it was installed in 2006.

I will adopt the Milford West Okoboji Trail for trash cleanup if the trail is approved by the Dickinson County Trail Board. If the trail is not approved, all the highway and current trail continued trash cleanup will be in jeopardy.

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Applications for these grants are available at the West Volunteer Desk at Lakes Regional Healthcare, 2323 Highway 71, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Monday-Friday (8 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.) Applications must be returned by May 15, 2025, to Cheryl Houseman, 3205 Prairie Meadow Drive, Milford, IA 51351. The recipients will be notified by May 30, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this grant, contact Cheryl Houseman at 712/209-3177.



Sat., April 19 - 10:00 AM -
Matthews Retirement auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com

Sat., April 26 - 10:00 AM -
Gun auction in Sioux Center, IA. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.

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.

Insectigations -DC Nature Center hosts ISU Insect Zoo

Something buggy is coming to town, and it's not mosquitoes quite yet! On Saturday, April 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, the Dickinson County Nature Center invites families to explore the wild world of insects and arthropods as they host the Iowa State University Insect Zoo!

At Maser Monarch Lodge, families can enjoy a come-go-style event to investigate insect exhibits up close and, for some, at a distance! Learn about diverse insects, isopods, tarantulas, scorpions, and more amazing creatures and their essential role in the ecosystem.

Activity stations will also be present where youth can dig up some fun in the sensory area or make an insect-themed craft to take home.

"Insects are so interesting and crucial to our existence, whether that's in the food they make possible for us to eat or in the decomposition of organic matter," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "There are many ecological roles that make insects something to be appreciated."

Families can preregister for free online before 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd by visiting www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see our latest updates and programs.

AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

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Obituary

A Visitation for Michael Lamer, age 73, of Spencer, formerly of Spirit Lake, was held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Private family graveside took place at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji.

Michael Allen Lamer, 73, passed away on April 8, 2025, after a valiant fight against cancer. In his final days, he was surrounded by his family.

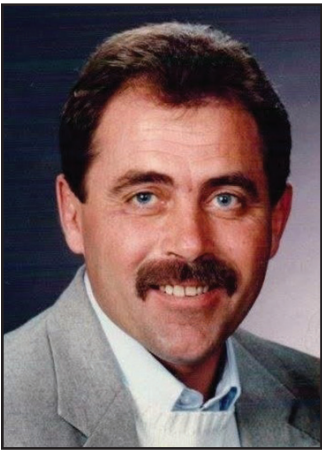
Born on December 19, 1951, Mike was the only child of Emmett Lamer and Mary Lamer (Fisher). Mike cherished time spent with his parents, whether it was working together on projects or simply visiting and sharing laughs. He graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1970, where he enjoyed wrestling and playing baseball. Hard-working and dedicated, Mike spent over 30 years in landscaping, grounds, and maintenance in the Lakes area for Village West, The Inn, and Manhattan Beach.

The most important thing to Mike was family. He met his wife, Eileen Lamer (Welch), while they were working at Village West, and they married on September 2, 1994. They spent the next 30 years building their life together at their home on the Narrows of East Lake Okoboji, where Mike took pride in his own landscaping and home-improvement projects. Mike enjoyed spending his time boating and fishing on the lake, golfing, reading, and watching his favorite teams — the Denver Broncos and Iowa Hawkeyes.

Though Mike wasn't one to put himself front and center, the depth of his joy and love for his children and grandchildren leaves a lasting mark that deserves to be remembered and celebrated. He was a quiet source of strength, a steady presence, and someone who showed his care through action. Those who love him will remember his witty sense of humor, knack for telling an entertaining story, and his positive attitude and resilience.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, daughter Leslie Dahl-Mongan and her husband Glenn Mongan, son Jordan Welch and his wife Dallas Welch, and his grandchildren, Lake, Autumn, Peyton, and Ember Mongan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmet and Mary, his father-in-law Edward Welch, and many beloved cousins.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



Obituary

Ione Shirley (Tonderum) Johnson, the daughter of Margen and Isabella (Clemiston) Tonderum, was born December 30, 1931, at home in Ruthven, Iowa. She passed away Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the Good Samaritan Society in Estherville, at the age of 93 years.

A visitation was held Monday, April 14, 2025, from 6-8pm, at the Henry Olson Funeral Chapel in Estherville. Funeral services were held at 10:30am, on Tuesday, April 15, at the Estherville Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating. She was laid to rest at the Estherville Lutheran Cemetery in Estherville, Iowa.

Ione received her education in country schools, graduating from Graettinger High School. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at Lost Island Lutheran Church.

On March 17, 1951, she was united in marriage to Bill Johnson. The couple made their home in Estherville where they raised their family and Ione worked at the Emmet County Farm Bureau Office for 28 years. In 1998, the couple moved to Spirit Lake on East Okoboji Lake. In her leisure time, Ione enjoyed walking, golfing, boating, camping, reading, puzzle books, and making quilts. Most important to Ione was spending time with family and friends. Ione worked with Bill on finishing the interiors of both the Estherville and Spirit Lake homes. She moved to Good Samaritan in Estherville in 2021 after suffering a stroke. One of her last greatest pleasures was spending a week in 2024 with her children, granddaughter and great-granddaughters.

Ione was a member of Estherville Lutheran Church where she served in many capacities. She also was a lifetime auxiliary member of VFW Post 3388 in Estherville.

Left to cherish Ione's memory are her children, Steven (Steve) Johnson of Estherville; Richard (Rick) Johnson of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Susan (Sue) Johnson of Spirit Lake; one granddaughter, Heather (Eithan) Johnson and three great-granddaughters, Laicie, Courtlynn and Elissa, all of Spokane, Washington; brothers, Gordie (Rosie) Tonderum and Roger (Lynn) Tonderum; sisters-in-law, Judy Tonderum, Sharon (Roger) Neeman and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Ione in death were her parents; husband, Bill; mother and father-in-law, Hans and Maude (Rose) Johnson; brothers, Curtis Tonderum, Harlan Tonderum, George Tonderum, Benny Tonderum; sisters, Marian Wilson, Mavis Wilson, Linda Wilson; sisters-in-law, Virginia Tonderum, Evelyn Tonderum, Shirley Tonderum, Claudia Tonderum, Clayta Sheldon, Wilma Johnson; brothers-in-law, Earl Wilson, Marvin Wilson, Raymond Johnson, Deryl (Buck) Johnson, and Vernon Sheldon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Estherville Lutheran Church or St. Croix Hospice.



Spencer Chamber Spring Career Fair Set for April 24

The Spencer Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the Spring Career Fair on Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00pm, at the Clay County Regional Events Center. This free, public event offers job seekers of all ages the opportunity to connect with local employers and explore a wide variety of career opportunities.

Whether you're looking for full-time employment, part-time work, or a summer job, the Spring Career Fair is your chance to network with businesses from across the region.

Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their resume and dress for success. No registration is necessary for job seekers.

Employers interested in reserving booth space should contact the Spencer Chamber of Commerce at 712-262-5680 or email programs@spenceriowachamber.org.



Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place on Zoom. Meeting ID is 77557290457 and the pass code is JXEU2H.

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.

Scheduled Presentations at the LASC

- April 15—Jennifer Ames-quiter/Health
 - April 22—TBD
 - April 29—Treva Graves
- The Lakes Area Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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ARNOLDS PARK LIBRARY

Have you heard the exciting news? We are getting a new Arnolds Park Library! The new library which will be a part of the City Civic Complex will be built at our current location. Because of this we will be relocating the library to a temporary location in the coming weeks.

The temporary location of the library will be in Unit #1 of the Lakes Center Mall located at 62 Highway 71 in Arnolds Park. We will be keeping our regularly scheduled hours at this location.

To make this transition as easy as possible, the library will be closed to the public starting on Monday, April 28th. We will be packing up the library and will either be moving items to the new location or to a storage facility for safe keeping while our new space is under construction. The library will then re-open to the public on Monday, May 19th, at the temporary location.

While our temporary location will be smaller than our current library, we will still have the newest bestsellers available, as well as your favorite authors. We will also be offering a pick-up service for our patrons wanting books that are available at the other two local libraries, or we can interlibrary loan any book needed from another library at no charge.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 712-332-2033 or stop by the library. We will gladly answer any questions you may have!

Please bear with us during this transition. We know you will love our new library!

Word Search Puzzle Key from page 11A

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For the crust:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) very cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 3/4 cups gluten-free all-purpose flour
- 2/5 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 tablespoons very cold coconut oil, cut into pieces

For the filling:

- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons gluten-free all-purpose flour
- Grated zest of 2 lemons
- 2/5 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/5 cup unsweetened plain rice milk
- Pinch sea salt

To make the crust: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter. In a blender, combine the flour, powdered sugar, cornstarch, and salt and pulse 10 times in 1-second bursts. Add the butter and coconut oil. Pulse 4 to 5 times more, in 1-second bursts, until the mixture resembles sand. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and press the crust into the bottom and slightly up on the sides. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until just brown.

To make the filling: While the crust bakes, in a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, sugar, and flour. Stir in the lemon zest, lemon juice, rice milk, and salt. Pour the mixture into the warm crust. Bake for about 20 minutes until the filling is set. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate before cutting into bars and serving.

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March Mania Winners Announced

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- 1st Place: Justin Letscher of Spirit Lake winning \$100
- 2nd Place: Tim Soper of Spirit Lake winning \$75
- 3rd Place: Robert Schonberner of Milford winning \$50
- 4th Place: Randy Franker of Spirit Lake winning \$25

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Participating students included:

- Sacred Heart School (6th Grade): Alex Curran, Jenna Malmstrom, and Sophia Weber
- Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran (7th Grade): Dashed Van Oort
- Spencer Middle School (7th Grade): Gavin Jones
- Spencer High School (9th Grade): Grace Weber and Isla Ward

Student Projects and Awards:

- Alex Curran – Bacteria Blitz: Uncovering the Microbes in Our School
- Jenna Malmstrom – Dog Mouths vs. Human Mouths
- Honorable Mention, Animal Sciences
- Sophia Weber – Does Temperature Affect Taste?
- Gavin Jones – How Much Energy Does Dribbling Take on Different Surfaces?
- Dashed Van Oort – Grime to Gleam: A Cleaner

Showdown

- 1st Place in 7th Grade Chemistry
- Best Overall (Junior High Division)
- Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Award
- Grace Weber & Isla Ward – Towel Talk: The Battle of Absorbency
- This project compared eco-friendliness and the use of responsible materials vs. absorbency. The goal was to determine which towel brands are best in each category and which one contains the best blend of both traits.
- \$1,000 scholarships each to the College of Health & Human Sciences at Iowa State University

About the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge:

Dashed Van Oort's selection for the Thermo Fisher Award qualifies him for the Junior Innovators Challenge, a prestigious national program run by the Society for Science. Only the top 10% of middle school competitors across the country receive this honor. Selected students may submit their work for national recognition, with a chance to be named to the Top 300 and potentially advance to the Top 30 finalists who will compete in Washington, D.C. in October.

The 2025 SSTFI hosted 636 total students repre-

senting 77 schools across Iowa and featured 501 unique science and technology projects. The 2026 State Science Technology Fair of Iowa will be March 26th and 27th at Hilton Coliseum.

The Iowa 4-H Program's State Science + Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) serves as a platform for student researchers (grades 6–12) to meet with professional researchers and communicate their findings and understanding of the research process. The SSTFI is an affiliate of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

The State Science + Technology Fair of Iowa is OPEN to ANY student (grades 6-12) residing in or attending school (public, private, parochial and homeschool) in the state of Iowa, with topic areas in biological and physical sciences.

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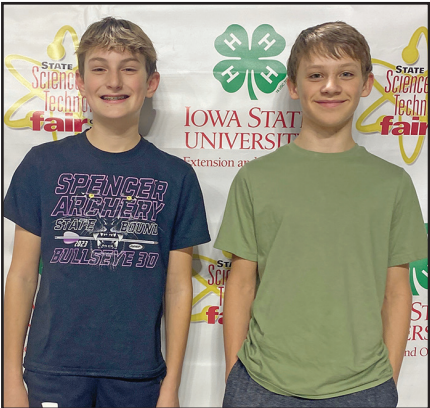
The parents and educators are proud of these students' achievements and the dedication they demonstrated in preparing their projects. Their success highlights the importance of STEM education and the bright future of innovation in our local schools.



Spencer High School (9th Grade): Grace Weber and Isla Ward



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Activities at the LASC

Tuesday, April 15
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Jennifer Amesquiter/Health
12.30 - Bridge
Wednesday, April 16
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
Thursday, April 17
10:00 - Strummers
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba
5:30 - Singles Group
Friday, April 18
9:00 - Exercise Class
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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 us every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for a program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12:00-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month, April 27, with a potluck lunch at 3:00pm. Cost: \$8.00 / Couple: \$15.00. 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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- Saturday, April 19, Library Closed
- Monday, April 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Play Time
- Monday, April 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m. No School Movie Matinee for Kids (PG)
- Monday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quilters
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Run for the Son Saturday, May 3

Ride with the Christian Motorcyclists Association in their annual Run for the Son on Saturday, May 3, 2025. They will be leaving from Kwik Star, 101 E 42nd Street, Spencer, at 10:00am (gathering at 9:30). Then the route will go to Yesterday's Memories/Truck Museum in Sanborn (106 Eastern Street), and on to Pizza Ranch in LeMars (11 Central Avenue). Bike blessings will be at each stop.

For more information, contact Christian Motorcyclists Association - Spirit Riders 1242. Road Captain - Marvin Smith (712-260-9638). President - Mike Capps II (319-759-8164).



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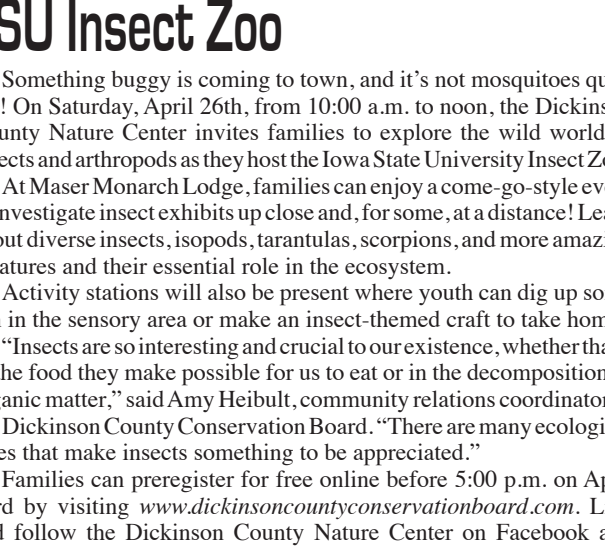
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At Maser Monarch Lodge, families can enjoy a come-go-style event to investigate insect exhibits up close and, for some, at a distance! Learn about diverse insects, isopods, tarantulas, scorpions, and more amazing creatures and their essential role in the ecosystem.

Activity stations will also be present where youth can dig up some fun in the sensory area or make an insect-themed craft to take home.

"Insects are so interesting and crucial to our existence, whether that's in the food they make possible for us to eat or in the decomposition of organic matter," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "There are many ecological roles that make insects something to be appreciated."

Families can preregister for free online before 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd by visiting www.dickinsoncountycnservationboard.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see our latest updates and programs.



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