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This event offers a direct opportunity for constituents to engage with Democratic candidate Ryan Melton on critical issues facing the district and the nation. Melton, who has previously run for the 4th District seat and is a declared candidate for the 2026 election, is committed to fostering open dialogue and addressing the concerns of Iowans.

The discussion will cover a range of important topics, including:

- Healthcare: Addressing access, affordability, and quality of care in rural areas.
- Farming: Exploring challenges and opportunities for Iowa's agricultural community.
- Rural Life: Discussing issues impacting small towns and rural communities.
- Education: Examining the future of public education and its role in community development.
- Local Economy: Strategies for strengthening local businesses and creating jobs.
- Infrastructure: Plans for improving roads, broadband, and other vital services.

"These community discussions are vital for ensuring that the voices of everyday Iowans are heard," said a representative for the campaign. "Ryan Melton believes in transparent and responsive governance, and this event is a chance for him to listen directly to the concerns and ideas of the people he hopes to represent."

All members of the community are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and participate in a constructive conversation about the future of the 4th District.

About Ryan Melton: Ryan Melton is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Iowa's 4th Congressional District. A self-described "non-corporate, progressive populist Democrat," Melton is focused on issues such as public health, rural revitalization, property rights, and ensuring transparent and accountable government that prioritizes the needs of its constituents over corporate interests.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is hosting at Pearson Lakes Art Center, Let's Do Lunch & Learn with Tony Thelen and The River Coaching and Consulting. Are you a leader? Do you want to take your leadership skills to the next level? Or are you looking for how to better manage that work/life balance? Young professionals just starting out? Please join us on Wednesday, June 25th, from 12pm-1:30pm for an experience you can take right to your workplace and into your everyday life.

Tony Thelen will be targeting anyone looking for success and fulfillment in what they do every day. How to better manage work stress and home stress, time demands, professional development, and so much more. This is going to target someone just starting their career, or at the most stressful, this will help find tools and insight on how to get A's at home and at work!

A little bit about Tony: he is the Founder and Principal Executive Coach at The River Coaching and Consulting, LLC, a professional services firm that he created following his 35-year career with John Deere to help executives to maximize their effectiveness and lead more productive and fulfilling careers. He has had the pleasure of presenting to multiple state and private colleges throughout the U.S, Germany, UK, Australia and Canada! Join us to gain insight, tools or new ideas to build a positive and constructive next step in your career.

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Clay County Heritage Soiree

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce their Soiree Fundraiser commences on Thursday, June 19th, at 6:00 PM. As per tradition, the location of the event is a surprise until the participants are notified half an hour before the event. This year, we invite you to dress in Red, White, and/or Blue and are encouraged to bring a dish to share, adding to the evening's culinary delights and community spirit! Tables and chairs will be provided this year for all participants.

Tickets for the Soiree are \$25 and can be purchased through our event on Facebook, Eventbrite, or stop in the Heritage Center at 7 Grand Avenue in Spencer during normal business hours.

For further questions regarding this event, please call the Clay County Heritage Center at 712-262-3304 or email director@claycountyheritage.org.

Author Shares Stories at the LASAC

Author, Kris Erickson Rowley, shares her book about Trolls and their Folklore at the Lakes Area Senior Activities Center on June 13 at 2:00pm.

Kris Rowley has had a life-long interest in all types of folklore, but especially stories from Norway. Her family immigrated from Norway over a 50-year period starting around the 1850s until the turn of the century in 1900. Rowley's own children grew up listening to troll stories and remain on guard when near forests, mountains, and bridges. She has a large collection of hand-carved trolls and Norwegian fairy tales/troll stories.

Rowley began telling troll stories to various groups of all ages in the early 1990s. Unlike life, troll tales are clear about where the battle lines lie between good and evil.

Rowley has been a freelance writer since 1994 in various publications. In 2019, under the name Kris Erickson Rowley, she authored two nonfiction books on commission on Norwegian trolls for elementary-aged children - Mythical Creatures Trolls for Focus Readers and Trolls Legends and Fairy Tales for AV2 by Weigl. More recently, she wrote two books on commission for middle school/high school-aged youth on financial topics for BrightPoint Press: A Quick Guide to Saving and Investing and A Quick Guide to Insurance. These were both copyrighted in 2025. Her books are available on Amazon as well as other places books are sold.

Kris Rowley also serves as the Dickinson County Treasurer in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She and her husband, Dave Rowley, moved to Spirit Lake in 1996 with their 4 now grown children.

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SUN., JUNE 15	SCHOON BROTHERS 2-6
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The Veterans Memorial Plaza in Spirit Lake is a place of deep meaning—a place where we honor our local heroes across all branches of the military. But over the years, time and weather have taken a toll. Many of the engraved pavers bearing veterans' names have cracked, faded, or become unreadable.

Donations and sponsorships of new engraved names are welcome, and every bit helps. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Veterans Affairs Office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-0883 Ext. #1.

Let's come together to preserve this powerful symbol of sacrifice and service. It's the least we can do for those who gave us so much.



Celebrate 41 Years of Cycling - Registration Increasing Soon!

The University of Okoboji is gearing up for its annual Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride, scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 28th. With the event drawing near, organizers have announced that registration rates will increase from \$30 to \$35 starting June 1st, 2025.

Cycling enthusiasts and community members alike are encouraged to take advantage of the current registration rates before they escalate. The University of Okoboji Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride promises participants a thrilling experience through scenic routes around the vibrant University of Okoboji campus and its picturesque surroundings. Choose from 25, 50 or 100 mile ride options and return to Florence Park for an after ride event including burgers, beverages and more!

The University of Okoboji Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride will be celebrating 41 years of this fun tradition on Saturday, June 28th. Cyclists of all skill levels are invited to join in the excitement, whether they're seasoned riders or just beginning their journey into the world of cycling.

Early registration offers participants the added benefit of securing their spot in this highly anticipated event while also taking advantage of lower registration fees. Those who register before June 1st can enjoy discounted rates and ensure their place in what promises to be a thrilling day of cycling and camaraderie along with their commemorative t-shirt.

To register for the University of Okoboji Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride and take advantage of the current rates, please visit okobojichamber.com before June 1st, 2025.

For more information about the event, including route details and more, please visit okobojichamber.com or contact the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to pedal through the heart of the University of Okoboji. Register today and secure your spot at the starting line!



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.



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2025 Annual Meeting

June 6, 2025

Breakfast Buffet 8:00am - Meeting 9:00am
Okoboji Resort & Conference Center
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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.

Guest Speakers



**Senator
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- June 10- Lightning Rehab and Exercise: Learn about the Lake's newest Physical Therapy Center and how they use a hands on approach to many ailments like arthritis, balance and dizziness, joint replacements, stroke, Parkinson's and other diseases.
- June 17- Fraud Prevention Seminar by Bank Midwest: Learn how to keep yourself protected.



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

9 Monday Ribs Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	10 Tuesday Chicken Wrap Vegetable Fruit/Dessert	11 Wednesday Swedish Meatballs Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	12 Thursday Ham Loaf Vegetable Bread Fruit/Dessert	13 Friday Tater Tot Casserole Bread Fruit/Dessert
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June 24 - Treva Graves - Fall Prevention: Falls are the leading cause of injury death for older Americans. Learn how to stay independent by avoiding falls in the home. Also enjoy a tropical smoothie recipe.

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IBBB to Perform at LSLW

The Itty Bitty Boji Band returns to the Little Swan Lake Winery, north of Superior, Iowa, from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Sunday, June 8. Come for an afternoon of great music. Enjoy the wine. Enjoy a meal. Enjoy a fun time with the Itty Bitty Boji Band. Reservations aren't required, but you may want to call 712-858-4592 to reserve your favorite table. There's no cover charge for this fun time.

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Meet the Animals of Walton's Hollow!

The Jackson County Library System is continuing the summer fun with another big event!

Animals of Walton's Hollow is coming to Jackson and will be setting up a petting zoo, complete with pony rides! They will arrive on Wednesday, June 18 and set up in Central Park of Jackson, MN at the corner of White and 6th Street.

The petting zoo will be open from 10 AM to 12 PM. There will be a variety of animals to pet and meet as well as feed cups so children can feed the animals too. The library is providing free bus transportation from Heron Lake, Okabena, and Lakefield. Information on pickup times and locations is available at the library and on the library website. A signed waiver is required to ride the bus.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Registration is not needed, except for those who wish to use the free transportation. 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 by a Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust Grant.

Heaton Graduates from Des Moines University

Madeline May Heaton of Spencer, IA, was among more than 400 new health professionals who graduated on May 30 with degrees from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences. Heaton completed a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Houseman Graduates from Mercy College

Elenora Houseman of Estherville, Iowa, was conferred an Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology degree by Mercy College of Health Sciences, 928 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, on April 26, 2025.



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90th Birthday Announcement

Happy 90th Birthday to Elwin Tittle, a Spirit Lake native, longtime farmer, and community and church leader. Elwin was born June 14th, 1935. His family would love for anyone inclined to send him a birthday card to celebrate his 90th birthday! Your warm wishes can reach him at 2558 Hwy 9/71, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.



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Lakeside Lab Field Trip: A Hands-On Learning Experience for Spirit Lake Freshmen

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60th Wedding Anniversary

Delbert and Gloria Buchman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025. Cards and well wishes can be sent to the Buchmans at 25716 162nd Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.



Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Schedule

Tuesday, June 3
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker
Nature Center: Camouflage and how animals use it to survive.
12:30 - Bridge
Wednesday, June 4
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:30 - Book Club
"12 Women Who Shaped America 1619-1920"
Thursday, June 5
10:00 - Strummers
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba
Friday, June 6
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday, June 7
Facility Available for Rent
Sunday June 8
9:00 - 11:30 - Church in Card Room
Monday, June 9
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 every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for a program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, June 15, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. 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. Spirit Lake.

Weekly Social Gathering

You are invited to a weekly social gathering every Wednesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm at the American Legion in Milford. Come and play a game of cards. Coffee will be provided. They hope to see you there.



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



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Mythical Creatures: Trolls
by Kris Erickson Rowley
Friday, June 13 • 2:00 PM
at the Lakes Area Senior & Activity Center



Kris Erickson Rowley introduces readers to the fascinating folklore behind trolls. Readable text, fun facts, and eye-catching photos invite readers to explore the mythology of this popular mythical creature.

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Thursday, June 5th
4:30-6:30 P.M

Two food distribution locations, same time:

- Good News Community Church: 1010 Julia St, Okoboji, IA
- Lake Park Methodist Church: 1471 135th Ave Lake Park, IA

Eligibility requirements:

- Income below 185% Federal Poverty Level, or SNAP or free & reduced lunch recipient
- Dickinson County resident
- Household with children aged 4-18

TOPS 2025

For a meeting near you: www.tops.org 800-932-8677. For a Spirit Lake meeting, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458. President. Spirit Lake TOPS meets at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church (east side of the church, ground-level door). Do you need help with motivation and support to lose weight? Men, women, and teenagers welcome. One lost over 100 pounds, and one lost 90.5 pounds and kept it off. Plus, TOPS has others who have reached their goal weight. You and your doctor will come up with your healthy weight. Confidently weigh in each week, say a pledge and hear a program each week. This week they had a video. TOPS is a non-profit organization with low dues. A magazine, "TOPS News," comes out every two months. The group weighs in at 9:00 to 10:00 AM with the program starting at 10:00 AM. Many then eat out at the Lakes Medical Center cafeteria at Spirit Lake. The convention is coming. Four members are going to Dubuque on June 6 and 7. Kim Ellis will be inducted at the meeting as a KOPS-Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly. Betty Sangel will be honored for the second-highest weight loss this year in Iowa. Colleen Lemkuil will be honored for continuing her KOPS status for over one year. Join them, they have 17 members. You can be the next new member. Get into that summer bathing suit.



Kim Ellis, Betty Sangel, and Colleen Lemkuil, members of the Spirit Lake TOPS organization.

Family Services Resource Guide

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

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.

Join us for
BREAKFAST
Celebrate Father's Day with us!

Sunday, June 15th
8:30 am - Noon

Free Will Offering

Sausage Gravy over Biscuits, Egg Bake, Sausage Links, Cinnamon Rolls, Orange Juice & Coffee.

Breakfast date changed from the 1st to 3rd Sunday of every month.

Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center
2101 Zenith Avenue • Spirit Lake
(under the water tower)

CAMP OKOBOJI
Quilt Auction
Saturday, June 14, 2025
Auction starts at 12:30 p.m.
CAMP OKOBOJI | 1531 EDGEWOOD DRIVE | MILFORD

Craft Fair
Lunch | 11:00 a.m. – Free Will Donation

View the quilts online
at www.campokoboji.org
or on site Friday, June 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
or Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Services donated by Todd Hattermann (Paullina)
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CAN'T MAKE IT? Proxy bidding is available by calling the camp office at 712-337-3325

Proceeds will go towards updates in the camp kitchen.

Dance 4 Fun

The Everly dance sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly Iowa. The doors are open at 6:15, the dance is from 7:00pm - 10:30 pm. The band is The Expressions. Put on your dancing shoes & come join us for a fun evening of dancing! Feel free to bring snacks to share! Singles and married couples are welcome.

Al-Anon Meetings

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

For more information, go online to Iowa-Al-Anon.org, meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Events

Seniors Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday & 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.

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

Pinochle Club- 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00pm.

Chair yoga every Friday at 10:00am.

Breakfast - June 15- 8:30-12:30. Free will Donation.

Happy Father's Day!

Dance - Join us June 29th with Bill & Jackie.

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Deep-Dish Peanut Butter Pie Yield: One, 9-inch pie

1	(3.4-ounce) box instant vanilla pudding	 <p>Whip the pudding mix with the cream and milk in a large mixing bowl, then add the peanut butter, vanilla, and salt. Continue mixing until it's light and thick, roughly 2 to 3 minutes. Crush the cookies in a bowl or Ziploc® bag and mix with the melted butter. Press into the pie dish, then spoon the filling into the dish. Whip the heavy whipping cream in the work bowl of your stand mixer, with a hand mixer, or by hand in a mixing bowl and confectioners' sugar. Top the filling with the whipped cream. Refrigerate at least 4 hours, but overnight is best. Serve and enjoy.</p>
2	cups heavy cream	
1	cup milk	
1	cup crunchy peanut butter (use smooth, if preferred)	
1	teaspoon vanilla extract	
1	pinch salt	
10	to 12 Biscoff® cookies, graham crackers, or crunch peanut butter cookies	
4	tablespoons butter, melted	
1 1/2	cups heavy whipping cream	
3	tablespoons confectioners' sugar	

Recipe Courtesy of: "Butter, Flour, Sugar, Joy" (Sourcebooks) by Danielle Kartes

Golf Calendar

Iowa Great Lakes Area

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
June 13	4-H Foundation of Iowa 4-Person	Emerald Hills GC
June 13	SL Chamber Brief Case Open 4-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC
June 13	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
June 14	MS Charity Golf Fundraiser	Brooks GC
June 14	Couples Golf Tournament w/ Dinner	Spencer Golf & CC
June 15	Father's Day 2-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC
July 15	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
June 16	EH Junior Program Golf Clinic	Emerald Hills GC
June 16-18	Junior Camp Week 2	Brooks GC
June 17	EH Junior Program Golf Clinic	Emerald Hills GC
June 17	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC

Featured Courses: [Watch for their ads in The Lakes News Shopper!]

Brooks Golf Club 712-332-5011	Emerald Hills Golf Club 712-332-7100	Indian Hills Golf Club 712-336-4768	Okoboji View Golf Course 712-337-3372	Spencer Golf & Country Club 712-262-2028	Spencer Municipal Golf Course 712-580-7280
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The University of Okoboji Homecoming Races Continue

The University of Okoboji Homecoming Races will return on Saturday, July 19th. The races have been a summer tradition in the area since 1978 with racers coming from near and far to participate. The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome racers from all over the country ranging from ages 8 to 86. Racers will compete for over \$2,000 in grand prizes in various races throughout the morning. Participants can choose from a Team Triathlon, Triathlon, Half-Marathon, 10K and 5K races. Registration is open now at okobojichamber.com and will be open for day-of registration on site. Registration price increasing June 1st.

All racers will be welcomed to the Iowa Great Lakes Area on Friday, July 18th, for packet pick up at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber followed by a kick off party at West O Beer. Racers will begin with the Triathlon at 7:00am and all other races starting at 8:00am. For more information or to get involved, call the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber at 712-332-2107 or visit okobojichamber.com.







Tuesday Peoria 2-Person Best Shot

May 27-Aug. 26

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Friday, June 6

Camp Foster YMCA 8" Cup

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Sunday, June 8

Couples Best Shot Tournament

- Tee times between 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- \$60 per member couple/\$90 per non-member couple
- Fee includes golf, cart, prizes & lunch
- Call to Register

June 16,17,19

Junior Golf Clinic

- Times by age groups (7-13 years old)
- \$45 for members kids/grandkids \$85 non-members

Tuesday, June 24

2-Gal Best Ball

- 8 AM Shotgun Start
- Lunch after Golf
- Call to Register

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BVU Spring Dean's List


Buena Vista University named students to the Spring 2025 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5-grade point average or higher for the semester. Congratulations to the following area students:

Dylan Anderson, Kenneth Fuhrman-Wheeler and Keyanna Rote of Milford; Connor Cummings, Oscar Gracia, Gavin Honkomp, Hannah Honkomp, Gabriel McCrea, Hailey Pippert and Kennedy Warburton of Spencer; Paige Hout of Ocheyedan; Cadence Klein and Baylee Lundgren of Spirit Lake; Jaydan Nitchals and Belen Rodriguez of Estherville; Connery Sweeney of Arnolds Park; and Christian Voss of Everly.


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If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please contact Lori at 712-336-5247. One day a week or one day a month all, volunteers are appreciated.



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16-18 JUNE	MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16-18	Junior Camp #2 - 9am
22 JUNE	SUNDAY, JUNE 22	Blake Foster Memorial Tournament - 12pm SG
29 JUNE	SUNDAY, JUNE 29	Love Takes Root Tournament - 1pm SG
30-2 JUNE/JULY	MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 2	Junior Camp #3 - 9am
6 JULY	SUNDAY, JULY 6	Parent/Child Scramble - All Day TT
7 JULY	MONDAY, JULY 7	Okoboji Junior Tour - 8am SG

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Okoboji Performing Arts' Summer Academy performing arts camp will be June 9-13th. This year students will be putting on a 50's-themed musical called "Do Wop Wittle Wed Widing Hood." Throughout the week, students will participate in acting, dancing, and singing classes taught by industry professionals, design & create set pieces for the show, design costumes, and more! Registration is still open at www.okobojiperformingarts.com. Tuition assistance is available. This show is made possible through a generous grant from the Dickinson County Endowment Fund.



Soper Named to Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Tim Soper of Spirit Lake to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Spring 2025 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Motorcycle Show and Shine

The Spirit Riders Christian Motorcyclist Association will host a Motorcycle Show and Shine Saturday June 14, at 1st Avenue West and West 5th Street, Spencer, Iowa.

Bike parking will be at 1:00pm with the show from 4:00 to 7:00pm. There will be no trophies or prizes, but there will be a kids area and prizes. Bike blessings available. Call 712-584-5768 for more information.



Heller Awarded PEO Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship award was presented to Jocelyn Heller (right) from Helen Alexander, representing the local PA chapter of the International PEO organization.

This award was given at the Okoboji High School Senior Awards evening.

The scholarship given to Heller was based on academic achievement, as well as effort in extra curricular activities in school and in the community. Heller is the daughter of Jennifer Johnson and John Heller from Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Heller will continue her education at Iowa Lakes Community College with an interest in Aviation.

48th Annual University of Okoboji Youth Soccer Classic

The 48th Annual University of Okoboji Youth Soccer Tournament will be held this Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th at the Bedell Family YMCA in Spirit Lake Iowa. The tournament will be played on the seven fields and will be hosting 64 youth soccer teams. Teams from the Omaha area include: Christ the King, Holy Cross, Mary Our Queen, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Albert, St. Cecilia Cathedral, St. James Seton, St. Patrick, St. Pius/St. Leo, St. Robert Bel-larmine, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Wenceslaus. Tournament Directors are: Shannon Goldsmith, April Gamelin, Sarah Stoffel, Sarah Preble, Mandy Kirkpatrick, Sandy Klein, Matt Anderson, Tristan Schwartz. Tournament founders are Jim & Mary Morrison and Bob & Mary Jo Ellis. Tournament Coordinators are Herman & Matt Richter.

Pool play begins at 7 AM, Saturday & Sunday. Championship games are scheduled for 1:30 on Sunday. 1300 plus boys & girls will be participating in the tournament this year. Special Thank You to Andrew Fisher and the Bedell Family YMCA for making this tournament possible. Everyone is invited to watch one of the fastest growing sports in America.

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Obituary

Dean L. Schoning, age 75, of Ruthven, Iowa (formerly of Milford, Iowa), passed away Friday, May 23, 2025, surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Milford.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford.

Dean Leroy Schoning, the son of Dale and Margene (Beving) Schoning, was born on February 28, 1950, in Spencer, Iowa. He grew up on a farm east of Fostoria, Iowa, and received his education at the Meadow Country School #4 and Milford Elementary. He then attended Milford High School where he participated in football, basketball, track, and was active in 4-H & FFA. He graduated with the class of 1968. After high school Dean attended Iowa Lakes Community College and graduated in 1970 with an AAS in feed-fertilizer technology. He then began working at the Group 21 Feed Lot near Royal, Iowa.

On February 12, 1972, Dean was united in marriage to Susan M. Long at the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Milford, Iowa. The couple made their home in Milford and were blessed with one daughter, Heidi.

Dean began a lifelong career in livestock and crop farming after he got married. In the 1980's he worked the night shift at Style Craft Furniture, Inc. in Milford while continuing to farm during the day. He also enjoyed helping at the Spencer Livestock Sale Barn on auction days. Dean farmed until his retirement in 2023 due to his cancer diagnosis.

In 2017 Dean and Sue purchased a home on Lost Island Lake near Ruthven, Iowa. They enjoyed spending time there on the weekends while farming during the week. In 2024, they sold their home in Milford and moved permanently to their lake home.

In his free time, Dean enjoyed not only watching sports but also coaching them. He was a coach for his daughter's softball and basketball teams from youth rec league all the way through high school. He served as a softball, girls basketball, and track coach at Okoboji for a number of years in the 1990s. He also enjoyed playing slow-pitch softball when younger, golfing, and going fishing in northern Minnesota with his brothers. Dean was a former volunteer of the Milford Fire Department and past member of the Okoboji Booster Club.

Most recently, Dean enjoyed morning coffee time at The Corner Store, sitting on his patio watching the activity on the lake, and boating with his family. He treasured time spent with his family whether it was attending his grandchildren's sporting events or dance recitals. Dean will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 53 years, Sue Schoning of Ruthven, IA; daughter Heidi (Bryan) Beck of Ida Grove, IA; grandchildren Taylor Beck of Ames, IA and Myles Beck of Ida Grove, IA; brothers Mike (Cindy) Schoning of Milford, IA and Jay Schoning of Ruthven, IA; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Margene Schoning; in-laws Francis and Edith Long; and brother Joel Schoning.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



Obituary

A memorial service for **David Mann**, age 68, of Peterson, Iowa, was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. A visitation began at 2:00pm until service time. Interment will be at Oaklawn Cemetery in Peterson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in David's memory.

David Ray Mann was born in Washington, Iowa, on April 25, 1957, and passed away on May 20, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Laverne Mann and Gay Dolores Bingman Mann. He is survived by his siblings, Debbie Granberry of Cuero, Texas; twin sister, Diane Bardin of Wylie, Texas; and Douglas Mann of Elkton, Maryland.

David's family and friends will remember him as a giving and caring guy. He was highly intelligent and a freelance artist. He loved to cook and bake and left trails of quiche and cookies wherever he went. He blessed his family with much fun and laughter. He brought so much joy to everyone he knew.

David traveled all over the world as a flight attendant for most of his life. Among his adventures, he attended to soldiers coming and going from the Gulf wars and even helped evacuate Afghanistan. He received a medal for his Gulf War service. David was well known by his coworkers and passengers for his hoot owl imitation.

Lately, David worked at the YMCA in Spencer, Iowa, and he enjoyed his many relationships there with his coworkers and members.

In the words of David from his last will and testament:

Instead of flowers, monetary gifts to the "Make-a-Wish" foundation would be my wish! If someone would plant a dogwood tree for me somewhere, that would be great. These are my final wishes.

All of my love and thankfulness. Please know that I have cherished the small amount of time I have had with my beloved family and friends.

Love, David Mann

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Obituary

Pam Foxhoven, 69, of Spirit Lake, died May 19, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am on Monday, June 9, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will take place from 9:00 to 11:00am prior to the service, with a rosary recited at 9:00am. Lunch will immediately follow Mass, and burial will take place at a later date. Pamela Sue, daughter of Alvin and Mary (Boyles) Foxhoven, was born June 9, 1955, in Spencer, Iowa. She grew up in Arnolds Park, Iowa, where her parents ran Foxie's resort. She attended and graduated from Arnolds Park Community High School in 1973.

Pam made her home and loved living on Center Lake in Spirit Lake. She enjoyed gardening, visiting the local farmers and flea markets, crocheting, needlepoint, concerts in the park, attending the summer theater and going to movies with her niece Kristina. Pam loved spending time with family and crocheted baby blankets for all her nieces and nephews.

Pam started her career as a nurse's aide, working her way up to medical aide, and went on to obtain her Associate Degree in Nursing from Iowa Lakes Community College in 1979. She cared for many during the 25 years in her field.

Pam passed away May 19, 2025, at Lakes Regional Hospital in Spirit Lake at the age of 69.

Pam is remembered by her sister Kim Cross (Sonny) of Spencer, IA; brothers, Dave Foxhoven (Pat) of Arnolds Park, IA, Doug Foxhoven of Estherville, IA, and Mark Foxhoven (Louise) of Spencer, IA; nieces Kristina Smith (Austen), Jamie Igou (Aaron), and Jane Pogge / Weaver; nephews, John Cross, Jonathan Foxhoven, Jim Foxhoven, and Trevor Foxhoven; great-niece Hazel Smith; great-nephews, Kade, Grant, Noah, Calvin, and Zadkiel Cross; and daughter Kelli Robinson.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Mary Foxhoven.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Obituary

A Memorial Service for **Larry A. Oleson**, age 78, of Spirit Lake, was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 2:00pm at Crosswinds Church in Spirit Lake. Interment will be at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Larry Albert Oleson, age 78, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away at his home on May 22, 2025.

Larry was born on September 19, 1946, in Dunkerton, Iowa, to Albert and Annabelle (Brough) Oleson. A proud patriot, Larry enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 16, 1965, serving honorably until his discharge on February 19, 1969, having attained the rank of Sergeant.

Following his military service, Larry pursued higher education and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa. Over the years, he made his home in several Iowa communities, including Waterloo, Janesville, and Charles City, before settling in Spirit Lake in the summer of 2006.

On August 12, 1988, Larry was united in marriage to Patricia Estes, with whom he shared many years of love and companionship. Larry was a hard worker and entrepreneur, once owning a cookie bakery and later working as an associate at Walmart.

A man of faith and broad interests, Larry was a devoted member of Crosswinds Church in Spirit Lake. He was also a life member of the Model T Club of America and the Antique Automobile Club of America. Larry found great joy in antique cars, reading mystery novels, and volunteering with KJIA radio as an ambassador—often participating in parades with pride. He also had a passion for dancing, enjoying square, ballroom, and swing dance styles.

Larry's warm spirit and zest for life will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Oleson; his sister, Jancee Ann (Ron) Johnston, and nephews, Craig and Jon Root; his sister, Bette Jean (George) Infeldt, and niece, MaryAnn; stepson, William (Ann) Ruzicka and their children: Wiley, Bridget, and Faith; stepdaughter, Elizabeth (Quincy) McKinney and their children: Eric (Alex) Ruzicka and Matt McKinney; and great-grandchildren: Gianna, Colette, Dominic, and Isabelle Ruzicka. He is also survived by extended family members and friends.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

We are so proud of our Okoboji Women's Club. It has been an important part of the Okoboji area since 1950. It continues to grow.

Our next meeting is June 6th at 1:00pm. Our meetings are held at Homestead Coop at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Please remember to bring paper products for our project, which is the Discovery House. Please be thinking of ideas for our next 3 month project, which will start at our July meeting.

Our speaker will be Ruth Ann Burke, who will be speaking about the Okoboji Summer Theater.

We continue our fun and friendly fellowship with our members. We welcome visitors to attend and welcome new members. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please make a reservation with Lyn Marksbury at 712-574-2165.

Lyn Marksbury
President of the Okoboji Women's Club

Obituary

Merle Hurd, 89, of Spirit Lake passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at his home in Spirit Lake.

Per his wishes, there will be no services held. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Merle was born on August 11, 1935, in East Lake, MN, to Fred and Eva (Berry) Hurd. After his honorable discharge from the US Navy, he was united in marriage to Charlotte Burley on August 21, 1955.

He was employed by A&C Farms, John Morell, Packing Plant in Estherville and would mow several lawns in the lakes area. He later owned and operated Hurd Construction. In his free time, he and Charlotte would enjoy riding motorcycles and spending the last 25 years wintering in Arizona.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Hurd of Spirit Lake; daughters, Deb Coleman of Superior and Judi Parsons and her husband, John Willard of Lewisville, TX; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.


He was preceded in death by his parents, mothers- and fathers-law, sons Bob and Randy, daughter Linda, two brothers and one sister, and a great-grandson.



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This is a Great Course video class offered at the Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center. This six-week course focuses on 12 influential women who helped define the history of the United States. This lecture series is narrated by Allison K. Lange, PhD. The class will meet every Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Two 30-minute sessions each day, followed by a discussion facilitated by Lori Vicker.

June 4	Phyllis Wheatley Peters, Founding Poet
June 8	Martha Washington, First Lady of the Republic
June 8	Sacagawea, Shoshone Diplomat and Guide
June 18	Sojourner Truth, Crusader for Human Rights
June 18	Catharine Beecher, Author and Educator
June 25	Victoria Woodhull, 1872 Presidential Candidate
June 25	Susan B. Anthony, Women's Rights
July 2	Harriet Tubman, Underground Railroad Leader
July 2	Isabella Stewart Gardner Art Museum Pioneer
July 9	Frances Benjamin Johnston, Photographer
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July 9	Mary Church Terrell: Suffrage to Civil Rights

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A Celebration of Life service for **Jo Megill**, 64, of Spirit Lake will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation for Jo will begin at 9:00 AM at the church. Jo passed away Monday, May 26, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

If you are reading this, thank a teacher! Yet if you are reading this, guess I'm gone, darn it.

Jo Anne (Jo) was born August 25, 1960, in Bethesda, MD, to Joseph & Lucia La Padula. Jo graduated (shocking, right) from Fremont High School in 1978. Lived in Lincoln, NE, from 1981 - 2004; once a Husker, always a Husker. GO BIG RED!

Jo married Randal Johnson in 1981 and had 3 beautiful children: Angela, born in 1986; Thomas, born in 1991; and Douglas 1992. In August 2004, Jo married Michael Megill and moved their family to the tundra of Spirit Lake. Since joining the community, Angie graduated from Wichita State, TJ fulfilled his dream of becoming a pharmacist, and Dougie has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps.

Jo never met a person she didn't enjoy chatting with. Jo's belief was every person has a story to share if we just take the time to listen. She was blessed with hanging out with youth in Ministry, gained strength in bereavement support, and enjoyed helping with her church and community. There weren't many places you didn't see some aspect of Jo. She loved it when she was somewhere and heard, "Hi Mama Jo!" Sometimes you would hear belly laughs from them, tears of heartache, and most times you'd see them with a warm hug as they parted. Jo was famous for her "red nose" days, and sharing red noses with many. She started Red Nose Days in 2010 after Angie's passing. Since that time she has handed out over 500 red noses!

Jo enjoyed reading, crafts, and working on her lawn, but most of all she enjoyed her children. The bond between them was strong. She raised her children to "fly." Not to stay right in this area by mom, but to branch out and discover the world, as an added bonus, it gave her more vacation places to go to! Jo always felt there are two types of families... the ones you are born into and the ones you choose. Oh good golly, she had so much fun choosing so many and being chosen by so many to be a part of their "family."

Cancer became a part of Jo's life in 2012 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After winning her battle with cancer, she received news in 2022 that her cancer was back, but this time, in addition to breast cancer, she was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Regardless of the diagnosis, Jo continued to fight her battle against cancer to ensure her diagnosis didn't define her life.

Left to be haunted by Jo is her husband, Michael Megill of Spirit Lake, IA; sons TJ Johnson (Alii) of Omaha, NE; Douglas Johnson (Kara) of Fort Gregg Adams, VA; and three amazing grandchildren, Brayden, Cole, and Ellie. Jo was preceded in death by her daughter Angie, parents Joseph and Lucia La Padula, and Rex and Abbie Megill.

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on others' lives" Jackie Robinson.

In remembrance of Jo, live every day with a smile and make a positive impact in someone's life. Always remember today is a good day to have a great day! TTFN

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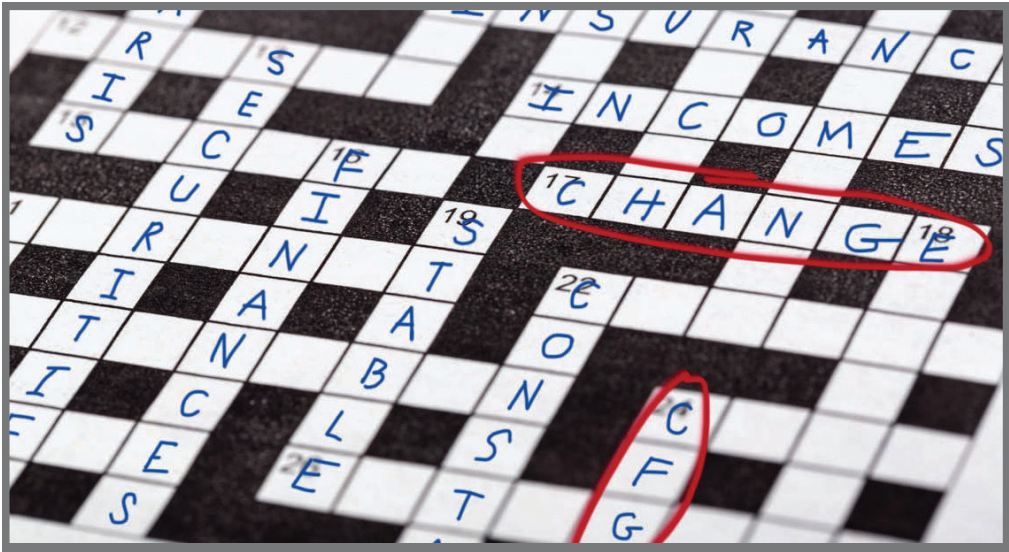


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The meeting will feature a keynote address by Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand, who will present findings from the recent audit of Dickinson County and share his perspectives on property tax reform and other state-level fiscal matters.

Also appearing as guest speakers are State Representative John Wills and State Senator Dave Rowley, who will provide insights and reflections on the recently concluded legislative session and its impact on local taxpayers.

“This is an important meeting for taxpayers in Dickinson County,” said Mark Sullivan, President of the DCTA. “It’s a chance to hear directly from state leaders, learn about recent governmental activity, and engage in meaningful dialogue that can influence decision-making at the state level.”

The event is open to the public, and all Dickinson County residents with an interest in transparent, accountable government are encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit www.dctaxpayers.org or contact Jan Bowles at 712-339-7431.

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Notice Re City Of Spirit Lake Boulevard/Median Construction On Hill Avenue And 23rd Street Reconstruction

The contractor has indicated that work on the boulevards/medians in the center of the road north on Hill Avenue will commence on Monday, June 2. It will start at 15th and Hill Avenue and progress north approximately two blocks at a time. Residents who live on Hill Avenue will still have access to driveways and there will be workers helping to coordinate access in or out as needed. Otherwise, normal traffic will need to detour around the various areas when they are under construction. When work is ready to begin at the south end of Hill Avenue additional notice will be provided. The work on the north end of Hill is expected to take approximately three weeks. The 23rd Street reconstruction work is expected to begin June 16. Homeowners along the affected areas between Hill Avenue and Chicago will be receiving letters from the project manager soon and additional information will be provided to the public shortly before work commences. Plan on the area between Hill Avenue and Erie being closed at that time and until mid-August, and for those who have activities at the Little League fields or want to access Aspen Seemann Memorial Park please use the entrances at the school to the school parking areas to the south of the park and the new concession stand and restrooms.

Jones Named to President's List

Camry Jones of Arnolds Park, Iowa, has been named to the President's List for the spring 2025 quarter and semester terms at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) at least 3.75 for a minimum of six semester credit hours or four quarter credit hours in their most recent term.

80th Birthday Announcement

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Robert "Bob" Larson's 80th birthday on June 6, 2025! To make his milestone birthday even more special, a card shower is being organized. Please mail your birthday wishes to Bob at 25439 165th St, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.



Brady's Hope Story

In early January of 2025, Navy Reservist, Brady Nissen, became so sick he felt at times he might be dying. Each time he tried standing, his heart would race so fast, he felt like passing out. He was overwhelmed with dizziness, nausea, vertigo, and constant lightheadedness. Given simple tasks like walking into a room became a struggle, which meant driving a car was out of the question.

Overwhelmed with living for weeks with a racing heart, dizziness, nausea, and lightheadedness, Brady was at the end of his rope. Although friends and family had driven him to see multiple doctors and specialists, no one was able to help, other than to prescribe medications and advise he go home and rest.

By February, Brady had lost 20 pounds and wondered if he'd ever get his life back. A trip to Mayo Clinic seemed like his only hope, until his aunt recommended Dr. Bradley Meyer at Okoboji Wellness Clinic.

After reading about his approach to health, Brady scheduled an appointment. One of the first things that surprised Brady was that Dr. Meyer spent over 90 minutes with him, asking in-depth questions, connecting the dots, and explaining how and why Brady's health history could be affecting him now.

Next, Dr. Meyer created a personalized and integrative health plan for Brady's specific issues. This included dietary changes, along with daily Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, IV Ozone Therapy, and IASIS Neurofeedback.

Amazingly, in two weeks' time, Brady was able to drive again, with the majority of his symptoms gone. Within a months' time, he was able to go back to work and resume normal living without being dependent upon friends and family.

Brady knows how it feels to lose hope. He knows what it's like to be told, "We don't know what's causing your illness." Yet he also knows that recovery is possible. If you're struggling with unexplained symptoms and feel like no one is listening, don't give up. Healing may not come from the place you expect, but it can come.

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For Brady, it started with one phone call that changed everything.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Help Preserve Our Veterans Memorial

This past Memorial Day, as we reflected on the brave men and women who gave so much for our country, I'd like to draw attention to an important effort happening right here in Dickinson County.

The Veterans Memorial Plaza in Spirit Lake is a place of deep meaning—a place where we honor our local heroes across all branches of the military. But over the years, time and weather have taken a toll. Many of the engraved pavers bearing veterans' names have cracked, faded, or become unreadable.

In response, a restoration project is underway to repair and improve the memorial. This includes removing worn bricks and placing the names on granite monuments at no cost to the existing families. In addition, adding new benches and flagpoles. The goal is simple: to ensure this tribute stands strong for generations to come. It's about keeping a promise—to always remember those who served.

Community support is vital. Donations and sponsorships of new engraved names are welcome, and every bit helps. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Veterans Affairs Office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-0883 Ext. #1.

Let's come together to preserve this powerful symbol of sacrifice and service. It's the least we can do for those who gave us so much.

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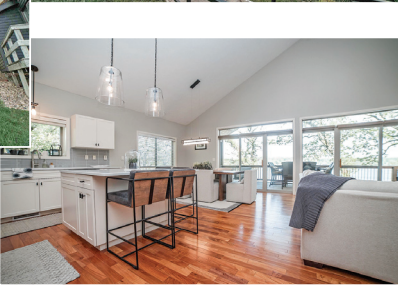
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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

How Do We Get Back?

Michelle and I recently watched the Netflix docuseries "American Manhunt: Osama bin Laden". This documentary was three episodes, and featured rare footage and interviews with intelligence operatives and Special Forces who assisted in the over decade long pursuit of the al-Quida leader. The first episode is 59 minutes, the second episode is 43 minutes and the finale is 1 hour and 21 minutes, and I'm telling you that all three episodes are well worth your time. Even though you know the outcome of what happens to Osama bin Laden, you are still on the edge of your seat with your heart racing as you watch each episode and hear the interviews with the insight that these people have.

The docuseries begins by taking us back to the terrorist attacks on September 11th that bin Laden helped orchestrate. It goes into detail how the CIA began to hunt down bin Laden, and how the Special Forces trained to try and capture him. I won't go into much detail about the show so I don't ruin it for those who haven't seen it, but one thing that it really reminded me of was how our country came together during the two monumental moments during the stretch of time this documentary covers, the attacks of 9/11 and when bin Laden was killed. What I loved about those moments was we had two different Presidents of the United States, one Republican in George Bush who led us through the horrific attacks of 9/11 and helped unite our country. It didn't matter if you were a Democrat or Republican back then, you flew your American flag on your porch and you were damn proud to be an American; you got behind the leader of our country and you got behind the War on Terror. We didn't point fingers that it was one party's fault that the attacks happened, or that the other party didn't handle things correctly, we came together to figure out how to respond as ONE nation, under God, indivisible with justice for all!

The second main event of the series happens when bin Laden was finally killed by Seal Team Six on May 2, 2011, nearly 10 years after the attacks on 9/11. The President at that time was Democrat, Barack Obama. I won't go into many details of the final episode, but it's amazing to learn the obvious world-changing decision that President Obama had to make with very limited intel. This series shows that when it was announced that bin Laden had been killed, once again our country came together as ONE. We didn't care who was Democrat and who was Republican with who made the decision to raid the bin Laden compound; we didn't care what political party the Seal Team Six member was who shot bin Laden; we just celebrated that the leader of al-Quida was taken down and there was finally some form of justice for the attacks of 9/11.

I don't know how we get back to that America. I'm afraid that with social media and all the algorithms that it has to send us information on similar things that we follow; along with cowards being able to hide behind screen names while spewing hate towards people who believe differently than they do, that we continue to get divided more and more each day, and whether you can admit it or not, both political parties are to blame. Whether you solely watch CNN, Fox News or any other news station that is politically slanted heavily towards one side, you are getting one view point that is going to continue to divide our country. I don't know what the answer is for any of this; I try to not spend as much time on my phone and have found myself to be in a much better mood lately. Michelle and I also have started to watch News Nation for most of our news and talk shows, as they bring members from both parties on and actually have civilized conversations about topics that affect every day life. Their motto is "where right and left come to be reasonable" and I must say that I find it to be that way so far. I didn't think I had much to say this week but as I am now on my second page it's time to end this week's article. Thank you for taking the time to read my View From The Bench, I know it's definitely not always the right view, but it's one that changes with the times, one that respects everyone else's view, and one that wants this country to be united as ONE, again!!

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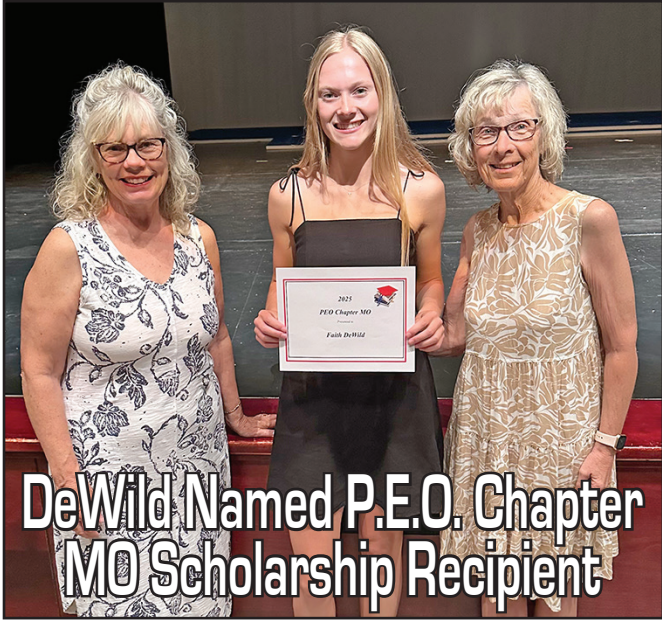


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Wednesday evening is food truck night at Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake. The food truck this week is Boji Corn Dogs. Come shop at the Farmers Market and have a corn dog for dinner. They also serve breakfast items, so they will be at the Saturday market this Saturday.

Every Saturday, except when the market is outside, the vendors donate items to fill a market basket, which is then given away to some lucky customer. Fill out a slip to enter the drawing at the north end of the building. The winner last Saturday was Dan from Okoboji.

At the market now is seasonal produce, like radishes, green onions, rhubarb, asparagus, and fresh herbs. There is also lots of bread, cinnamon rolls, bars, pies, and honey. Lakes Area Farmers Market is located on the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake, north of Hy-Vee. It is open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7:00 PM and on Saturdays 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon. We hope to see you there.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued fluoridation of Milford's public drinking water and to highlight both the historical significance and the well-documented public health benefits of this vital measure. The Milford Municipal Utilities board is planning to discontinue this initiative.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized as one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20th century. First implemented in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1945, fluoridation has been instrumental in dramatically reducing the prevalence of tooth decay in both children and adults. Over the past 75+ years, numerous studies and health organizations — including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the American Dental Association (ADA) — have confirmed its safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness. Of note, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded Milford Municipal Utilities a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the CDC in 2023.

Water fluoridation works by maintaining a low level of fluoride in the mouth throughout the day. This helps to rebuild weakened enamel and reverse early signs of tooth decay. Importantly, it benefits people of all ages and income levels, especially those who may have limited access to dental care. This limited access of dental care is more than realized in our community due to the low number of dentists in the state that accept Medicaid. Many families do not have the means or ability to travel several hours to seek this care.

Ending fluoridation could have serious public health consequences, particularly for children, seniors, and our already underserved community. We should continue to build on the proven success of this measure, rather than reverse course on a policy that has protected generations from preventable dental disease.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I urge you to support the continued fluoridation of our city's drinking water in order to maintain and promote the oral health of all residents by attending the Milford Municipal Utilities board meeting on June 17, 2025, at 4pm.

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- 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
- July 7 – Make a Game with ISU Dickinson County Extension
- July 8 - Bikes

MML's 2025 Summer Reading Program is going on now! Book lovers of all ages may pick up reading logs and program information at the library or online at milford.lib.ia.us.

- Children's Program - up to 4th grade
- Young Adult - 4th - 12th grades
- Adult program – 18+

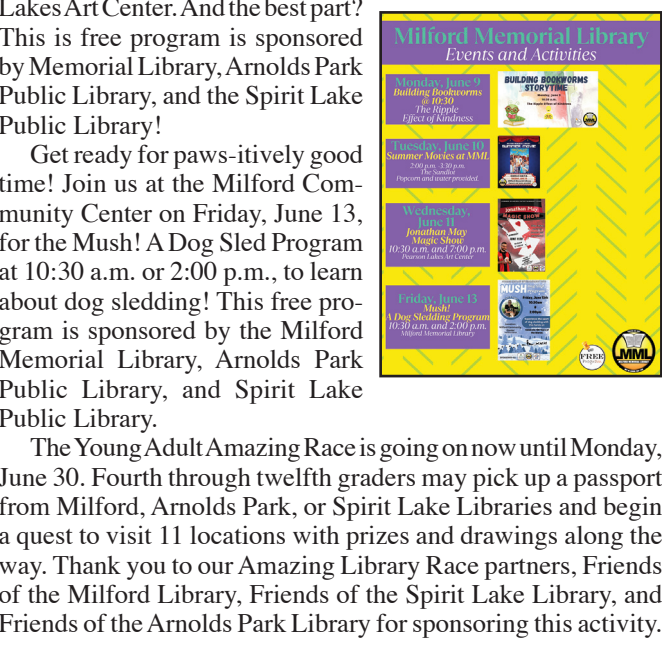
MML's Summer Reading Program logs are due on Friday, August 1.

Everyone is invited to Milford Memorial Library on Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m., for a showing of The Sandlot. This is a free event and popcorn will be provided.

Abracadabra! You're invited to Jonathan May's Magic Show on Wednesday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. And the best part? This is free program is sponsored by Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Public Library, and the Spirit Lake Public Library!

Get ready for paws-itively good time! Join us at the Milford Community Center on Friday, June 13, for the Mush! A Dog Sled Program at 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., to learn about dog sledding! This free program is sponsored by the Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Public Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library.

The Young Adult Amazing Race is going on now until Monday, June 30. Fourth through twelfth graders may pick up a passport from Milford, Arnolds Park, or Spirit Lake Libraries and begin a quest to visit 11 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.



**Milford Memorial Library
Events and Activities**

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR


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

Dear Editor:

Dickinson County Board of Adjustments and also Board of Supervisors are allowing more wind turbines to be built around our beautiful lakes. Many of us Dickinson County residents do not want more turbines. I ask what is the motivation of Dickinson County officials not listening to their constituents? Thankfully two County Supervisors, Steve Dullard and Levi Markwardt, are attempting to slow down this rubber stamp process.




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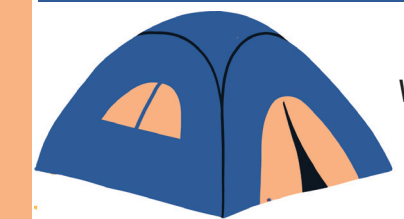
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Thank you again to the generous "neighbors" of Dickinson County, and to the Good Neighbor Fund of Okoboji and Spirit Lake Territory for making this possible!
Holly Zinn Hample,
Education Director



Okoboji High School Trap Team Wins State Championship

On May 31, twenty-seven shooters from the Okoboji High School Trap Team traveled to Ackley, Iowa, to participate in the 2025 Iowa State High School Tournament. The team shot 485 X 500 to win the 1A championship by 21 targets over runner-up Northwood Kensett.

Top shooters were as follows: Aiden Hanson-99, Kael Mack-98, Tate Mertens-97, Dalton Vinke-96, Charlie Van Hofwegan-95 and Ashton Peters-95.

Other individual awards went to the following shooters: 1st Place Varsity Male-Aiden Hanson-99, 2nd Place Varsity Male-Kael Mack-98, 2nd Place Varsity Female-Ashton Peters-95, 3rd Place Varsity Female-Hadley Moore-90 and 3rd Place Novice Male-Adam Schoelerman-76.

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This is a come and go event, free, and open to the public. This Chamber Coffee and Convo's gathering is to bring together local business owners, community leaders, and residents for a morning coffee, conversation, and community building. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour CarpetOne, ask questions, and share what their business might have coming up as well. We hope to see you there for coffee and connections.

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The City of Arnolds Park is selling salvaged pavers from the 1999 Highway 71 project. There are approximately 25 sets of 24” x 24” pavers available with four different designs. The cost of the pavers are \$150 each or a set of four for \$500. They are available on a first come first serve basis, contact City Hall for further information at 712-332-2341.

Mobile Food Pantry Returns In June

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the May Food Bank, 472 individuals (174 families) received 5,865 lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute 2.5 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa. 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.



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Two New OkoboTree Sculptures Honor Abbie Gardner and Captain Lance

Arnolds Park, Iowa – OkoboTree is proud to announce the unveiling of two powerful and heartfelt additions to its growing tree sculpture collection: one honoring Abbie Gardner, a symbol of strength and survival in Iowa history, and one celebrating Captain Lance, a beloved local figure known for his 25 years at the helm of the Queen II. **Abbie Gardner: A Tribute Rooted in Legacy** Located near the historic Abbie Gardner Cabin, this new sculpture pays tribute to a young girl whose story has become central to Iowa’s past. Carved with emotion and elegance, the sculpture features Abbie seated and accompanied by three doves representing her three children, a deeply meaningful element first envisioned by the late Ed Purdy, a founding board member of the Friends of Abbie Gardner. Ed’s thoughtful vision inspired this tribute that now welcomes visitors into reflection, remembrance, and renewed appreciation for Abbie’s courage. Mary Dreier, Board Member of the Friends of Abbie Gardner, remarked, "This OkoboTree carving beautifully captures Abbie’s legacy, both her personal courage and the power of her story to connect generations. We are grateful for this creative addition to the site and thankful to Ed Purdy for his vision that helped shape it."



Captain Lance: Standing Proud at the Helm Just steps away from Terrace Park, visitors will now find the Captain Lance sculpture — a warm, life-sized tribute to the legendary steamboat captain known for welcoming thousands of guests aboard the Queen II. Dressed in uniform and hands resting on a carved ship’s wheel, the sculpture is as much a celebration of community spirit as it is a personal honor. "It’s an incredible feeling," said Captain Lance Freed. "I’ve spent a lifetime sharing the joy of the lakes with families from all over. To be remembered in this way, through a tree that once stood tall here, is deeply meaningful." Fourteen trees have now been sculpted as a result of OkoboTree efforts, with a half dozen more planned to be completed yet this summer. "These two sculptures honor very different but equally iconic local figures," said Kathy Fahy, Chair of OkoboTree. “By turning expired trees into meaningful public art, we not only beautify our spaces but keep local stories alive in a deeply personal and tangible way." **About OkoboTree** An initiative of the Spirit of Okoboji, OkoboTree transforms expired trees into lasting works of public art through partnerships with artists, city leaders, and the community. Learn more and explore the growing collection at www.okobotree.org.



City of West Okoboji to Host Centennial Celebration at Terrace Park and Alex Danbom Park

The City of West Okoboji is thrilled to announce its Centennial Celebration at the newly revitalized Terrace Park Family Beach and Alex Danbom Park on Saturday, June 14th, from Noon to 3:00pm. This community event marks 100 years of the City of West Okoboji and highlights recent enhancements to these beloved local parks.

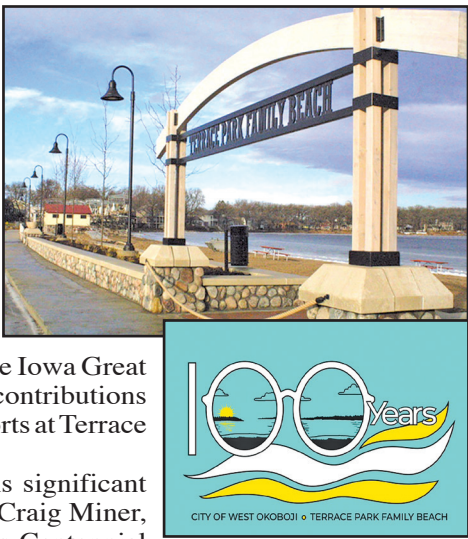
The celebration promises an afternoon of fun for all ages, featuring a variety of food and beverage options, engaging activities, and a look back at the area's rich history. Attendees can enjoy delicious offerings from Rabab's Food Truck and cool treats from the Shaw Ice Cream Truck.

This event is made possible through the generous support of major benefactors, Imagine Iowa Great Lakes and the Enhance Iowa Board, whose contributions have been instrumental in the revitalization efforts at Terrace Park and Alex Danbom Park.

"We are incredibly excited to celebrate this significant milestone for the City of West Okoboji," said Craig Miner, Mayor, from the City of West Okoboji. "This Centennial Celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy our beautiful parks, and reflect on our shared history, thanks to the fantastic work by Imagine Iowa Great Lakes and the Enhance Iowa Board."

Event highlights:

- Food and beverages - Rabab's Food Truck, Shaw Ice Cream Truck
- Family fun - complimentary kids face painting
- Giveaways - 1:00 and 2:00pm
- Historical photo display of Terrace Park



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15th Annual Iowa Craft Brew Festival Features More Iowa Brands than Ever

Des Moines, May 2025 - The Iowa Brewers Guild is excited to announce details of the fifteenth annual Iowa Craft Brew Festival (ICBF). The event takes place rain or shine Saturday, June 7, from Noon-4 p.m. at Water Works Park in Des Moines. Each ticket to ICBF includes entry to the festival grounds, glassware and unlimited samples, silent disco, and more than a dozen Iowa food trucks. The festival directly supports Iowa craft brewing.

More than 75 Iowa craft breweries, cideries, wineries, distilleries and beverage companies from across the state will be set up to sample their products including West O Beer from Milford, Iowa. This year's event has fun new features including arcade games, mini golf, and new Iowa breweries. IA Beer Passport users can check in at the event and earn prizes via IA Tourism. First time festival goers can even receive a commemorative ICBF button.

"This festival is the biggest showcase of Iowa craft brewing in the state," said Iowa Brewers Guild Executive Director Noreen Otto. "We like to say 'Drink Beer, Make Friends', and this event truly embodies that Iowa fun!"

Festival grounds feature free parking, plenty of shade, water stations, and photo opportunities. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and empty water bottles. More than a dozen Iowa based food trucks will be available onsite throughout the festival.

A drink and vendor list will be available digitally using the FliteBrite platform. Festival goers can use the site to find breweries and beverage styles, as well as track their favorites as they sample throughout the day.

Tickets are available until the day of the festival: VIP Tickets \$65 (limited quantities left); General Admission, \$50 until 6/1. Tickets and a list of participating breweries are available now at www.iowacraftbrewfestival.com. All ticket holders must be 21 plus years of age.

The Iowa Brewers Guild exists to unite craft brewing professionals, promote Iowa beer, and advocate for the industry's growth. More than 100 members operate in communities across Iowa.

Community Health Center of Spencer Open House June 13

Spencer, Iowa – The Community Health Center of Spencer is excited to announce the launch of its full range of healthcare services and invites the public to celebrate at an Open House on Friday, June 13th, from 3:00 to 6:00pm at 223 W 7th Street, Spencer, Iowa, 51301.

Community members are encouraged to attend the Open House to tour the new facility, meet the providers, and learn more about the essential medical, dental, and behavioral health services now available in Spencer. There will be a ribbon cutting with the Spencer Chamber of Commerce at 3 pm. Refreshments will be provided, and staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist with scheduling appointments or learning about programs like the sliding fee discount.

The Community Health Center of Spencer, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) under the umbrella of the Community Health Center of Fort Dodge, is committed to providing comprehensive, accessible, and affordable care to all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay.

Services at the Spencer location include:

- Medical care, provided by Julie Beehler, NP, began on March 31, 2025
- Dental care, led by Dr. Richard Martin, began on April 22, 2025
- Behavioral health services, offered by Ashley Anderson, PMHNP, began on May 1, 2025

As an FQHC, the health center operates with a patient-majority governing board, ensuring that community perspectives are central to its mission and decision-making. The center accepts Medicare, Medicaid (including Iowa's managed care organizations), most private insurance and offers a sliding fee scale for those who qualify, providing affordable options for the uninsured and underinsured.

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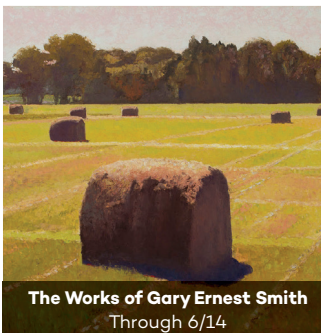


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KINTSUGI- THE ART OF BROKEN POTTERY With Adam Nielsen

June 14 | 12-5pm | \$65/\$75 | All Levels, 18 years+ | Register by 6/6

Discover the art and philosophy of kintsugi—the Japanese practice of repairing broken pottery with gold, transforming flaws into features. Each participant is invited to bring one broken piece of pottery to repair. Don't have one? No worries—use a stock piece provided by the PLAC, please indicate at time of registration. Pieces should be no larger than a mug/ cereal bowl size and not excessively broken, suggestion is 1 ceramic piece that is broken into 2-3 shards.

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Mediterranean Dinner Series With Chef Jay Norton of The Hen House

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June 12: Journey to Greece

July 17: Journey to Morocco

August 21: Journey to Italy

Sunshine in a Glass- Wines for Summer With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman

June 19 | 6:00pm | \$45/\$55

Jennifer of Okoboji Wines will lead guests through tastings of a variety of bright and beautiful wines - perfect for entertaining all summer long! Small bites included. Register by June 18.

Spring Garden Dinner With Chef Seth Lintelman of Cup N' Saucer

June 25 | 6:00pm | \$150/\$160

Rooted in Chef Seth's family garden and crafted in their kitchen, enjoy an elegant 4-course menu celebrating the freshest harvest from Chef's plentiful garden to your plate! Dinner includes a glass of wine selected to complement the dining experience. Register by June 20.

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Brandt Celebrates Decades of Leadership and Service in Aviation Industry

Gayle R. Brandt, a stalwart figure in the aviation industry for over four decades, continues to make significant contributions to the field and her community. Retiring from Leading Edge Aviation in Spencer, Iowa, Brandt's career reflects a profound dedication to aviation operations, business management, and community involvement.

An Open House to celebrate Gayle's retirement will be held on Friday, June 13, from 3:00 - 6:00pm, at the Spencer Airport (1957 330th Street).

Since July 2001, Gayle Brandt has been at the helm of Leading Edge Aviation, overseeing a comprehensive FBO business that provides charter services, flight instruction, aircraft maintenance, and fuel. Her responsibilities encompass all administrative, accounting, and payroll functions, demonstrating her versatile expertise in business management.

Brandt's impressive journey in aviation began in January 1978 when she co-founded Iowa Great Lakes Flyers, offering FBO services in the Iowa Great Lakes region. Her entrepreneurial spirit continued into July 1981 when she jointly established Great Lakes Aviation. During her two decades with the company, she held various pivotal roles, including Station Agent/Station Manager, Airline Accounts Receivable and Airline Revenue Accounting Manager, and FBO Operations Manager, where she also managed the National Car Rental Franchise. Notably, from 1996 to 2001, she served as Airport Manager for the City of Spencer, showcasing her broad operational and leadership capabilities.

Beyond her professional achievements, Gayle Brandt is deeply committed to community service. She served on the Spencer Industries Foundation board for a decade (2009-2019), including four years as Board Secretary. She has been a dedicated member of the Iowa Lakes Community College Aviation Program Advisory Board since 2007. Her commitment to youth and faith is evident through her leadership as Chairman of the Board of Youth at Immanuel Lutheran Church (2014-2018), where she also served as a Board of Stewards Member. Furthermore, Brandt has been a long-standing board member of the Iowa Public Airports Association (2004-2012, 2020-2026), serving six years as Board Secretary.

Gayle is married to Lon Brandt, a FedEx retiree, and they have been together for 26 years. Her family includes son Ian, a 1st Assistant Golf Professional at Minikahda Golf Club, and step-children Kyle, Head Golf Professional at Hazeltine National Golf Club, and Kira, a Real Estate Specialist with K Hovnanian Homes, who has two grandchildren. In her leisure time, Gayle enjoys family, travel, flowers, and golf.

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The contractor has indicated that work on the boulevards/ medians in the center of the road north on Hill Avenue will commence on Monday, June 2. It will start at 15th and Hill Avenue and progress north approximately two blocks at a time. Residents who live on Hill Avenue will still have access to driveways and there will be workers helping to coordinate access in or out as needed. Otherwise, normal traffic will need to detour around the various areas when they are under construction. When work is ready to begin at the south end of Hill Avenue additional notice will be provided. The work on the north end of Hill is expected to take approximately three weeks.

The 23rd Street reconstruction work is expected to begin June 16. Homeowners along the affected areas between Hill Avenue and Chicago will be receiving letters from the project manager soon and additional information will be provided to the public shortly before work commences. Plan on the area between Hill Avenue and Erie being closed at that time and until mid-August, and for those who have activities at the Little League fields or want to access Aspen Seemann Memorial Park please use the entrances at the school to the school parking areas to the south of the park and the new concession stand and restrooms.

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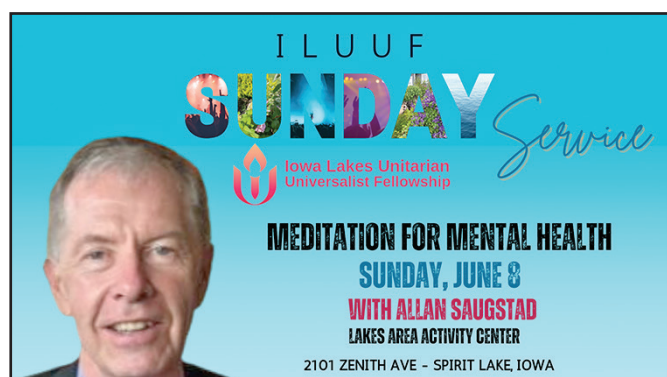


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What can you expect at an ILUUF program? Our open-minded, open-hearted spiritual community helps people lead lives of justice, love, learning and hope. Worship is a shared Unitarian Universalist practice of exploring, connecting to, and creating ways so that our individual lives fit into a larger whole.

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Spirit Lake Library News

We're Off To A Good Start!
by Jill Jennings

In the first week of the Summer Reading Program, we've had well over 100 kids sign up to participate. If you haven't signed up yet, please come in as soon as possible. All ages are welcome to join in the SRP fun!

On Monday, June 9th, join Miss Krista on the outdoor patio at 10:30 a.m. for a Story Time that is all things bubbles! If it happens to be raining that day, please meet in the Community Room instead.

Author Gene Gross will be doing an author talk at the Spirit Lake Public Library on Tuesday, June 10, starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room. His first book, *The Girl in the Net*, was very well received. His latest book is called *Sin & Sanctum*.

Abracadabra! Magician Jonathan May will be performing twice at the Pearson Lakes Art Center on Wednesday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Our next Outdoor Endeavors will happen on Thursday, June 12, from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The craft will be tie-dyeing whatever you want to bring to tie-dye! Please dress to get messy, and if you can, let us know you are coming so we can be prepared. This is a come-and-go event.

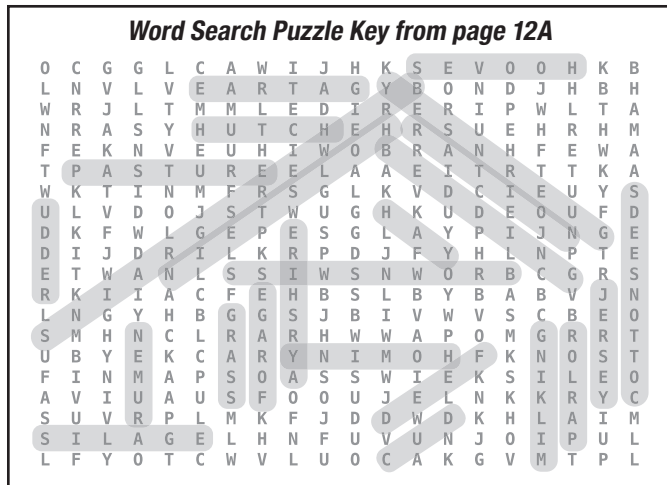
Friday, June 13th, is your lucky day because the Milford Memorial Library will host the Mush Dog Sled Program in their Community Room. There will be two times to choose from: 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. It's the 100th Anniversary of the Iditarod "Serum Run."

We'd like to thank the following sponsors of the 2025 Summer Reading Program: Godfather's Pizza, Okoboji Summer Theatre, Lagniappe Tea Room, and Bridges Bay. We appreciate your support!

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Anna is reading *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

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- Monday, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Story Time (Bubbles)
- Monday, June 9, 1 - 3 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, June 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, June 10, 5:00 p.m., Gene Gross author visit
- Wednesday, June 11, 12:30-4 p.m., Quilters
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- Thursday, June 12, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jongg



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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 Saltville, MS

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

R51: Indoor or outdoor space for sleeping bags, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 4 couples in 60s

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

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

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

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

HAVE A YARD FOR PLUG-IN? RV SPACE NEEDED

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

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



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Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend Grant Recipients Announced

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the recipients of the 2025 Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend grant program. Each year a portion of the Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend Registration proceeds are donated back to the community to assist with various conservation and angling projects.

This year, with the fantastic turnout of over 2,200 anglers from 21 different states, the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is excited to announce a total donation amount of \$20,000. The funds were split between six applicants with a variety of projects directly affecting angling and conservation in the Iowa Great Lakes Area.

The recipients of this year's grant application process were:

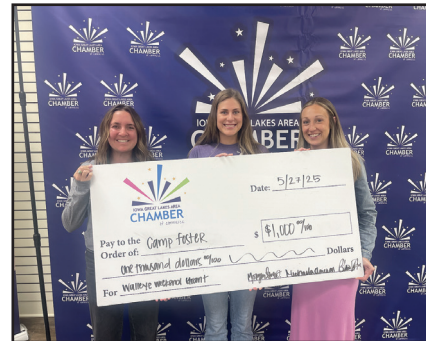
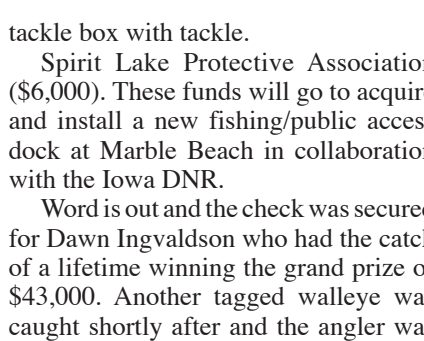
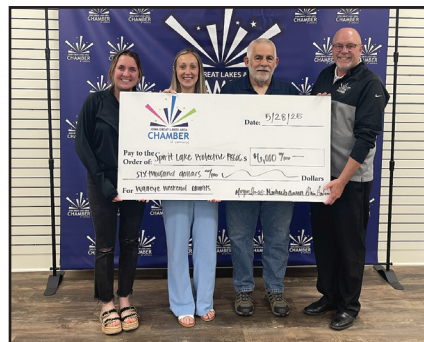
Camp Foster YMCA (\$1,000). These funds will be used to help share the joy of fishing and educate their campers on how to properly handle fish. The funds will be going towards quality supplies to give campers the best experience possible.

Center Lake Improvement & Protective Association (\$1,000). These funds will go towards collecting water samples in four different locations within Center Lake for water quality purposes for Iowa Lakeside Lab.

East Okoboji Lakes Improvement Corporation (\$3,500). These funds will assist with the injection of 190 gallons of Aquathol K into East Lake Okoboji, south of the Narrows shoreline, Upper Gar shoreline, and Minnewashta shoreline.

Okoboji Protective Association (\$3,500). These funds will help with the (Cooperative Lakes Area Monitoring Project (CLAMP) to help in measuring water quality in the Iowa Great Lakes. Measuring water quality helps guarantee safer lakes for fishermen/women and their catches.

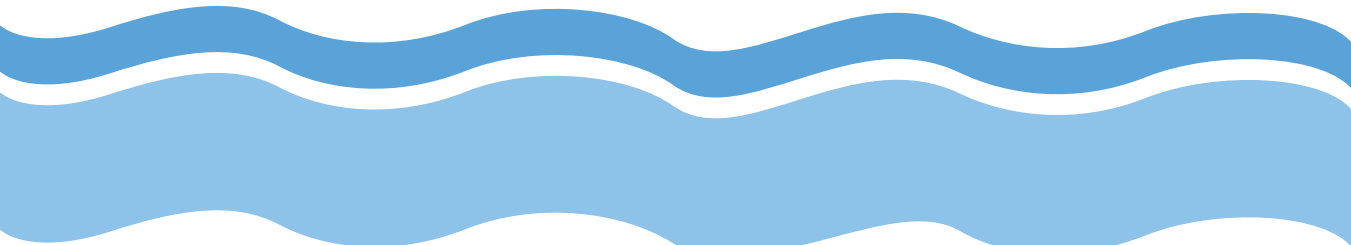
The Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club (\$5,000). This club hosts numerous kids fishing events for various organizations throughout the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Funds will be used to help support our local kids fishing events that will impact over 800(+) kids. Their event has 105 kids at Isthmus Park, 99 Okoboji 4th Graders, 5 Lakeside Lab events with 110 kids, 20 Camp Joy kiddos, 100 Spirit Lake students and many others. Each participant gets a



tackle box with tackle.

Spirit Lake Protective Association (\$6,000). These funds will go to acquire and install a new fishing/public access dock at Marble Beach in collaboration with the Iowa DNR.

Word is out and the check was secured for Dawn Ingvaldson who had the catch of a lifetime winning the grand prize of \$43,000. Another tagged walleye was caught shortly after and the angler was not registered for the extended contest. There are still 8 tagged Walleye out there. All anglers registered for the extended contest can cast their chance at catching these tagged walleye until August 31st, 2025. The first three tagged walleye caught will be paid out a portion of the extended contest registration fees for this year's extended contest.



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Dear Tony, I am in a dark place. It's not work, it's not life, it's everything. I have this sense of doom and my life seems to be filled with depressing thoughts that I can't get out of my mind. I need to find a way out of this dark place.

I can hear the despair in your words—feeling overwhelmed by a sense of doom is heavy, but you're not alone. We all face moments of darkness, and the way out begins with hope. Start by talking to someone you trust; sharing your burden can lift your spirits. If you need to, reach out to me for a confidential conversation, or I can connect you with professionals. Hope is a superpower, the foundation of a positive life, and I'm here to help you rediscover it.

In the 1950s, Dr. Curt Richter, a Johns Hopkins psychobiologist, conducted a controversial experiment on rats to study the impact of hope. He took rats and placed them in a water filled jar and measured how long they could swim before drowning. The rats gave up within minutes. In a follow-up, knowing the precise time the rats were about to perish, Richter "rescued" the rats just before they drowned. How much longer do you think the rats could swim after being saved? 15 minutes? 60 minutes? Remember, originally they swam for only a few minutes before drowning.

As it turned out, after being saved, the rats swam for over 2.5 days, suggesting that the experience of being saved instilled hope, enhancing their perseverance. This demonstrated hope's powerful role in our lives. We too can change our outlook and attitude toward life in a heartbeat with a renewed sense of hope.

By being more hopeful, we bring many benefits to our life, including:

- **Increased Resilience:** Hope helps you bounce back from setbacks by fostering a belief that challenges can be overcome.
- **Improved Mental Health:** Hope reduces anxiety and depression by promoting positive expectations for the future.
- **Enhanced Motivation:** Hope inspires you to set and pursue meaningful goals, driving persistent effort.
- **Stronger Relationships:** Hope encourages optimism, making you more supportive and fostering deeper connections with others.
- **Better Physical Health:** Hope is linked to lower stress levels, which can improve immune function and overall well-being.
- **Greater Problem-Solving Ability:** Hopeful thinking promotes creative solutions and adaptability in difficult situations.
- **Increased Life Satisfaction:** Hope cultivates a sense of purpose, leading to greater fulfillment in daily life.
- **Boosted Self-Esteem:** Hope reinforces belief in your ability to shape a positive future, enhancing confidence.
- **Improved Coping Skills:** Hope equips you to handle adversity with a focus on possibilities rather than limitations.
- **Inspiration for Others:** Living with hope can uplift those around you, creating a ripple effect of positivity.

To bring more hope into your life, try taking these 5 steps today:

1. **Set Small, Achievable Goals:** Break down larger aspirations into manageable steps. Achieving these builds confidence and a hopeful outlook, much like the rats' renewed effort after being saved.
2. **Practice Gratitude:** Regularly reflect on positive aspects of life, such as through journaling, to shift focus toward possibilities and foster hope.
3. **Connect with Supportive People:** Surround yourself with optimistic individuals who uplift and inspire, reinforcing belief in a brighter future.
4. **Visualize Positive Outcomes:** Engage in mental imagery of successful scenarios to boost motivation and maintain hope during challenges.
5. **Learn from Past Successes:** Reflect on times you overcame obstacles, like the rats' extended swimming after rescue, to reinforce belief in your resilience.

Despair is a human experience, but what matters is how we respond. It's a call to action—reach out, ask for help, and make changes. Help is available, but you must take the first step. One day, your struggles may become a lifeline for someone else.

Special note: Sharing your journey with others could be the light another person needs in their darkness, showing how hope can turn pain into purpose.

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