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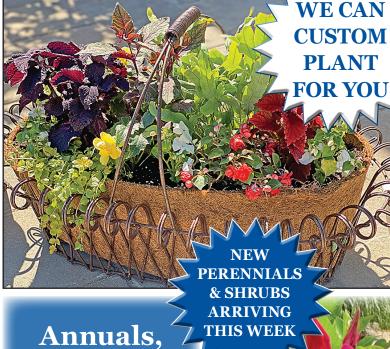
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Dave Dorenkamp, Milford Kiwanian, honors the three Okoboji seniors chosen to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship this year: Addison Johnson, Addison Newton and Brynn Ness. One of the highlights of the Kiwanis year is the gifting of annual scholarships to deserving OHS seniors. Congratulations, girls, on a job well done.

Your Milford Kiwanis Club strives to strengthen their community, one child and one family at a time. Please join them for breakfast Tuesday mornings at 7:00 during their regular meeting to learn more about the important work they do. They expect visitors.



Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, May 22 and June 12, 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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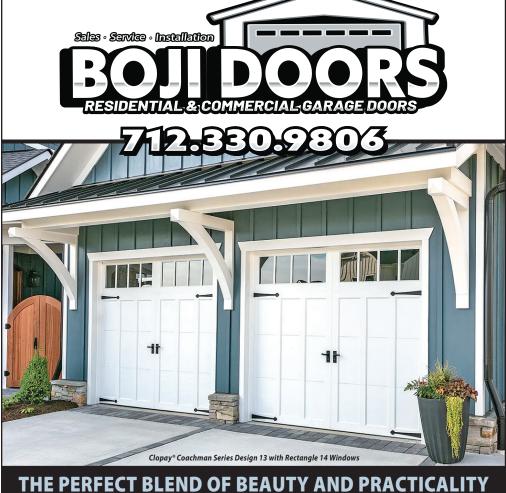
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May 27 - Treva Graves: Treva will be discussing malnutrition and oral health and how being physically active outdoors can bring us feelings of joy and help to alleviate depression and anxiety. We will also be trying a new healthy pudding recipe!

The Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

Ongoing Activities at the LASAC

Senior's Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The exercise program is based on the Silver Sneakers Program.

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Zumba class on Thursday Asian MahJong - 1st and 3rd

Mondays at 1:00pm. Dance - No Dance in May. Join us June 29th with Bill &

Jackie. The Lakes Area Senior/

Activities Center also has pool and ping pong available. The Lakes Area Senior/

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West Okoboji Trail Connection

The City of West Okoboji, in collaboration with the Dickinson County Trails Board, is pleased to announce the launch of the West Okoboji Trail Connection project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2025, and the trail will provide a new, direct route from Jeppeson Road to Terrace Park Boulevard, enhancing connectivity and recreational access in the Iowa Great Lakes region.

This initiative reflects a shared commitment to expanding and improving local trail infrastructure to better serve residents and visitors alike.



The public is advised that a separate proposal referred to as the Milford West Okoboji Trail is NOT affiliated with the City of Milford, the City of West Okoboji, or the Dickinson County Trails Board.

For accurate and up-to-date information on trail projects and planning in the Iowa Great Lakes area, please visit <u>www.dickinsoncountytrails.com</u> or contact the Dickinson County Trails Board at dctrails@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov.

We appreciate the community's continued support and look forward to making this new trail a valuable addition to our region's trail system. ~ West Okoboji, Milford & Dickinson County Trails Board ~









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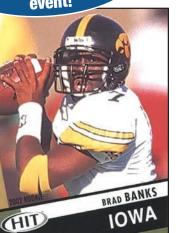
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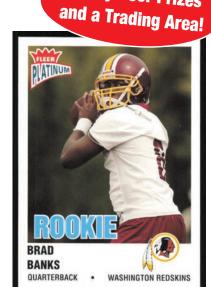
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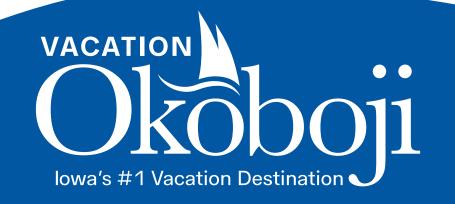
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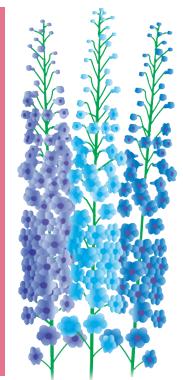






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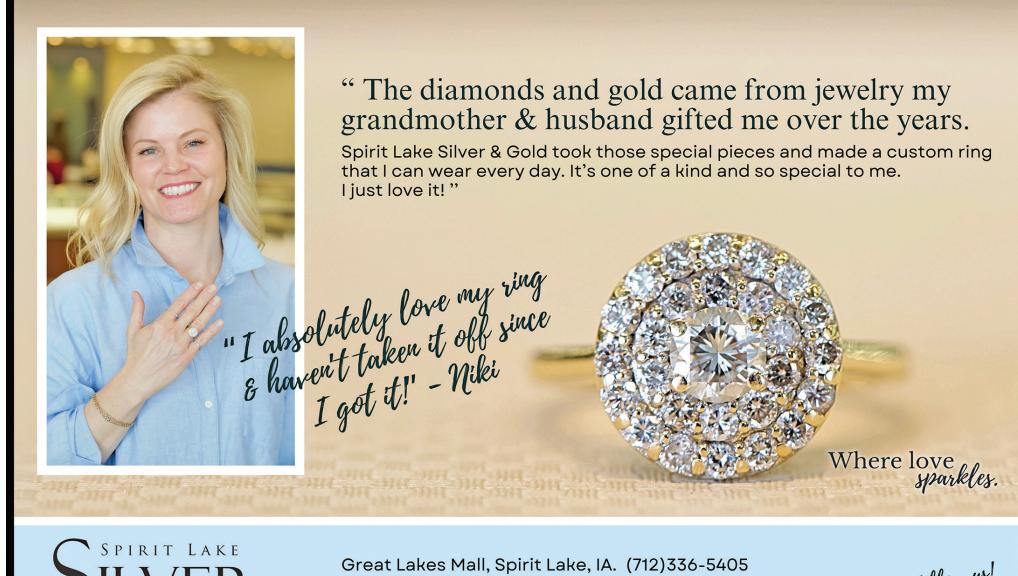
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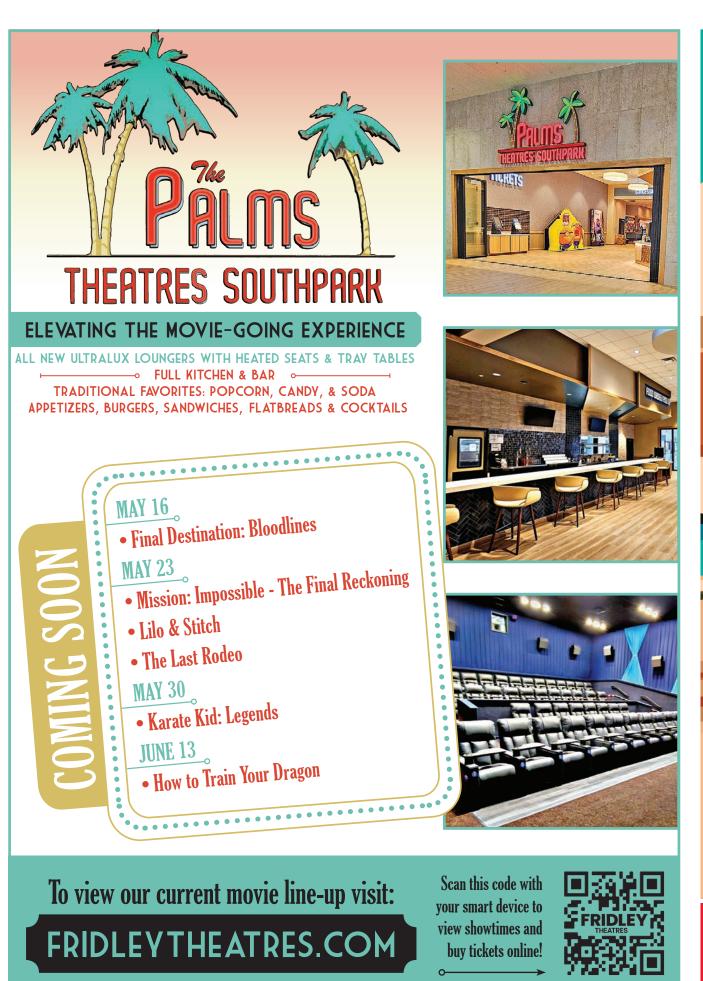




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Ongoing activity center wish list:

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- Postage Stamps Zip-lock Baggies:
- Sandwich size
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper Face Tissue
- Coffee regular and decaf and filters

The Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center would like to thank you for your donations.

90th Birthday Announcement

Come celebrate with Don and his family Sunday, May 18th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Heritage Landing, 1305 Jeppeson RD, Milford, Iowa.

If you're unable to attend, you may send a greeting to Don at Heritage Landing, Apt. 211.

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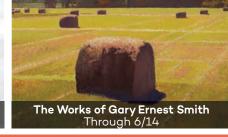
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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 largest tax increase in American history followed by a Great Recession, shredding the constitution, and shipping U.S. citizens to a foreign gulag without a trial are all outcomes that could have been foreseen if one paid attention to his speeches. Clearly he lied so much that when he told the truth his cult worshipers did not believe it.

My father fought in WWII and for 90 years the Nazis and Russians have been the enemy and now they are the good guys? I refuse to remain silent while one criminal single handedly destroys NATO and gives Europe to Putin.

Sincerely, John Christensen Spirit Lake, Iowa



Upcoming Events

Monday, May 26

Monday Fun Day Tournament

- 4 Person Best Shot
- 1 PM Shotgun Start
- \$55 fee includes golf, cart, prizes & dinner

Friday, May 30

Cyclone Wrestling Club Fundraiser

- Keith Abens Golf Memorial
- 4 Person Best Shot
- Call for Details

Sunday, June 1

2-Man Best Shot Tournament

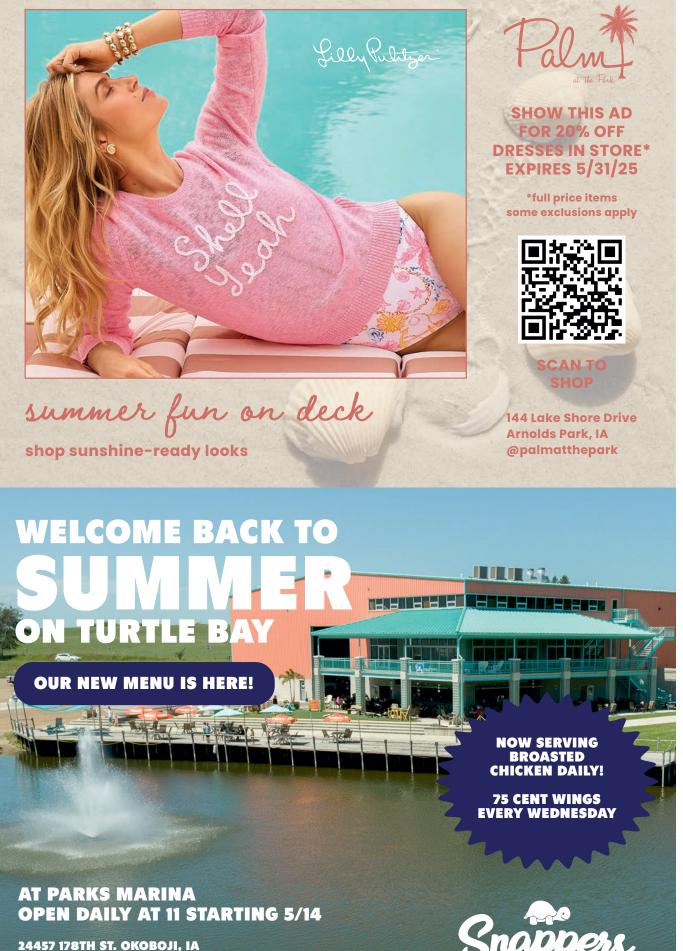
- Morning Tee Times
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Friday, June 6 **Camp Foster YMCA 8" Cup**

- 4 Person Best Shot
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Activities at

12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, May 14

Tuesday, May 13 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Keelson Harbour: Joel McCartan will provide an overview of services/ amenities available to residents.

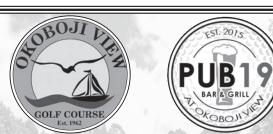
9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, May 15 10:00 - Strummers 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 4:00 - Zumba 5:30 - Singles Group Friday, May 16 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, May 17

Reserved Sunday, May 18 Dining Room Reserved Monday, May 19 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 us on every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for 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 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. No dance in May. Join us June 29th and dance to live music with Bill and Jackie. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.





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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-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/countyresource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.











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Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 7am at the Milford Community Center.

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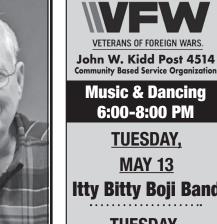
SUNDAY, MAY 18th 2-4pm at Heritage Landing 1305 Jeppeson Rd, Milford

If you're unable to attend, greetings may be sent to Don at Heritage Landing, Apt. 211









LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community Gratitude for Gridshock Documentary Success

sheds light on sex trafficking in Iowa, was viewed by 550 people

across two showings in our community. We extend our heartfelt

gratitude to everyone who made this impactful event possible.

knowledgeable presentation educated attendees and highlighted

the changing landscape of sex trafficking. Her insights empow-

ered parents to protect their children by raising awareness about

We are grateful to Elementary Principal David Vonk for host-

ing the afternoon showing for Okoboji School staff, fostering

education within our schools. Our sincere appreciation goes to

Arnolds Park for generously donating the Majestic Ballroom for

the evening viewing and to their dedicated staff for their support.

Shopper for their weeks-long commitment to running ads in the

paper, spreading the word far and wide. Additionally, KUOO

deserves recognition for its radio interviews and public service

munity, and we are deeply thankful for all who contributed.

This collective effort brought critical awareness to our com-

announcements, which amplified the event's reach.

We also thank John and Michelle Adams at The Lake News

the dangers of certain apps and chat rooms.

On Monday, May 5th, the documentary Gridshock, which

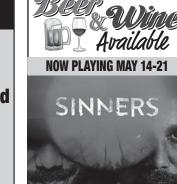
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Sat., May 17 - 10:00 AM-Hovatter Estate auction in Graettinger, IA. Auctioneers: Muhlbauer & Sikora. 1-712-269-0685.

Sat., May 24 - 9:30 AM-

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Large coin auction in Spirit Lake.

2981. www.clarkenrealtors.com. Tues., June 3 - 9:00 AM-Consignment auction in Armstrong. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers 712-260-9690. www.howellreal-

Wed., June 4 - Online only farm acreage auction (10.16 acres). Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

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Tues., June 10 - 10:00 AM-145.36 acres at auction in Mallard. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

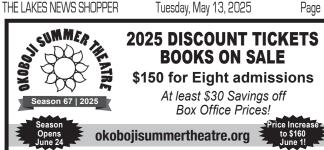
Wed., June 11 - 10:00 AM-160 acres at auction in Hartley. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

Thurs., June 12 - 10:00 AM-155 acres at auction in Spirit Lake Township. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

Tues., June 17 - 10:00 AM-242.51 acres at auction in Harris. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.

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The charity event will occur simultaneously at 29 Pirate's Cove and Pirate's Island Adventure Golf courses throughout the United States. From May 5th-May 26th, each business will accept donations on behalf of the benefitting charities and contribute a percentage of their total sales from over Memorial Day Weekend.

"Memorial Day was founded to remember those who died serving our nation," said Brad Graft, a former Marine and Pirate's Cove owner. "The Pirate's Cove/Pirate's Island family is excited to host this annual event — a humble effort to serve living Veterans, men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.'

They are in their 18th year fundraising and since its inception, Putting for Patriots has raised over \$820,000. For more information on the event, participating locations near you, and charities supported, please visit: https://www.piratescove.net/ charity-events/putting-for-patriots/what-is-it/.

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.



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BELOW IS A LIST WITH: R#, NEEDS, (TOTAL IN PARTY) AND COMMENTS: R1: Just tent camping in a yard - 2 males from Juneau, Alaska

R2: Laundry machine, beds, shower/toilet facilities - couple in 60s from Rochester, NY

R3: Beds, shower/toilet facilities - parking for SUV - 74 yr. old couple from Williamsburg, VA

R5: Indoor/beds or floor space for sleeping bags for couple from New Jersey

R6: Indoor/beds or floor space for sleep. bags/shower/toilet for 1-2 women (75) from The Villages, FL

R8: Parking for SUV/tent camping in yard/shower-toilet facilities for 2 family members R9: Parking. Indoor/floor space for sleeping bags/shower/toilet facilities - 5 women from Madrid, IA

R10: Parking for van & trailer/tent camping/shower/toilet facilities for 9 R14: Laundry machine, beds, shower/toilet facilities - 2 females, 65, from Des Moines, IA

R15: Indoor/bed, shower/toilet facilities for 1 male, 60 from, Burlington, IA

R16: Parking for pickup - tent camping in yard for 4 male family members from Murfreesboro, TN R18: Indoor/floor space for sleeping bag - 65 yr. old male from Salem, SC

R20: Shaded parking for SUV; tent camping in yard, shower-toilet facilities for couple

R27: Shaded yard tent camping or indoor floor space/shower-toilet facilities for 2 females, 63, Colorado

R30: Indoor Camping- floor space for sleeping bag - 70 year old male from Philly, PA

R33: Tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for family of 5 from Toledo, IA R38: Indoor Camping - bed or floor space/shower/toilet facilities for 31 yr. old male from Chicago

R39: Tent camping in yard, parking for vehicle, access to outside water hose for 6 from Illinois

R46: Shaded tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for 3 from Saltillo, MS R48: Shaded tent camping in yard/shower/toilet facilities, parking, for family of 5 from Connecticut

R49: Indoor/floor space for sleeping bags/shower/toilet facilities, parking, for family of 3

R51: Indoor or outdoor space for sleeping bags, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 4 couples in 60s R52: Tent camping in yard, parking, or some beds, shower/toilet facilities, for family of 8 from KS R54: Tent camping in yard, parking, shower/toilet facilities for family of 3 from Flower Mound, TX

R58: Tent camping in yard, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 8 from Boulder, CO R59: Tent camping in yard, place to park 21 ft. van - 2 males from Vallejo, CA

R60: Indoor/beds or floor space for sleeping bags/shower/toilet facilities for Colorado couple, 72 R61: Place to park vehicle, access to outside water hose for Maryland couple, 45

R63: Tent camping in yard, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 7 from Boulder, CO

R67: Tent camping in yard, shower/toilet facilities for 4 from Boulder, CO

R68: Bed, shower/toilet facilities for 68 yr. old male from New Era, MI

R69: Shaded tent camping in yard, shower/toilet facilities for 2 females

R70: Indoor floor space for sleep. bags/shower/toilet facilities, parking for 3 females from Ames, IA R72: Tent camping in yard, parking, shower/toilet facilities, for family of 8 from Keller, Texas

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R11: 2 camper vans/Class B/shower/toilet facilities/access to outside hose. Geneva, WI, foursome

R12: Place to park 24' RV. Couple from Hudsonville, MI, 60s

R17: Parking/plug-in for 30A & 50A Motor Homes, access to outside hose. Colorado threesome R19: Parking and 30A plug-in for RV/Motor Home. Family of 3 from Victor, MT

R24: Tent camping in yard, shaded place to park mini van+trailer/shower-toilet facilities - Omaha 5 R25: Parking/plug-in for 30A & 50A Motor Homes, access to outside hose. 4 males

R29: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, tent camping in yard/shower-toilet facilities. Florida family of 9

R32: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, couple from Cedar Falls, IA R35: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, access to hose. Family from Charlottesville, VA

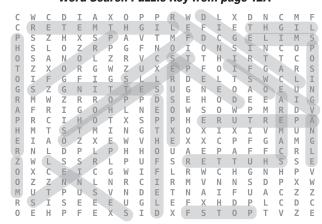
R36: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, shower-toilet facilities. Family from Manchester, TN

R40: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV/access to hose/shower-toilet facilities. Males from LaCrosse, WI R44: Shaded parking/plug-in for 30A RV. Group from New Hampton, IA

R55: Parking/plug-in for 30A+50A RVs/access to hose/shower-toilet facilities. 2 CO couples, 60s

R65: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, access to outside hose. Duo from Spicer, MN R71: Parking/plug-in for 30A RV, shower-toilet facilities. 4 males, 60s, from LaVerne, California See our website & menu: thehuttbarandgrill.com **DAILY SPECIALS at 11am Friday Night Special** Fish Fry **Saturday Night Special Prime Rib** Wed. thru Fri. at 11:00 AM Saturday & Sunday at 8am (Breakfast) Mon at 11am • Tuesday - CLOSED **Book your Birthday Party or event with us!** We have a special menu for your special occasion.







CARD MAKING DEMONSTRATION

If you are interested in learning how to make handmade greeting cards, Lori Vicker is inviting you to a free demonstration to demonstrate two techniques of cards which will include paper embroidery and regular cardstock methods. This workshop will be held at the Spirit Lake Senior Center WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST AT 1:30 PM.

Examples of both kinds of cards will be on display. Categories include Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You. Future classes will be offered monthly beginning in June in her home in Spirit Lake. Fees and schedules will be explained at the May 21st workshop. If you have questions prior to this workshop, you call/text Lori at

515-249-6684 or email Ikvicker@gmail.com.

Lakes Area Dementia and **Caregiver Cafe**

If you are a caregiver for someone with dementia, the Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe is designed for you. It is a place and time for you and your loved one to socialize in a comfortable location and meet others in a similar situation. Entertainment, social time and refreshments are included in this free event. Entertainment this month is the Infinity quartet from the Spirit of Harmony, you will enjoy their music.

This no cost Cafe is held at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, starting at 10:00am and ending at 11:30. Please call 712-336-1649 for more information.





Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery - 1881-2025

Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm join Natural Resources Biologist and Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery Manager Kim Hawkins for a lively History LIVES! presentation about one of our area's shining lights - the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery. Begun in 1881, the Fish Hatchery has changed with the times from using a special railroad "Fish Car" to haul fish around the state and producing exotic fish such as trout and salmon to hauling fish in trucks and producing fish native to our region. What began with supplying the Iowa Great Lakes and local lakes has expanded to support anglers throughout the state. This program will be at the Dickinson County Museum and live-streamed.





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office for our 2025 Back to School program. Deadline for all applications to be turned into UDMO is Wednesday, July 16th. For more information on how to apply or if you would like

to contribute to this program, please call the UDMO Outreach office at 712-336-1112. Names of all applicants are confidential. Assistance is based on income.

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.

Dear Editor.

Most of the county knows now the massive wind turbine project was approved April 30th unanimously by Dickinson County Board of Adjustment members Jeff Ashland (Chairman), Alex Oponski, Kirby Berhow, Susan Clark, and Douglas Westerman. This happened in spite of over 300 letters and much testimony opposing this extensive change to the county.

Wind turbines are approved under what is termed "conditional use" in the zoning ordinance. The Board of Adjustment violated a procedural statement on page 75 of this ordinance; it states, "The Board of Adjustment shall determine that it is empowered under this ordinance to grant the conditional use as described in the application, and that the granting of the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest pursuant to testimony presented at the public hearing."

Plainly the public expressed a massive showing of the adverse effects of this project at the public hearing, but the board of adjustment defied the ordinance and voted for them anyway. So what good was the ordinance that they are required to follow? And what are their consequences for not following it? Unfortunately there are no consequences unless their decision is appealed.

The zoning ordinance is established to prevent wayward use of the land, but now an unprincipled board of adjustment has ripped our rights away with their aberrant behavior.

The other firewall that was breached is the Dickinson County Comprehensive Land Use Development Plan. This document is legally binding and the zoning ordinance says on page 76, "The Zoning Administrator shall determine whether or not the request for conditional use is in conflict with the Dickinson County Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning Administrator shall provide the Board of Adjustment a written statement of such determination." On page 19 of the Comprehensive Plan it says, "To preserve open space, prime agricultural lands, natural beauty and sensitive environmental areas, by incorporating these elements into "green designs" and mixed-use projects. On page 20 it states, "To prevent the proliferation of nonagricultural land uses through predominantly rural sectors of the county." Also on page 28 it says, "Encourage industries to locate in planned or existing industrial areas in an effort to avoid a scattering of those uses throughout the rural county."

Even though this legally binding Comprehensive Plan has these principles that large wind turbines would violate, Zoning Administrator Megan Kardell apparently saw no problem and gave the Board of Adjustment a green light.

I encourage the public to support any appeal of this decision of the Board of Adjustment to prevent damage to our beautiful county! Appeals must be filed before May 30.

Randy Heikens, **Rural Dickinson County**

* A portion of this letter was paid for by the author.



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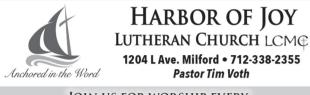
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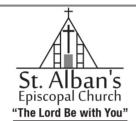
Okoboji High School's theater department will participate in the 2025 Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase, presented by EMC Insurance Companies, in honor of the school's achievements for its production of Dreamland Area 51: A New Musical by Nathan Tysen and Chris Miller. Produced by Des Moines Performing Arts as the culmination of a year-long education initiative, the Showcase will be held at the Des Moines Civic Center on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. and will recognize a total of 103 adjudicated schools from across the entire state.

Okoboji High School will be honored in a special video shown at the Showcase, in celebration of its receipt of an Outstanding Overall Technical and Creative Achievement Award - one of the program's highest honors - as well as Outstanding Student Orchestra.

Okoboji High School will also be recognized with the following awards and honors:

- · Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role: Asher Knudtson as "Eliot Chambers"
- Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role: Josephine Van Wyhe as "Aurora"
- Special Recognition in Ensemble
- Special Recognition in a Principal Role: Aidan Gehrke
- Special Recognition in a Principal Role: Bella Sandbulte as "Rebecca'

Tickets to the Showcase, which start at \$15, will go on sale on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 10:00am at DMPA.org, the Des Moines Civic Center Ticket Office, and by phone at 515-246-2300. The Awards Showcase will be live-streamed at *IowaPBS*. org as part of a collaboration with Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS will also broadcast a highlights special of the event later this summer on dates to be announced.



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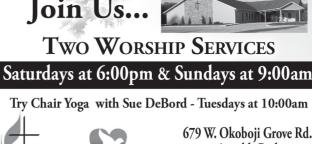
Al-Anon Meetings

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.

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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•May 27: Treva Graves- Treva will be discussing malnutrition and oral health and how being physically active outdoors can bring us feelings of joy and help to alleviate depression and anxiety. We will also be trying a new healthy pudding recipe.



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FISHING FUN AT EAST LAKE - Jameson (6) and Olivia (10) had a great time fishing this weekend, catching bluegills out of East Lake Okoboji.



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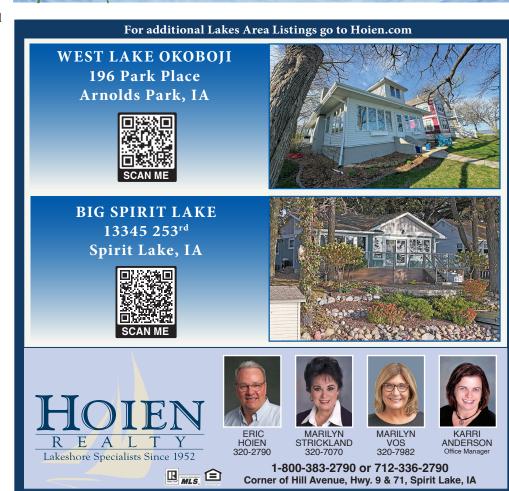
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Enjoy happy hour vibes starting at 4:00pm while supporting a great cause. The \$35 ticket helps raise essential funds for Arts On Grand -

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Contact Arts on Grand for tickets or more information at 712-262-4307.



Good Neighbor Fund Distributes Annual Grants

The annual distributions from the Good Neighbor fund drive are currently underway. Twenty-one agencies submitted applications for funding in the past year.

Shown receiving funds for the non-profit organization, "Respite Angels" are Lee Fernstrum and Kelly Schultz, left, alongside Shar Eckard, Secretary of the Good Neighbor fund, and Doug Heseby.

The Good Neighbor fund welcomes donations throughout the year. Contributions can be made by sending a check to Good Neighbor Fund, P.O. Box 454, Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360. Further information about the fund and its activities can be found on their website at *lakesgnf.org*.

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. Dear Editor:

Dickinson County Board of Adjustment unanimously approved 67 more wind turbines which brings the total to over 200 in our county. In a county where over 70% of residents have made clear we do not want more turbines. I ask what is the motivation of Dickinson County officials not listening to their constituents? Thankfully two County Supervisors Steve Dullard and Levi Markwardt are calling for a moratorium on wind turbines and are urging that this be placed on the next Board of

I urge the county supervisors to place a moratorium on wind turbines. The Iowa great lakes is known for its lakes, wildlife and tourism. We do not need more wind turbines.

Sincerely, Jim Voigt, Okoboji, Iowa



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View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Time to Wake Up Okoboji I would normally be writing about the Minnesota Twins

eight-game winning streak this week, but I have something much heavier on my mind after attending the free public showing of

"Gridshock, a Film about Sex Trafficking in Iowa" and a presentation by Stacy Besch of Team Iowa last Monday night at the

Arnolds Park Majestic Pavilion, and I beg you to keep reading this editorial. The film and presentation were also shown in the afternoon at the Okoboji High School Auditorium. Both of the presentations were free and were arranged by Dave Vonk of the

Okoboji School District, and space was donated by the Okoboji

Schools and then by Jon Pausley and Arnolds Park Amusement

Park. Barb Clayton and Friends helped arrange the night show-

ing, and KUOO and The Lakes News Shopper helped promote

both events with donated advertising. As I mentioned, Michelle

and I attended the evening presentation, and we had our eyes

totally opened to what is going on in our beloved State of Iowa

while 92% are now through phones/social media or people that

victims know. The most shocking story of the night was about

a victim in the "Gridshock" documentary named Heather #1, who was a student-athlete at Morningside College. Heather #1 was raped and sold into sex-trafficking by her boyfriend's father her freshman year of college. She was forced into that world

for nine years, and when Besch asked her where she was sent

the most, she responded with "Okoboji, Carroll, and Pella". She also said that there were some nights where she was raped

50-60 times and that many of these nights were at "sex parties" in million-dollar homes. Heather #1 was also microchipped so her perpetrators could monitor and control her at all times. Other

ways that "johns" label their victims are tattoos on the inside

of their lips or the back of their necks, where they are hidden

rate of human trafficking in the nation. Besch says that human

trafficking is a supply-and-demand issue, and if we didn't have

the demand, we wouldn't need the supply. She says the root of

the demand is pornography and the ease with that which boys/

men can access pornography and become addicted to it in today's

social media world. Besch then explains how predators access

children as young as 8-10 years old online through apps such

as Snapchat, Roblox, and Discord, and then once they connect

with them, pretending to be another 8–10-year-old, they then

make threats towards their families if they don't do what they

are told. She then explains how an 8-10-year-old can't under-

stand that those threats aren't real and will then do what they

are told to protect their loved ones and then are trapped in the

speak to students and faculty and then have another session for

the community. If they do, I would urge you to attend the com-

munity session. This is happening right here in Iowa, sometimes

because we are "Iowa Nice" and are too naive to believe it can

happen, which causes us to miss some of the signs of human

trafficking. It's like the TSA slogan at the airport, "if you see

something, say something"; you can't be too cautious with this

topic! While it is a very heavy subject, it is well worth your time,

whether you are a parent, grandparent, or concerned community

member. Besch also talks about how we all need to get off our

phones more, not just kids but also adults. She brought up how

many homes have it where the kids go to their rooms at night

and get on their phones, and then the moms and dads sit in the

living room and spend much of the night on their phones? I

would say that is fairly common, and how much do you know

about what your kids are doing on their phone, as well as what

example are you setting by being on your phone? I know this

presentation certainly made me think long and hard about a lot

of things, and was well worth the two hours of my time. While

we live in such a beautiful paradise in the Iowa Great Lakes, we also need to wake up to the fact that bad things happen around here in our "paradise," and we need to protect not only our kids but all kids and all those who are vulnerable in our community!

I believe Okoboji is trying to get Besch back in the fall to

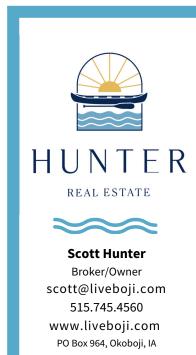
Besch went on to say that per capita, Iowa has the third-highest

Many people, myself included, believe that sex trafficking is done on the streets and by those who are either kidnapped into that world or choose that lifestyle as a means to survival. While that does still happen, only 8% of cases are now abductions,

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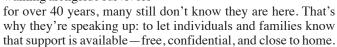


Help Is Here for Victims of Human Trafficking

[SIOUX CENTER, IA] – Following recent community presentations on human trafficking, Family Crisis Centers, which serves communities in the

Lakes Area, is reminding the public that help is available—and it starts with a call to a trusted local resource.

Though Family Crisis Centers has been quietly walking alongside survivors



Family Crisis Centers provides tailored support to individuals experiencing violence and exploitation. From safe housing to emotional support and help navigating the criminal justice system, advocates meet people where they are. These in-person services are available across the region, including in the Lakes Area and surrounding communities.

"People don't always realize how close to home these issues are," said Jessica Rohrs, Executive Director. "We want everyone to know they're not alone. Whether someone has experienced trafficking or another form of abuse, we're here to listen and help-no judgment, just support."

In addition to regional services, Family Crisis Centers also operates a statewide hotline, ensuring that every Iowan has a reliable place to turn—any time, day or night. Just recently, an advocate helped a caller take steps to exit a trafficking situation—proof that a single phone call can change the course of someone's life.

The organization believes that the community can make a difference, and that awareness is key to preventing and responding to human trafficking. If you or someone you know needs help, contact Family Crisis Centers' statewide 24/7 hotline at 1-800-770-1650 or visit www.familycrisiscenters.org.





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Milford RAGBRAI Food and Non-Food **Vendor Information and Facts**

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Tips for vendors: • Limit your menu - Less options make it easier and quicker to get people served • Roughly prepare for 600 meals. It's always better to run out of food and make a profit. Vendors will generally sell between 300-800 meals

• Be Different - Try to come up with something that isn't already being served. The best way to find out what is already called for in town is to reach out to our vendor committee

• Pickles and Bananas - They DO NOT go over well in overnight towns. People are looking for a meal by the time they reach the overnight town.

• Big, Simple, Signs - Make your signage easy to read and make the most relevant information stick out

• Hours of Operation - It's hard to give exact times, but plan to be busy starting after 4 p.m. and selling until 8 p.m. Restaurants may continue to be busy later into the evening.

Contact us to apply to be a vendor at https://milfordragbrai. com/vendors/. For any questions about food/non-food vendors for Milford RAGBRAI, email Joel McCartan at joelmccartan@ gmail.com. A meeting for vendors will be happening during the week of May 19. Be watching for the announcement of the day and time. Even if you are just interested in finding out more information, this will be a good meeting to attend.

For those wanting to reach out to the Milford RAGBRAI Committee please feel free to email milfordragbrai@gmail. com or call (712) 338-6242. Follow along with updates on the Milford RAGBRAI Facebook page and Instagram. For more information, go to our website at milfordragbrai.com.

Thank You

We extend our gratitude to everyone who volunteered, donated or attended the Second Annual Never Alone Walk benefiting our local Veterans.

Thanks to your support, this year was another great success! We truly couldn't do it without each and everyone of you. Your continued support of our Veterans means the world to us.

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nounced exciting plans to enhance the Nature Playscape, the natu-

ral playground located just west of the Dickinson County Nature Center. Designed by Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds, these future plans aim to create an even



more engaging and enriching outdoor experience for children and families.

With the new upgrades, children will be able to swing through the air on giant basket swings, explore hidden timber houses, crawl through tunnels, climb towering log structures, and dig in a sand quarry and water spillway built for hands-on fun. They will step into woven-willow bird nests, cross a bridge to an elevated platform with a hammock, cross a boardwalk near the wetland, and take in the sights from a peaceful wetland lookout. Parents and caregivers can relax on custom wooden seating nestled among the trees or join in the activities. It is nature play reimagined with something for everyone.

While generous supporters have already committed funding to begin this transformation, the community's help is needed to make this vision a reality.

"The DCCB is extremely grateful for the support received so far, but there's still work to be done," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the DCCB. "This isn't just a playground; it's a place where imaginations grow, friendships form, and a love of nature takes root. Every gift, big or small, brings the project one step closer to building a place families will cherish for years to come."

Currently, over \$400,000 has been committed to the project. The DCCB is calling on local businesses, families, and nature lovers to join in supporting this effort. Contributions can be made to the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC), a 501(c)3 organization that supports the DCCB in its mission to educate, conserve nature, and provide outdoor recreational

A Giving Wall will be installed on the land bridge, featuring log tree cookies engraved with the names of donors. Contributions of \$1,000 or more will be recognized, with smaller tree cookies for those donating between \$1,000 and \$9,999, medium cookies for donations ranging from \$10,000 to \$99,999, and large cookies for contributions of \$100,000 and above.

The new playscape has been thoughtfully divided into themed zones, each offering unique ways for children to explore. Donors can choose to support an entire zone or help bring individual features to life. Donations can be made by visiting or mailing to the Dickinson County Nature Center or by mail to the address:

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC), 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355.

The vision can be explored by visiting www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/nature-playscape, where a 3D model video flythrough can be found. Updates can also be followed on the Dickinson County Nature Center's Facebook and Instagram pages. In light of fees associated with digital payments, the Conservation Foundation kindly recommends check or money order donations. This project could not be possible without the generosity of the community. Questions can be directed to the Nature Center at 712-336-6352.





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Spencer High School's GUYS AND DOLLS Receives Top Awards

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Spencer High School's Drama Department has won a school record-breaking 15 awards for their fall musical Guys and Dolls from the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards, presented by EMC Insurance. Students will be performing and participating in the 2025 IHSMTA Showcase.

The Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards celebrates the achievements of students involved in high school musicals across the state. Produced by Des Moines Performing Arts as the culmination of a year-long education initiative, the Showcase will be held at the Des Moines Civic Center at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, and will recognize over 100 participating schools from across the state.

For the first time ever, the SHS Drama Department has received the program's highest award: Outstanding Musical Production, and the cast has been invited to perform a musical number from their production of Guys and Dolls at the Civic Center during its Showcase.

Cast members Robbie Gerlock (Nathan Detroit) and Levi Lane (Nicely-Nicely Johnson) have auditioned for and been accepted into the prestigious Triple Threat Award program with other advanced performing students. In addition to a special performance in the Triple Threat Medley at the showcase, students will audition for theatre camp scholarships and the opportunity to represent Iowa at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards, in New York City this summer.

Cast members Abbey Crew (Miss Adelaide) and Oliver Hansel (Benny Southstreet) will represent SHS by performing in a collaborative inter-school medley led by a guest Broadway music director and choreographer. Abbey Crew will also perform in a Spotlight Medley as Miss Adelaide and receive the Outstanding Community Engagement Award on behalf of that tech crew.

Productions are allowed to submit up to 6 technical theatre categories for Behind-the-Scenes Award consideration. For the first time in SHS history, all entries received an Outstanding Award, making 8 students eligible to attend Behind-the-Scenes Day where they receive training by industry professionals and the chance to meet other high-achieving technical theatre students across the state.

SHS's 15 awards for Guys and Dolls include:

Production Awards:

Outstanding Musical Production Outstanding Ensemble

Outstanding Community Engagement Student Awards:

Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role: Abbey Crew as "Miss Adelaide" Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role: Levi Lane as "Nicely-Nicely Johnson"

Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role: Robbie Gerlock as "Nathan Detroit"

Outstanding Achievement in a Behindthe-Scenes Role: Alexandria Palmer for Costuming

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Outstanding Achievement in a Behindthe-Scenes Role: Briar Cuttell and Sydney Burns for Stage Management

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the-Scenes Role: Maggie Moser for Outstanding Achievement in a Behind-

the-Scenes Role: Rachel Bare for Lighting Design Special Recognition in a Principal

Role: Garrett Hurst as "Sky Masterson" Special Recognition in a Principal

Role: Mikalah Prickett as "Sarah Brown" Special Recognition in a Principal Role: Oliver Hansel as "Benny Southstreet"

Tickets to the Showcase, which start at \$15, are available starting May 16 at 10AM at DMPA.org, the Des Moines Civic Center Ticket Office, and by phone at 515-246-2300.

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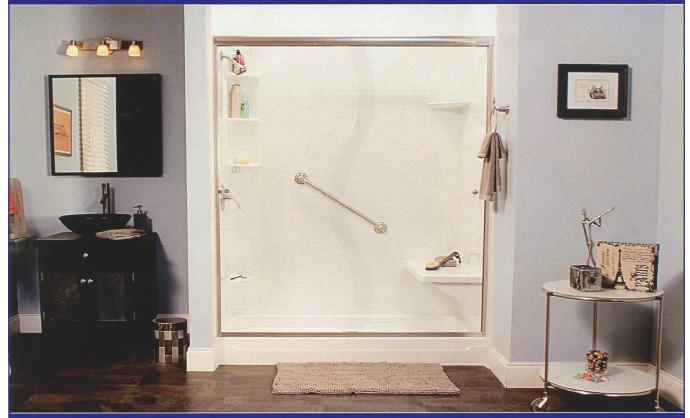
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Coleen McClanahan, Ames, Iowa, passed away on April 26, 2025, at Northcrest Community, Ames. She resided at Northcrest for

over three years after retiring and selling her home. Coleen was born on March 16,1943, in Worthington, Minnesota, to Carlos McClanahan and Ella Catherine (Wiese) McClanahan. Her father operated a harness and shoe repair shop in Worthington, Minnesota. In 1953, when she was in fourth grade, the family moved to Lake Park, Iowa, where her parents operated Blair's Coffee Shop. Carlos McClanahan had five sisters and two brothers. Coleen's mother had four sisters and one brother. She was an only child of parents who had been married 15 years before she was born. Coleen always said she was very special



to them. Coleen's dad passed away on the 26th of May 1960, when she was 17. She graduated from Lake Park High School in 1961 and attended the University of Northern Iowa to receive a B.A. and an M.A. from Iowa State University in education. During Coleen's first year of teaching in Fort Dodge, her mother died on July 26, 1966.

Coleen advanced from elementary school teacher to Title One Coordinator at the Fort Dodge School central office. The Iowa Department of Education recruited her to apply for a Title One Consultant position. She bought a house in Ames and worked for the Department of Education for over 20 years as a Reading/Title One Consultant, Project EASIER manager, and NAEP coordinator and lead consultant. The Title One program helped improve students' reading skills. Project EASIER and NAEP helped highlight areas of educational improvement for teacher training.

Coleen was a committed educator well known across the state especially for her involvement in the Iowa Reading Association, which presented her with awards throughout her career.

Coleen's friends were many from around the state and in the Department of Education. Her outgoing personality quickly drew friends around her. Her exceptional hospitality was appreciated by many friends who counted on her yearly Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year parties at her decorated house with excellent food and fun times, as her quick wit had people laughing and enjoying time with her. Many copied her recipes and used them at their own parties, calling them "Coleen's recipes".

Coleen loved to take her friends in her red 1968 Chevy convertible for trips around Iowa and visited friends in New York and surrounding states. She enjoyed a trip to China with Dept. of Education friends in 2007. These trips provided stories that were enjoyed by everyone. Coleen had an infectious love of life and a strong commitment to improving education that was apparent to everyone that knew and worked with her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and several cousins,

Services were held on May 6 at the Presbyterian Church, Ames, with graveside services at the Ames Cemetery under the direction of Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home.

Memorials may be given to the Iowa Reading Association c/o Nancy Wright at 55491 230th Street, Glenwood, Iowa, 51534.





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2. Manage your time. Plan your day, week, and month. Review your calendar regularly—daily, weekly, monthly, and annually. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish with this rhythm.

Pro-Tip: Most people only focus on managing their time. No doubt this is important, but if you really want high performance, success, and fulfillment in your life, you must manage both your

3. Track progress. Find a way to keep track of all the personal and professional issues you are juggling. I use a spreadsheet listing what needs to be done, by when, and who's involved. I update on a regular basis. It clears my head and brings peace knowing I won't forget things. Pro-Tip: Tracking what you accomplish will help you appreciate your own productivity—and often surprise you.

4. Have an abundant mindset. Be open to new ways of doing things. Don't prematurely settle on inefficient methods or avoid asking for help. The world is full of more possibilities than we realize. Sometimes the simplest observation and adjustment in our life can have a major impact on our life.

5. Get feedback. Accept feedback graciously—it's a gift. Thank people, even if the message is tough. Seek it out, especially annually during performance reviews and at least once in the first 6–12 months of a new job. If you are not regularly receiving feedback on your performance, there is a good chance you are not moving closer to your ultimate potential in life.

6. Experiment to find what works. My best work happens in the morning after early exercise, coffee, and a light breakfast. That's my rhythm. Find yours and refine it over time. Stay curious and open to new habits. The key is to keep trying out new things to improve your life.

7. Be positive and constructive. It's a choice. People don't want agreement in their complaints—they want hope. Some days, it's hard, but choosing positivity will set you apart. Have a goal to be the light in someone's day, every day!

Pro-Tip: Navy SEALs use the phrase "full benefit" when facing hardship—it's about extracting growth from tough situations. When you encounter adversity, look for the "full benefit."

8. Maintain relationships. Invest in people before you need them. Good relationships lead to support when things get tough. If people know and like you, they'll go the extra mile to lift you up.

9. Do your homework. Amazon starts meetings with quiet reading of the memo to make sure everyone is on the same page on an issue. Marathoner Juma Ikanga once said, "The will to win means nothing if you have not the will to prepare." Preparation pays off—always be the most prepared person in the room.

10. Become a learning sponge. Read, ask questions, and embrace new tools—especially AI and evolving tech. Stay sharp.

Pro-Tip: Sometimes learning means we must unlearn outdated habits or ideas that no longer serve you. Growth isn't always additive—sometimes it's subtractive.

In general, we're far more capable than we realize. Often, opportunities are right in front of us if we'd just pause, look,

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Spirit Lake Memorial Day Program

Join the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and John W. Kidd VFW Post# 4514 as they honor those veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The Spirit Lake Memorial Day Program will be held on Monday - May 26, 2025, at 9:55am, at the Spirit Lake High School Sami Center. The guest speaker will be LT Colonel Leann Fecter.

They are also asking for your help to put up the nearly 325 flags on the lawn of the courthouse on

Friday, May 23, at 3:00pm.; as well as help taking them down on Tuesday, May 27, at 3:00pm.

"Thank you in advance for showing your volunteer spirit," American Legion Post 23 Commander Denny Perry, and VFW Post 4514 Commander, Ron Baack.





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Golf Cart Permit & Parking

This is a renewal year for golf cart permits. The application is available at www.arnoldsparkcity.com as well as at City Hall. A copy of the proof of golf cart insurance with 20/40/15 and a valid driver's license must be submitted with the application. The insurance is required by state law covering liability paying out up to \$20,000 for bodily injury to one person, up to \$40,000 for all bodily injuries in a single accident, and up to \$15,000 for property damage caused in that accident. The fee for the permit is \$50.00 (cash or check) and the permit will be valid through the month of December 2026.

There are designated ATV/Golf Cart parking areas located between the West Oaks parking lot and Amy's Sign Design; also, on the south side of Broadway Street between the Amusement Park parking lot and the water tower.

Projects

U.S. Highway 71: The reconstruction portion of the U.S. Highway 71 project is complete. What remains is some traffic signal software work; and, grass repair and clean up along the sidewalk.

Brown's Cottages: The Sewer and Watermain Improvements are complete in the area of Circle Drive, Miriam Lane, Lot A Drive, Sunrise Road, and Monument Drive. This area is more commonly know as Brown's Cottages. The improvements were long overdue and now allow for of those homes to have their own water and sewer service instead of being on one community line. Blacktop Service Co. out of Humboldt, IA has been contracted to replace the streets beginning after Labor Day, 2025. Engineering on this project was by Jacobson-Westergard & Associates from Estherville, IA. A portion of this project is being paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

West Broadway Parking and **Sidewalk Improvements:** Regular visitors to the area will see increased parking along West Broadway in the area of Preservation Plaza. An additional 36 angled parking spaces have been added to the north side of West Broadway Street; and, 20 spaces designated for golf carts and ATVs have been constructed on the south side of West Broadway. Jacobson-Westergard is the engineer on the project; with construction being done by Marlin Concrete, LLC.

City Civic Complex: Final touches are being put on the plans for a new City Civic Complex that will house City Hall, Police, Fire, and Library. CMBA Architects is lead designer on the project. Hausmann Construction out of Sioux Falls, SD has been hired as the Construction Manager. We are hoping for a ground breaking late this summer with demolition of the current building to begin sometime yet this fall.

🌉 Annual Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park Citywide Clean-Up is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025. This is offered to all residents of Arnolds Park as a discounted way to dispose of items that are not collected during regular garbage pick-up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. Discounted tags for appliances, furniture, and electronics may be purchased one week prior to clean-up day. Also, no lawn waste or recycling will be collected. The City will not pick up any hazardous items such as oil, paint, pesticides, weed control products, etc. Empty paint cans will be picked up if the can is dry and the top is off. All debris needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by 7:00 a.m. on June 2.

△▲ Dickinson County Alert

The City issues utility and emergency announcements through the Dickinson Alert System. If you are interested in receiving notifications, please register through Dickinson County Emergency Management at Animal Protection https://www.dcem.us. In the event Pet Owners: It is unlawful for an of extreme weather, Sirens located at owner to allow an animal to run at City Hall, Dam Road, & Benit Drive will be sounded. Tests for these sirens are held every Wednesday at noon.

Utility Billing
The water costs incurred by the City from our supplier are increasing, thus necessitating an increase in water charged by the City. Effective with the billing on June 30, 2025, quarterly minimum charges will increase to \$95.00 for residential customers and \$140.00 for non-residential customers. Additional information regarding water rates can be found on the City website www. arnoldsparkcity.com/government/ code-of-ordinances/, CHAPTER 92 -WATER RATES.

Utility Bills are sent out at the end of each quarter and are to be paid by the 20th of the following month. Bills that are not paid by this date are considered past due and are subject to a late fee and service disconnection. Payments may be made by check or cash at City Hall, or on the City website with a credit card. Interested in setting up your utility account on auto pay? Please contact City Hall for more information on automatic withdrawal.

Team WAVE

Team WAVE is starting the spring season! This group works to help beautify the Arnolds Park public areas and walkways with plantings and consistent maintenance. If you would like to help with their Tuesday morning 2-hour work and weed sessions, contact City Hall at 712-332-2341. The workdays are fun, relaxing, rewarding, and beneficial to our community. They have been very fortunate to have new people joining the effort every year. If Tuesdays don't work for you, Team Wave can set you up with a specific location to maintain on your own schedule.

Police Department

As temperatures increase, so too does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, rollerblading, etc. Please use the proper safety equipment for these activities and remember that traffic laws are to be obeyed by motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

The Arnolds Park Police Department is looking forward to another busy summer season for our area businesses. We are always striving to enhance police protection for our residents and visitors to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible. If our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.

In case of an emergency, call 911. You can also reach the Arnolds Park Police at (712) 332-2227 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at (712) 336-2525.

large within the City limits. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person who has the animal on a maximum 10-foot leash, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel. Animals found at large shall be seized and impounded. To keep pets safe in hot weather, ensure they have access to fresh, cool water and plenty of shade. Limit exercise, especially during the hottest parts of the day, and never leave pets in parked cars. A pet watering station is located at Central Park, 64 Dewey St.

Feral Cats: The City has partnered with the Humane Society of NWIA to implement a Trap Neuter Release Program. Should your neighborhood have feral cats, please visit the Humane Society website at: https:// www.humanesocietyofnwia.com and click on the TNR tab to learn more and complete the application.

Yard Waste and Open Burning The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and asks that it never be blown into or placed on streets, public roads, or neighboring lots. If you wish to have your yard waste (no dirt or rocks) picked up it must be placed in City bags, tied shut, and placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. The bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Cut branches in 4 ft. lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. Bags are available for purchase at City Hall and at Casey's in Arnolds Park. Another option is to drop off your waste at the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located at 2260 220th St. (A34) Milford, IA; charges may apply.

Garbage Collection

Garbage will be picked up on Monday and Friday Memorial Day through Labor Day. Collection begins at 7:00 a.m. and containers must be out by that time. Remember to place your carts at least five feet away from any structure (i.e. mailboxes, trees, cars). All containers are assigned to an address, should a container be lost the replacement fee is \$80.00. Paint, lawn waste, or recyclables are not to be placed in the garbage.

Recycling
Curbside recycling pick-up is on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, please contact City Hall if you would like to receive a recycling container. To be picked up recycling must be placed in the correct container and not mixed with garbage. The containers must be out by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated pick-up day. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Ave. if you should miss the curbside collection. The following items are not recyclable: Glass, styrofoam, ceramics, porcelain, pizza boxes, hazardous materials, electronics, batteries, or furnace filters.

Appliances & Electronics

Appliances and electronics are picked up curbside year-round. You must purchase a tag for these items at City Hall. If you choose to dispose of items yourself, Dickinson County has a recycling facility located at 2260 220th St. in Milford. Please contact them at (712) 338-2549 with any questions.

Library News

There are so many exciting things happening at the library including ground breaking for the new City Civic Complex later this summer! We have moved into our temporary location at 62 Highway 71, Unit 1, in Arnolds Park, and will be ready for checkouts on Tuesday, May 27th. Although the space is smaller than our current location, we will still have all the newest best sellers and favorite authors available for checkout!

The Summer Reading Program, "Level Up at Your Library" begins May 27th and runs through July 11th. We will have reading programs for all ages including a new program for adults! Be sure to stop by our temporary location starting on May 21st to pick up your summer packets and get more information. The Arnolds Park library is partnering with the Milford and Spirit Lake Libraries to offer this fantastic summer entertainment for children, teens, and adults. Watch for a full schedule to be released next week! Please check our website www.arnoldsparklibrary.com or our Facebook page for more information. We are looking forward to a great summer!











































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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 hosted a Youth Rain Garden Project in collaboration with the Spirit Lake Middle School 5th/6th Grade Builders Club. The project kicked 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.

A New Chapter Takes Flight: The Hengeveld Family Volunteer at Soars into Ownership of Leading Edge Aviation the LASAC

The skies over Spencer have a new dynamic as the Hengeveld family - Jon, Lisa, and their daughter Areeya - officially took the reins of Leading Edge Aviation on March 1st, 2025. This

acquisition marks an exciting new era for the full-service Fixed Base Operator (FBO) located at the Northwest Iowa Regional Airport (1957 330th Street, Spencer, Iowa), a vital gateway to the Spencer community and the popular Iowa Great Lakes / Lake Okoboji region.

For Jon and Lisa Hengeveld, this venture represents a lifelong passion taking flight. Expressing their deep gratitude, the couple acknowledged Randy, Jon's mentor, and Marcia for entrusting them with this significant opportunity. The Hengeveld family is eager to collaborate with the dedicated employees and valued customers of Leading Edge Aviation, envisioning continued growth and success for the company.

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by Jill Jennings

The next bi-monthly book challenge is up and running at the Spirit Lake Public Library! Get started now so you have plenty of time to read your four books for the May-June Book Challenge. The six prompt choices are as follows: recommendation from a librarian, re-read, social media made me read it, cliffhanger, good book/bad cover, and non-human main character. If you're not sure which books would qualify for each of these prompts, there are a few ways to figure that out.

First, you could go online to search books for each category. Another option is to stop by the SLPL to look over the display of books we have pulled specifically for the May-June Book Challenge. The third choice is to use our online catalog. You can get there by going to slpublib.com, and then click on Search Catalog. Scroll down a little bit to What's Hot. Click on Booklists. There you will see recommendations for each of the prompts. Lastly, you can ask a friendly SLPL staff member for assistance!

How does the Book Challenge work? Every two months, we offer six prompts and encourage you to choose four. Pick up your challenge card at the library or find it on our website. Those who turn in the completed challenge card are entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Carolynn Peters was our March-April Book Challenge winner. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library.

Remember to check out the bargain book sale in the Community Room. There are mostly children's books and adult regular print books for sale right now. If you like Danielle Steel, stop by because we have several hard-cover copies of her titles on the shelf. You can pick up a whole bag for only \$2!

Email your "Ask a Librarian" questions to staff@spiritlakelibrary.org.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Jill is currently listening on Hoopla to Don Quixote by Miguel Cervantes, and reading Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul and Jesus at Walmart (Jesus at Walmart, #1) by Rick Leland.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

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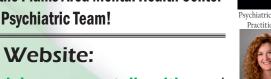
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Some riders will want or need to stay at a home versus camping in the campgrounds. Riders will expect a place to put a tent outside or inside floor space for a sleeping bag, possible access to a bathroom and shower, a place for parking vehicles for those riders who are coming with support, and possibly somewhere to fill a water bottle. It is completely up to the hosts how many guests and the amenities you would like to offer.

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Rider Expectations: Riders will be well-behaved, appreciative guests who will remember the host's kindness. This is also a great opportunity to meet some fascinating people. Riders will arrive mid-to early afternoon on Sunday, July 20, and be gone before 9 a.m. the next day.

Sign up to be a host or if you have already matched with riders. There are several ways you can sign up to be a host or let the Milford RAGBRAI Committee know you already have someone lined up to stay at your home.

1. Match yourself with a rider. Join the Milford RAGBRAI Housing Match group on Facebook to match yourself with a rider. There will be posts from riders on what they are looking for and you can reach out to them personally.

2. Leave the matching up to the Milford RAGBRAI Committee. Go to milfordragbrai.com to fill out the Milford RAGBRAI Host Form. This form includes several questions on what you are willing to provide and we will find \bar{a} good match for you. Once a match has been made, the host will be notified.

Milford RAGBRAI will only match hosts with riders who are registered with RAGBRAI. Those who house unregistered riders open themselves up to the full liability for whatever may happen at their home. Keep this in mind when accepting requests on your own. A great way to check to see if a rider is registered is to ask for their RAGBRAI confirmation number and check with the Milford RAGBRAI Committee.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers are a major need for Milford RAGBRAI. Especially on the day of the event and a few days before to help set up. Volunteers can be for set up/tear down, hospitality, information center, beverage garden, entertainment and special events, and campgrounds. Fill out our volunteer form at milfordrag brai.com. We will also have a list of specific days and times coming out closer to July 20th for volunteers to sign up for.

For those interested in reaching out to the Milford RAGBRAI Committe, please feel free to email milfordragbrai@gmail.com, go to milfordragbrai.com, or call the information center at 712-338-6242. Follow along with updates on the Milford RAGBRAI Facebook page and Instagram.



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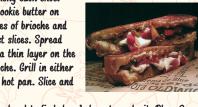
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- 2 cups Valley Shepherd whipped In a bowl, mix together ricotta and mascarpone. On a clean, dry sheep milk ricotta surface, lay out five slices of the brioche. Spread equal parts blackberry jam on each slice. Place a large spoonful of the mascarpone ricotta 1 cup mascarpone cheese mix on top of jam (it may be helpful to use a piping bag) until all the 10 slices soft brioche sandwich mixture is used. Evenly divide strawberries, peaches, blackberries and chocolate chips among each slice.
- Spread the speculoos cookie butter on the remaining five slices of brioche and 1 cup hulled and diced strawberries place on top of the first slices. Spread the softened butter in a thin layer on the outer parts of the brioche. Grill in either a panini press or in a hot pan. Slice and



Note: If speculoos is too hard to find, here's how to make it. Place 2 cups of ginger snaps in the bowl of a food processor and blend to very fine crumbs. Add 4 tablespoons of softened unsalted butter, and process until a smooth paste forms (similar to consistency of peanut butter). Refrigerate leftover portion and bring to room temperature when using.

Recipe Courtesy of: "The Reading Terminal Market" Cookbook" (Camino Books) by Ann Hazan and Irina Smith





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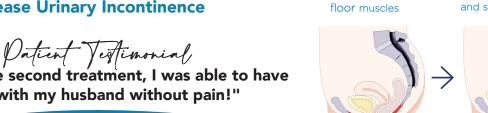
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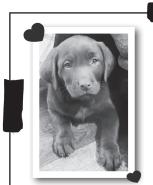
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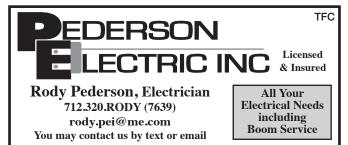
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Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. We look forward to seeing

everyone when we reopen on Tuesday, May 27, at 9:30 a.m. Remember to enter using the east door during the 9th street construction. Have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

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 informa-



tion, contact the library or check out our Facebook page.

• May 19, 10:30 a.m. – Cluck, Cluck You're in Luck!

• May 26 – No Building Bookworms Storytime Join us at Milford Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m., for CrAFTER Hours. This month we will be making Citrus Tea Towels. The cost for this project is \$5. Register by calling Milford Memorial Library.

The Milford Memorial Library Book Club welcomes any interested individual to join them on Tuesday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m., to discuss Someone We Know by Shari Lapena. 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.

Press play on your summer reading game on Wednesday, May 28, at the Milford Pioneer Theatre! Join Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Library for two free showings of The Super Mario Bros., at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., for our 2025 Summer Reading Kick Off. Don't forget to bring two non-perishable food items to receive a free popcorn! Other concession stand items will be available at your cost.

Young Adults, get ready for the most epic adventure of the summer! Fourth through twelfth graders can pick up a race passport from Milford, Arnolds Park, or Spirit Lake Libraries and begin a quest to visit 12 local hot spots. They will collect prizes and earn a chance to win a Nintendo Switch with a completed passport. The Amazing Library Race is from May 28 to June 30. Thank you to our Amazing Library Race partners, Friends of the Milford Library, Friends of the Spirit Lake Library, and Friends of the Arnolds Park Library for sponsoring this activity. Make sure you don't miss out on the fun.



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It was a very special day this past Friday morning on the campus of the Ruthven Community Care Center, as one of their family members was recognized and honored by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Office in Washington. Lynn Faust, formerly a farmer near Alta, received a beautiful plaque of appreciation and coin signed by Douglas Collins, the Secretary

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In a letter, Collins said "On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, it is my pleasure to send you a note and plaque of appreciation. We celebrate our Veterans and your life accomplishments. Collins wrote 'please accept this plaque and my coin as a token of our gratitude and appreciation. We feel honored to serve you. May God Bless'.

of Veterans Affairs in Washington.

Ronald Twitchell, Chief Experience Officer with the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System and Jeffrey Wendling with the Center for Development and Civic Engagement Specialist with the Veterans Administration in Sioux Falls along with Louie DeRoos, Buena Vista County VA Director, presented the plaque to Lynn as he was surround by his wife Louise, family, friends and RCCC staff.

Lynn and Louise Faust were farmers by Alta and the fun-loving couple have been married for 70 years. They also purchased a home on Center Lake near Spirit Lake for their retirement years. but as Louise said "a farmer never really retires." As Lynn's memory declined, it became necessary for him to enter a skilled care facility and they chose the Ruthven Community Care Center for their participation in VA benefits.

As for Friday's recognition, Louise said "I was really impressed, we hung the plaque up in his room. I think it's wonderful they're honoring the Veterans; these guys gave up a couple years of their life to serve their country." Lynn entered into the Army on December 2, 1952, and he separated from the Army on October 13, 1954, when he was then transferred into the Army reserves. He served in Korea for a year, ten months and 12 days. His occupation in the Army was an infantry Field Artillery Man and he was attached to Battery B 1St Field Artillery Observation Battalion. The medals he was awarded was The Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, The United Nations Service Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Louise said "Lynn didn't talk about Korea for years, he never mentioned it, then a few years ago, one of his buddies that served at the same time, not the same area, but same time, got to talking about it and I noticed after that he would talk about it a bit more." "Every once in a while, bits and pieces would come to the surface (about Korea) and just before he started to lose his memory, he mentioned a couple times 'we had to throw hand grenades you know'." Lynn was very close to the action in Korea as his job in the service was a surveyor, and they would survey the points for the artillery to shoot.

Louise talked about an interesting story Lynn told her one day when in Korea when they were having lunch, three Koreans showed up, and they didn't know if they were North or South, so they just ignored them. "Then eventually, Lynn said 'I think they're hungry' and they were going to throw some of the stuff away out of their rations so they held it out and they took it and ate it. Then they motioned that they wanted the box, so they gave them the box and they just disappeared. Then the next day they were back; and this went on for several days, they just seemed to know where the guys were. Well eventually they discovered the Koreans were building a house out of the cardboard."

"He would a few times talk about the 'punchbowl' but I am not sure by the time he got down there if it was an active battle, or just some of the lingering warfare." The Punchbowl was the name given to the bowl-shaped Haean Basin by UN Forces during the Korean War. The Punchbowl lies several miles south of the Korean Demilitarized Zone. The 1st Marine Division reinforced by the Korean Marine Corps Regiment captured the line of hills north of the Punchbowl in the Battle of the Punchbowl from August 30th to September 20th in 1951 – but small battles would break out months after.

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As with many who served overseas in the military, the visual and auditory stimuli from fireworks can provoke flashbacks, where veterans involuntarily relive traumatic experiences. Lynn did not like them either – when the 4th of July would come around, Louise said "we would have to return home to the farm before dark because the fireworks bothered him – they thought they were fighting. Otherwise, he was just fine."

And fine he was, the couple enjoyed good times with friends, including snowmobiling. And the Faust farm pasture was rolling hills and a good place for the snowmobile group to go riding. They would also go riding to different restaurants to go eat. And in summer, it was off to the lake with their boat and they loved to take the boat and take the kids and their friends skiing. Louise said "we really had a fun life." Lynn also enjoyed joining a lot of organizations. To name a few, he was an Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, a past Patron of the Eastern Star, a past Master of the Masonic Lodge and he served several officers in the Presbyterian Church.

Their son, Steve, now farms the family farm near Alta. Their daughter Nancy lives in California and was unable to attend the recognition. Lynn was admitted to the Ruthven Community Care Center through the Veterans Administration benefits program. While no one 'wants' to be in a care facility for an extended period of time, sometimes it becomes a necessity and Louise has nothing but praise for the Ruthven Community Care Center; "I couldn't ask for better care, it's a cheerful place right when you walk in. the employees are cheerful and treat you like family and they are ready to help you, just wonderful, I can't say enough."

"Lynn was at another facility, and I just didn't like the care they gave him. He never got to go outside – and the first day he was in Ruthven they had him outside on a walk in the sunshine. He looks and feels so much better here at Ruthven. His color has improved, he enjoys and perks up when they talk to him and take him for walks, especially outdoors. I couldn't possibly ask for anything more, they just do so many good things for him here, they don't forget about you. They (RCCC) take them on fun things to do, and they are even taking a ride on the Queen this summer.



Lynn Faust was proud of his service to his country. Here he is visiting with family at Fridays VA recognition in Ruthven, sporting a Service Pin and the Honor Flight hat he wore when he took the flight about 10 years ago. Lynn and his wife Louise were farmers by Alta and the fun-loving couple have been married for 70 years. They also purchased a home on Center Lake near Spirit Lake for their retirement years, but as Louise said "a farmer never really retires." As Lynn's memory declined, it became necessary for him to enter a skilled care facility and they chose the Ruthven Community Care Center for their participation in VA benefits.

It's just a wonderful place."

Louise says she is very fortunate to have heard about the Ruthven Care Center accepting Veterans Benefits. "I go to the Y in Spirit Lake about every day for an exercise class and some friends showed me the article from the paper and I went over to check it out and I could tell the difference right when I walked in the door, the atmosphere was so much better then where he was."

The beautiful framed plaque now hangs on the wall of Lynn's room. It states 'Our nation honors your service in Field Artillery of the United States Army during the Korean War and as a recipient of the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. You served in a vital role in support of ground forces in offensive and defensive operations. You are part of this county's 'Greatest Generation' for your legacy of patriotism and honor. Americans enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty because of patriots like you who answered the call to defend our Nation. We remain grateful to you and your generation for helping defend democracy and shaping the world we live in today.

The sacrifices you have made, and the accomplishments of your military career are held in the highest esteem. You are an inspiration to all those you touch. I join your VA healthcare professionals, family and friends to celebrate you and your service to America.



Lynn Faust, a resident of the Ruthven Community Care Center, was recognized and honored by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Office in Washington and presented a beautiful plaque of appreciation and coin signed by Douglas Collins, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in Washington. Lynn's wife Louise and their son Steve shared the moment with Lynn after the presentation by (L-R) Jeffrey Wendling with the Center for Development and Civic Engagenent Specialist with the Veterans Administration in Sioux Falls, Louie DeRoos Buena Vista County VA Director, and Ronald Twitchell, Chief Experience Officer with the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System.





Inspiration for Our Day- "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." ~ Ephesians 3:20-21

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The new playscape has been thoughtfully divided into themed zones, each offering unique ways for children to explore. Donors can choose to support an entire zone or help bring individual features to life. Donations can be made by visiting or mailing to the Dickinson County Nature Center or mail to the address: **Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC)** 22785 Nature Center Road Okoboji, IA 51355



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