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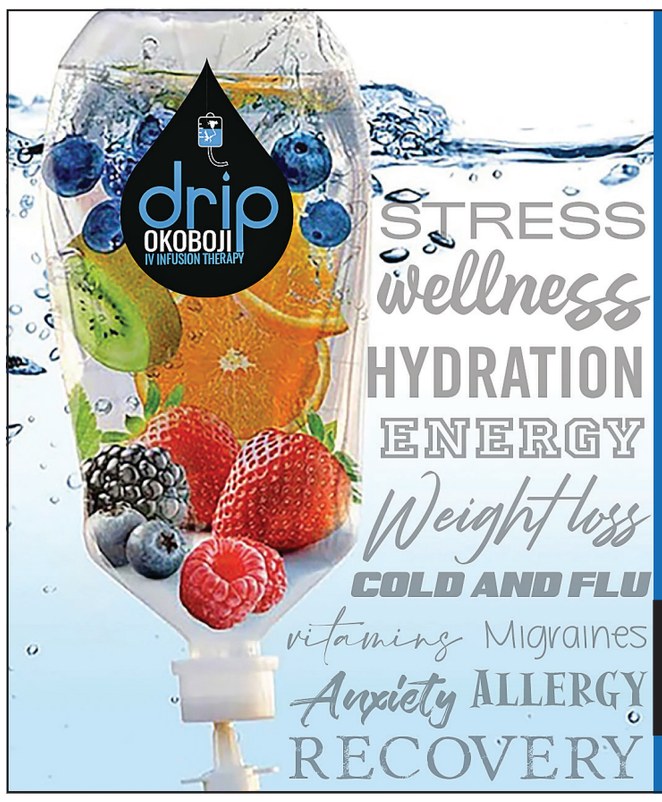

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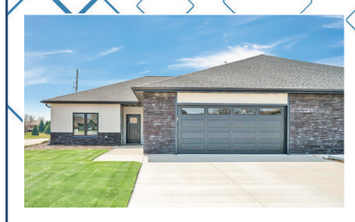

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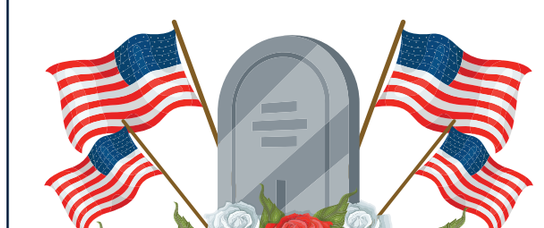

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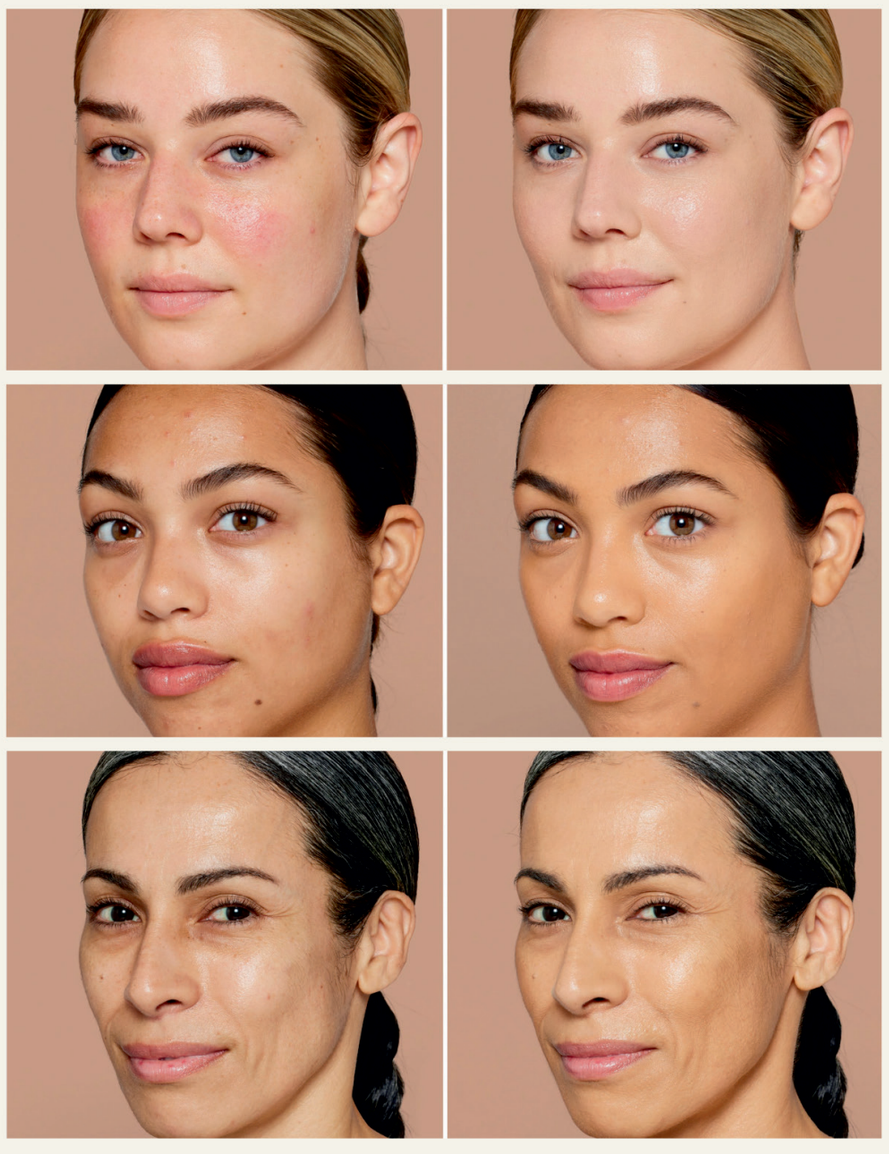

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Sherwood Forest Park Grand Opening Announced

The community is invited to the Grand Opening of Sherwood Forest Park! The Dickinson County Conservation Board is excited to finally announce the ribbon-cutting ceremony, taking place on Thursday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m. This highly anticipated opening marks a new beginning in outdoor recreation.



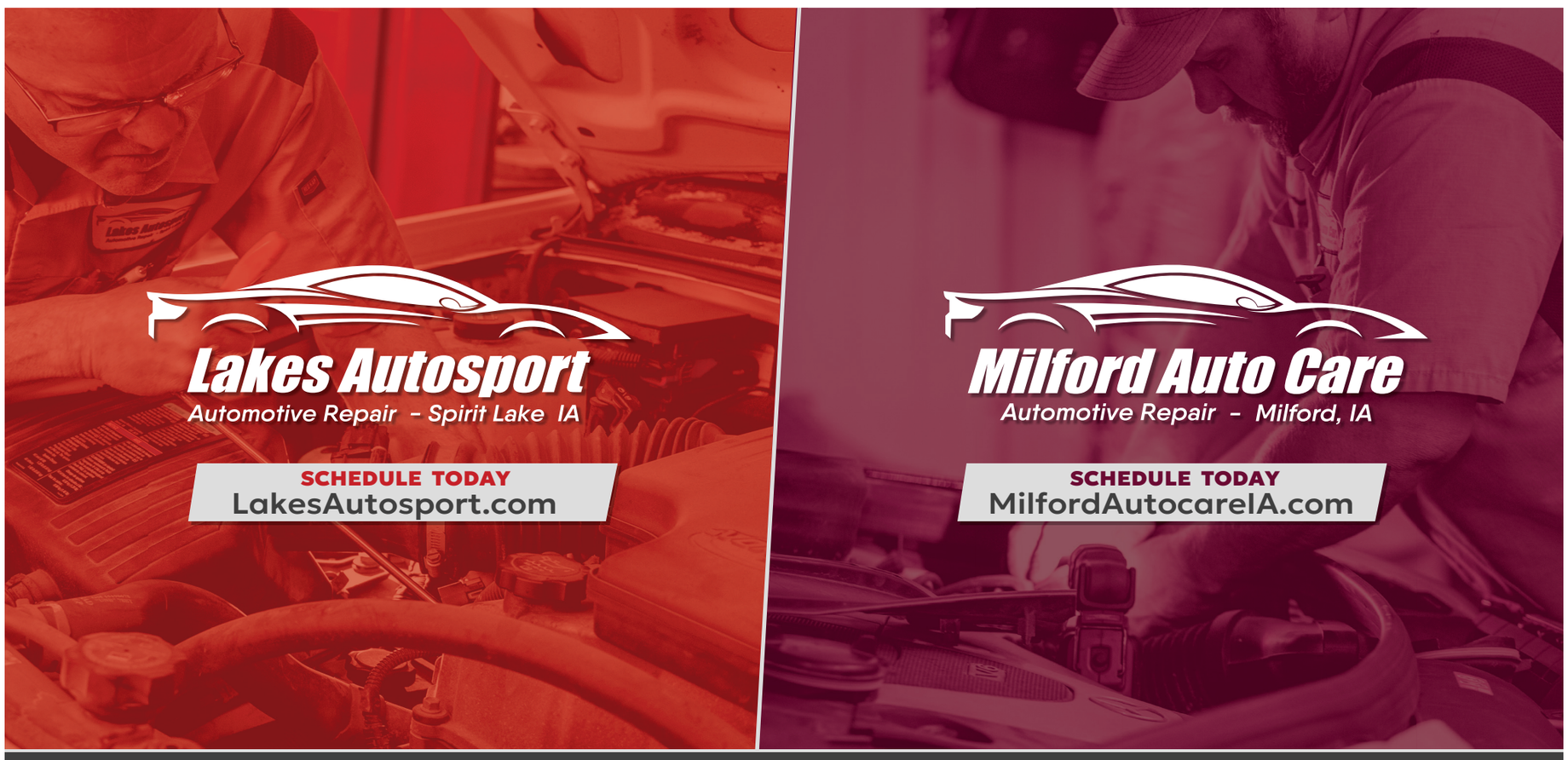
Please note: Until the official opening on June 12th, the public is asked to remain off the property. Unfortunately, there have already been tens of thousands of dollars in damage to concrete due to trespassing. Construction and landscaping are being finalized and early access poses safety risks and setbacks. We appreciate your cooperation as we prepare to welcome everyone safely on opening day.

Visitors can look forward to a wide variety of parks features, including about two miles of scenic walking and biking trails, an off-road mountain bike trail, a three-level bike-pump track, an extensive playground with large slides and timber climbing structures, restroom amenities, open prairie plantings, garden promenades, seating oases with limestone benches, and wildlife observation opportunities.

"It's a place where families, cyclists, nature lovers, and friends can connect with each other and the environment," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

The event will include brief remarks from local leaders, a ceremonial ribbon cutting, and time for guests to explore the park's trails and pump track, play on the new playground, relax in the seating oases, and enjoy the beauty of the restored landscape.

For more information, follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram. Visit our website, at *www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com*.



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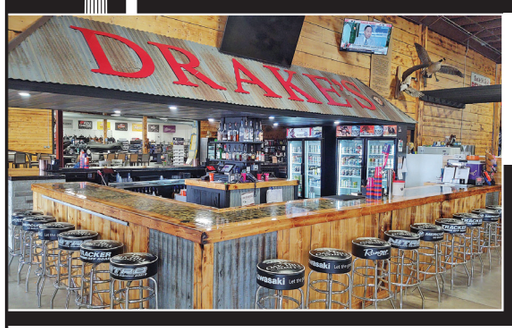

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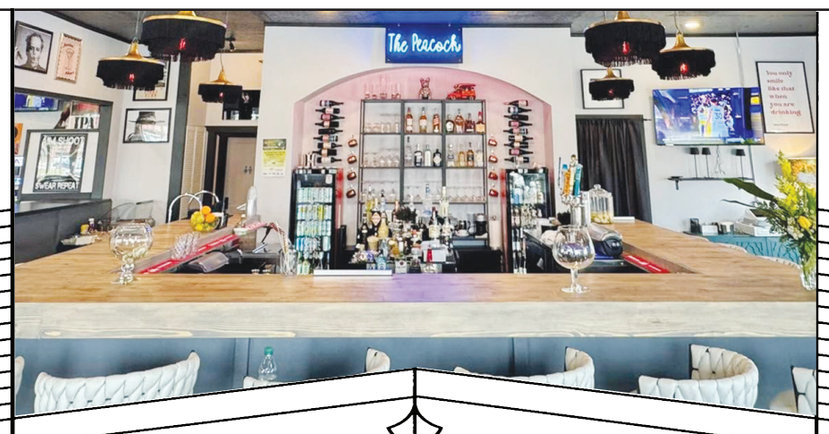

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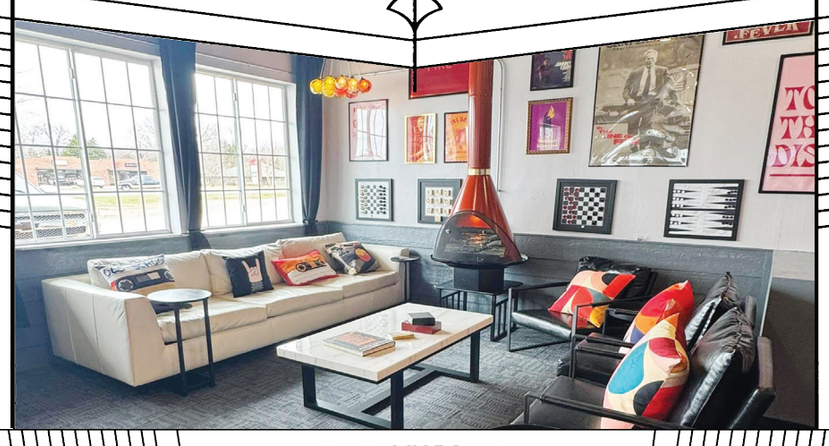

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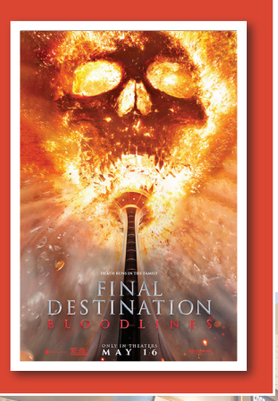

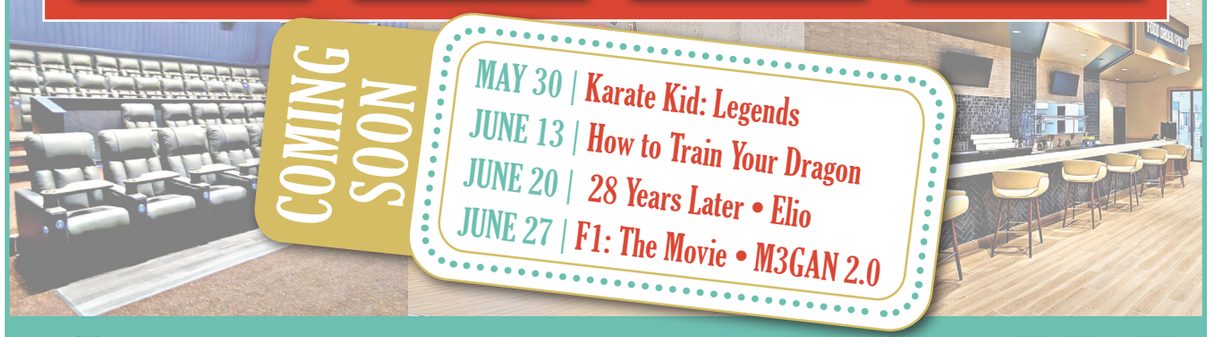

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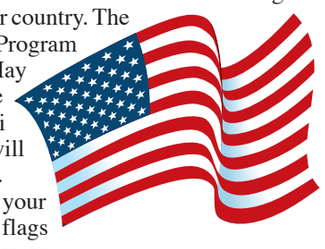
Spirit Lake Memorial Day Program

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.

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.



Milford Kiwanis Applauds Kennedy and Sunshine Foods for Back Pack Generosity

The Milford Kiwanis Club, represented by Rolf Carlson, has extended a hearty thank you to Travis Kennedy and Sunshine Foods for their significant contribution to the Kiwanis area Back Pack program. The program provides vital weekend meals to local students facing food insecurity.

The donation from Kennedy and Sunshine Foods will help the Kiwanis Club continue its mission of ensuring children have access to nutritious food even when school is out. The Back Pack program is crucial in supporting students' well-being and their ability to learn.

Milford Kiwanis actively works on various initiatives to benefit local youth. Their partnership with community-minded individuals and businesses like Travis Kennedy and Sunshine Foods is essential to their success.

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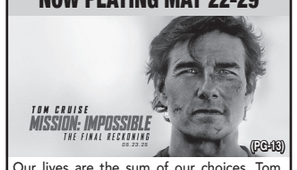

Our lives are the sum of our choices. Tom Cruise is Ethan Hunt in Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning.

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SAT 5/24 12:10, 4:00 & 7:45
SUN 5/25 12:40, 4:10 & 7:50
MON 5/26 12:10, 3:50 & 7:30
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THUR 5/22 6:00 & 8:40
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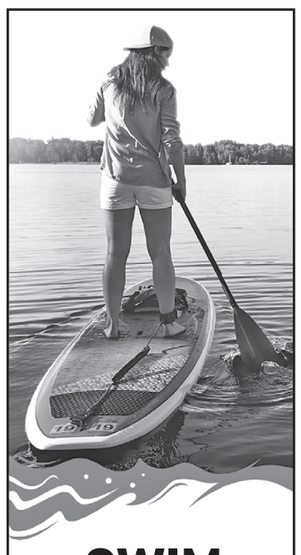

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FREE "Old Rockers" Jam Session
SATURDAY, MAY 31ST • 5-8 PM

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• Also Don Schossow, formerly of The Senders, Members of the Sensational Soul Company and Sugar Beatz
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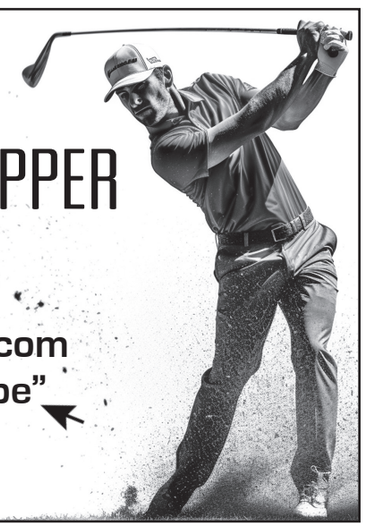



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Registration: Friday, Aug. 1, 6:00-8:00 and Saturday, Aug. 2, 7:00-9:00 am (Sportsman's opens 7:00 am)
Ride starts: 9:00am (Helmet Required)
Route: 16 & 39/55 mile routes around Iowa Great Lakes
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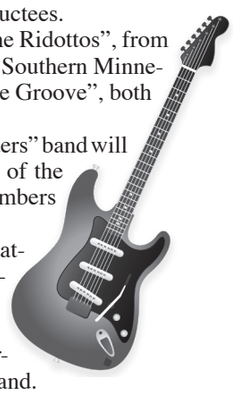
Free "Old Rockers" Jam Session

The Estherville VFW will host a free jam session on Saturday, May 31, from 5:00-8:00pm, featuring many area rock + roll musicians. The event is free to the public and will include numerous Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees.

Bands on the schedule include: "The Ridottos", from Iowa and Minnesota; "Starfire", from Southern Minnesota; "Clear Lake Classics" and "Stone Groove", both from the Clear Lake area.



Don Shassow, formerly of the "Senders" band will perform, along with former members of the "Sensational Soul Company", two members of "Sugar Beats", and others.

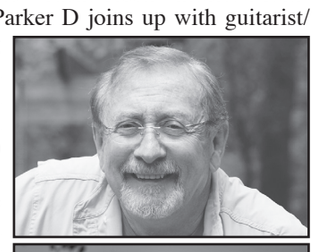
Any musicians interested in participating should text Al Klein at 507-230-1264.

Food and drinks are available.

This event is sponsored by the Estherville VFW and "The Ridottos" rock band.

Parker D & Boji Bill at The Side Door

Get ready for your favorite "Yacht Rock" music. Multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Parker D joins up with guitarist/vocalist Boji Bill for an evening of great music on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. They'll be rocking the Side Door in Arnolds Park from 6:00 to 8:00 PM that evening. In case you haven't located it yet, the Side Door is located at 28 Allen Street, directly across the street from the Axe Throwing Bar. Get ready for a great evening of music and fun, and you can order food from Smokin' Jakes to have it delivered to your table at the Side Door. Head on over and discover why everyone is calling the Side Door the happiest place in the lakes region.





Treasure Village Opens Season with Mini Golf and Flea Market

Treasure Village opens its 53rd season on May 23, 2025. The Treasure Village Flea Market & Antique Show runs Saturday to Monday on May 24-26. Vendors are open 9:00am-5:00pm. This Memorial Day Flea Market features antiques, furniture, flags, lawn decor, metal art, tools, sports cards, wallets and purses, clothes, rugs, macrame, wind chimes, and so much more. Home-based businesses include Thirty-One, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Paparazzi Jewelry, Via Mia Jewelry, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Avon, Lilla Rose, 3-D printed items, and beautiful quilts and towels from R&R Quilting & Embroidery.



There are many food choices with Kahl's Kettle Korn, Garden Winery Wines, Jeron's Java Roasting Co. with so many coffees, Cedar Farms jams, jellies and freeze-fried candy, and Haley's Home Baked Goods, plus other vendors with pickles and peanuts. There is also a new food truck with burgers, fries, breakfast sandwiches, mini donuts and more!

Take a shopping break and play a game of mini golf at the 27 hole course. It's our Mini Golf's opening weekend, and we'd love to have you putt our beautiful course with its unique obstacles and fun mischief spinners. Stop inside for ice cream featuring French Silk Pie, White Chocolate Raspberry Truffle, and Blueberry Cheesecake.

For more info, go to *www.treasurevillage.org*, Facebook, Instagram, or call 712-337-3730.

Please join us in Celebrating
Jo Thelen's 85th Birthday!



Saturday, May 24th, 2-6pm
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Happy Birthday

Birthday Greetings can also be sent to Jo at 1406 8th St., Milford, IA 51351

Pirate's Cove and Pirate's Island Hosting "Putting for Patriots"

A fundraising event for Veterans, May 5th - May 26th, 2025

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf in Arnolds Park, IA will host the annual Putting For Patriots fundraiser from May 5th-26th 2025. This national event supports two non-profits, which serve our wounded Veterans, their families, and survivors of the fallen: Homes for Our Troops and TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors).

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/*.

MEMORIAL DAY

THE LNS NOTICE!

All advertising and news copy for the Tuesday, May 27th paper must be in by
11 AM, Friday, May 23

Classified display advertising & auctions must be in by
9 AM, Friday, May 23

THE LAKES NEWS SHOPPER office will be CLOSED Mon., May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday

Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Meets second & fourth Sundays
9:30 am/Coffee & Fellowship • 10:00 am Service
Lakes Area Activity Center, 2101 Zenith Ave, Spirit Lake
See uuokoboji.com for dates and program schedule.
We are a progressive, liberal welcoming congregation

MORE CHURCH ADS ON PAGE 18A!



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PSALM 97-99
2 SAMUEL 24, PSALM 30
1 CHRONICLES 21-22, PSALM 108-110
1 CHRONICLES 23-25
PSALM 131, 138-139, 143-145
1 CHRONICLES 26-29, PSALM 127
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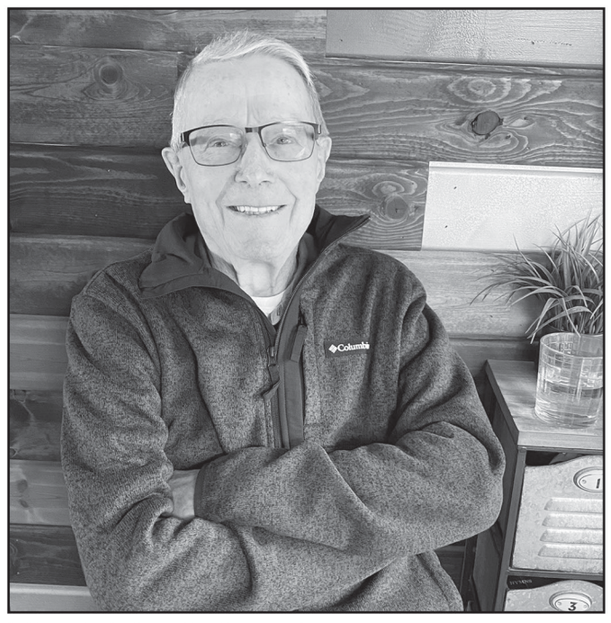

95th Birthday Announcement

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the Good Neighbor Fund!

Spirit Lake Youth Athletics would like to give a big thank you to the Good Neighbor Fund and everyone who supported their fund drive. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Good Neighbor Fund which went towards upgrading equipment that is utilized by all the youth who participate in our program. Thank you for your generosity!

Spirit Lake Youth Athletic Association is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides quality, structured baseball and softball activities to the lakes area youth. These developmental programs will teach age-appropriate fundamentals, good sportsmanship, character, discipline, competitiveness, and teamwork. Participants will have an opportunity to learn and compete in a positive, recreational experience that strengthens and unites our youth, family, and community.

Spirit Lake Youth Athletics

Dad's Belgian Waffles at Okoboji - Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 25

Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served on the Okoboji Summer Theatre lot, Sunday, May 25, 8:30am - 12:30pm. Okoboji Summer Theatre is located at 2001 US-71, Okoboji, Iowa 51355. Tickets for the fundraiser are $10 for anyone ages 6 and older and FREE for children 5 and under. Carryout is available. All you can eat Belgian waffles and sausages with waffle toppings of fresh strawberries and nine choices of syrup. Proceeds go towards Okoboji Summer Theatre student scholarships. In addition, there will be tours of the lot where you can view student housing (tiny houses), learn about OST history, obtain backstage access, and view the ghost light. Learn about some of the names associated with various buildings on campus: Anne Thorne Weaver (Weaver Commons), Francis Schloss (Green Room), Joan Bing Kirke Rehearsal Hall. The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association has been supporting the Okoboji Summer Theatre in the lakes area since 1953. Season 67 begins June 24. Show details can be found at *okobojisummertheatre.org*.

Father David Hemann In Concert At St. Joseph Church

The St. Joseph Arts Council is pleased to announce the upcoming concert with Father David Hemann on Sunday, June 1, 2025, 4:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1305 Okoboji Ave, in Milford, Iowa. Father David will present a meditative, contemplative performance, with an Irish flavor and a few upbeat surprises of his own songs and well known favorites.

Doors will open at 4:00. This is a free concert, a Freewill Donation will be accepted. A "Welcome to Okoboji Summer Sundae" reception will follow the concert in the Parish Center.

Father David Hemann is known nationally and internationally as a multi-talented singer, songwriter, musician and author. Father David, a Fort Dodge native, has served in Northwest Iowa parishes since his 1985 ordination. Currently he is pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spirit Lake, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, IA. Father Hemann believes that music is the language of people and has shared his musical gifts both nationally and internationally. One highlight was being a featured artist in the presence of Mother Teresa of Calcutta at the first World Youth Day in Rome. In 2003 Father David co-hosted a teaching/musical series on EWTN that won a UCMVA Unity Award. He also appears on the ESWTN series BACKSTAGE which features Catholic musicians from around the country.

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The St. Joseph Arts Council, St. Joseph Catholic Church, is proud to host Father David Hemann as part of our series of sacred arts presentations. We are grateful for our sponsor, The Patrice and Rita Leary Foundation.

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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:

So far, I haven't seen the biggest tax increase in American history or a so-called Great Recession. Inflation is low and prices are coming down on some items. Criminal illegal immigrants are being sent out of this country. Obama deported over three million illegal immigrants and no one complained about that. Not sure what American citizens are being forced out of this country. Not one inch of European soil has been given to Putin under the Trump administration. I do recall Crimea being given to Putin under the Obama / Biden administration and Biden did nothing to stop Putin from invading Ukraine under his watch. The United States does more to support NATO than any other country. Maybe it's time for these European countries to take ownership and start standing up for themselves! Unlike most other Presidents, Trump is doing exactly what he said he would do if elected.

As for the windmills in Dickinson County. If those land owners want a windmill on their property, so what. I, for one am sick and tired of other people telling me what I can or can't do on my property. If you really think people are going to stop coming to the lakes area because of some windmills in Terril or Superior you are crazy. Our lakes are already overcrowded even without all of the new and proposed condos being built. How about this for a solution, paint them all green so they look like big trees!

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Dear Editor,

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You do not need to be a veteran to become a DAV (Disabled American Veterans) van driver. Volunteers must simply pass a physical and background check, for which transportation to Sioux Falls will be provided. A safety class is also included.

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Let's come together to ensure our veterans are never left behind when it comes to their health and care.

Sincerely,
Spring Jones
Dickinson County Veteran Affairs, Administrator

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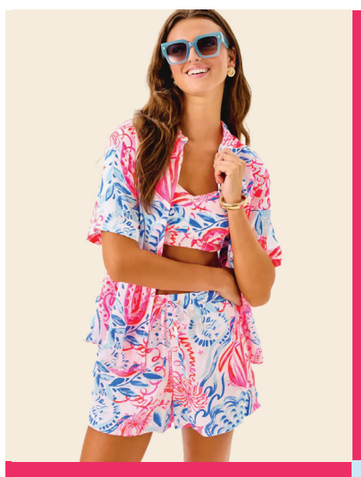

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Golf Calendar

Iowa Great Lakes Area

May 23	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
May 24-26	Memorial Weekend Veterans Free Green Fees	Brooks GC
May 26	Monday Funday 4-Person Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
May 27	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
May 30	Keith Abens Meml Cyclone Wrestling Fundraiser	Emerald Hills GC
May 30	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
June 1	2-Man Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
June 2-4	Junior Camp Week 1	Brooks GC
June 3	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
June 6	Camp Foster YMCA 8" Cup	Emerald Hills GC
June 6	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
June 8	Couples Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
June 10	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC

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- 4 - Person Best Shot
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Sunday, June 1
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- Morning Tee Times
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Friday, June 6
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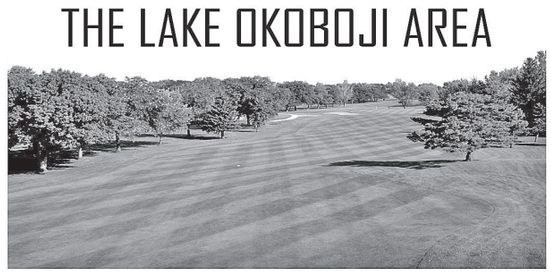

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JULY 7-10	HEALTHCARE/CHIROPRACTIC
JULY 14-17	CONTRACTORS/TRADES/LAWN/LANDSCAPE
JULY 21-24	MANUFACTURING/AGRICULTURE
JULY 28-31	BARS/RESTAURANTS
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AUGUST 11-14	MARINAS/LAKE PROFESSIONALS
AUGUST 18-21	RECREATION/LODGING
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22 JUNE	SUNDAY, JUNE 22 BLACK FOSTER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - 12PM SG
29 JUNE	SUNDAY, JUNE 29 LOVE TAKES ROOT TOURNAMENT - 1PM SG
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6 JULY	SUNDAY, JULY 6 PARENT/CHILD SCRAMBLE - ALL DAY TT
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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:

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We are also recognizing donors who give $1,000+ by engraving names on tree cookies placed within the playscape design (the Giving Wall).



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Berg Named 2025 N'West Iowa REVIEW Teacher of the Year

Angela Berg, HMS (Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn) Business Teacher, was presented the prestigious N'West Iowa REVIEW's 2025 Teacher of the Year award by HMS student, Eva Stammer, left, who nominated Mrs. Berg, along with Mr. Blake Wendt, HMS High School Principal. Voting was from January-April.

Here are a few of the quotes from the nomination:

"She is loved by all the kids! She goes out of her way to help students with any and everything. She takes the time to get to know each and every kid. She not only teaches them business but life lessons. She has gone so far above and beyond any other teacher my daughter has had."

"I think that she's the best because she's always willing to sit down and help out even if that's not her best subject."



Cyclone Tailgate Tour Storms into Okoboji with mascot Cy!

Get ready, Cyclone Nation! The popular Cyclone Tailgate Tour is making a stop in Okoboji at the iconic Roof Garden Ballroom on Thursday, May 22nd. Doors will swing open at 5:00pm, with the exciting program kicking off at 6:00pm, running until 7:30pm.

This family-friendly event offers a fantastic opportunity for fans of all ages to connect with the heart of Iowa State Athletics. You'll have the chance to meet and hear from a stellar lineup of coaches and administrators, including Athletics Director Jamie Pollard, the legendary "voice of the Cyclones" John Walters, football coach Matt Campbell, men's basketball coach T.J. Otzelberger, women's basketball coach Bill Fennelly, volleyball coach Christy Johnson-Lynch, and wrestling coach Kevin Dresser. And of course, no Cyclone gathering is complete without an appearance from everyone's favorite mascot, Cy!

Adding to the excitement, all kids who attend will receive a special free gift! Attendees can also look forward to giveaways, the opportunity to purchase delicious food and official ISU merchandise, and the chance to connect with fellow passionate Cyclone supporters. Don't miss this chance to show your Cyclone pride and get energized for the upcoming seasons!

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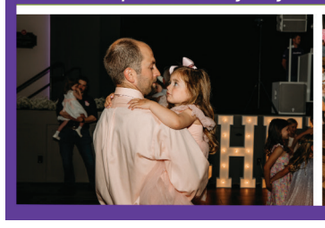



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Poppy Proclamation

Mayor Kevin Bice proclaimed May 23, 2025, as Poppy Day for our community. He signed the proclamation for the day at City Hall for the American Legion in Spirit Lake. Bobbi Obermann, poppy chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, was also present.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be doing poppies on May 23 at different businesses in Spirit Lake for National Poppy Day. We will be out from 9:00-12:00

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Terrace Park Family Beach is located at 1600 Okoboji Blvd., Milford.

Stokes Named to President's List

Jordyn Stokes of Estherville, Iowa, has been named to the Chadron State College President's List for the Spring 2025 semester. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 credit hours, be pursuing their first bachelor's degree, earn a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0, and have no incomplete grades.

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Summer is Here!

It's been a longtime coming with a fairly mild, but always long winter, and now the unofficial start of summer is here with the Memorial Day Holiday this weekend. It does look like Mother Nature will cooperate as the forecast looks pretty good for this weekend! This is always one of my favorite times of the year as things are really starting to pick up in the Iowa Great Lakes, and it's great to see the hustle and bustle back in the area. As we prepare to celebrate the upcoming summer, let's take time this weekend to remember the true meaning of the Memorial Day Holiday, to honor those who have died defending our great country and our amazing freedoms. Without these brave men and women, we would not be able to enjoy many of the amazing things that our country and the Iowa Great Lakes has to offer. Please take the time to thank a Veteran and his or her family for their selfless sacrifice. As we often are divided in this country by what political party we belong to, I believe one thing we all can agree with is that we live in the greatest country in the world thanks to the sacrifices of so many great veterans!

Be Kind!

I had a request this spring to reprint an editorial I had tweaked last year about coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic and being kind to one another. This person thought it would be a good idea to print it again at the start of the busy summer season to remind people to treat each other with kindness and respect during this crazy summer season. Here it is again with some modifications for this year!

The one thing that getting through the Covid-19 pandemic hopefully taught us all is to appreciate all of the things that we took for granted before they were taken away or changed. As we approach the busy summer season, I ask that you have patience with people. When you find yourself getting crabby because maybe something isn't exactly like you want, or you are having to wait a little longer for your meal at a restaurant, please remember that these people are doing the best that they can with what they have. The one common theme that you still will find in the Iowa Great Lakes, and around many parts of the country, is that there are still not enough workers to fill the jobs that we now have. Many area restaurants and businesses are still not even able to open seven days a week because they don't have enough staff and need to give their staff that is working so hard, well-deserved days off. Please put yourself in the shoes of the person who is waiting on you, or the business owner who is trying to juggle summer work schedules with a short-handed staff. Please thank the people who are helping you and be patient when things don't go as smoothly as you think they should. We are all on edge with the uncertainty of the economy and tariffs, but being rude to those who are trying to help you will only make things worse. Never underestimate what one smile or act of kindness can do for someone who is struggling through their job or situation that day.

Another thing to keep in mind during the start of the busy summer season is to be kind to our visitors. We all know that traffic has increased and the delays on Highway 71, especially on the weekends are not fun to sit in. Even last weekend when the weather was not very nice our area has become much busier. Please remember that without these visitors, many of the things that make the Iowa Great Lakes such a great place to live and visit would not be here. Hopefully you saw the awesome ad that Vacation Okoboji placed last week that highlighted some of the benefits of tourism in the Iowa Great Lakes, including the 1,400 jobs it helps create and the $333 million that visitors spend in our economy. Take the time to thank a visitor for coming to OUR great area, and invite them to come back; it's amazing what that one act of kindness can do and what an impact that can make on people. While you are sitting in traffic, instead of getting frustrated, let someone turn in traffic ahead of you and smile at them, and if someone does the same for you, smile back and thank them with a wave. We are so blessed to have many big-city amenities and still enjoy the small-town feel of the Iowa Great Lakes, and much of that is made possible because of the revenue that tourism brings into the area. This is set up to be a record-breaking summer, so get out and enjoy everything that makes the Iowa Great Lakes one of the best areas to live and visit. While you are enjoying the Iowa Great Lakes, be thankful for all that we have and are able to do, and most importantly, be kind to those around you. Here's to a great Summer 2025!

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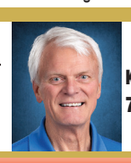
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Sunday, May 25th


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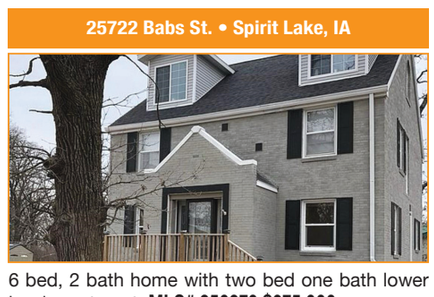
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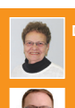
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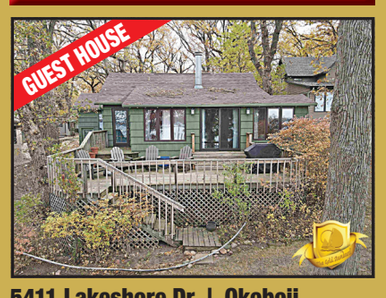

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University of Sioux Falls Dean's List

The University of Sioux Falls congratulates 515 students who made the Spring 2025 Dean's List, including these local area students: Erin Gallagher, Peyton Hanson and Helena Meium-Bratrud of Jackson, Minnesota; Sadie Voss of Lakefield, Minnesota; and Mason Weeks of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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Terril American Legion Memorial Day Program. Monday, May 26, 2025, 10:00am at the Terril Library. The program will feature an interesting presentation by Kathy Wempe and Dorothy Denda on their tour of the Freedom Rocks in Iowa. All are welcome and encouraged to stay for a free will burger lunch.



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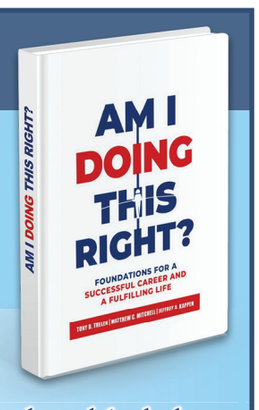

Let's Do Lunch on Wednesday, June 25th at 12:00PM!
The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a
Let's Do Lunch & Learn with Tony Thelen-
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TONY'S BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE:

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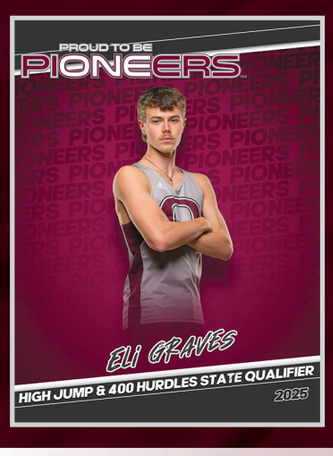



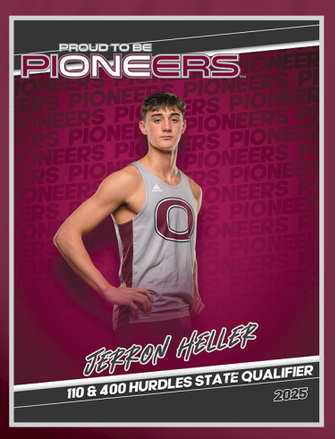



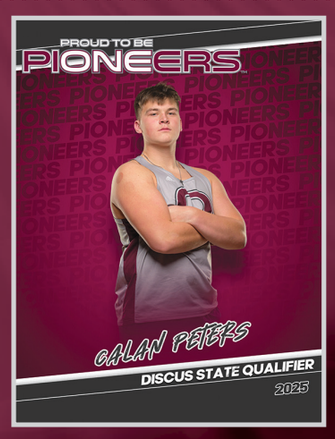



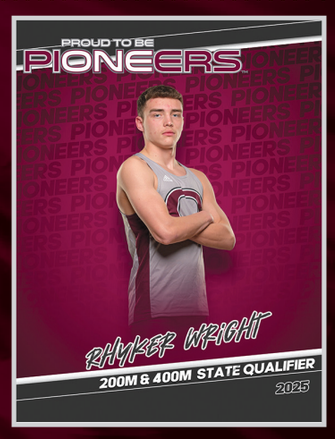

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Obituary

Edna Anne Miller Janssen (née Snyder), age 83, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, in Carroll, Iowa. Born on December 18, 1941, in Manning, Iowa, Edna lived a life marked by resilience, creativity, and deep devotion to her family and community.



A private funeral service will be held at the Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home in Carroll. Burial will be in the Merle Hay Memorial Cemetery in Glidden. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Charley Foundation *(www.charleyfoundation.org)* in her honor.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for the family at *www.dahnandwoodhouse.com*

Raised in Spirit Lake, Iowa, Edna graduated from Spirit Lake High School and remained closely connected to the area throughout her life. Her early career began as a lab technician at Berkley's, where she demonstrated precision and dedication. Later, she opened her heart and home as a childcare provider, nurturing many young lives with warmth and patience. She also worked as a bookkeeper for her husbands and was known for her exceptional talent as a seamstress—particularly for crafting elaborate square dancing dresses that reflected both her skill and flair for beauty.

Edna's hands were rarely still. She found joy in reading, knitting, crocheting, sewing, gardening, canning produce from her garden, and capturing moments through photography. A pianist with a love for music and singing. She enjoyed square dancing with friends and her husband, Charles. She embraced an active lifestyle that included walking and bicycle riding well into her later years.

Her curiosity and sense of fun extended to thrift shopping adventures and watching shows like "Pickers" on cable TV. Edna cherished visiting with family and friends—her laughter was infectious, often punctuated by jokes she loved to share. In retirement years, she enjoyed wintering in Alamo, Texas, with her second husband, Don, making friends and supporting several families in Progresso, Mexico. She also loved hosting friends and family at her home in Carroll, Iowa, for long weekends of visiting.

Faith played an important role throughout Edna's life. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church with her husband Charles in Spirit Lake and later was a member with her husband Don at Lanesboro United Methodist Church in Lanesboro, where she was a frequent volunteer and organizer for the annual chicken noodle fundraising dinner.

Edna's strength shone brightest during times of hardship. She lovingly cared for both of her husbands—Charles Miller and Donald Janssen—through their long battles with cancer until their passing. Her unwavering support during those difficult times was a testament to her enduring compassion.

After Charles Miller's death, Edna was blessed with a whirlwind romance and marriage to Donald Janssen, which brought Don's family and friends into Edna's circle. First living in the community of Lanesboro, where Don's farm was, and then after his retirement in Carroll, Iowa. An example of Edna's embrace of her second life phase was the 2002 Lanesboro centennial where she contributed to the creation of a community cookbook and a memorial quilt. In all, she spent over 30 years in Carroll County, Iowa.

Also, during this second phase, Edna facilitated the reunion of Carolyn with her birth mother, Linda Harry, as well as her deceased biological father's family. Edna embraced Carolyn's biological family and proved that our love is not finite and grows with every opportunity we allow to happen, whether it be family, friends or neighbors.

She is survived by her children: Kirk Miller (Dominique), Todd Miller, and Carolyn Miller; grandchildren Amanda Pollitt (Ben), Austin Miller (Mary Catherine), and Ashley Miller; great-grandchildren Luke Pollitt, Lucy Miller, and Charles Miller; siblings Mitch Snyder, Pete Snyder, Irvin Snyder, and Mildred Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irvin and Edna Snyder; sisters Sue Schur and Lillis Snyder; and husbands Charles Miller and Donald Janssen.

Edna created lasting memories with each generation of her family. Amanda spent cherished summers with Grandma Edna and Grandpa Charles in Spirit Lake. Ashley and Austin fondly recall their summer visits to Lanesboro with Grandma Edna and Grandpa Don. Grandchild memories filled with love, laughter, golf cart rides, kittens, fireflies, fireworks, ice cream cones, stories, music, and the simple joys of being together.

May the memory of Edna Anne Janssen bring comfort to all who knew her—a woman whose hands crafted beauty, whose heart nurtured generations, and whose spirit will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

Obituary

JoAnn Conley, 93, of the Lakes Area passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at Accura Healthcare of Milford.



A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Lake Park First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. A private family burial will be held in the Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

JoAnn Conley was born to Ernest & Hazel McDowell on July 15th, 1931, in Lake Park, Iowa. She passed away on May 11th, 2025, at the age of 93.

JoAnn graduated from the Lake Park, IA, school system in 1948. Her focus on design. After turning down a job at Macy's in Kansas City, MO, she returned to Lake Park & began working for her father at Security State Bank.

In 1951, JoAnn married Marvin (Dick) Kuehl. Four children were born of this union: Kelly, Steve, Sue, and Kevin. The family lived in various areas until Dick began work with his father-in-law at the Lake Park Bank. After Ernie's retirement, Dick advanced his banking career with the ownership of three banks. Jo Ann was instrumental in those acquisitions, also serving on the Board of Directors.

They divorced in 1992. JoAnn married Dwight (Hap) Conley in Dec. of 1996. Hap was from Omaha, NE. They later divorced. Hap passed away in Nov. 2022.

JoAnn spent many years between her homes in the Iowa Great Lakes Region & Sun Lakes, AZ. She loved both locations & filled her days with golf outings, playing Mahjong, and entertaining family & friends. She welcomed all who came to visit.

When JoAnn's arthritis became more crippling, she made the difficult decision to sell her AZ home & return fulltime to the Lakes area. After several debilitating falls, JoAnn entered the Accura Health Care Center of Milford in April of 2019. She passed away on Mother's Day, May 11th, from those issues & the complications of dementia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest & Hazel McDowell; brothers, Robert, Ralph & James McDowell; daughter, Sue Ellen Richardson; infant grandson, Mitchell John Murray, and first husband Dick Kuehl.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Kelly (Verne) Murray of Ankeny, IA; Steve Kuehl of Phoenix AZ; Kevin Kuehl of Alexandria, MN; and son-in-law Gary (Brenda) Richardson of Alton, IA.

Grandchildren, Michael Murray of Ankeny; Tyler (Cassie) Brady of Norwalk, IA; Mallory (Jason) Munden, Spirit Lake, IA; Tess (Justin) Monday of Dayton, MN; Haley Kuehl of Gleenwood, MN; and Megan (Trevor) Unruh, Monticello, MN

Great-grandchildren are Taio, Trey & Landry Brady, Beckham & Blythe Munden, Gabriel & Lucka Monday, and Kayson & Kenlee Unruh. JoAnn had several nieces & nephews she also treasured.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Park or St. Croix Hospice.

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Obituary

Vicki Lynn Reynolds passed away May 13, 2025, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She was born in 1951 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Alf and Joyce Enger. She graduated from Red River High School in 1969 and married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, John Reynolds, on January 31st, 1970. They lived and raised their family in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Vicki helped her mom and dad run their printing business, Al's Litho. She worked at Motor Vehicle where she loved visiting with customers, and worked for Target and Red River High School where she made great friends. After retirement she and John enjoyed living in Florida for a few years, traveling in their RV and most recently living in Spirit Lake, IA. She and John traveled around the US making memories everywhere they went. She was a talented artist and lover of all animals. Recently she and John fostered puppies and helped on occasion with transportation for animals needing homes through Emmet County Animal Shelter. Her sweet dogs, Sadie and Sasha are certain to miss her terribly. As will all of us left to mourn her death but celebrate her life: husband, John Reynolds; children, Lance and Lisa Reynolds, Scott and Amber Reynolds, Traci and Jeff Ripplinger; Grandchildren, Evan and Kaitlin (Ripplinger) O'Neill, Austyn Reynolds, Amber Young-Ripplinger, Tylan and Ashley Reynolds, Dillon and Chloe Reynolds, Cade Reynolds and Riley Reynolds and great grand daughter, Riley Renee Reynolds.



Vicki was proceeded in death by her parents, Alf and Joyce (Feland) Enger.

In the wise words of Vicki, "Life is short, eat the cake". We shall do just that in her honor.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Emmet County Animal Shelter, 1703 7th Ave S, Estherville, IA 51334.

Obituary

Mary Klonis (formerly Peters), age 66, unexpectedly passed away on November 1, 2024, in Glendale, AZ. Mary resided in Milford, IA, for over 30 years through 2015; she subsequently moved to Phoenix, AZ, with a specific goal to spoil her grandkids. She was a cornerstone of her family and a devoted member of the local community. Mary was licensed in social work, family life services, pre-kindergarten, elementary education, and substitute teaching. She will forever be remembered for her grace, kindness, generosity, and unconditional love. She extended her joy to everyone around her. We will forever cherish her memory and loving spirit.



Her children, Brandee Kalandyk, Kasey Peters, and Dustin Peters, invite all friends, family, and community members whose lives were impacted by Mary to a casual, come-and-go **Celebration of Life event on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 11am to 1pm at the Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa, with a short presentation honoring her life beginning at 11:30am.**



2025 Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Recipient

Chi Chapter president Mary Thunhorst, with red name tag, presented the Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid certificate and a check to Okoboji High School Senior, Faith DeWild, during the April 12 Chapter meeting. Faith is a fourth-generation family member to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. She will be majoring in elementary education with a possible emphasis in reading and coaching. Faith's parents, Sarah (Title 1/Reading Recovery at Spirit Lake), and father, Dave (Spirit LakeMiddle School Science) witnessed the presentation.

Each year Chi Chapter of the NW District of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Iowa State Organization awards a grant-in-aid to a deserving senior girl pursuing a career in education who attends one of the schools in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, or Palo Alto counties. Granting fellowships to non-member women educators meets one of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma International, a professional honorary society of more than 47,090 women educators in 17 countries. Their mission statement is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Membership isn't limited to educators; women who teach others in their area of expertise or profession are encouraged to join DKG. Contact Mary Thunhorst at *mdthunhorst@gmail.com* for more information about DKG or to attend a future meeting (August 23, October 11, November 8, December 6, March 14, and April 11).

Wel-Life Bell Ringers to Perform at Calvary United Methodist Church

The community is invited to a morning of music and movement next Thursday, May 22nd, at Calvary United Methodist Church. The Wel-Life bell ringers are scheduled to perform at 10:00am, offering a delightful musical experience for all attendees.

Following the bell performance, Gloria will lead an exercise session, providing an opportunity for gentle physical activity. Attendees are welcome to participate in either or both activities.

Refreshments will be provided, and the event is open to everyone in the community. For those seeking further information, Kelly at Respite Angels can be reached at 712-229-6064, or Chelsie at the Church can be contacted at 712-332-2447. Organizers express their anticipation in welcoming community members to this engaging morning.



Obituary

Norman "Norm" Lee Johnson, 81, of Spirit Lake, formerly of rural Dickens and Terril, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Accura HealthCare of Spirit Lake, after his long struggle with Lewy Body Dementia.



A memorial service for Norm will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, IA. Rites will be held at 9:15 a.m., conducted by the Masonic Highland Lodge #487 of Ruthven on Saturday at the church, followed by visitation at 10:00 a.m. up until the time of the service at the church. Military Rites will be held in the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji, conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and VFW John W. Kidd Post #4514, both of Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at *www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com*

Norman Lee Johnson was born on December 27, 1943, to Christy and Alta (Dotson) Johnson in Spencer, IA. He's a 1962 graduate of Lake Center High School. He earned a B.S. in Agriculture from South Dakota State University. After graduation, Norm entered the Navy Flight Program in Pensacola, FL, to become a Naval Aviator. It was while studying at the UWF Library that he met the love of his life, Laura, who was working there part-time while she was attending Pensacola Junior College. Their first date was at the NAS Officers Club, for dinner and dancing with the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing. They were engaged when Norm received his Navy Wings on November 1,1966, and were married on March 22, 1969, in Pensacola, FL. Norm flew helicopters during his 7 years of service. Their first home was on the Naval Weapons Center base, China Lake, CA. Next, Norm was stationed at NAS Imperial Beach, CA. In Helicopter Support Squadron One (HC-1), during the Apollo 15 Mission Recovery, he piloted the helicopter with the moon rocks. Later, he served on the USS Coral Sea when Laura was able to spend two weeks with him in Hong Kong during his R & R.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy in April 1974, Norm, Laura, and six-month-old son, Shawn, moved onto Norm's parents' farm in Lake Township, Clay County, IA, living in Norm's childhood home. Norm worked most of his life as a farmer in the rural Dickens and Terril area. Norm sold John Deere farm equipment for Northwest Equipment in Spencer from 1989 until 2014. He really enjoyed visiting with farmers at their farms and many long-lasting friendships developed during these work years. For a short period, he worked part-time as a pilot for Great Lakes Airlines, Spencer, IA, while still farming.

Norm was a 58-year Mason, spending most of that time as an active member in the Ruthven Masonic Highland Lodge #486. He was also a member of the Knights Templar in Spencer, IA. He was an active Methodist, on various committees while he was a member of the Ruthven United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist Church, Spencer, IA, and the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. In recent years, he especially enjoyed the close friendships he had with those in the adult Sunday School class.

Family was important to Norm. He valued education, and just as Laura supported his dream of going back to farm, he supported her dream of finishing college. After farming all day, Norm watched the boys and cooked dinner for all to have upon her return from evening classes two nights a week in Spencer. The boys were able to watch their mom graduate from BVU while they were still in grade school, something that could not have happened without Norm's support. Norm enjoyed music, especially attending his sons' band and choir concerts. He especially enjoyed live performances of musicians. Even on cruises, he loved going to live music performances.

Norm enjoyed riding his bicycle on the lakes area bike trails. He and Laura canoed together in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, MN, in Lake Superior, the Root River in Lanesboro, MN, and in local area lakes. As a family, they took many road trips to Florida and Michigan to see family, as well as trips to see National Parks and nature. After being empty nesters, Norm and Laura continued their joy of travel. Road trips went out west, and east to Maine. They enjoyed a John Deere trip to Monaco, rented a car for three extra days, and explored southern France on their own. They vacationed in Kauai, Hawaii and took many cruises to the Caribbean and one to the Fiji Islands from Sidney, Australia. Norm introduced his favorite hobby of snorkeling to Laura on their first cruise and then snorkeling adventures became highlights of future cruises. Taking walks in the neighborhood were especially enjoyed if Norm could find a neighbor to visit with. He loved people.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Laura Johnson of Spirit Lake; two sons, Shawn (Lavinia) Johnson of Maple Grove, MN, and Christopher Steven Johnson of Mexico City, Mexico; sister, Joyce Spieker of Spencer, IA; grandson, Finley Johnson; nephews Robert "Bob" Erdman of Spencer, IA, Jeremy (Lindsey) Spieker of Nevada, IA, Justin (Brittany) Spieker of Spencer, IA and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Christy and Alta Johnson; father- and mother-in-law, John and Estella Gieseke of Pensacola, FL; sister-in-law, Juanita "Nita" Chambers of Ann Arbor, MI; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Cliff and Gloria Gieseke of San Antonio, TX; brother-in-law Jim Spieker of Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Resource Center (https://lewybodyresourcecenter.org/donate) Lewy Body Dementia Resource Center, 750 West Broadway, Suite 2R, Long Beach, NY 11561.

Memorials may be made to Spirit Lake United Methodist Church.

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. Have a fun and safe 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 information, contact the library or check out our Facebook page.

- May 26 – No Building Bookworms: MML will be closed in observance of Memorial Day
- June 2 – Trucks and Big Digs
- June 9 – Impact: The Ripple Effect
- June 16 – Under the Microscope
- June 23 – Camping with special guests: Kindermusik at the Lakes
- June 30 – No Building Bookworms: See you at the Dennis Porter's Game Show at Pearson Lakes Art Center

Summer just got a whole lot cooler with Milford Memorial Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program: Level Up at Your Library! Our children's program, for kids up to 4th grade, will help power up their reading skills. Incoming 4th graders through 12th graders, are eligible for the Young Adult program, that is perfect for the on-the-go reader. Adults can rediscover their love for reading with boardgame tracker. Everyone can expect epic reading challenges, trackers, and prizes that'll make your friends want to join! The fun begins on Wednesday, May 28, and wraps up on Friday, August 1!

Join us to celebrate kicking off the 2025 Summer Reading Programs on Wednesday, May 28, at the Milford Pioneer Theatre! Two free showings of The Super Mario Bros., at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Bring two non-perishable food items to receive a free popcorn! This event is sponsored by the Milford, Arnolds Park, and Spirit Lake Libraries.

On Wednesday, May 28, incoming fourth through twelfth graders may pick up an Amazing Library Race passport from Milford, Arnolds Park, or Spirit Lake Libraries and begin a quest to visit 12 locations. They will collect prizes and earn a chance to win a Nintendo Switch with a completed passport. The race ends 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.



Lakes Regional Healthcare Recognizes Ems Professionals

Spirit Lake, IA (May 16, 2025) May 18-24, 2025, is EMS Week. Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) wants to recognize the many individuals that provide care to people within the Iowa Great Lakes region. Dickinson County has a robust emergency services system comprising over 70 volunteer First Responders, 35 Law Enforcement Officers, nine dispatchers, 15 DNR Conservation Lake Patrols, five fire departments, an underwater rescue team, LRH's ambulance service, and an emergency department. The county also has several important pieces of equipment such as specialized water rescue equipment, vehicle extrication equipment including the Jaws of Life, and equipment to help reach patients found in some of the remote areas of the county such as thermal scopes and aerial and underwater drones, and a Polaris Ranger outfitted for emergency purposes.

Whether volunteer or paid, emergency professionals must be ready for anything: traumatic injury due to a car accident, boat accident, farm accident or ATV rollover. They also handle medical emergencies like strokes, heart attacks or environmental emergencies such as frostbite or heat exhaustion and pregnancy and childbirth complications. This diversity of situations is a testament to their versatility and readiness. It also matches the theme for EMS Week 2025, which is "We Care, For Everyone."

"EMS professionals – volunteer or paid - demonstrate their commitment to those in the community countless times every day, often in difficult circumstances – whether it's providing care on the side of a highway, carrying a patient down multiple flights of stairs or across treacherous terrain, or being in situations where their own safety isn't guaranteed," said Lakes Regional Healthcare Ambulance Supervisor Chris Yungbluth. "EMS Week is an opportunity to show our genuine appreciation and let them know that we value them."

Those interested in becoming a volunteer First Responder can contact their local department or city hall, the Dickinson County EMS Association, or LRH's Ambulance Department. For those interested in a career in the EMS field, EMT or Paramedic job opportunities may also be available at *www.lakeshealth.org/careers*.

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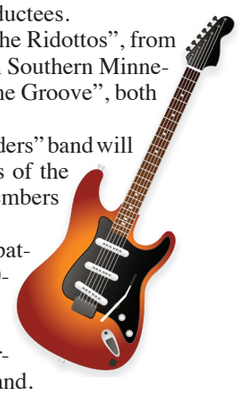
Bands on the schedule include: "The Ridottos", from Iowa and Minnesota; "Starfire", from Southern Minnesota; "Clear Lake Classics" and "Stone Groove", both from the Clear Lake area.

Don Shassow, formerly of the "Senders" band will perform, along with former members of the "Sensational Soul Company", two members of "Sugar Beats", and others.

Any musicians interested in participating should text Al Klein at 507-230-1264.

Food and drinks are available.

This event is sponsored by the Estherville VFW and "The Ridottos" rock band.



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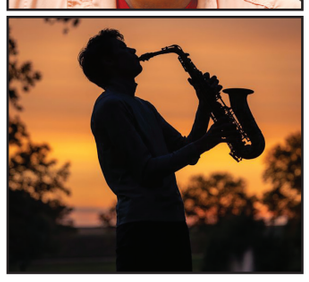
Get ready for your favorite "Yacht Rock" music. Multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Parker D joins up with guitarist/vocalist Boji Bill for an evening of great music on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. They'll be rocking the Side Door in Arnolds Park from 6:00 to 8:00 PM that evening. In case you haven't been there yet, the Side Door is located at 28 Allen Street, directly across the street from the Axe Throwing Bar. Get ready for a great evening of music and fun, and you can order food from Smokin' Jakes to have it delivered to your table at the Side Door. Head on over and discover why everyone is calling the Side Door the happiest place in the lakes region.





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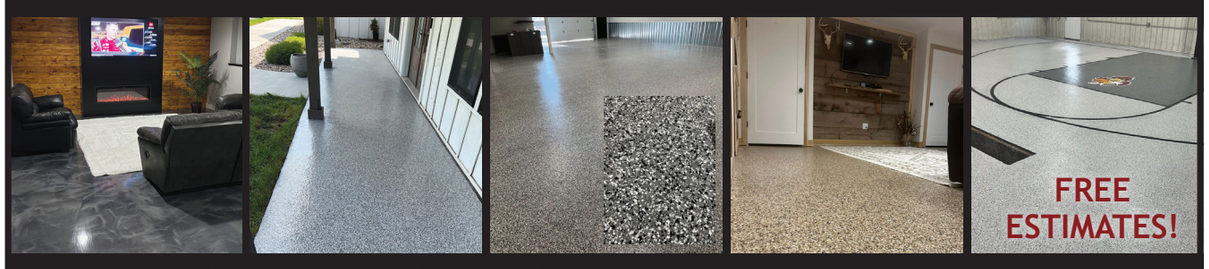

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Spirit Lake Library News

Level Up At Your Library!

by Jill Jennings

The Summer Reading Program is almost here! Our theme this year is all things gaming. Tuesday, June 27th, will be the first day of the program. Kids can pick up their Monopoly board reading log at the Spirit Lake Public Library and receive a free book. This reading log will be used for the entire program, which concludes Thursday, July 31st. The first "Guess Who" challenge will also begin on the 27th.

On Wednesday, May 28th, there will be a movie shown at the Pioneer Theatre in Milford. There is limited seating, but no reservations. There will be two show times: 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you would like a free popcorn, bring two non-perishable food items.

Also on Wednesday the 28th, "The Amazing Library Race" begins. This is for 4th - 12th graders, and will continue until Monday, June 30th. Those who want to participate should stop by the SLPL to pick up an Amazing Library Race Passport. Travel around the Okoboji area completing challenges and receiving prizes along the way. Completed passports may be turned in at the SLPL to be entered in a drawing for a grand prize.

On Thursday, May 29th, put on some old clothes because we will be doing painting projects at the Spirit Lake Public Library for Outdoor Endeavors. This is a come-and-go event from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Meet us on the outdoor patio on the north side of the building. Sign-up is encouraged because it helps us to plan more accurately with our supplies. However, it is not required.

There will be other activities off-site in collaboration with the Milford and Arnolds Park Libraries. Check out our website at slpublib.com and/or our FaceBook page to learn more!

We'd like to recognize a few of our SRP sponsors: Casey's, Goodies, the Bedell Family YMCA, and United Community Bank. Thank you for your support!

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Anna is reading A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

- Monday, May 26, Library closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27, Summer Reading Program begins!
- Tuesday, May 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, May 28, 12:30-4 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Outdoor Endeavors (painting)
- Thursday, May 29, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jong



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Please note new pricing effective January 1, 2025.

Scheduled Presentations at the LASAC

May 20 - Jeannie Carney: A former trainer and handler of Explosive Detection Canines for the Dept. of Homeland Security will be bringing her Detection Canine Eette and sharing about her 15 years of training and on-the-job experiences.

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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We are fortunate in this community to have groups like the Good Neighbor Fund that support the Voluntary Action Center's activities. VAC is the manager of our local Meals on Wheels program, a critical program that helps our homebound senior neighbors remain in their homes as long as possible. This grant from the Good Neighbor Fund will help provide subsidized meals to our low-income clients. We also participate in the Dickinson County Hunger Coalition and many other worthwhile endeavors. We could not continue to play a part in all these worthwhile projects without your charitable funding.

Angela Kofoot, Executive Director
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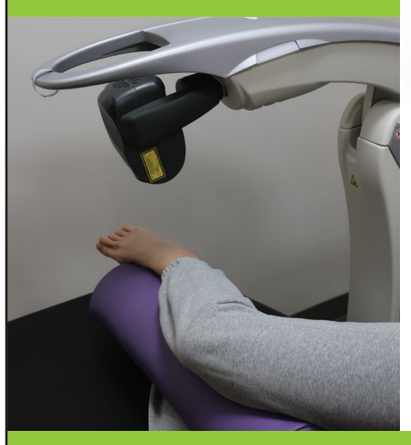

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Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

Asian MahJong - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00pm.

Dance - No Dance in May. Join us June 29th with Bill & Jackie.

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The Rev. Sawyer Vanden Heuvel (he/him/his) is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He was recently called to serve St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, and is the mission developer and pastor for a new worshipping community forming in Sioux Falls called Shepherd's Table. He earned his Master of Divinity in 2023 from Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, MN, and his Bachelor of Arts in 2012 from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD.

He is passionate about building longer tables and creating spaces of belonging so that all may be fed, seen, heard, and loved at Christ's table.

The ILUUF meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at the Lakes Area Activity (Senior) Center. Coffee and conversation begin at 9:30 with the program to follow at 10am. All ages attend, even children, and you can expect inspiring words, music, laughter, love and yes, even cookies during the fellowship.

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Representing the Boat & Watercraft Technician, Construction Technology and Powersports and Power Equipment Technology programs, Iowa Lakes students earned multiple top honors against the best career and technical education students in the state.

Among the standout achievements:

• Tate Myers (Iowa Falls, Iowa) earned Gold in the Post-secondary Carpentry competition.

• Brody Van't Hul (Rock Valley, Iowa) secured Gold in Marine Service Technology

• Antonia Capece claimed Gold in Power Equipment Technology.

• Michael Anderson won Gold in Motorcycle Service Technology.

• Drew Prins earned Silver in Motorcycle Service Technology.

• Brice Rooney took Bronze in Motorcycle Service Technology.

• Jeremy Anderson earned Silver in Power Equipment Technology.

• Jacob Grau-West claimed Bronze in Power Equipment Technology.

"Our students continue to prove that Iowa Lakes delivers not just education, but career-ready talent," said Kyle Norris, Executive Dean of Iowa Lakes. "Their skills and determination were on full display, and we couldn't be prouder."

"I'm really proud to represent Iowa Lakes - taking home the gold medal," said Tate Myers, Carpentry gold medalist. "The hands-on training and support I've received here has prepared me not just for competition but for a successful career."

"Competing at SkillsUSA has been an incredible experience," added Brody Van't Hul, a double gold medalist in Marine Service Technology and Power Equipment Technology. "The instructors at Iowa Lakes have helped me develop my technical skills and confidence to perform at the highest level."

Gold medalists will advance to represent Iowa Lakes at the prestigious 2025 National SkillsUSA Championships, taking place in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 23 to 27.

SkillsUSA is a national workforce development organization driven by employer demand. It empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members through the development of technical, workplace, and interpersonal skills. With members nationwide spanning more than 130 trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as an essential component of career and technical education. Since 1965, SkillsUSA has served more than 14.6 million members.

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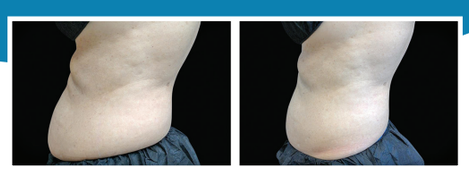

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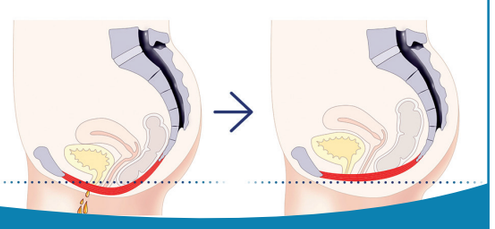

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There are many food choices with Kahl's Kettle Korn, Garden Winery Wines, Jeron's Java Roasting Co. with so many coffees, Cedar Farms jams, jellies and freeze-fried candy, and Haley's Home Baked Goods, plus other vendors with pickles and peanuts. There is also a new food truck with burgers, fries, breakfast sandwiches, mini donuts and more!

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Dear Tony, Last year when I went on our summer vacation it was horrible. I couldn't get work off my mind, it ruined my attitude, and I was more stressed than had I not gone on vacation. How can I do better this summer?

We all look forward to vacations, especially in the summer when school is out, weather is favorable, and travel is generally easier. But if you struggle with work/life balance vacations can become a nightmare. In a nutshell, the advice I have is to "***Be where your feet are***".

One way to keep this in mind is to remember the movie *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* where Damone advised Rat on how to be more successful in high school dating. His advice? "*Wherever you are, act like that's the place to be*". This is great advice!

Below are 9 pieces of advice on how to get the most out of your vacations this summer, while also holding it all together at work.

1. Create the space for your vacation. This means engage your team or others around you at work to cover for you while you are gone. Mark your "out of office message" encouraging others to make decisions and be empowered. Reach out to people who you work closely with to let them know your plan to be away.

Pro-Tip: You usually have more help and people willing to support you than what you realize. *The key is you must ask for help*.

2. Set boundaries. If your mental health and wellness requires you to stay in touch with something back at work, create boundaries or plan for a dedicated time to touch base. Just like you plan for time with the family activities, it might be OK to plan for a small amount of time to touch base that isn't a distraction to your vacation plans.

3. Buy tickets. I credit this one to Gary Scholten, retired CIO of Principal Financial in Des Moines, who told me once that he "bought tickets" for his plans for vacation time and activities. He had heard one time that if you bought tickets you became more committed to the activity and less likely to cancel the activity.

4. Prioritize things. Whatever is going on in your life, be a prioritizing machine. I've spoken a lot about a "mind-map" in the past to help do this. It's a good idea to always have a strong mind map for your personal and professional life, especially when planning for vacation time.

5. Digital Disconnect. Our lives are getting more and more productive with our digital tools. It's awesome what we can do today with these tools. However, I encourage everyone to plan for a digital disconnect, including e-mail, social media, and computers during your time away.

6. Do something different for yourself. This might be pausing for 15 minutes every morning to be grateful for everything in your life. It might be reflecting at the end of a day and journaling what is going on in your life. Try something new.

7. Plan your vacation. I once organized a family trip to Hawaii for our family. We had an "into the ocean" day, and "into the jungle day", a "beach day", etc. Every day had a theme, everyone contributed to the agenda, we split up meal duty, everything was planned. We got more done and had more fun than we ever could have without a plan.

Pro-tip: Plan for a little "open time" to allow what wants to happen to emerge. *Some of it you just can't plan for until game day.*

8. Plan for your departure. Take some time to kick off your vacation with a positive note. If you are going away from your spouse on vacation, send them a little gift to arrive on the 2nd day you are away. Think of reserving some surprise for your family on departure day to amp up the excitement. Leave room for a surprise.

9. Plan for your re-entry. Give yourself liberal space to re-engage the workplace, take note of all the fun times you had, and ease your time returning to work. Do something to remember the vacation. Save those mementos, tickets to events, pictures, and honor the time.

Don't forget to *"be where your feet are"* when it comes to managing a busy life. Wherever you are, that's the place to be. Be confident. Be motivated. Get a lot of things done in your life. But do it one step at a time, and make sure the people who matter to you know you are there for them in the moment.

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Chickpea, Feta and Orzo Salad

Makes 4 Servings

- 1 cup uncooked orzo
- Cucumber-Thyme Relish (see below)
- 1 cup refrigerated pre-chopped tomatoes
- 1 16-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup (1.3 ounces) crumbled feta cheese with basil and sun-dried tomatoes

Cucumber-Thyme Relish • Yields 2/3 cup

- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped English cucumber
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. While pasta cooks, prepare Cucumber-Thyme Relish. Combine tomato and chickpeas in a large bowl, tossing gently; stir in pasta, salt, and Cucumber-Thyme Relish. Add feta cheese; toss gently.



Cucumber-Thyme Relish
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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 *lkvicker@gmail.com.* 1-33

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Commission of Veteran Affairs: Overview (1) 3-year term – appointment starts July 1, 2025-Monthly meeting –in the Dickinson County Courthouse.
The Dickinson County Veteran Affairs Commission consists of 3 commissioners, however, Iowa Code states the commission shall consist of either 3 or 5 persons, as determined by the board of supervisors, all of whom shall be veterans as defined in Section 35.1. If possible, each member of the commission shall be a veteran of a different military action. However, this qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who served in more than one of the military actions.
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- B. Obtain & maintain certification as a County Commissioner.
- C. Oversee financial assistance for veterans & their family.
- D. Assist with applications to Iowa Veterans Home.
- E. Spread the word about VA programs& services throughout the County.
- F. Refer veterans & family to VA Director for services of programs both VA related & Non- VA.

For additional information, please contact the Dickinson County Veteran Affairs Director at 336-0883, or sjones@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov.

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Garage Sale

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Thursday, May 22 • 9-3
Friday, May 23 • 10-6
Saturday, May 24 • 8-3

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Spirit Lake

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Saturday, May 24th • 7am - 3pm
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EMPTY NESTER sale {one day only}
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Spirit Lake

1609 Jackson Ave, Spirit Lake. Thursday, May 22, 3-7pm, and Friday & Saturday, May 23 & 24, 8am-5pm. Much misc. Men's slacks and jeans, sizes 40-48, numerous pairs. Cookware & glassware. All in good condition. **1-33P**

111 24th Street, Spirit Lake. Thursday, May 22, 4-7; Friday, May 23 8-12 and 4-7; Saturday, May 24 8-1 kitchen items, games, books, jewelry, dog items, sheets, towels, household, puzzles, home decor, much misc. **1-33P**

2410 Boston Avenue, Spirit Lake. Friday, May 23 from 8 am to 5 pm & Saturday, May 24 from 8 am to 5 pm. Multi-party garage sale. Wedding items: 2 boxes greenery & white flowers, 12' garland, arch greenery, black dinner plates, one gallon glass jugs, pampas grass, 24 standing picture frames, new craft items, adult clothing, tools, lots of household misc. **1-33P**

2202 Denver Ave, Spirit Lake. May 23 & 24, 10am-4pm. Lamps, jewelry, clothes, small pieces of furniture, metal shelving, toys, Banthrico Banks, fencing, lawn ornaments, lots of things new still in boxes, sewing material, lots of Disney. **1-33P**

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1605 Stover Ave, Spirit Lake. Friday 10am-7pm and Saturday, 8am-2pm. Memorial weekend multi-family garage sale. Lots of gently used, name brand household goods, clothes, outdoor equipment and miscellaneous! **1-33P**

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7 am to 1 pm
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1-33c

Milford

3005 Chaplin Dr, Milford. Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Misc. household items from 3 families. All items priced to sell! **1-33P**

40 Airport Dr, Milford. Fri, May 23, 12-5pm, and Saturday, May 24, 7am-1pm. Multi party garage sale. Treadmill, Pack'n play, bicycle, household goods, women's clothing, craft items, holiday decor, pet play pen, dog waterer, Bird Buddy. **1-33P**

2925 Sportsmans Drive, Milford. Saturday, May 24, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. Hunter Hills. Multi family garage sale. Numerous other sales in neighborhood. College daughter and teen son cleaned closets. Numerous namebrand clothing all sizes Gymshark, Nike, Adidas, American Eagle, Aerie, White Fox, The North Face, and Athleta. Shoes. Home decor. Table full of estate/antique items from grandparents home. Husband cleaned shop with fishing, woodworking, and shop items. You don't want to miss this sale, something for everyone. **1-33P**

2103 Okoboji Blvd, Milford. Thursday 1- 7pm, and Friday, 10am - 3pm. 2 days only. Moving Sale. **1-33P**

3413 Kuchel Trail, Milford. Friday, May 23rd, 3-6 PM and Saturday, May 24th, 730-11:00 AM. Something for everyone multi family garage sale. Items include: ice shack and auger, misc furniture pieces - including pair of dining room chairs, beautiful home decor and pillows, linens, rugs, life jackets, women's and men's clothing, luggage, collection of St Nicholas village pieces, Christmas decor, & lots of wonderful items you didn't even know you needed! **1-33C**

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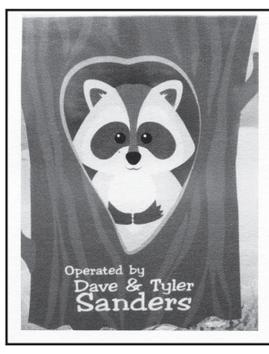

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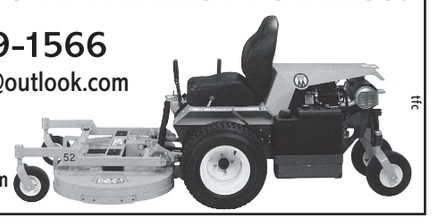

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BELOW IS A LIST WITH: R#, NEEDS, (TOTAL IN PARTY) AND COMMENTS:

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
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
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
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
R46: Shaded tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for 3 from Saltillo, MS
R51: Indoor or outdoor space for sleeping bags, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 4 couples in 60s
R54: Tent camping in yard, parking, shower/toilet facilities for family of 3 from Flower Mound, TX
R59: Tent camping in yard, place to park 21 ft. van - 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
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

THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

Sat., May 24 – 9:30 AM– Large coin auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Toering. 1-712-230-0238.

Sat., May 24 – 10:00 AM– Real Estate auction in Estherville. Auctioneer: Clarken. 712-380-2981. *www.clarkenrealtors.com*.

Sat., May 24 – 10:00 AM– Open House in Ruthven, IA. Auctioneers: Sale Barn Realty & Auction. 1-712-335-3117.*www.salebarn.ncn.net*.

Tues., June 3 – 9:00 AM– Consignment auction in Armstrong. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. *www.howellrealestateandauction.com*.

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

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.com*.

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

Wed., June 18 – 10:00 AM– 134.88 acres at auction in Estherville. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management.712-262-3110.*www.midwestlandmanagement.com*.

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We will be adding shifts to the online form as we get closer and volunteers can sign up for a specific area they are interested in. We will need help with set up, campgrounds, ride right, hospitality, information center, beverage garden, entertainment/special events, and transportation.

Thank you to those who have already used the online form to sign up to be a volunteer! We know you are patiently waiting to hear from the Milford RAGBRAI Committee. We will be in contact soon with more details on opportunities.

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



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SPIRIT LAKE, IA — Just in time to kick off summer at the lakes, Boji Powersports is inviting the Iowa Great Lakes community to a grand reopening weekend filled with food, games, giveaways, and the chance to check out what's new in the store.



The powersports dealer, formerly known as C & B Powersports, will welcome the community under its new name and fresh look, with a focus on helping people make the most of their time outdoors.

On Friday and Saturday, May 23-24, starting at 11 a.m., the store will host a family-style open house, serving up fun for riders of all ages. Guests at the open house will enjoy:

- Free food from Shea's Firehouse Kitchen (available on first-come, first-served basis)
- Games and activities for the whole family
- Hands-on demos with new powersports equipment
- Door prizes and a chance to win a Boji Powersports gift certificate

"For us, this is about more than a new name," said Michael Burwell, owner of Boji Powersports. "It's about deepening our commitment to the community and the people who power their lives with the outdoors."

"We live here, we ride here, and we're proud to be part of the Iowa Great Lakes area," said Jordan Butler, general manager of the store. "We want to make it easier for families to get out and enjoy the lakes, the trails, and everything this area has to offer."

With a refreshed store and new product lines – including CFMOTO, with more brands on the way – Boji Powersports is ready to serve everyone who explores, works, and plays around the lakes.

"While we've got some exciting changes at the store, we're still delivering the great service our customers have come to rely on," Burwell said. "We hope people swing by, hang out for a while, and see what Boji Powersports is all about. We want this place to feel like yours."

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- Boji Powersports – 4105 Highway 71, Spirit Lake, IA
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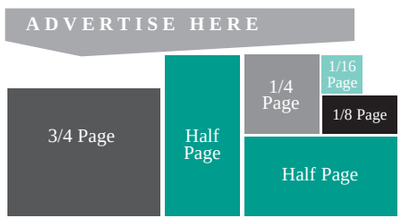

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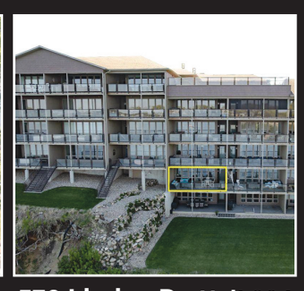

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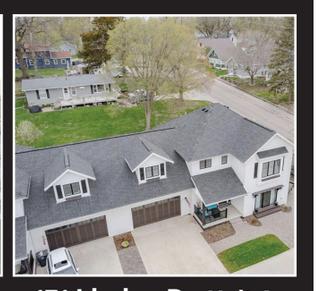

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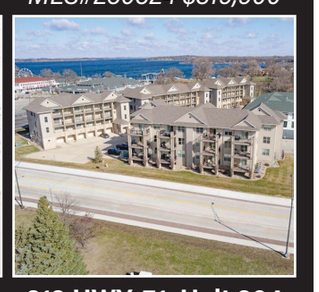

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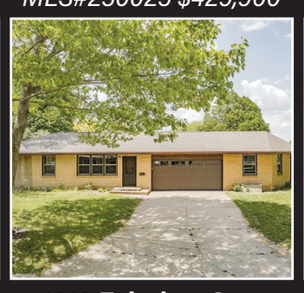

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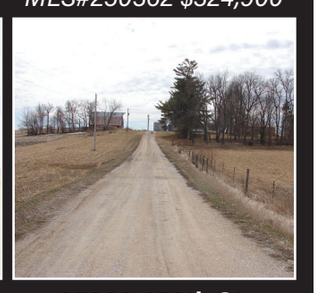

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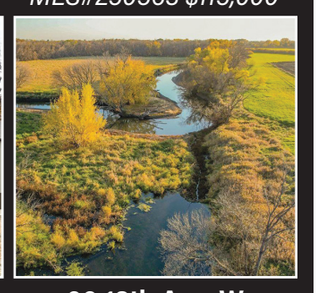

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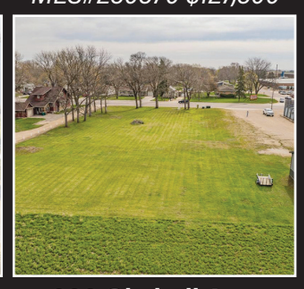

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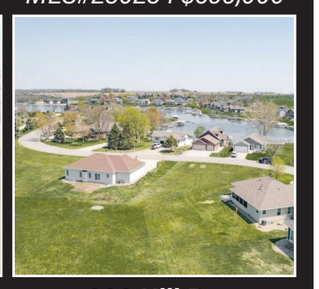

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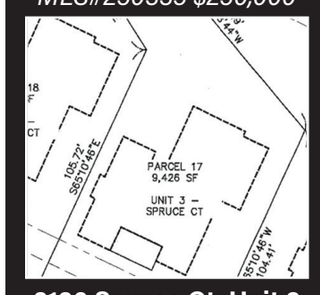

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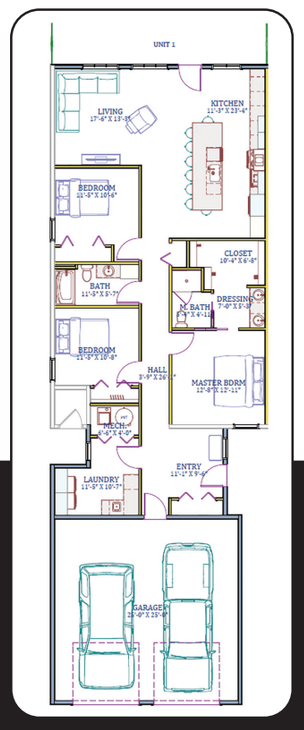

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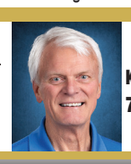
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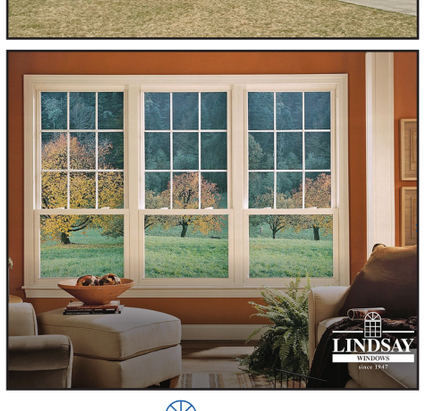

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- 5:00PM Appetizers and Refreshments at the Winchester Store Museum
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Tickets are $250 per person. All proceeds benefit the Lakes Area Museum Association (LAMA).

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For ticket inquiries and reservations: *janek@thewinchesterstore.com*. Make check payable to Lakes Area Museum Alliance. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to Dickinson County Museum (1708 Keokuk Ave, Spirit Lake) .

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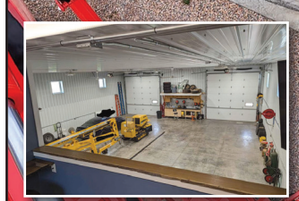


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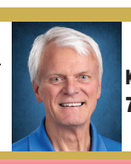
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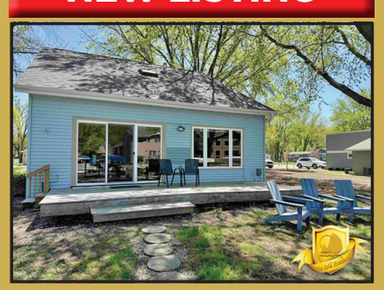

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Scott Nolte Receives 2025 Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award

ESTHERVILLE, IOWA (May 9, 2025) The Iowa Lakes Community College Alumni & Friends Association presented Scott Nolte with the 2025 Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award during the college's Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 9, in Estherville.



Nolte joins the ranks of Iowa Lakes graduates who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their communities, careers, and service organizations while serving as positive role models. The Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award, established in 1992, honors individuals who exemplify the spirit and values of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Deb Weston, treasurer of the Alumni & Friends Association Board, presented Nolte with the award, which memorializes Jim Hall — a 1968 Iowa Lakes graduate, former assistant football coach at the college, and lifelong supporter of the institution.

A native of Storm Lake, Nolte graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1997 and earned his associate in arts degree in broadcasting from Iowa Lakes in 1999. He later received a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication from Buena Vista University in 2001.

Nolte lives in Spencer with his wife, Tina, and their children: Jasmin, Emma, Harper, and Kinnick. He serves as the sports director and an on-air personality for KUOO, Q102, and Y100 radio stations, where he has worked since August 2006.

An active community member, Nolte has served on his church board in Spencer, volunteered with the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce for Winter Games and Fourth of July celebrations, and provided music and DJ services for Upper Des Moines Music Bingo Nights. He is a regular emcee at local events, including the Iowa Lakes Athletics Hall of Fame banquet each February, and often serves as the public address announcer at Iowa Lakes basketball games.

Nolte's passion lies in covering the journeys of student-athletes, having reported from major venues across the state such as the UNI-Dome, Wells Fargo Arena, Principal Park, Rogers Sports Complex, Tyson Events Center, and both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. For nearly two decades, he has traveled extensively to highlight high school and collegiate athletics in northwest Iowa.

Through his dedication to community involvement and support of student-athletes, Scott Nolte exemplifies the spirit of the Jim Hall Award. The Iowa Lakes Alumni & Friends Association proudly recognizes his contributions and congratulates him on this well-deserved honor.

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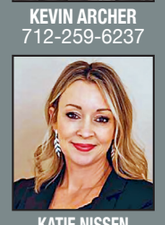
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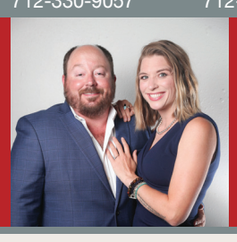

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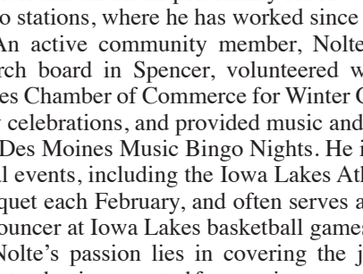

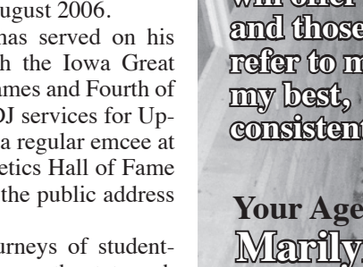

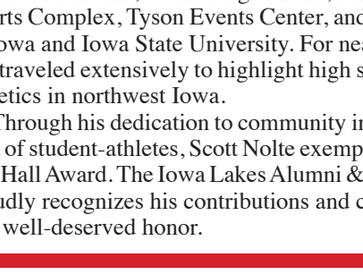





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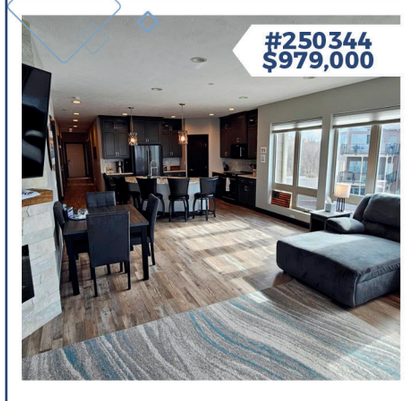

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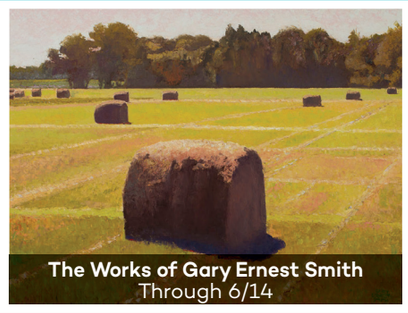

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June 3 | 10:30am-12:00pm | $30/$40
Level: Any, 18 years+, Register by 5/31

Instructor Holly Zinn Hample will teach the art of creating beautiful, functional clay platters adorned with intricate lace patterns. In this guided session, you will explore basic handbuilding techniques, including slab construction with slab roller and texture application. Participants can bring lace from home or choose from a variety of lace in the studio's collection.

MINDFUL ART 1.0 With Karess Knudtson
June 9, July 23, or August 13 | 6-7:30pm | $35/$45
Level: Any, 18 years+, Must register by 12pm the day of class

This mindful drawing activity merges neuroscience and drawing. This class will benefit anyone who comes with an open mind through simple drawing techniques that can be used for personal reflection and the processing of everyday life through art. The finished product will be a matted work of art. All necessary materials will be provided.

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With Chef Jay Norton of The Hen House
6:00pm | $100/$110 per dinner

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With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman
June 19 | 6:00pm | $45/$55

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Spring Garden Dinner
With Chef Seth Lintelman of Cup N' Saucer
June 26 | 6:00pm | $150/$160

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For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Activities at the LASAC

Tuesday May 20
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Jeannie Carney: A former trainer and handler of Explosive Detection Canines for the Dept. of Homeland Security will be bringing her Detection Canine Eette and sharing about her 15 years of training and on-the-job experiences.
12.30 - Bridge
Wednesday May 21
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
Thursday May 22
10:00 - Strummers
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba Class
Friday May 23
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday May 24
Dining Room Reserved
Sunday May 25
Card Room Reserved
Monday May 26
9:00 - Exercise
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - Pinochle Club

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us 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.

Music Benefit at Gary's on the River

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of Music at Gary's on the River on May 31st. Join Krista Richards, Molly Brandt, and Dave Huckfelt for a night filled with incredible live music, starting at 5:00pm and rocking until 10:00pm. Watch Eduardo Rodriguiz and Hannah Patke create masterpieces during the performances. Texas Toast & Tot's food truck will be open to the public along with a dessert truck Sweet Tooth. Dave Huckfelt is a home grown Spencerite and Molly Brandt is the granddaughter of Merlin and Sonna Winther.



Enjoy happy hour vibes starting at 4:00pm while supporting a great cause. The $35 ticket helps raise essential funds for Arts On Grand - funding apartment renovations, basement upgrades, and crucial operational costs. Come and be a part of this evening of great tunes, good company, and community impact.

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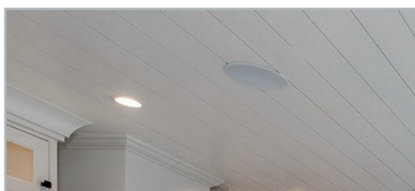

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Pirate's Cove and Pirate's Island Hosting "Putting for Patriots"

A fundraising event for Veterans, May 5th - May 26th, 2025

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf in Arnolds Park, IA will host the annual Putting For Patriots fundraiser from May 5th-26th 2025. This national event supports two non-profits, which serve our wounded Veterans, their families, and survivors of the fallen: Homes for Our Troops and TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors).

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 benefiting 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/*.









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

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

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



IBBB to Perform at the Barefoot

Lakes area favorites, the Itty Bitty Boji Band, will be performing at the Barefoot Bar in Okoboji during the afternoons of Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25. They'll be performing your favorite, rock, country, line dance and yacht rock songs from 2:30 to 6:30 each day. The Itty Bitty Boji Band was inducted into the Midwest All Music Association Hall of Fame in 2023. Now's your chance to see this group in action. It's always a great time when the Itty Bitty Boji Band brings their fun-time music to the stage of the Barefoot Bar in Okoboji.

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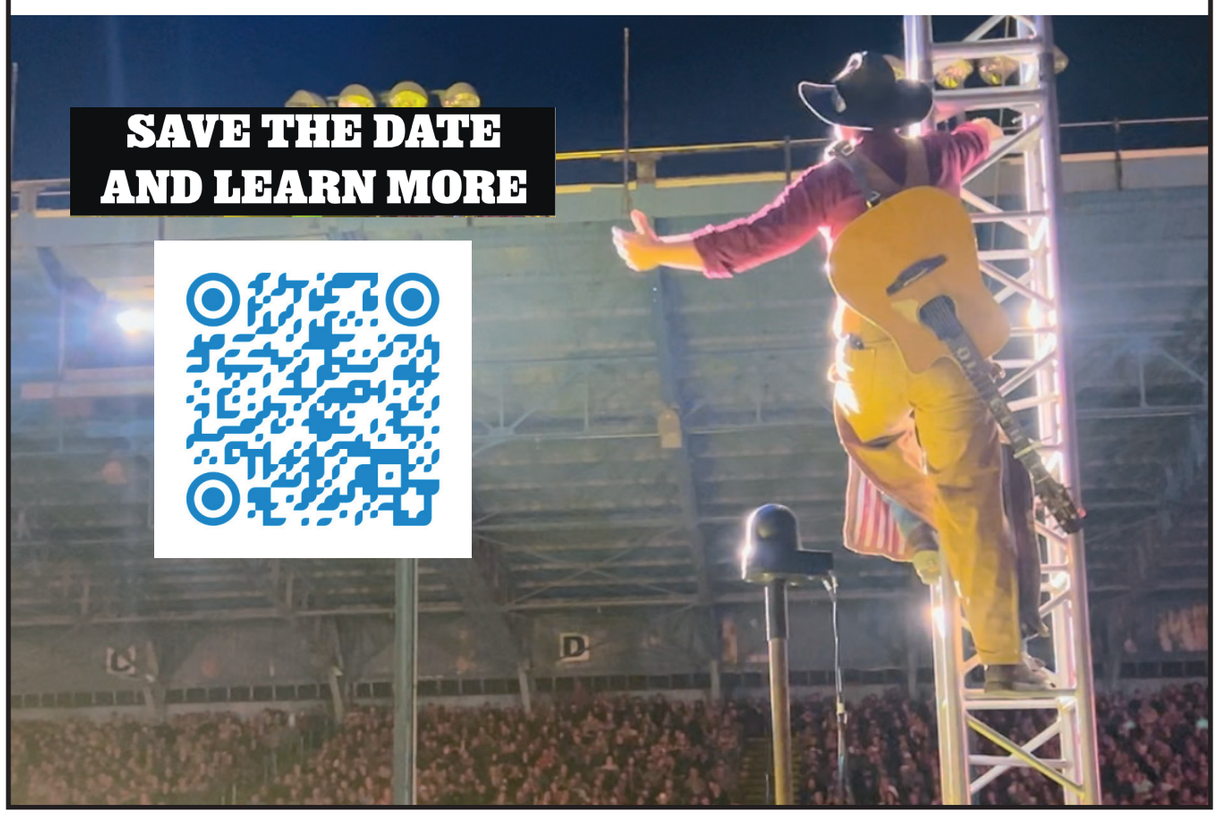

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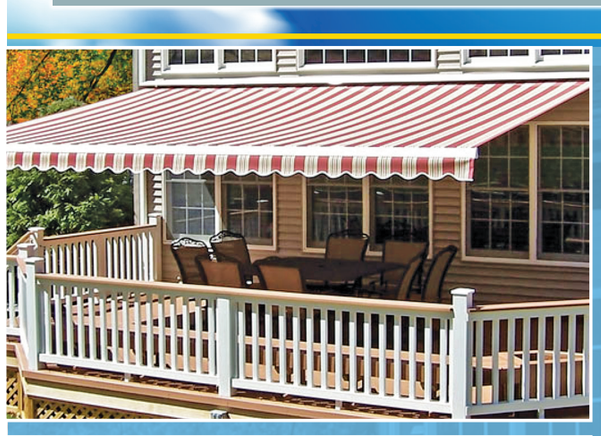









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