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Front Row (L-R): Nora Conover, Addie Baker, Isla Nelson, Cecelia Harris, Elanor Sinz, Anabel Sinz, Ebba Bjornstad, Anthea Leupold, Peyton Bosch.

Middle Row (L-R) Sydney Rahe, Alyvia Plathe, Riley Meyer, Aliza Vander Leest, Addison Johnson, Melika Smith, Abby Scott, Sally Androski, Grant Meyer, Kaysen Adams, Teegan Jones. Back Row (L-R): Ella Kasperbauer, Karna Droegmiller, Norah Danbom, Reese Keenan, Cora Niemeier, Kendal Niemeier, Dexter Peters, Wesley Evans, Jacob Neuharth, Calan Peters, Trey Vander Pol, Leo Kinnetz. Not Pictured: Joey Andres, Kaleb Johnson.

2024-2025 YIP raised a record-breaking \$112,346 and granted a total of \$84,482!

This is the 15th year of Youth In Philanthropy. In total they have raised \$787,618 and granted a total of \$649,118!

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TONY THIELSEN

Dear Tony, my interactions with co-workers have taken a turn for the worse and it seems like we collaborate less, are more stressed than ever, and no one is motivated. I'm impacted negatively every day and its wearing on me. What can I do to change things for myself, and maybe for others I work with?

Our brains are wired to respond to social interactions in ways that either draw us closer to others or push us away. David Rock, founder of the NeuroLeadership Institute, captures this dynamic in his **SCARF** Model—a framework that identifies five key domains influencing human behavior in social settings: **Status, Certainty, Autonomy, Relatedness, and Fairness**. By understanding these elements, we can foster more collaborative and welcoming environments, whether at work or in our personal lives, and take steps today to improve our lives immediately.

At the heart of the SCARF Model lie two fundamental principles about how our brains operate in social contexts. First, a physical threat—being chased by a lion, for instance—triggers the same fear response as a social threat, like public criticism. Our brains struggle to distinguish between the two, reacting to social slights as if they were matters of survival. A colleague's harsh feedback or a dismissive gesture can feel as visceral as a physical blow, causing us to withdraw or lash out. Studies show that social pain, like the sting of rejection, activates the same neural pathways as physical pain, with emotional distress lingering far longer—sometimes twice as long as a physical injury.

The second principle centers on our response to social environments. When we feel threatened, our brain shifts into a defensive “away” mode, prompting us to retreat or resist. Conversely, a welcoming environment—one where we feel valued and safe—ushers us into a “toward” mode, encouraging collaboration and openness. This dichotomy shapes how we interact with others, whether in a meeting, a family gathering, or a casual conversation.

Understanding what triggers these responses is key to fostering connection over conflict.

So, how do we navigate these social dynamics? David Rock's SCARF Model offers a roadmap by breaking down the five domains that influence our behavior in social settings. Originally developed to enhance workplace collaboration, the model applies just as powerfully to personal relationships. Each element reflects a core human need, and when these needs are met, we thrive. When they're threatened, we falter.

Status: This reflects our sense of relative importance or social standing compared to others. A perceived slight—like being overlooked for a promotion—can bruise our ego and trigger defensiveness.

Certainty: Our brains crave clarity and predictability about the future. Uncertainty, such as not knowing where a project is headed, can spark anxiety and hinder focus.

Autonomy: We yearn for control over our actions and decisions. Feeling micromanaged or powerless can lead to frustration, while autonomy fosters confidence and engagement.

Relatedness: This is our need to feel connected and belong to a group. Without a sense of camaraderie—whether with colleagues or friends—we feel isolated and disconnected.

Fairness: We are deeply attuned to equitable treatment. Perceived unfairness, like unequal workloads in a team, can breed resentment, while fairness cultivates trust.

Together, these elements form a lens through which we can view our interactions. When any of these domains are threatened, we may feel attacked or diminished, even if the threat is subtle. On the flip side, nurturing these domains creates an environment where people feel valued and motivated to contribute.


The SCARF Model isn't just a theoretical framework—it's a practical tool for improving how we engage with others. By reflecting on each domain, we can identify areas where we might inadvertently trigger threats and instead foster a “toward” response. Here are five questions, one for each element, to guide your self-reflection:

- Status: Am I rewarding and recognizing those around me enough? Do I have a healthy self-image of my own status in the world, whether among co-workers or in my personal life?
- Certainty: Do I provide clear expectations and updates to others? Am I seeking enough clarity for myself to feel secure?
- Autonomy: Am I empowering others to make decisions, and do I feel in control of my own choices?
- Relatedness: How can I build stronger connections with those around me to create a sense of belonging?
- Fairness: Am I treating others equitably, and do I feel fairly treated in my interactions?

By asking these questions, we can better understand our own needs and those of others, paving the way for more meaningful and productive relationships. The SCARF Model reminds us that social interactions are not just about words or actions—they're about the deeper human needs that drive us. When we honor these needs, we start to create environments where stress goes down, motivation & collaboration goes up, and everyone can thrive.

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Brenda Tiefenthaler, President of Spencer Hospital, emphasized the hospital's commitment to state-of-the-art medical advancements and high-quality patient care. "At Spencer Hospital, we continuously invest in advanced technology to improve patient outcomes.

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Dr. Jason Hough, an orthopedic surgeon with Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint and Sports Surgeons, emphasized the value of the collaboration with Spencer Hospital. "This partnership ensures our patients receive comprehensive, high-quality orthopedic care," he said.

Fellow orthopedic surgeon Dr. Andrew Pick echoed that sentiment, noting, "With advanced tools like the Mako Robot, expert surgical teams, and excellent post-operative physical therapy at Spencer Hospital and its affiliated clinics, our patients benefit from exceptional results and a seamless recovery back to an active lifestyle."

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Rob Sand is from Decorah, Iowa. As a high school student, he spent two years working to convince community leaders to build a skate park in his hometown. During college, Rob served as an intern in the office of former U.S Senator Tom Harkin.

Sand enrolled at the University of Iowa College of Law and earned his Juris Doctor in 2010. In law school, he was both president of the Iowa Student Bar Association and an editor-in-chief of the law journal.

Rob Sand started his career in public service as an Assistant Iowa Attorney General, where he served as the Chief Public Corruption Prosecutor for the State of Iowa from 2010 to 2017. He has been elected twice as State Auditor since 2018 and has served as a trusted leader and government watchdog with a record of rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse and doing what's right for Iowans.

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- Students who have gone above and beyond in the classroom effort or achievement during the previous semester.
- Students who exhibit excellent character throughout the school environment.
- Students who have participated and excelled in co-curricular and athletic programs and have exhibited hard work, perseverance, good sportsmanship, kindness, and willingness to help others.




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Spirit Lake Masons Clean Up Highway 71
Members from the Spirit Lake Twilight Masonic Lodge #329 spent several hours Saturday morning, April 19th, on their annual spring ditch clean up project. Several years ago we adopted the portion of Highway 71 from Ferguson's to McDonalds as a community beautification project. Twice a year members walk the ditches on both sides of the road, collecting trash. Members participating: Ken Eckerman, Dallas Brown, Jeff VanderSluis, Alex Ewen, Brett Thacker and Josh Miller in front, along with trash collected that day.

City of Arnolds Park CLEAN-UP DAY
The City of Arnolds Park Clean-Up Day will be Monday, June 2, 2025.

- Tags are required for appliances, electronics, and furniture.
- Discounted Tags are required for the above items and are available at City Hall from May 27 to June 2.
- Dispose of items not collected with the regular garbage pick-up.
- Place small items in boxes or bags.
- NO yard waste or recycling will be collected.
- NO hazardous items such as oil, paint, pesticides, weed control products, etc.
- Paint cans will be picked up if the lid is off and the paint is dry. Place separately at the curb.
- Items must be curbside and ready for pick-up prior to 7:00 a.m. on June 2, but refrain from placing items curbside prior to Saturday morning.
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House Plant Happy Hour

May 29th, 3-6pm
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May 31st, 10am

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June 7th, 10am
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June 21st 10am

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To the Editor:
The Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club would like to thank The Good Neighbors Fund for their generous donation of \$3,303.68. This will definitely enhance our effort to reach over 800 kids in 2025 and is greatly appreciated.
Nicole Evans from The Good Neighbors Fund is presenting the check to Dean Jacobsen from the IGL Fishing Club.
The Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club is a non-profit organization and the largest fishing club in the State with an annual membership around 400 individuals & families. With a focus on introducing youth to fishing, the club has also built its reputation on the encouragement of catch and release fishing. Our mission is to recruit youth to the sport, encouraging connection to the outdoors and fishing as a lifelong passion.
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May 27 - Treva Graves:
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May 27

May 30

May 30

June 1

June 2-4

June 3

June 6

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June 8

June 10

June 13

June 13

June 13

June 14

June 14

June 15

2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner

Keith Abens Meml Cyclone Wrestling Fundraiser

Friday Night Texas 4-Ball

2-Man Best Shot

Junior Camp Week 1

2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner

Camp Foster YMCA 8" Cup

Friday Night Texas 4-Ball

Couples Best Shot

2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner

4-H Foundation of Iowa 4-Person

SL Chamber Brief Case Open 4-Person Best Shot

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29 JUNE SUNDAY, JUNE 29 Love Takes Root Tournament - 1pm SG

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12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday May 28

9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday May 29

10:00 - Strummers

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards

3:00 - Cribbage

4:00 - Zumba

5:30 - Singles Group

Friday May 30

9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date

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Sunday June 1

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Monday June 2

9:00 - Exercise

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - Asian Mahjong

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us on every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free-will offering. No dance in May. Join us June 29th and dance to live music with Bill and Jackie. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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Spirit Lake School Foundation Awards Scholarships

Senior Awards Night in the Sami Center was rewarding for 60 Spirit Lake High School graduates as they received scholarships totaling \$100,000. Individual scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$4,000 each. It is the goal of the Foundation to provide a start in paying for the student’s continuing education at a university, college, trade or technical school of their choice. Students must apply and qualify to receive a scholarship. We are proud that many former scholarship recipients have returned to the lakes area to work and live.

Join the Movement: 4th Annual Beach Clean Up Kicks Off May 28th in Arnolds Park

Arnolds Park, IA — May 21, 2025 — The Animal House of Okoboji invites the community to roll up their sleeves and make a meaningful impact at the 4th Annual Beach Clean Up, starting Tuesday, May 28, at Bob’s in Arnolds Park at 10am.

This year’s event marks the beginning of a five-month initiative to keep the Iowa Great Lakes beautiful and sustainable. Clean-up events will be held on the last Wednesday of each month through September:

- May 28
- June 25
- July 30
- August 27
- September 24

Volunteers of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. The mission? To foster a conscious movement toward clean water and trash-free beaches, preserving the Iowa Great Lakes for generations to come.

Beach sites include: Arnolds Park Amusement Park Public Beach, Terrace Beach Park, Pikes Point State Park, Minnewashta Campground, Sawmill Park, Upper Gar Boat Ramp, Pillsbury Point State Park, Marble Beach Campground, Templar Park, and Orleans Beach/Spillway.

Volunteers will meet at Bob’s in Arnolds Park, where supplies will be distributed and cleanup locations assigned. After collecting trash, participants will return their garbage for proper disposal.

This grassroots effort began in 2022, founded by Steve Strom, owner of Animal House of Okoboji. Funding support comes in part from sales of Strom’s clothing line, Unsalted No Sharks, along with the generous support of sponsors: Pura Vida, RE/MAX Lakes Realty, and Animal House.

“We all can do our part — big or small,” says Strom. “This is about more than picking up trash. It’s about building a legacy of stewardship for one of Iowa’s most treasured regions.”

To volunteer or suggest additional cleanup sites, visit [www. AnimalHouseofOkoboji.com](http://www.AnimalHouseofOkoboji.com) or email AnimalHouseOkoboji@gmail.com.

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Mobile Pillow Cleaning Service

A mobile pillow cleaning unit sponsored by the Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary will be available at the American Legion Hall in Lake Park on Thursday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The service cleans all types of bed pillows, including feather, foam, down, and fiberfill, and can make them look like new. Pillows can be completely renovated with new ticking, which is the new outer fabric or material used on pillows. This service aims to provide a restful night's sleep for customers. Additionally, feather beds can be brought in to be made into new pillows. Pillows can be renovated and returned to beds on the same day. For more information, individuals can contact Kraft Pillow Service at 712-378-2918, email Pillows@frontiernet.net, or visit www.kraftpillowservice.com. New feather, down, or allergy-free pillows will also be available for purchase.

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. Father David has crafted numerous CDs helping people to pray, bring consolation, the Good News and build the Kingdom of God. 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:
RSVP Thanks Good Neighbor Fund & Contributors!
The Dickinson County RSVP Literacy Partners program expresses its gratitude to the Good Neighbor Fund of Okoboji and Spirit Lake for selecting our program as one of 21 local organizations to receive funding this year. We also extend our appreciation to all individuals and businesses who generously contributed to this year's Good Neighbor Fund. In a climate of possible funding reductions for non-profits and service organizations, we are immensely grateful for the support of the Good Neighbor Fund, which assists organizations in need of funding assistance for various programs and projects. The RSVP Literacy Partners program provides new Scholastic books to all Graettinger-Terril, Harris-Lake Park, Spirit Lake, and Okoboji Elementary 1st graders twice a year, and has recently added Spirit Lake 2nd grade classes to its book distribution program. The funding received from this year's Good Neighbor Fund will enable our program to continue in upcoming school years, and it will facilitate additional growth of the program. The enthusiasm of the students receiving these books is truly inspiring, and a testament to the power of community support. Please remember to return your postcard and donation when you receive the Good Neighbor Fund flyer in the mail next year! Thank you for your role in nurturing a love for reading in our communities!
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The Dickinson County Historical Society is pleased to announce that Cole Clawson of Crandall, Texas, has been hired as the new Executive Director of the Dickinson County Museum. He joined the organization May 19th.

Cole brings a strong background in anthropology, public education, and cultural preservation, with experience in both field and lab environments across Iowa and Texas. He holds a Master's degree in Anthropology from Texas State University along with a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Iowa State University.

During his career, Cole has contributed to numerous archaeological and historical research projects, as well as community-based educational efforts as a volunteer.

"Cole's natural passion for connecting communities with their cultural and natural heritage will be a tremendous asset to the museum," said Jonathan Reed, president of the historical society.

First founded in 1961, the Dickinson County Museum at 1708 Keokuk in Spirit Lake holds the distinction of being the first railroad depot in the state to be converted to a museum. The 1884 depot is in the process of an exciting transformation bringing the early history of the area and railroading to LIFE! for all ages

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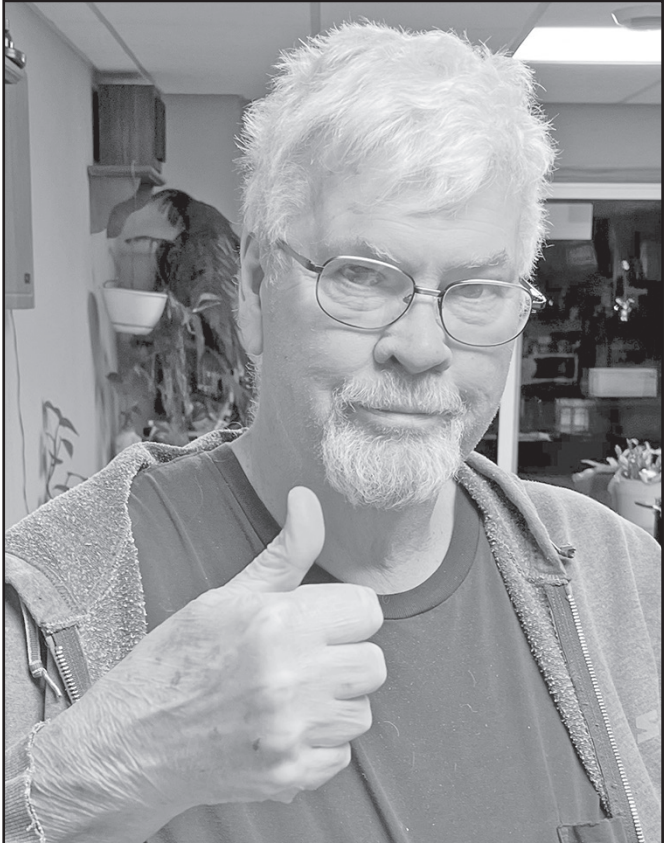
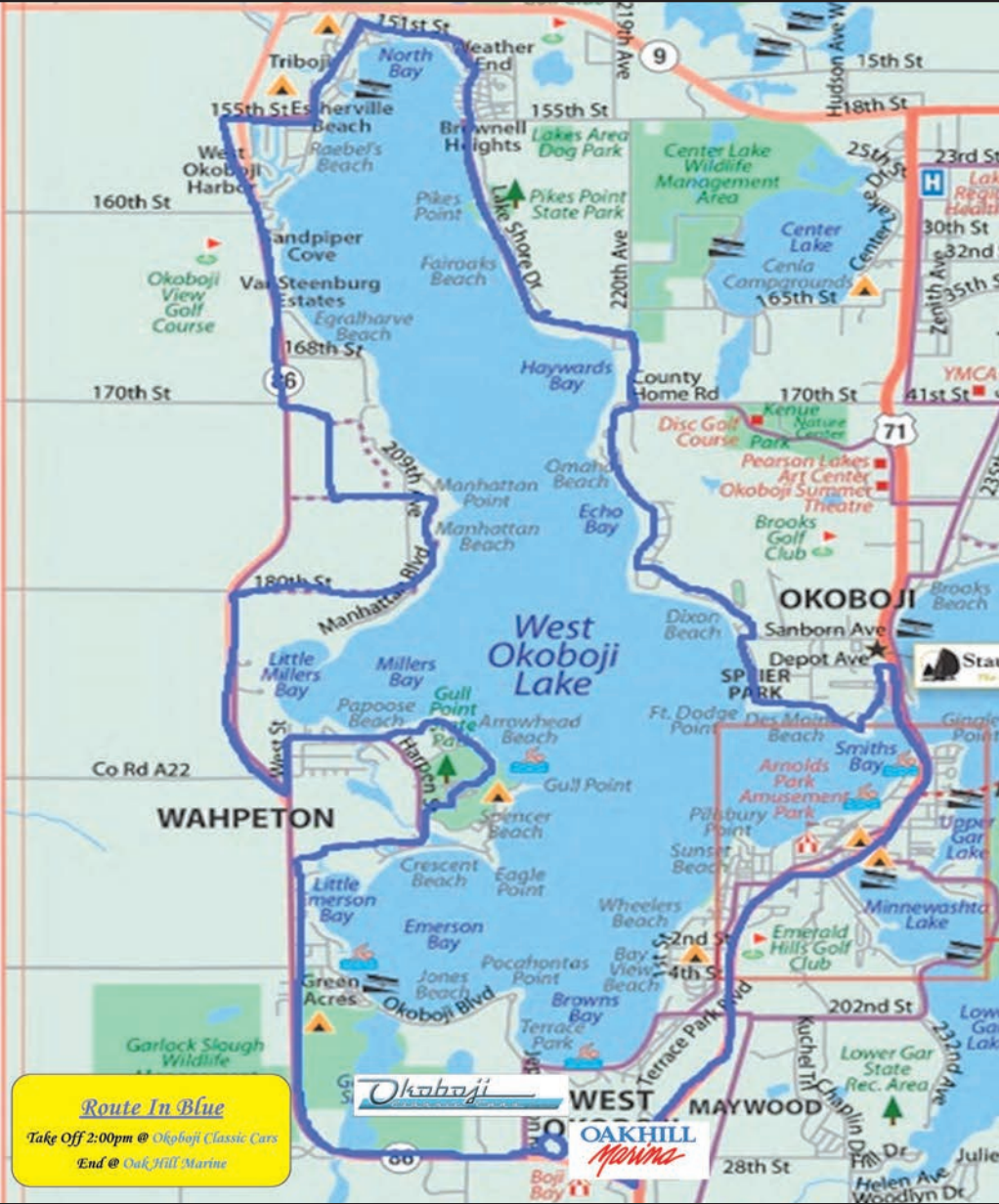
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No registration is required, and you can learn more about events at the Nature Center by visiting the Programs/Events tab at www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and events.



View From The Bench


by John Adams, Jr.


Purdy Good Pros, Even Better Guys

As a die-hard Cyclone fan, it has been so much fun to watch all the recent success former Cyclones have had in the NFL and NBA. Many of us "old-timers" can remember the days when you used to hope for one or two guys to be role players on professional teams, and maybe you would catch a glimpse of them on national TV every now and then; my oh my how times have changed! This past week in particular, two former Cyclones who both entered Iowa State as freshmen in 2018 have dominated the professional headlines for very good reasons. Brock Purdy signed a five-year, \$256 million contract extension with the San Francisco 49ers on Tuesday, making him the seventh highest paid quarterback in the NFL. Purdy's deal includes \$181 million in guaranteed money, and will be a major increase from the \$850,000 he made in 2024. Just one day later, while sporting a Brock Purdy jersey on his way into Madison Square Garden for Game One of the Eastern Conference Finals, Tyrese Haliburton scored 31 points and dished out 11 assists to help the Pacers stun the Knicks in overtime, 138-135. Haliburton hit what looked to be the game-winning 3-pointer at the end of regulation, but had his foot on the line and instead forced overtime. Haliburton is an astonishing 12-14 (86%) on game-tying or game-winning shots this season, the true definition of clutch!

Purdy and Haliburton have certainly cemented themselves as outstanding professional athletes; Purdy has led the 49ers to a Super Bowl and NFC Championship game already in just three seasons, and Haliburton has won a Gold Medal for Team USA, has been a two-time NBA All-Star and has twice led the Pacers to the Eastern Conference Finals. What is more impressive about these two standout athletes is the kind of people they are, and how they have maintained their love for Iowa State. Both Purdy and Haliburton openly share their Christianity and credit their faith for much of their success. Purdy's faith has helped him stay grounded and is a major reason he is able to remain calm in so many pressure situations. Purdy defines himself as a Christian first and a football player second, and is an outstanding role model for young athletes. While Purdy was raised in faith and was open about it during his time at Iowa State, Haliburton was not raised going to church, but has recently turned to Christ. In a recent interview with GQ Sports, Haliburton said "over the last two years, my religion has become very important in my life," and said the one thing he can't live without is his Bible. Haliburton credits former teammates Harrison Barnes and Buddy Heild for helping bring him to pregame chapel and build his habit of going before every game. It is also very cool to see these two former Cyclones constantly celebrate their former teams and come back to Ames when they have a break in their schedule. Purdy came back for a game in the 2023 season, and this past year Haliburton came back with George Niang for the Arizona game in Hilton Coliseum. Tyler and I were at that game and it was so much fun watching Haliburton and Niang get into the game and celebrate the current Cyclones success.

In our society, and I'm as guilty as anyone, we often place our athletes on too high of a pedestal that they don't deserve and idolize them. It is so refreshing to see two young men who are having such success at the highest level and have recently signed combined contracts worth nearly \$500 million be so grounded and have their priorities straight. Both Purdy and Haliburton know that their athletic career can end with one bad injury and that nothing in life is guaranteed, but they both know that their relationship with Jesus Christ is forever, and that is worth more than any contract that they sign!





Retirement Party for Deborah Clark

It's time for a new chapter! You are invited to celebrate with Deborah Clark as she closes the book on her full-time school librarian and teacher career, with 21 years just at Okoboji Schools. Stop in for treats and a game of mini golf at Treasure Village on Friday, May 30, from 4:00 - 6:00p.m. Fun trivia contest at 5:30p.m.

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THE LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

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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Sat., June 21 - 9:00 AM- Gun & coin auction in Armstrong. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauction.com.

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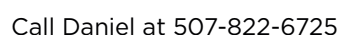
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Adding to the festivity, the event falls on Father's Day, offering a unique opportunity to bring dads for a special treat. The celebration will feature an extraordinary performance by Kent Tittle, the acclaimed organist of the New York Philharmonic and one of America's leading choral conductors. Heralded as "the brightest star in New York's choral music world" by The New York Times, Tittle holds prestigious positions as Director of Cathedral Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Music Director of the Oratorio Society of New York, and Music Director of Musica Sacra. He is also a valued member of the graduate faculty at The Juilliard School.

Tittle will be joined by cellist Arthur Fiacco, who serves as principal cellist for the Musica Sacra Orchestra, the Orchestra of the Oratorio Society of New York, and the Orchestra of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Further enhancing the program will be special guests, The Spirit Lake UMC Praise Team. Led by Dove-nominated musicians Dan Tittle and Karla Oleson-Tittle, the praise team is renowned for their contemporary Christian music, including many original compositions. In 2021, they released a music video for their song "Stars and Angels," filmed at SLUMC and featuring the church congregation. Their inspiring music is a cornerstone of the church's 10:30 AM contemporary worship service each Sunday.

The Spirit Lake United Methodist Church looks forward to welcoming everyone to this significant milestone and an unforgettable afternoon of music and community.



Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, June 12 and 26, 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.



The Flyers Bring Music Fun to the Library

The Flyers are landing in Jackson County as part of the 2025 Summer Library Program! They bring delightful music for children and their parents through engaging performances. Don't miss their distinctive interactive concert that features catchy melodies, energetic movements, clever humor, and colorful props. This talented duo, husband and wife Roger and Marnie, has entertained audiences over 35,000 times since 1983. They spread joy through music while encouraging reading among children of all ages, emphasizing the significance of both the arts and education. There are two shows in Jackson on Wednesday, June 11 at 10 AM and 2 PM. The shows will be located at Riverside Elementary Gym (enter in door #3). They are presenting two shows in Lakefield on Thursday, June 12, at the Lakefield Library at 10:00am and 1:00pm. They will also be in Heron Lake on Thursday, June 12, at the Heron Lake Library at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration is not needed. For more information, go to jclmn.org/summer or call your local library: Jackson - 847-4748, Lakefield - 662-5782, Heron Lake - 793-2641. This event is funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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Atypical 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.

Central College Student
Scholarship Recognition

Central College students were recognized during the annual Scholarship Dinner for scholarships earned and applied to the 2024-25 academic year.
Caden Chapman of Milford received the Ehret Scholarship and Journey Scholarship Fund. Chapman is a member of the Class of 2028.
Johnathan Giacobbe of Spencer received the Journey Scholarship Fund and Kathryn Kling Whittlesey Memorial Scholarship. Giacobbe is a member of the Class of 2028.

Mobile Food Pantry in Lake Park

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm. Volunteers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions? Call Jerilyn Marra 712-348-0475.

Grant Applications Now Being Accepted
by Dickinson County Endowment Fund

The Dickinson County Endowment Fund Advisory Council is now accepting applications for their 2025 Grant Cycle.
Grants are awarded to I.R.S. 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations and 170(b) unit of government organizations benefiting residents of Dickinson County. Non-profit organizations without either status may apply by seeking a fiscal agent that does.
Funds may be requested within the DCEF priority project focus areas which include: Arts & Recreation, Community Development, Conservation, Family Services, Natural Resources, Senior Services, and Youth Services.
Based on fund earnings and contributions received, approximately \$109,000 will be available for distribution in 2025. The grant form is available online at <https://dcefund.org/> and must be submitted by the June 30, 2025 deadline for consideration by the nine-member Advisory Council.
About the Fund: The Dickinson County Endowment Fund Advisory Council was formed in 2005 to coordinate and provide philanthropic support for community betterment projects in Dickinson County. This Fund was created in response to 2004 State of Iowa legislation and continues to receive annual State funding support in addition to donations from local residents, businesses and organizations.
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Tops Meetings

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

AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Al-Anon Meetings

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

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Per lb.

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Tuesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.
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At the Lake Park Public Library

It is Summer Reading Program time! This year's theme is Level Up at the Library. The program is easy; read books and do fun tasks to win a prize. We will have a Summer Reading Kick-off on May 31, 2025, from 10 a.m. to noon at the library. Please stop by the library to sign up. If you cannot make it on the 31st, do not be concerned, just stop by the library anytime in June.

Summer Reading Performances in the Park on Tuesdays:

Tuesday, June 3rd – Author and singer Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. 10:30 a.m. at City Park in Lake Park. Music, dance, story time and a fun craft

Tuesday, June 10th – Magician, Jonathan May, 10:30 a.m. at City Park. Magic Workshop at 11:30 a.m. also at City Park in Lake Park, learn magic you can do at home. (It is suggested to have one adult per child to assist at the workshop). Magic show, story time and learn magic workshop.

Tuesday, June 17th – Bubbles in the Park, 10:30 a.m. at City Park in Lake Park. Watch a giant bubble show, make your own bubbles at our bubble stations, story time and a fun craft.

Saturday, June 21st – 10:30 a.m. Storytime at the Library

Tuesday, June 24th – 10:30 a.m. Summer Camp Hour with Miss Ellen, 10:30 a.m. at City Park in Lake Park. Music, dance, story time and a fun craft.

The Summer Reading Program and the Performances in the Park are free. Everyone is welcome, children must be supervised. Stop by the library to register, you may attend without registering if we are outside or there is space available inside. In case of inclement weather, we will be at the Lake Park Community Center.

We hope to see you soon!



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10 Girls to Participate in the Clay County Fair Queen Contest

Ten young ladies will compete for the title of Clay County Fair Queen on Sunday, June 8, at the Clay County Regional Events Center.

Contestants include Nevaeh Brauhn of Sioux Rapids, the daughter of Steve and Rish Brauhn; Jasmyn Christensen of Spencer, the daughter of Clayton Christensen; Abbey Crew of Spencer, the daughter of Peter and Andrea Crew; Lilly Jepsen of Spencer, the daughter of Jacques Jepsen-Bakke and Chris Bakke; Dakota Lux of Everly, the daughter of David and Kori Lux; Ava McCarty of Peterson, the daughter of Chad & Kaarn McCarty; Maggie Moser of Spencer, the daughter of Jason and Melissa Moser; Sarah Phillips of Linn Grove, the daughter of Ryan and Laurie Phillips; Hannah Tessum of Everly, the daughter of Tyler and Ashley Tessum; Emmalee Thompson of Linn Grove, the daughter of Peter and Rachel Thompson.



The candidates will participate in individual interviews, workshops, and the Queen Pageant. The Queen Pageant will start at 7:00 p.m. It will include contestant introductions, the self-expression portion, and the crowning of the 2025 Clay County Fair Queen. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

The Queen will represent the Fair at area parades and celebrations throughout the summer, compete in the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest, and participate in the 2025 Clay County Fair in September.

Candidates will be judged on personality, attitude and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to their community, overall appearance, charm, poise, and self-expression.

Each contestant will receive a tote bag from Tailored Graphics, a tumbler from Creative Stitches, a cosmetic gift set from Avon, a movie basket from Southpark Mall, a personal styling session at Elegance Bridal & Prom Boutique, and a single-stem rose from Hy-Vee.

The 2025 Clay County Fair Queen will also receive many prizes, including \$1,500 from Community State Bank; a Petal Perfection Watch & Gift Set from Avon; personal care sessions from Design Masters; a pearl bracelet from Nelson Jewelry; \$200 from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; an official Fair Queen photo from F8 Creative; a \$150 gift certificate from Elegance Bridal and Prom Boutique; a \$150 certificate from Grand Bridal in Spencer; a tanning package from Royal Tan; \$100 for transportation from H&N Chevrolet-Buick; a one-year membership to the Spencer Family YMCA; \$50 gift card from Clay County Farm Bureau; a teeth whitening tray from VanHofwegen & Munter Family Dentistry; a one-hour session of interview coaching from Treva Graves; and a dozen roses from Hy-Vee.

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12% of Iowans (1 in 8) and 16.6% of Iowa children (1 in 6) face food insecurity. That's according to Feeding America's annual Map the Meal Gap study that just came out on May 14, 2025. All 99 Iowa counties saw an increase in food insecurity in the latest report. In Iowa, 385,130 persons do not know where they will find their next meal. That includes 120,220 children. If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.

Ongoing Activities at the LASAC

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

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

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**Spirit Lake
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Summer Reading Program 2025
by Jill Jennings

There are so many activities to choose from on the SRP calendar. Are you ready to “Level Up at Your Library?”

There will be an adult reading program this summer at the Spirit Lake Public Library! It’s super easy: read a book and fill out a slip to go into the drawing for a weekly prize. You can read as many books as you like and fill out an entry slip for each one! The adult program follows the same dates as the children’s: May 27 - July 31.

On Monday, June 2nd, join us at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at the SLPL for a Literacy Chat led by the SLES reading teachers. That will be followed immediately by a fun KinderMusik Story Time at 10:30 a.m.

We will be making mosaic stepping stones for Outdoor Endeavors on Thursday, June 5th. This is a come-and-go event from 10 a.m - noon. Kids should dress for getting messy and meet us on the outdoor patio on the north side of the building. If possible, let us know that you are coming!

The week ends with a Film Friday starting at 10 a.m. on the 6th of June. Meet us in the Community Room at the SLPL; we’ll be supplying the snacks!

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: The State Bank, Turner Jenness Funeral Home, Arnolds Park Amusement Park, and Subway. Thank you for your support!


SLPL staff reading spotlight: Breanna is listening on Libby to A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

- Monday, June 2, 10 a.m., Literacy Chat
- Monday, June 2, 10:30 a.m., KinderMusik Story Time
- Monday, June 2, 1 - 3 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Monday, June 2, 5:15 p.m., Library Board Meeting
- Tuesday, June 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, June 4, 12:30-4 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Outdoor Endeavors (mosaic stepping stones)
- Thursday, June 5, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Friday, June 6, 10 a.m., Film Friday

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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

- June 2 – Trucks and Big Digs
- June 9 – Impact: The Ripple Effect
- June 16 – Under the Microscope
- June 23 – Camping with special guests: Kinder-musik at the Lakes
- June 30 – No Building Bookworms: See you at the Dennis Porter’s Game Show at Pearson Lakes Art Center

Get ready to Level Up at Your Library by joining MML’s 2025 Summer Reading Program! On Wednesday, May 28, book lovers of all ages may pick up reading trackers, along with activity and program information. Information can also be online at milford.lib.ia.us.

- Children’s Program - up to 4th grade
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- Adult program – 18+

MML’s Summer Reading Program runs will end on Friday, August 1.

Who needs candy when you can get a brain boost from Iowa PBS STEAM Stations? Join Milford, Arnolds Park, and Spirit Lake Libraries on Tuesday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Central Park (84 Dewey Street, Arnolds Park) for these free and fabulous activities!

Everyone is invited to Milford Memorial Library on Tuesday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. for a showing of The Super Mario Bros. This is a free event and popcorn will be provided.

The Young Adult Amazing Race is going on now until Monday, June 30. Fourth through twelfth graders may pick up passport from Milford, Arnolds Park, or Spirit Lake Libraries and begin a quest to visit 12 locations with prizes and drawings along the way. 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.

On Wednesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML’s website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

**Milford Memorial Library
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Monday, June 2
Building Bookworms
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Clay County Connection Awarded Okoboji Foundation Grant

On May 22, the Okoboji Foundation announced the award a Leadership Grant of \$75,000 to support Phases I and II of the Clay County Connection, a 3.5-mile expansion of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail.

To date, the Clay County Connection has received nearly \$1.8 million in grant funding through a variety of sources including the Okoboji Foundation, Iowa Economic Development Authority’s Community Attraction and Tourism program, Federal Recreational Trails, State Recreational Trails, and the Iowa DNR REAP program. Additional contributions have come from Imagine Iowa Great Lakes and many generous supporters of the Dickinson County Trails system.

Construction on Phase I, a 1.5-mile section of the trail, is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by August. Phase II will follow later this fall, with the final connection to Clay County on track for completion in 2026. Once completed, this vital addition will enhance regional connectivity, linking three counties across two states and eight municipalities via a continuous 32-mile trail corridor. The DCTB applauds the overwhelming sup-

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port and enthusiasm from donors and granting agencies that have made this project possible.


TATANKA SKA Trace Awarded Region 3 Tap Grant

The DCTB received notification that the Region 3 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has awarded a \$400,000 grant for the continued development of Tatanka Ska Trace. Set for construction in 2029, this 1.7-mile segment will extend the trail around Silver Lake, reaching the west side of Lake Park and connecting neighborhoods along West Bay Road and Country Club Drive.

The new segment will offer Lake Park residents greater access to regional trails, enhance recreational opportunities, and contribute to a scenic 14-mile trail network linking Lake Park, Montgomery, and Spirit Lake. These exciting developments underscore the region’s ongoing commitment to outdoor recreation, active transportation, and inter-community connections.

Upcoming Trail Events

41ST ANNUAL U of O CAMPUS BIKE RIDE: Saturday, June 28 - Enjoy a ride around the Iowa Great Lakes of 25, 50 or 100 miles. A pancake breakfast at Florence Park in Milford starts at 7:00am




with ride to follow at 9:00am. Take in the beauty of scenic trails and lakeside roads on your bicycle and return to the park for a barbecue with live music from 1:00-4:00pm. Proceeds from the ride go to area projects, local police and fire departments and the trails system. Visit the Okoboji Chamber’s Campus Ride website for ride details and registration.

BRASL - Bike Ride Around Spirit Lake: Saturday, July 12 - Enjoy a 15-mile bike cruise around Iowa’s largest natural lake or power bike 25 and 50-mile routes around the Iowa Great Lakes. This is a family friendly ride that treats you to scenic lakeside trails and includes a T-shirt and lunch certificate. Proceeds from the event will benefit Dickinson County Trails. Visit the Spirit Lake Chamber website for ride details and registration.

2025 DCTB SUMMER FUNDRAISER: Friday, July 18 - Plans are coming together for the 2025 “Bikes - Brews - Bites” trails celebration that will take place at the Maser Monarch Lodge in Okoboji. There will be a variety of brews and wine along with a bourbon tasting, live music and a fantastic menu provided by Back Alley BBQ. More information and sponsorship opportunities are now available through the DCTB’s website at www.dickinsoncountyrails.com.

As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.
Erin Reed, DCTB Executive Director


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Iowa Lakes Expands Transfer Major Options Beginning Fall

ESTHERVILLE, IOWA (May 20, 2025) Iowa Lakes Community College is expanding academic opportunities for students planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree, with several new Transfer Major degrees launching Fall 2025. These programs are designed to provide students with a clearly defined and seamless path to Iowa’s public universities, ensuring transfer of credits directly into specific majors.

The new Transfer Major degrees available beginning in Fall 2025 include:

- Agriculture Business Transfer Major, AS
- Agronomy Transfer Major, AS
- Animal Science Transfer Major, AS
- Communication Transfer Major, AA
- English Transfer Major, AA
- Political Science Transfer Major, AA
- Social Work Transfer Major, AA

“These new majors reflect both student demand and workforce trends in Iowa and across the nation,” said Iowa Lakes President Scott Stokes. “They give our students more targeted opportunities to begin their educational journey locally while ensuring a clear and cost-effective route to a bachelor’s degree.”


Transfer Majors at Iowa Lakes are built through statewide agreements with the Regent universities — Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa — and are designed to satisfy the first two years of a student’s intended major. Each Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree with a Transfer Major meets general education and major-specific requirements, allowing students to enter their chosen university as juniors.

This initiative builds upon Iowa Lakes’ established suite of transfer degrees, which include options in fields such as math, education, fine arts, criminal justice, and more. With the addition of these new majors, students can pursue more tailored academic tracks with confidence that their credits will transfer effectively.

“Whether students are aiming for a career in agriculture, education, communication, or social services, these Transfer Majors give them a solid foundation,” said Beth Elman, Executive Director of Marketing. “This expansion supports our mission of providing accessible, high-quality education that prepares students for lifelong success.”

For more information about Iowa Lakes’ Transfer Majors and how to apply, visit www.iowalakes.edu/transfer.

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