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Shaylen to Perform at Captain's Entertainment Complex

Nashville's own Shaylen, a dynamic vocalist and songwriter with deep Tennessee roots, is set to bring her powerful and unique sound to Captain's Entertainment Complex as part of their NASHLO Summer Concert Series in Arnolds Park on June 19th.



Born in Chattanooga, TN, and raised in Dallas, TX, Shaylen's musical journey began in church as a child. After a decade in Los Angeles where she garnered tens of millions of streams as a major label pop artist, she made the heartfelt decision to return to Tennessee, answering the call to write country songs and embrace her true artistic self.

Shaylen's music is a testament to her honest journey, blending southern and soulful influences with a truly original voice. Her latest body of work showcases exactly where she belongs – in country music. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this powerhouse performer as she shares her authentic sound. Captain's Entertainment Complex is located at 107 West Broadway Street in Arnolds Park. Tickets can be purchased at Captain's Entertainment complex or online at *captainsgetaway.com*. Doors open at 7:00pm, show at 8:00pm- must be 21 to enter.

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Aubrey LaFoy celebrated his 100th birthday on Monday, June 16, 2025. His 7 published books about Okoboji history have entertained and informed many. The family would like to honor him with a card shower. Birthday wishes can be sent to Aubrey LaFoy, Stonebridge Care Center, 1401 H Ave, Milford IA 51331.

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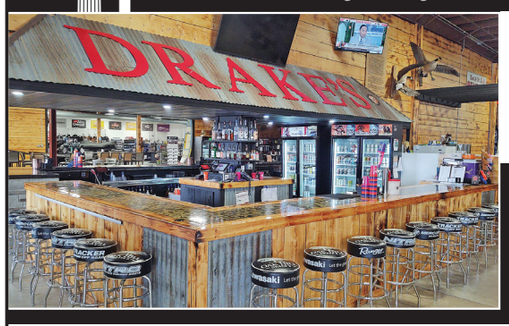
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First Lutheran's Summer Songfest to Feature Leanna Crawford



On Sunday evening, July 13th, First Lutheran Church of West Okoboji will be presenting two hours of inspiring and entertaining music. The concert will be held on their drive-in worship stage, and will feature Leanna Crawford. Leanna is one of the young, contemporary Christian music artists rising in popularity.

With the 2024 release of her first major record album, "Still Waters", (Psalm 23) Leanna and her music show over 1.5 million followers on Spotify and YouTube combined.

Combining previously released tracks with fresh compositions like "For Heaven's Sake," "Honest," and "Rest," the album is a tapestry of struggle and faith, reflecting Crawford's journey and pursuit for truth, honesty, and beauty.

Each song on Still Waters feels like a journal entry—infused with Crawford's personal reflections and experiences. "For Heaven's Sake" invites listeners to unite in purpose regardless of differences. "How Can You Not" is a melodic affirmation of God's omnipresence, even amidst doubt. The title track, "Still Waters" holds special meaning as a tribute to Crawford's Great Aunt Maurine whose steadfast faith profoundly impacted her family across generations.

"My prayer is that this album becomes a vessel of hope and grace," says Crawford. "I want listeners to feel seen, understood, and hopeful through these songs – and as a result, encounter the transformative love of Jesus."

On July 13th, the evening's music will begin at 6:00pm with "First to Dance" opening for Leanna. "First to Dance" is the local band that opened last August for the Jason Gray concert at First. Leanna will take the stage at 7:00pm.

Gates open at 5:00pm, there will be a food truck on the grounds. A freewill offering will be taken. All are invited to attend this memorable evening of music!

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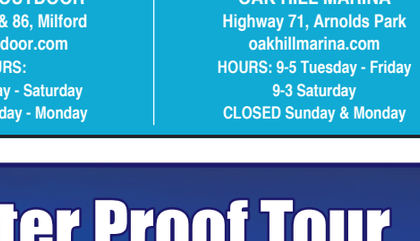

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The Corridor's Lunch & Learn events are free to attend for all Corridor investors, but RSVPs are required. RSVP for the event at *www.lakescorridor.com/luncheon* or by calling the office at 712-264-3474.



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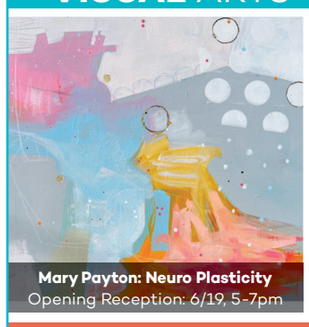
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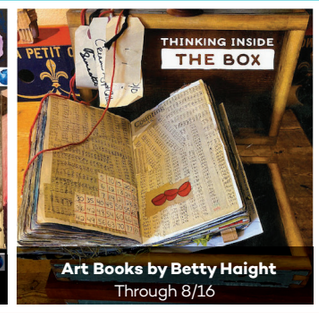
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Spirit of Okoboji Awards Three New Grants to LAMA Members

Okoboji, IA — The Spirit of Okoboji is proud to announce three new recipients of its Lakes Area Museum Alliance (LAMA) grant program. These awards continue the nonprofit's mission to strengthen the cultural fabric of the Okoboji region through meaningful investment in museum innovation, accessibility, and education.

Dickinson County Museum – Parking & Accessibility Project

The Dickinson County Museum has been awarded a $10,000 grant to aid in the construction of ten angled off-street parking spaces, including two designated handicap-accessible spots. This vital project will improve safety, accessibility, and the overall visitor experience at the historic site.

"This grant is a game-changer for the museum," said Mary Dreier, former Director of the Dickinson County Museum. Cole Clawson, present Director of the Museum, said "It ensures that all visitors, regardless of mobility, can access and enjoy the rich history of Dickinson County. We are grateful to the Spirit of Okoboji for their support of inclusive cultural spaces."

Arnolds Park Amusement Park Museum – Erector Set Legends Exhibit

The Arnolds Park Amusement Park Museum has received $10,000 for its Erector Set Legends Project, a dynamic STEAM-based exhibit designed to inspire curiosity and learning through hands-on, interactive displays and multimedia storytelling.

"This project bridges history, innovation, and education in a way that aligns perfectly with our mission," said Jon Pausley, CEO of Arnolds Park Amusement Park. "Thanks to this grant, we can engage young minds while celebrating the creative spirit that helped build Arnolds Park."

Iowa Lakeside Lab – Dining Hall Deck Renovation

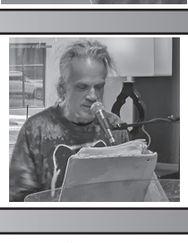
The Friends of Lakeside Lab have been awarded a $10,000 grant for the renovation of the Lab's historic dining hall deck. This improvement supports the Lab's environmental education mission by enhancing safety and functionality for students, researchers, and visitors.

"We're honored to receive this grant," said Lyndy Holdt, Executive Director of Friends of Lakeside Lab. "The deck renovation will make our shared spaces more welcoming and accessible for all, helping us continue our legacy of science education and nature stewardship."

A Commitment to Culture and Community

"These three projects showcase the diversity and depth of our region's cultural institutions," said Tim Kinnetz, Founder and Chair of the Spirit of Okoboji. "From history and play to science and sustainability, we are proud to fund efforts that make our museums more inclusive, engaging, and inspiring."

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Milford, Iowa - Mark your calendars for some important dates that Milford RAGBRAI has coming up!

Wednesday, June 18 - Vendor Meeting, from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., in the west side of the Milford Community Room.

Contact us to apply to be a vendor at *https://milfordragbrai.com/vendors/*. For any questions about food/non-food vendors for Milford RAGBRAI, email Joel McCartan at joelmccartan@gmail.com.

Wednesday, July 2 - Bike Rodeo, at 4 p.m., in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parking Lot, Youth and their adults are invited to get bikes safety checked and ride an obstacle course. Contact Drew Mills at *drew@theokobojicyclist.com* for more information.

Wednesday, July 9, and Saturday, July 12 - Volunteer meeting and training, July 9 at 7 p.m., and July 12 at 9 a.m., at 1021 10th Street, Milford. Volunteers can choose either date to come to. You only have to attend one meeting. We will provide more information about the volunteer positions, contacts, and hand out materials needed.

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



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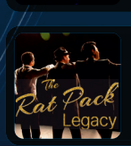
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This is your last chance to register online for the University of Okoboji Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride! As we gear up to celebrate 41 fantastic years of cycling, the excitement is building, and we want you to be a part of this landmark event. Online registration closes in one week on June 26th, so secure your spot today by visiting *okobojichamber.com*.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, June 28th
- Location: University of Okoboji Campus
- Ride Options: 25, 50, or 100 miles

The Campus Ride is neither a race nor a test of stamina. It is intended that all participants ride at their own pace and in a Safe and Responsible manner. Have fun and take in the beauty of the University of Okoboji Campus and all it has to offer!

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For those who may miss the online registration deadline, don't worry! We are offering day-of registration to ensure everyone has the opportunity to join in the fun. Pre-registered riders can pick up their race shirts in advance on Friday, June 27th from 7-9pm at Florence Park where in-person registration will also be available.

Day-of Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, June 28th
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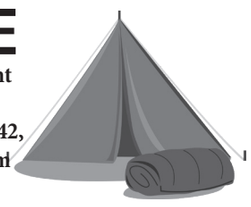








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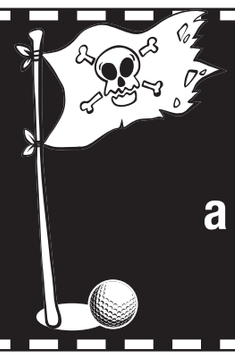


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R107: Parking, tent or indoor camping, shower/toilet facilities for family of 7 from Colorado
R114: Minnesota group would like just tenting space
R115: Parking, tent camping, shower/toilet facilities for 4 from Wyoming, Iowa
R117: Parking, tent or indoor camping, shower/toilet facilities for 2 from North Carolina
R118: Parking, indoor camping, shower/toilet facilities for family of 5 from Lafayette, Indiana
R120: Parking, tent camping, shower/toilet facilities for 13 from Brooklyn, New York
R81: Parking, tent camping, shower/toilet facilities. 7 from Urbandale, IA - leave early
R83: Tent camping in yard, shower/toilet facilities, hose access for 10 from Iowa City & beyond
R85: Parking (4 pickups) outside or inside camping for 15 wind turbine tech team
R92: Parking, bed, shower-toilet facilities/close to entertainment for male driver from Dyersville
R93: Indoor or outdoor camping, shower-toilet facilities, for 67 yr. old male from Maryland
R97: Indoor camping or beds, shower-toilet facilities, for two 66 yr. old males - not partying
R100: Parking, tent or indoor camping, shower/toilet facilities/hose for 7 30-yr. olds from Colorado
R73: Tent camping, parking for pickup with tent top, shower/toilet facilities, for family of 4
R74: Tent camping in yard, parking for 10' U-Haul, shower/toilet facilities, for 5 from Cedar Rapids
R76: Tent camping in yard, or floor space for sleeping bags, parking, shower/toilet facilities for 4
R79: Parking for camper, shower/toilet facilities, access to hose, for 3 male relatives from Colorado
R80: Tent camping in yard, parking-2 pickups, shower/toilet facilities, hose access for 6 Iowans
R8: Parking for SUV/tent camping in yard/shower/toilet facilities for 2 family members
R10: Parking for van & trailer/tent camping/shower/toilet facilities for 9
R15: Indoor/bed, shower/toilet facilities for 1 male, 60 from, Burlington, IA
R18: Indoor/floor space for sleeping bag - 65 yr. old male from Salem, SC
R20: Shaded parking for SUV; tent camping in yard, shower-toilet facilities for couple
R30: Indoor Camping- floor space for sleeping bag - 70 year old male from Philly, PA
R33: Tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for family of 5 from Toledo, IA
R38: Indoor Camping - bed or floor space/shower/toilet facilities for 31 yr. old male from Chicago
R46: Shaded tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for 3 from Saltillo, MS
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
R61: Place to park vehicle, access to outside water hose for Maryland couple, 45
R68: Bed, shower/toilet facilities for 68 yr. old male from New Era, MI
R11: 2 camper vans/Class B/shower/toilet facilities/access to outside hose. Geneva, WI, foursome

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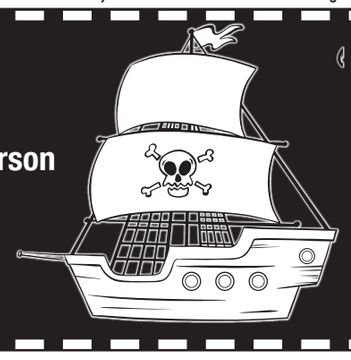


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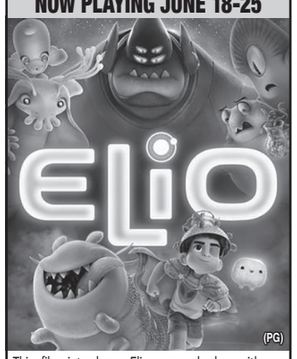
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I write to share my opposition of the Milford Municipal Utilities' (MMU) decision to remove fluoride from the city water supply. I disagree with this choice both as a physician serving our community as well as a resident of Milford with young children who benefit from the current fluoridation.

Fluoridation of city water across the United States is a long-held public health measure initiated in 1945. Community water fluoridation (CWF) is "an inexpensive means of improving oral health that benefits all residents of a community, young and old, rich and poor alike." (Quoted from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly report on Achievements in public health, 1900-1999.) And thus, as noted in the current CDC scientific statement on CWF, "Because of its contribution to the dramatic decline in tooth decay, CDC named community water fluoridation 1 of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century."

Iowa is currently ranked #16 in the country (based on most recent 2022 CDC data) for number of persons served by Community Water Fluoridation. Comparatively, Iowa has the least amount of OB/GYNs per capita in this country at only 3.3 for every 10,000 women of reproductive age. We should be celebrating and continuing our ability to provide adequate fluoridation for our population, not reversing course and joining the other poor rankings for health care statistics of our state.

My family and I are privileged to afford fluoridation by other means should MMU eliminate CWF. Unfortunately, the most socio-economically disadvantaged in our community will suffer disproportionately from this change. The ability to seek dental care in our community (and nationwide) is limited by type of insurance; residents without private insurance will be unable to adequately seek care for fluoridation through local dentists to make up for the loss of water fluoridation.

A public service like MMU should exist to advance the public interest and good. CWF is a mechanism for advancing public good. Communities with CWF will see a quite reasonable return on investment for fluoridating water supply: $20 for every $1 spent. Put another way, communities with CWF "save an average of $32 per person per year by avoiding treatment for cavities." *(cdc.gov/fluoridation/about/index.html)*

I highly encourage MMU to reconsider their decision and continue fluoridation of our water supply. There are no health or economic advantages to discontinuing CWF. Doing so comes from a place of power dynamics and not of public interest and good.

Dr. Whitney Nelson,
Milford, Iowa

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Finding Home at the
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In a world that often feels divided and disconnected, finding a space where you are fully accepted—just as you are—is a rare and beautiful thing. For me, that space is the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ILUUF).

We gather on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the Lakes Area Senior Center in Spirit Lake, and while our services are meaningful, it's the spirit of the people that makes ILUUF truly special. Here, I've found more than a place to reflect and grow spiritually—I've found a community. A spiritual home.

What sets ILUUF apart is our commitment to open minds and open hearts. We don't all think the same way, believe the same things, or walk the same paths—and that's the point. Diversity of thought, background, and experience is not only welcomed, it's celebrated. Whether you're searching for deeper meaning, grappling with life's big questions, or simply looking for connection in a thoughtful and compassionate community, there is room for you here.

In a time when it's easy to feel isolated or overwhelmed, the ILUUF reminds me that I am not alone. I am part of something larger—a fellowship grounded in love, respect, and a shared hope for a better world. If you're looking for a spiritual home, everyone has a place at the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Come join us. Your voice, your values, your journey are welcome here.

Jen Johnson-Ross
Estherville, Iowa



80th Birthday Announcement

Former Dickinson County Supervisor, Mardi Allen, will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach her at 24576 182nd Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.



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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.

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I am not a huge NBA fan, as I definitely prefer college basketball, but do enjoy watching the NBA, especially the playoffs, when college basketball is over and when the teams start playing harder because there is more on the line and they are playing for something as opposed to the grind of the 82-game grind of the regular season. My favorite team is the Minnesota Timberwolves, and it has been fun to see them reach the Western Conference Finals each of the last two seasons. While I pull for the T-Wolves, I am not a diehard fan like I am with the Vikings and Twins, and I actually pull harder for the Cyclones in the NBA, as it would have been tough to figure out who I would have pulled for had the T-Wolves made the Finals and faced off against Tyrese Haliburton and the Indiana Pacers. Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately, that didn't happen; instead, it has been the #1 seed from the West Oklahoma City Thunder and the surprise #4 seed from the East Indiana Pacers squaring off for the NBA Championship and it sure has been one very entertaining series so far, with it being tied at 2-2 heading back to Oklahoma City for Game Five as we print the paper on Monday night.

So far, each team has won a game on the road that they probably should not have won. The Pacers stole Game One from the Thunder when Tyrese Haliburton hit yet another game-winning shot with :00.3 remaining to give the Pacers the win and their only lead of the game, 111-110. The Pacers trailed at one point in the second half of this game by 15 points and with 2:00 remaining had a win probability of 2.6%. The Thunder paid the Pacers back in Game Four on Friday night, stealing a game in which they trailed most of the way, 111-104. There were no late-game heroics as the Thunder outscored the Pacers 12-1 in the last three minutes to turn a four-point deficit into their seven-point victory. The Pacers led for most of this game, including by 10 points in the third quarter, and the Thunder did not lead in the second half until the 2:23 mark of the fourth quarter when Shai Gilgeous-Alexander hit a pull-up jumper to give them a 105-103 lead.

I would love to see the Pacers and Tyrese Haliburton win an NBA Championship, but I have a feeling after the Thunder won Game Four and earned their home-court advantage back that they will probably now win this series. I think OKC wins Game Five at home, Indiana wins Game Six at home on another game winner by Tyrese Haliburton, then I'm hoping I put the good old John Jinx on the Thunder, as I'm predicting that they win Game Seven in Oklahoma City, 112-109. While basketball in June is still hard to get used to, this series has been Must-See TV, and if you're looking for something to watch, tune into Game Six on Thursday night at 7:30 and hopefully Game Seven on Sunday night at 7:30 for some great summer basketball drama. Go Tyrese and Go Pacers!

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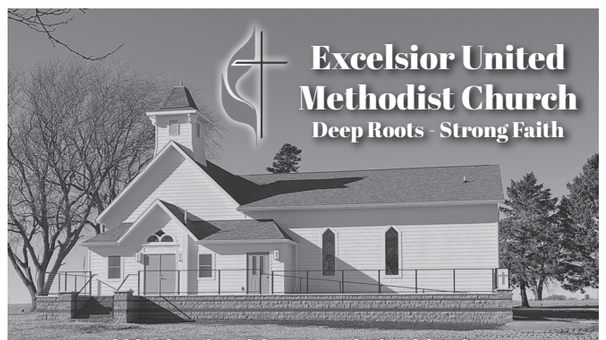
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Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center Presentations

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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.

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

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Dinner starts at 5:00pm and is free for survivors. There will be a short presentation and silent auction items to bid on. Midwest Dueling pianos will be entertaining us from 7:00pm – 10:00pm, and decorated bras will be auctioned off during that time.

You can get involved with the Bras For A Cause fundraiser by decorating a bra and donating to this event. For questions stop by the Peacock and talk to Lyda, or call Di at 712-330-2048. Get your friends or coworkers together and have fun and support a great cause. Then join us for the fun on July 2nd at The Peacock Lounge and Grille for the auction.

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David James "DJ" Cain of Council Bluffs, formerly of Spirit Lake, passed away peacefully at his home on June 11, 2025. DJ was born July 18, 1972, to David and Juanita in Kassel, Germany.



Private family services will be held at a later date in Council Bluffs.

DJ's sense of humor, great laugh, generous heart and unwavering faith will be missed by all.

He is survived by his parents, Dave (Spirit Lake) and Juanita (Council Bluffs); children, Mallory and Matthew; 4 grandchildren; siblings, Bryan, Andy and Nicole, and forever friend Ruth.

Obituary

A Funeral Service for **Doris Martin**, age 99, of Spirit Lake, will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 11:00am at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 10:00-11:00am. Interment will be at St. Margaret Cemetery in Spirit Lake.



Memorial contributions in honor of Doris can be given to: Friends of the Spirit Lake Library 702 16th Street Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Doris Mae Martin was born on April 19, 1926, in Mishawaka, Indiana, to Charles and Marie (Dunkelberger) Birtwhistle. On May 6, 1946, she married the love of her life, Richard Martin, in her hometown of Mishawaka. She was a prime example for her children as a loving and supportive spouse. Everyone knew how much Richard and Doris loved each other and it became a goal that many set for themselves in their own life.

Richard's career took their family to several communities over the years, including Bloomington, Dixon, Downers Grove and Quincy, Illinois, Marshalltown, Iowa and eventually Spirit Lake, Iowa, where they retired in 1983. Wherever they lived, Doris made a happy home, never short of pies and cookies. Doris enjoyed fishing, reading novels, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and was a jelly maker, especially red and black raspberry. Doris also enjoyed an afternoon cocktail with friends at the VFW.

They wintered in Rockport, Texas for over twenty years where she made many Texan friends. She loved to feed the birds, especially the hummingbirds. Doris later moved into Keelson Harbour where she never missed morning exercise and their happy hour.

She approached life with quiet strength, grace, and humor. She often joked about and was proud that she outlived one of her doctors and even a favorite cherry tree. Doris passed away peacefully on June 11, 2025, in Spirit Lake, Iowa at ninety-nine years of age.

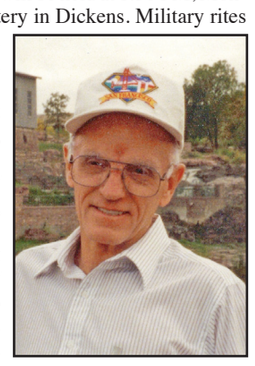
Doris is survived by her children, Linda Kraut (Charlie) of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Richard L. Martin (Martha) of Kimberling City, Missouri, Mary G. Ebert (Doug) of Quincy, Illinois and Laurie Stayton (Lonnie) of Sun Lakes, Arizona; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren who brought her great joy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; and two brothers.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary

A graveside service for Tom Crane will be held at 1:30 PM, Monday, June 23, 2025, at Dickens Cemetery in Dickens. Military rites will be conducted by Glen Pedersen Post 1 American Legion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Dickens Cemetery or Glen Pedersen Post 1 American Legion at 15 E 21st St., Spencer, IA 51301.



Thomas Herbert Crane, son of Harry and Rebecca (Henderson) Crane, was born December 31, 1930, in Dickens, Iowa. He graduated from Gillett Grove High School with the Class of 1948. Tom then worked as an auto mechanic at Flax Motors in Dickens before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He served his country from 1952 to 1954 as a tank mechanic.

Tom was united in marriage with Lois Schwaller October 28, 1957, at the St. Joseph church rectory in Milford. The couple made their home and raised their family in Milford.

Tom was a skilled carpenter, involved in the construction of churches, hospitals and malls. He built the home where he and his wife raised their children. He was very meticulous in everything he did. Tom enjoyed gardening and growing flowers in particular. He created beautiful Christmas light displays for many years. Tom liked coffee time, watching auto racing and boxing, reading the newspapers, camping and traveling. He was a cat lover. Tom was a loyal and devoted family man and would do anything for them. He was thoughtful and courteous, a true gentleman. He was a proud member of Mankato Local 464 Carpenters Union and Dickens American Legion Post 194.

Tom passed away June 14, 2025, at his home in Milford at the age of 94. Left to cherish his memory are his children Keith (Tina) Crane of Milton, WI; Sue Shoup of Le Mars, IA; Eileen (Todd) Thorn of Spirit Lake, IA, and Tom (Trina Rudy) of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren Kaleb and Chloe Crane, and Linden (Amanda) Shoup; and great- grandchildren Des and Maise Shoup. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Rebecca Crane; his wife of 63 years, Lois Crane; his son-in-law, John Shoup; and his siblings, Bill Crane, Lucille Hamrick, Marian Carey, and Carl Crane.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Obituary



Barbara Jean Haagenson

(In her own words)

Barbara Jean (Belken) Haagenson, daughter of Charles Dewey and Geneva Merenda (Wood) Belken, was born February 19, 1948, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She attended grade school in Spirit Lake, IA, and high school in Milford, Iowa. After graduating, she attended Larson's School of Cosmetology in Spencer, Iowa. Barbara then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she worked at the Omaha National Bank for several years before moving to Denver, Colorado, and working at Mercy Hospital. Eventually she returned to the Lakes Area where most of her family was, and worked as a cosmetologist, secretary, laborer, office administrator, and lead person for Echo Plus Supported Community Living.

Barbara would like to be remembered for her effort to do the right things and her sense of humor. She tried to help people out, especially people who were less fortunate. A plain and simple person loving God's greatest creation: mankind. She enjoyed her gardens, knitting and crocheting, quilting, working on her genealogy and cooking. She would try new recipes, and if they turned out, she loved to share them with friends and neighbors.

Barbara passed away from COPD on May 18, 2025. She had made her home in Alabama in 2017 and loved it there! People were so friendly and the weather was great. Barbara was baptized at Center Point Fellowship Church in Wetumpka, Alabama, in 2018. She felt she was always a Christian but did not have records of ever being baptized. She loved the Lord, and as she grew older, she enjoyed learning more about the Bible and God.

She was preceded in death by her parents (Dewey and Geneva Belken); her husbands, Mike Burns and David Haagenson; four brothers, Donnie (infant), Lyle (infant), Duane Belken, and Dale Belken; four sisters, Carol (infant), Darlene Reeves, Sevilla Tvedte, Charilyn Dare; two sisters-in-law, Charlene Belken & Eula (Utley) Belken of Spencer, Iowa; four brothers-in-law, Bob Smith, Charles Reeves, Don Dare and Craig Tvedte. Barb wanted to note what a big help her nephew, Robert Tvedte, was to her before he passed away in 2024.

Barbara is survived by her biological daughter, Julie Ann (Cashell) (Decker) Combs and family (Kaylee (Decker) Cozadd, Michael Decker, and Jesse (Combs) Hagy); stepdaughters, Chrissy Haagenson of Hawaii, Jeanine Haagenson of Hartley, IA and Julie Jean Haagenson; one sister, Betty Smith of Milford, IA; and many, many nieces, nephews and their families. A favorite quote of Barb's was, "Lord, let them see You in me."

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Clean Water Panel Set for August 9 Okoboji Blue Water Festival

by Steve Weisman

The 10th annual Okoboji Blue Water Festival (OBWF) set for Saturday, August 9, at the Preservation Plaza green space in Arnolds Park, is now less than two months away.

One of the highly anticipated events at the OBWF is the guest clean water panel. Greg Drees and Julie Peterson, co-chairs for the event, have just completed the panel of clean water experts.

According to Drees, "The mission of the OBWF is to support the stewardship of clean water and other natural resources through both celebration and education. This year we are excited to announce a panel of truly outstanding clean water experts."

Clean water panelists include Pete Hildreth, division administrator for Conservation & Recreation for Iowa DNR; Susan Kozak, director of Soil Conservation and Water Quality for IDALS; Joe McGovern, president of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; Larry Stone, photographer, naturalist, explorer and writer. The panel will be moderated by John Lundell, retired mayor of the city of Coralville, who has been inducted into the Iowa League of Cities' Hall of Fame for his career in local government.



Hildreth, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation Management in 2001, has served as the Division Administrator for the Conservation and Recreation Division for the Iowa DNR since October of 2020. His journey with the DNR began in 1999 as a seasonal employee in the Wildlife and Fisheries Bureaus.



Kozak, a graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science in Geology, was appointed Director of Soil Conservation and Water Quality for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in April of 2019. As Director, Susan works on the expansion of the Water Quality Initiative across the state to meet nutrient reduction goals, while still focusing on our important traditional soil conservation practices.



McGovern is in his 13th year as President of Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit land trust that works statewide with partners and supports to protect and restore Iowa's land, water and wildlife. Prior to becoming President, Joe spent 13 years as INHF's Land Stewardship Director.



Stone's passion for Iowa's outdoors began as a youngster and led to degrees in biology and journalism. During a 25-year career with the Des Moines Register, from 1972-1997, Larry traveled throughout Iowa, sharing stories and photos of the state's natural treasures. Since leaving the Register, Stone has written five books, and his work has appeared in a number of conservation magazines.



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Iowa Lakes Corridor Announces Hiring of Office Coordinator

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) has announced the hire of Jenny Dykema as Office Coordinator for the regional economic development organization serving Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet Counties.



Dykema grew up in the area, graduating from Spirit Lake High School before going to Iowa State University where she graduated magna cum laude in May of 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, a Bachelor of Science in Event Management, and a Certificate in Professional Sales. While at Iowa State, she was heavily involved with the Ivy Sales Forum and served as the Director of Event Planning for Sales Club for two years. Dykema spent two summers as an intern at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber where her appreciation for the area and its businesses grew immensely.

"My experience with the Chamber not only strengthened my skills and knowledge in event planning and marketing but also deepened my passion for serving and connecting with our local community and the business within," says Dykema. "I am so excited to return to the area and incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve this region alongside an amazing team."

"We are excited to have Jenny join the Corridor as we expand our team," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "Her extensive experience and deep commitment to supporting local businesses make her well-suited for this role. Additionally, her exceptional skill set will be highly valuable in driving our mission forward and fostering strong investor and community relationships along the way."

Dykema began her responsibilities with the Corridor on June 3rd.

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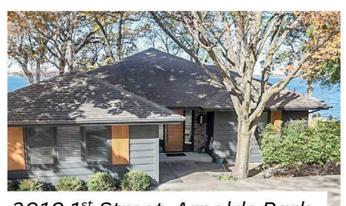
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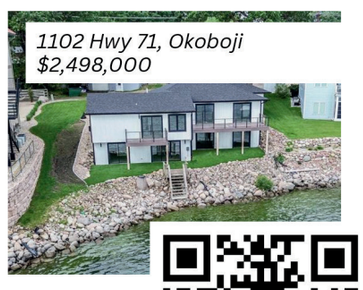

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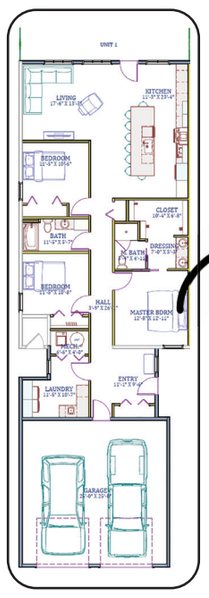


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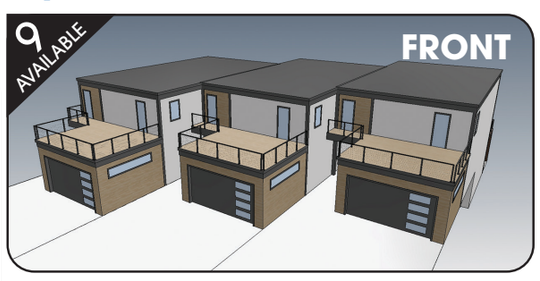


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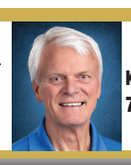
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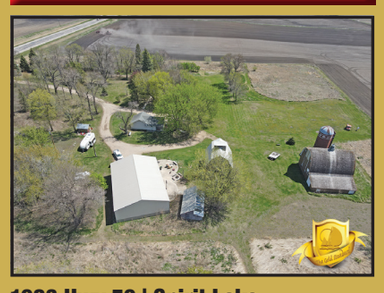

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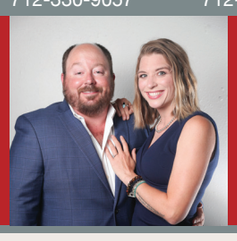

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Spirit Lake Library News

Turning Pages, Catching Rays: Summer Reading Takes Off

by Jill Jennings

As we approach the end of June, there are still so many activities and events going on at the Spirit Lake Public Library!

Please join us for a very special Story Time on Monday, June 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. We will be joined by children's author Heather Dawn Torres. Her Tractor Squad books have been very popular with the kiddos!

On Tuesday, June 24th, there will be a trading card event in the SLPL Community Room. Level Up - Trade Up is come and go from 3:30 -5:00 p.m. Kids can bring cards to trade, but they should leave at home any special or valuable cards that they don't want to lose.

Thursday is a big day! The Spirit Lake Public Library will have special hours from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The reason is so that the staff can help at the Carnival Night SRP Celebration at Central Park in Arnolds Park. This carnival is a come & go event from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Join us there for a fun time and to see one of our library staff in the dunk tank!

We'd like to thank the following sponsors of the 2025 Summer Reading Program: Stauss Realty, Lewis Family Drug, Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis, Indian Hills Golf Club, McDonalds of Okoboji, and Newell Orthodontics. We appreciate your support!

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Nancy is reading Stalking Ground by Margaret Mizushima on Libby, listening on Libby to books by Kim Vogel Sawyer, and reading The Medici Return (Cotton Malone, #19) by Steve Berry.

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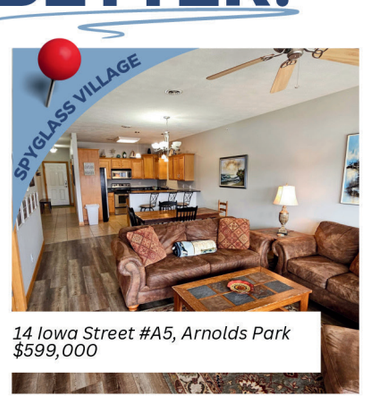
- Monday, June 23, 10:30 a.m., Story Time (Author visit: Heather Dawn Torres)
- Monday, June 23, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, June 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, June 24, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Level Up, Trade Up - trading card event
- Wednesday, June 25, 12:30-4 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, June 26, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Special Library Hours
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My workplace feels like a minefield. People hold back their thoughts, afraid of backlash or being misunderstood. This silence stifles innovation, strains relationships, and makes problem-solving a slog. What can we do to foster open communication and fix this?

The fear of speaking openly in the workplace is a pervasive issue that undermines trust, collaboration, and progress. When employees hesitate to share their true thoughts—whether due to fear of retribution, judgment, or past experiences where honesty backfired—organizations pay a steep price. This lack of candor hampers problem-solving, stifles talent development, derails strategic initiatives, and frays workplace relationships.

A 2023 Achievers Workforce Institute report notes that 68% of employees avoid difficult conversations due to fear of conflict, ultimately impacting workplace trust and productivity. This reluctance not only dims morale but also curbs productivity and innovation, as unvoiced ideas and concerns fester unresolved.

The absence of candor creates a ripple effect. In problem-solving, teams miss out on diverse perspectives, leading to suboptimal solutions or ignored issues. HR struggles to address underlying tensions, as employees withhold feedback about culture or leadership. Talent development suffers when individuals avoid discussing growth areas, leaving potential untapped. Strategic initiatives falter when critical insights about risks or opportunities go unspoken. Relationships erode as mistrust grows, replacing collaboration with caution.

To counter this, leaders and employees can take deliberate steps to cultivate a culture of candor. Here are five actionable strategies to transform your workplace, team, or organization:

1. Foster Psychological Safety: Create an environment where speaking up is safe. Leaders should model vulnerability by admitting mistakes and encouraging questions without judgment. Emphasize active listening and open-door policies to address concerns swiftly, reducing fear of reprisal. Regular check-ins and anonymous feedback tools can further signal that all voices are valued.

2. Encourage Constructive Feedback: Build a culture where feedback is seen as a growth tool, not a personal attack. Train managers to deliver and receive feedback with empathy, focusing on solutions rather than blame. Practice conversations in advance to ensure clarity and positive intent, helping employees to feel confident sharing candid insights.

3. Promote Open Dialogue: Encourage team discussions where diverse ideas are welcomed, even if incomplete. Open communication sparks creativity and strengthens trust. Leaders can set the tone by sharing early-stage ideas and inviting critique, showing that vulnerability is a strength, not a weakness.

4. Act on Feedback: Employees disengage when their input is ignored. Demonstrate that feedback matters by acting on it or explaining why certain suggestions can't be implemented. Show workers how their voices shape outcomes and prevent the "what's the point?" mindset, boosting engagement and accountability.

5. Invest in Training: Equip teams with communication and emotional intelligence skills. Teach employees how to navigate tough conversations respectfully. Train managers to handle conflicts with transparency to ensure issues are addressed before they escalate.

Embracing candor isn't easy—it requires courage and commitment. Yet, the rewards are profound: stronger relationships, sharper problem-solving, and a culture where talent thrives. By taking these steps, organizations can turn silence into dialogue, fostering trust and driving success.

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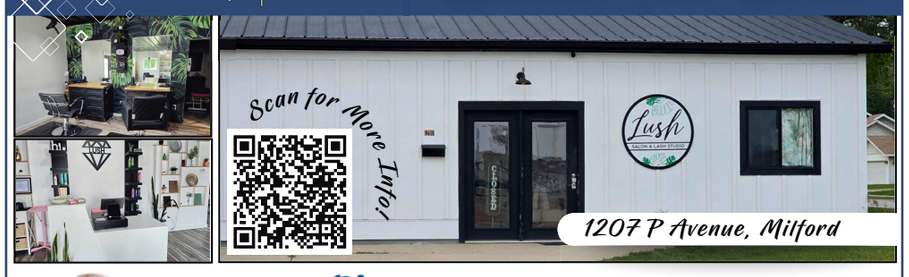
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Okoboji High School Trap Team Wins State Championship

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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Milford

City of Milford Residential Citywide CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2025

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

Residents within the city limits of Milford for items not normally collected and have purchased clean- up tags from the Milford City Clerk's office. No waste from non-residential customers, contractors, businesses or those residing outside the City limits will be accepted.

WHERE TO PURCHASE:

Milford City Clerk's office at 806 N Avenue, office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00.

COST OF NON-REFUNDABLE CLEAN-UP TAGS:

$15.00
Computer Monitor
Computer Tower
VCR/DVD Player
Printer
Sink/Toilet
File Cabinet
Carpet (tied 4ft wide rolls)
Bedframe
Flat panel TV (less than 36 in)

$20.00
Fridge
Washer/Dryer
Stove
Microwave
Water Heater
Dehumidifier
Snow Blower
Furnace or A/C
Freezer
Dishwasher
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Couch/Chair
Mattress
Box Spring
TVs (up to 19-inch screen)

$30.00
TVs (20 to 27 inch screen)
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*Patio Swings
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*Shower/Tub Combo

$35.00
TVs (28 inches or more)
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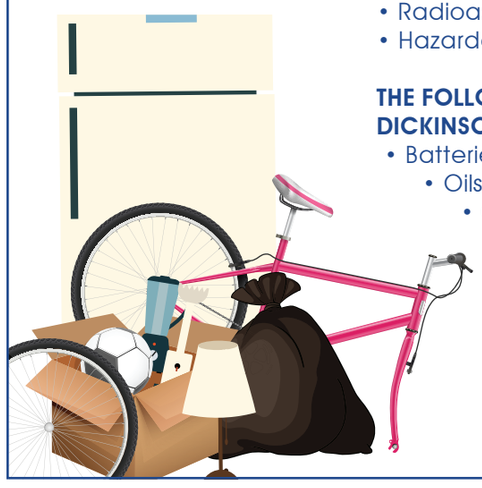
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All items should be boxed, bagged or contained in some manner and under 40 pounds or they will not be accepted. Absolutely NO loads of loose shingles or tires will be accepted!

WHEN TO PURCHASE CLEAN-UP TAGS:

Residents can purchase clean-up tags starting Monday, June 16th, 2025 through Friday, June 20th , 2025 - **NO EXCEPTIONS**

WHEN TO PLACE ITEMS BY CURB (once the collection truck has been by it will not return):
Saturday, June 21st, 2025 - For residents who purchased a clean-up tag.
Items must be placed curbside by 6:00 AM
(Okoboji Ave. residences with alley need to place items in alley)



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:

- Asbestos
- Radioactive Materials Naturally Occurring (NORM)
- Hazardous, Industrial and Infectious Waste

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED BUT ARE ACCEPTED AT DICKINSON COUNTY REGIONAL COLLECTION CENTER (712-338-2549):

- Batteries (Includes: auto, flashlight, rechargeable, etc.)
- Oils, Oil Rags (Includes: any type of oil drilling waste)
- Chemical Products (Includes: herbicides, pesticides)
- Tires
- Fluorescent Tubes and Light Bulbs
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WASTE MANAGEMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE FINAL ACCEPTABILITY OF WASTE ITEMS

On April 30th the Dickinson County Board of Adjustment approved the Red Rock conditional use permit for their project of up to 67 additional Wind Turbines in Dickinson County.

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Petition Appeal was filed on May 30th representing Dickinson County Residents to the Iowa District Court.

We continue to try to protect our homes, our wildlife, and our beautiful Lake Okoboji.

Thank you to our thousands of supporters—to all who supported us financially, submitted letters and emails, signed petitions, shared your voices, and, most importantly, shared in intercessory prayer!

How can you help? Make donations to support ongoing legal expenses through Farmers Savings Bank in Milford or through Venmo@DC3Iowa.



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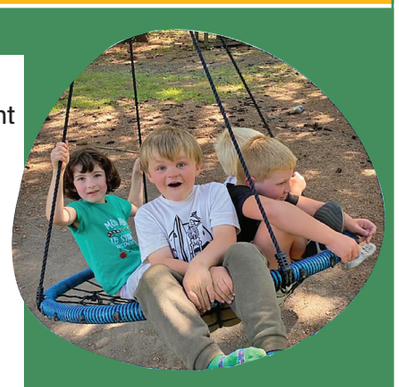
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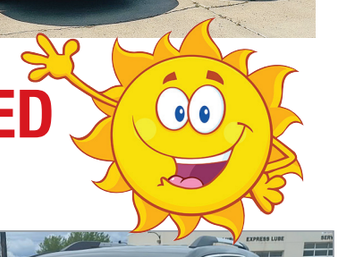
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Summertime Sweet Cantaloupe
Each
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SUNNY DEAL!
Dole Ultimate Caesar Salad Kit
11.3 oz.
$2.98



SUNNY DEAL!
California Sweet Peaches Per lb.
$2.48

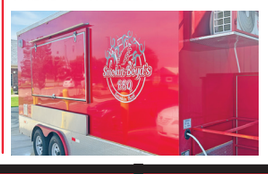


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SUNNY DEAL!
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SUNNY DEAL!
Ripe Avocados
4 Ct. Bag
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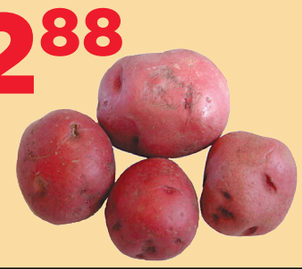
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DIGITAL DEAL!
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Smucker's Uncrustables
4 Ct. Var.
$3.49

DIGITAL DEAL!
Best Choice Trail Mix Snack Packs 8 Ct.
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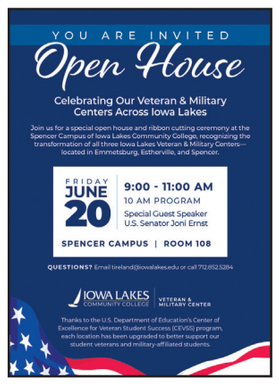
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ILCC to Host Open House Celebrating Veteran & Military Centers

Iowa Lakes Community College invites the public to an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 20, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Spencer Campus in recognition of recent renovations and enhancements made to its Veteran & Military Centers across all three campus locations—Emmetsburg, Estherville, and Spencer. A special program will begin at 10:00 a.m., featuring guest speaker U.S. Senator Joni Ernst.



The event highlights Iowa Lakes' ongoing commitment to military-affiliated students and celebrates the impact of a $587,298 federal grant received through the U.S. Department of Education's Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) program. The three-year grant has funded improvements designed to expand and unify veteran support services across the college.

"We are proud to provide welcoming spaces and enhanced services for our student Veterans, service members, and military families," said Tim Ireland, CEVSS Grant Director at Iowa Lakes. "This open house is not only a celebration of the work done at the Spencer campus, but a recognition of the progress made at all three of our Veteran & Military Centers."

The newly revamped centers coordinate a full spectrum of student services—academic advising, mental and physical health resources, financial aid and benefits guidance, and career planning—specifically tailored to support the success of student Veterans as they transition into higher education and civilian careers.

"The enhancements made through this grant strengthen our ability to support those who have served," Ireland added. "From enrollment to graduation, we are committed to helping our Veterans achieve their academic and professional goals."

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the updated Spencer center, connect with campus and community partners, and learn more about the college's veteran-focused initiatives.

Iowa Lakes Community College is dedicated to serving Northwest Iowa through accessible, affordable, and high-quality education. With a longstanding commitment to Veteran and military-affiliated students, Iowa Lakes provides tailored support services, learning opportunities, and welcoming campus environments. Learn more at www.iowalakes.edu.

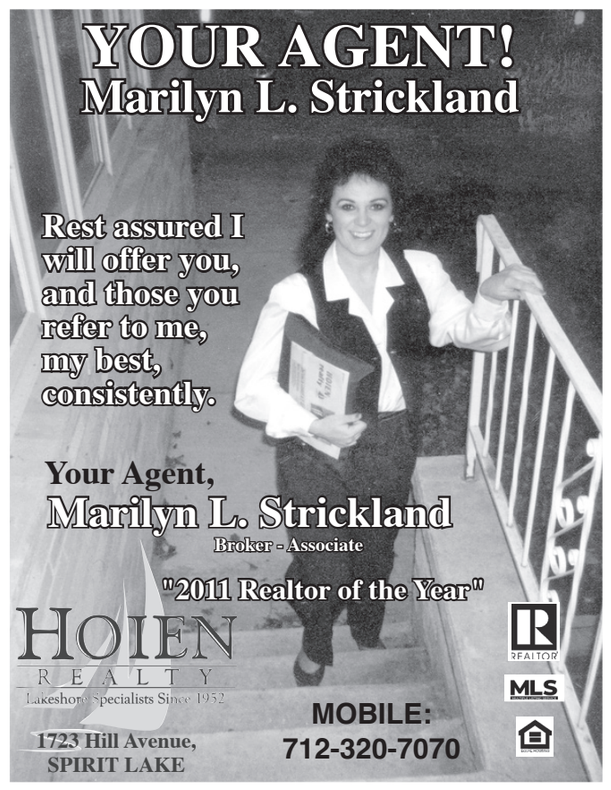
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Let's Get Social at Okoboji Lodge

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is hosting a Let's Get Social event at Okoboji Lodge on Tuesday, June 17th, from 4-6pm. Remember Business After 5? Well, it's back, just with a new look. This event offers local professionals, business owners, and community members the perfect opportunity to connect, engage and enjoy an evening of great conversations. Join us at Okoboji Lodge, formally known as Northland Inn, by the corner of Hwys 9 & 86, to see the improvements made and additions to an Okoboji classic motel.

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



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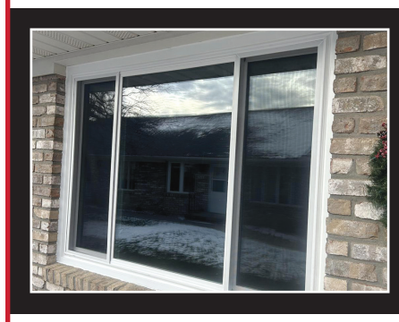
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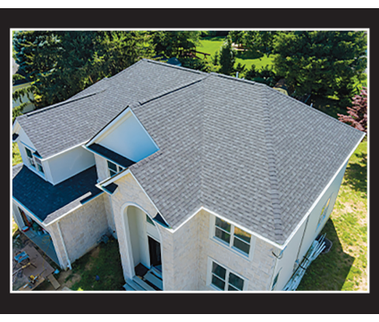




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"Sailing with TOPS 2025"

The 2025 theme for the Iowa State TOPS Inc. group was "Sailing With TOPS". The Spirit Lake Chapter packed up with sailing outfits shown in this article. We got sailor hats and ties and wore our white shirts and white pants. We looked good. There are 65 TOPS groups in Iowa, with a total of 685 members. Over 200 men, women, and teenagers joined the Spirit Lake TOPS group at the Holiday Inn in Dubuque, Iowa. TOPS Inc. officials stated that the USA TOPS now has 60,000 members. A video was shown with the TOPS President, Rick Danforth, speaking and cheering us on from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the National Headquarters. Mary Mullane, the Service Program Administrator, spoke. We were welcomed by Cheryl Koel, Iowa TOPS Coordinator, who has visited the Spirit Lake Chapter several times. Cheryl Koel is from Primghar and attends the Sheldon, Iowa, Chapter. Spirit Lake had entries in the Name Tag Contest and the Sailboat Float Entry. We brought three Chapter Baskets, and we were happy that our members won three baskets.



Bonnie Tielbur, Betty Sangel, Kim Ewing, and Colleen Lemkuil.

We arrived, and right away our member, Betty Sangel, was on the stage at 1:00 PM as the Queen runner-up to start her duties. Betty was featured at the evening session that night and the Saturday morning session. She led the KOPS light contest with King Nathan and Betty Sangel. Betty was also honored in the KOPS 1-year award ceremony with Colleen Lemkuil. Our own Kim Ewing was honored in the New KOPS graduation ceremony and the KOPS parade of honorees, getting yellow roses. The roses are then passed on to others to encourage them to be a new KOPS member who is a person at their weight goal. Betty Sangel presented her rose to Bonnie Tielbur, whom we will all encourage to become a KOPS this year.

Betty gave a great speech on her road to becoming a KOPS. A KOPS is Keeping Pounds Off Sensibly, and at the goal weight her doctor has set for her to be healthy. Betty is the sister of five brothers who are all over 6 feet tall, and Betty is now at her ideal weight at 5 feet 1 inch and 125 pounds. To get there, she exercised by walking dogs and water exercise at Cutty's Resort in Spirit Lake. She learned to eat right. She is the leader of the Spirit Lake Chapter and sets an example for the other seventeen members. She does not miss a meeting. On the 5-hour drive to Dubuque, we called the Spirit Lake Chapter at 10:00 am to report our weights to the weigh recorder at the weekly meeting.

The Spirit Lake Chapter welcomes you, and they weigh in from 9:00 to 10:00am. There is an educational meeting from 10 am to 11 am. The group has been viewing six videos. For information, call the leader, Betty Sangel, at 712-320-4458 or online at *www.tops.org*. TOPS is a non-profit organization run by volunteers.



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Harmony Soars: Spirit of Harmony Chorus Shines at Regional Competition

The Spirit of Harmony Chorus, along with the Affinity quartet, enjoyed an exciting weekend at the Northern Lights Region Six competition of Sweet Adelines International in Rochester, MN, April 25th and 26th, 2025. The Spirit of Harmony includes women from many northwest Iowa communities. Each competing chorus and quartet presented two barbershop song selections for evaluation. The regional competition included competing choruses and quartets from Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Ontario, Canada. The Spirit of Harmony Chorus received 2nd place for small chorus and 3rd place overall of the competing choruses. It was a fun and competitive weekend for members of Sweet Adelines to share their love of a cappella barbershop music and friendship.

Spirit of Harmony Chorus members competing April 2025:

Front Row: Shirleen Hegelson, Julie Steinle, Eyleen Anderson, Sally Bohmer, Judy Weipert (Director), Lois Shaffer, and Lori Harms.

Second Row: Marsha Swanson, Candy Reitz, Jeanne Burns, Carol Fordyce, and Pat Young.

Third Row: Linda Rubis, Marcy Troendle, Marcia Klingbeil, and Dianne Elton,

Fourth Row: Marlys Stahly, Gaylene Rolling, Mindy Jurgensen, and Suzette Biddle.

Affinity quartet, made up of Spirit of Harmony Chorus members, also competed at this regional competition in Rochester, on April 25th. Affinity quartet brought home a second place finish again this year. They wowed the crowd in Rochester.

Quartet members include: Gaylene Rolling from Spirit Lake (front), Mindy Jurgensen from Lake Park, Judy Weipert from Spirit Lake, and Marcia Klingbeil from Estherville.

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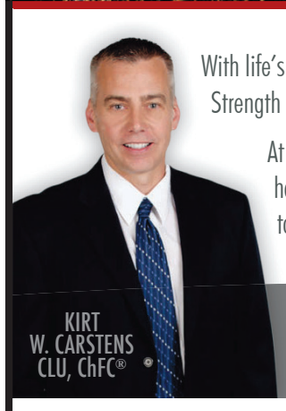
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ESTATE AUCTION

Sunday, June 22, 2025 @ 11:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 15290 250th Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA.
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HOUSEHOLD: Amana refrigerator w/top freezer* GE antique elec. stove* Mid-Century dining room table w/3 leaves & 8 chairs, seats 12, Marble top coffee table, 3 Stackable end tables & Corner display stand, TV stand w/storage** 2- Lighted display cases w/lites* Antique Black lacquer display case* Couches, lamps, upholstered chairs*10 pc. French Provincial queen bedroom set w/makeup dresser w/chair & sitting room set* 2-Full size bedroom sets w/dressers* 2-Twin beds,1 w/ dresser & desk* Jewelry armoire* Collectible antique plates, figurines, lamps, cameras, Celluloid pcs., Crochet & knitting needles & etc. & many more pcs.* Bedding* Aprons* Brass pcs.* Fabric* Sewing machine cabinet, only* Spools of thread, yarn, misc. crafting items* Vintage linens* Sheet music* Books* Cook & bake ware* Seashells* Vintage jewelry* Many more misc. items.

LAWN EQUIP & TOOLS: Toro 1200 snow thrower* Ariens front tine tiller* Hand & garden tools*

MISC. ITEMS: Mounted Sailfish* Stair lift, new* Lg. black dog crate* 3 lg dog beds* Bowls & etc. for dogs*

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Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ 11:00 A.M.
Located: *1180 135th Avenue,*
OR 1.25 miles North of Lake Park, Ia. on M27.

TRACTORS & CAB: 1986 JD 4450D MFWD tractor w/7740 hrs., 18.4 X 42 duals, 2 SCV &power beyond. SN: RW4450H026921, (roughly $6000.00 of repairs done after the 2024 harvest) * Year Around QT1 cab for 4020 tractor* 1965 IH 806 Diesel tractor, shows 8675 hrs., M&W Turbo, 18.4 X 34 tires S.N.: 21942 S-Y

PICKUP: 2003 Ford 150 Lariat Super crew pickup w/145,850 MI., 5.4 leather, 1 Owner. Needs exhaust work*

SEMI-TRAILER: Reefer 42' semi storage trailer, no title*

COMBINE & CORN HEAD: 1987 JD 8820 Titan 2 combine w/18.4 X 38 duals, shows 3794 hrs. actual + 900. S.N.: HO8820X620788
JD643 6 row 30" corn head, Low tin head S.N. 520428
JD 653A 6 row 30" row crop head. S.N. HO653AV65023

TILLAGE EQUIP: JD 630 23'9" disc w/3 bar mulcher* JD 3000 15' disc w/cone blades* JD 724 24'8" mulch finisher w/5 bar mulcher* JD 960 3 pt. 26' field cultivator w/3 bar mulcher* Hiniker black 12 Row 30" cultivator converted to strip machine, trash whippers, wavy coulters/row* JD 27 15' stalk chopper, rear hitch* JD 2800 5 bottom adjustable plow w/mulcher* JD 400 rotary hoe* 18- JD 7000 planter units* JD 7000 12 row planter frame*

SPRAYER & ETC.: 2- JD 734 HiCyle hi boy sprayer, for parts w/ wheel shields & etc. 1 runs* 2- wheel trailer to haul 734 hi boy* 3 pt. Demco 45' sprayer boom* 3 pt. 12 row banding boom* 300 gal. spray tank* 500 gal. 3 pt. sprayer tank* 500 gal. tank on 2-wheel trailer* Set of Demco 250 gal saddle tanks*

JD BALER & ETC.: JD 24T baler w/#30 thrower* 2- 8' X 16' flat racks w/metal throw racks, 1 on JD 1065 gear & other on JD 1064 gear* 4- misc. flat racks, poor wood**

GRAVITY WAGONS: E Z Trail gravity wagon w/Sudenga brush auger* Kinze 450C hyd drive conveyor grain cart* Parker 5500 gravity wagon w/ truck tires* Parker 2600 Gravity wagon w/heavy gear 2 ext. & truck tires* Parker 2600 gravity wagon on 12 T gear, truck tires* Dohrman 7 X 14 barge box w/2 cyl hoist, truck tires* Cut off 8' X 22' truck hoist wagon, 650 bu.*

AUGERS & ELEVATOR: Westfield 8" X 31' truck auger w/7.5 hp elec. motor* Westfield 13" X 71' auger w/swing auger* Sweep 6" 30' auger for 30' bin w/220 V motor* Sweep 4" 30' auger for 30' w/ elec. motor* Sweep 6" auger for 24' bin* Sweep 4" auger for 18' bin* JD 350 60' elevator* JD 16' bale conveyor*

MISC. FARM EQUIPMENT: Schulte hyd reel rock picker* Koyker elec. grain cleaner* New Holland 185 manure spreader* New Holland 114 14' swing tongue swather*10' box scrapper w/cylinder* Fox Super 1000 silage chopper w/2 RW hd. & pickup head* Gehl FB 99 silage blower* Trailer w/ Winco 25,000 W generator, 100 gal fuel tank & welder* W 2- shop built livestock loading chute* Shop made elec. PTO cart w/10 hp motor* 2-wheel windrow turner* JD 404T motor(6404-01) off 7700 combine (345124R)* 18- rear wheel weights* JD front double weight bracket w/6 weights* Combine "T" weights* Set of 30.5 X 32 12 ply 7700 combine tires* Pellet jack* 2- 75 gal. tanks* Bulk oil stand* Shop built speed jack* Antique Clipper fanning mill* Antique IH end gate seeder* Misc. tires, rims & a rack of hand tools & misc. items could be more items by auction day.

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All are welcome. There is no charge this year. A free will donation towards this charter is welcome.

Boarding is at 8:30 and sailing at 9:00am sharp! A shuttle will be provided from the Arnolds Park Amusement Park Parking Lot to the Queen II Pier.

This is an annual event that takes place on the 4th Sunday in July.

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Let's Do Lunch with Tony Thelen and The River Coaching & Consulting at PLAC - Am I doing this right?

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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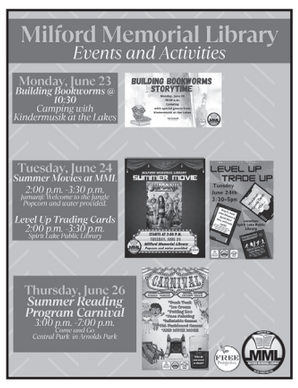
The Zoo Man Returning to the Summer Library Program

The Zoo Man and his reptile friends will be back again as part of the 2025 summer library program "Level Up at Your Library." The Zoo Man will be bringing a variety of reptiles for his shows. He is child oriented and will educate and entertain the young and young at heart.

Zoo Man will be performing three shows in Jackson on Wednesday, June 25 at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 6PM. The shows will be located at Riverside Elementary in the small gym, reached easily from Door#3.Zoo Man will be in Lakefield on Thursday, June 26. The shows will be at 10 AM and 1 PM at theBethlehem Lutheran Church Welcome Center in Lakefield. Zoo Man will also be in Heron Lake on Thursday, June 26 in the Heron Lake Library Meeting Roomat 4 PM.Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Registration is not needed. For more informationgo to jclmn.org/summer or call your local library: Jackson - 847-4748, Lakefield - 662-5782, HeronLake - 793-2641. These events are being sponsored by Federated REA's Operation Round-up.

Milford Memorial Library Youth News

Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information contact the library or check out our Facebook page.



- June 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 – Take a Chance: Create a Game with ISU Dickinson County Extension
- July 8 – Let's Ride a Bike

On Tuesday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m., you're invited to MML's Summer Movies. This week we will be showing Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle. Popcorn and water will be provided during this free activity.

Calling all Trading Card Enthusiasts! On Tuesday, June 24, bring your Pokémon, sports, or other trading cards to the Spirit Lake Public Library and to swap 'em like a pro. Ryan Schmidt from Okoboji Sports and Collectibles LLC will be there to provide tips and to answer questions. This come-and-go event is from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., so drop by when you can. Thank you to Milford Memorial Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, and the Arnolds Park Public Library for sponsoring this event.

Who's ready for a summer party that is off the charts (or should we say the bookshelves). Join us on Thursday, June 26, at Central Park (84 Dewey Street, Arnolds Park) for the most epic Summer Reading Program Carnival ever! Come and ago as you please from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will have a dunk tank, ice cream, petting zoo, face paint, inflatable games, and more! And, because we love nostalgia, the Lakes Area Museum Alliance is bringing the old-time games to the party! This event is brought to by the Milford Memorial Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, and the Arnolds Park Public Library.

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

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

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

Practical Pathways to Turn Writing into Income

The Okoboji Writers' and Songwriters' Retreat is set to return to the Iowa Great Lakes area from September 28th to October 1st. It will bring together a diverse lineup of more than 50 accomplished speakers and instructors to inspire and equip writers of all levels. Held at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, the retreat is designed to nurture creativity and provide practical tools for turning passion into a profession.

This year's programming emphasizes helping writers build sustainable income streams through their work. From launching a successful Substack column to connecting with literary agents and understanding the publishing process, attendees will gain insight into the business side of writing. Sessions will also explore writing and marketing personal narratives, including memoir, for those ready to share their stories in a commercially viable way.

"Writers often struggle with how to move from creativity to compensation," said Retreat Founder Julie Gammack. "We want to demystify that process by bringing in people who are not just great artists, but also successful entrepreneurs in the writing world."

Among the featured speakers is Suzanne Scanlon, a celebrated author and educator whose critically acclaimed memoir Committed (Vintage/Anchor Books) has been published internationally. Scanlon will lead sessions designed to help writers shape meaningful, publishable personal narratives—ideal for those with a story to tell, whether just getting started or refining a draft.

Set against the serene backdrop of West Lake Okoboji, the retreat creates a collaborative environment that blends professional development with artistic inspiration. Sessions will occur in various settings, including lakeside classrooms and outdoor gathering spaces, encouraging creative flow and authentic connections.

Whether you want to polish your craft, publish your first piece, or build a sustainable writing career, the Okoboji Writers' and Songwriters' Retreat offers a unique space to learn, grow, and be inspired. All skill sets are welcome.

For more information or to register, visit *okobojiwritersretreat.com*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor:

June 11, 2025. Today Governor Reynolds vetoed the bill that would have given landowners a little more support in our fight to protect our property rights against the use of eminent domain. Her letter explaining her reasons is on the internet.

Here are the questions we should ask of her:

1. What part of "modern day life depends on" a CO_2 sequestration pipeline?

2. You say that "if eminent domain is used, it must be rare, fair, and a last resort." What evidence do you have that any of those factors describe the IUC's delegation of eminent domain to Summit Carbon Solutions?

3. When exactly is eminent domain used against the will of an Iowa landowner "fair"?

4. What percentage of eminent domain do you consider "fair"? 50% of desired parcels, 25% of desired parcels, or 5%?

5. What evidence was presented during legislative debate on HF639 that it would in fact "block a major pipeline project"?

Dennis Jackson,
Terril, Iowa

Okoboji Foundation Awards Over $474,000 to Lakes Area Organizations

Okoboji, IA – The Okoboji Foundation has announced the allocation of $474,462 to support seven local non-profit organizations through its 2025 grant process, reinforcing its commitment to improving life across the Iowa Great Lakes region.

"We're so thankful for the generosity of all who donate to the Okoboji Foundation," said Joan Gronstal, foundation board member and grant committee co-chair. "These gifts allow us to make meaningful grants to great projects which provide long-term benefits to our community."

The Foundation received over $1.5 million in grant requests for the 2025 cycle. Thanks to the strength of community endowment funds, $378,000 was awarded through Leadership Grants, with an additional $84,462 distributed by the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program—where students take the lead in evaluating and awarding funds to local projects.

"Every time someone gives—whether it's a small gift, a memorial, or a long-term investment in our endowment—they're choosing to believe in a better future for the Lakes community," said Mindy Gress, Okoboji Foundation President. "It's inspiring to watch people contribute in their own unique way, knowing those individual acts of generosity come together to make something truly powerful and lasting."

The 2025 Okoboji Foundation Leadership Grant Awards:

- $88,000 – Dickinson County Conservation Board & Nature Center: Nature Play Area
- $75,000 – City of Lake Park: City Park Renovation Project
- $75,000 – Dickinson County Trails Board: Clay County Connection Phase I & II
- $50,000 – OPA (fiscal sponsor): Save Turtle Lake
- $50,000 – Humane Society of Northwest Iowa: Reimagining HSNWIA for the Next Generation
- $25,000 – City of Milford: Florence Park Improvement Project
- $24,689 – City of Orleans: Beach Avenue Access Improvement (includes $9,689 from YIP)
- $10,000 – Boys Town Camp Okoboji: Campground Re-grading (funded from Disaster Recovery Fund)

The 2025 Youth in Philanthropy Grants, directed by student leaders:

- $18,500 – Pearson Lakes Art Center: Performing Arts Theatre Upgrades
- $20,000 – Dickinson County Historical Society & Museum: Accessibility Project
- $20,000 – VFW Spirit Lake: Auxiliary Kitchen Remodel
- $9,689 – City of Orleans: Beach Ave Access Improvement
- $9,000 – Lakes Area Senior Citizens: Dining Room Upgrade
- $7,273 – Twin Forks Trap & Skeet Club: Clubhouse Furnishing

The Okoboji Foundation, founded in 1988, continues to serve as the region's hub for philanthropy—connecting donors with meaningful causes and investing in the future of the Iowa Great Lakes through permanent endowment funds and community partnerships.

For more information, please call 712.332.7177, email *info@okobojifoundation.org*, or visit *www.okobojifoundation.org*.

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.

Tops Meetings

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

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*.

Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe

If you are a caregiver for someone with dementia, the Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe is designed for you. It is a place and time for you and your loved one to socialize in a comfortable location and meet others in a similar situation. Entertainment, social time and refreshments are included in this free event. Entertainment this month is Laura Hanna playing musical instruments. Songs will include tunes you know.

This no cost Cafe is held at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake Tuesday, June 17 starting at 10am and ending at 11:30. Please call 712-336-1649 for more information.

Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Schedule

Tuesday, June 17
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Bank Midwest will be presenting information about Fraud Prevention
12.30 - Bridge
Wednesday, June 18
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:30 - Book Club "12 Women Who Shaped America 1619-1920"
Thursday, June 19
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba
Friday, June 20
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday, June 21
Facility Available for Rent
Sunday, June 22
9:00 - 11:30 - Church in Card Room
Monday, June 23
9:00 - Exercise
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - Pinochle Club

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us on every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, July 20, 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.

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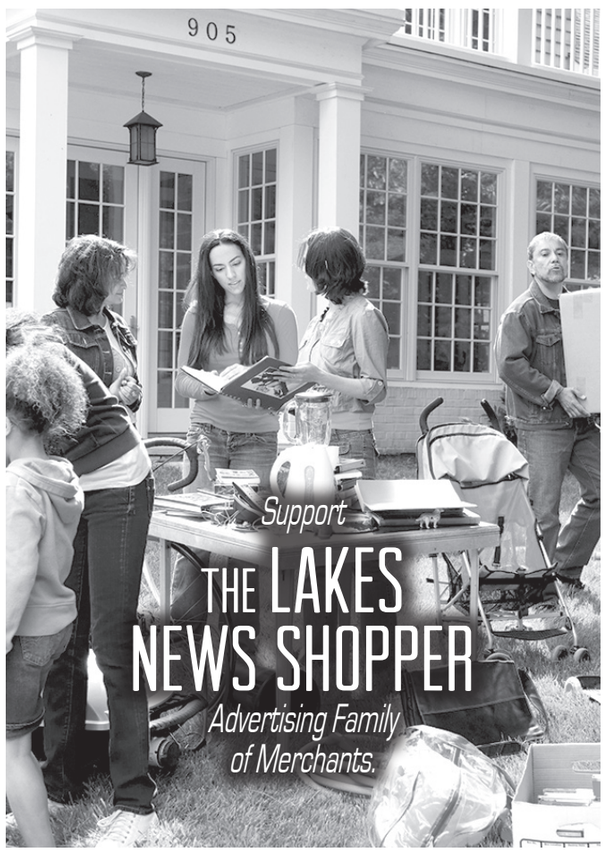
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Spirit Lake

1406 Indian Hills Drive, Spirit Lake. June 18, 9am-3pm, and June 19, 9am-4pm. Come one, come all to PEO Chapter BE's third annual garage sale. Proceeds go for scholarships for high school seniors. There will be a variety of things for sale that you need to come see and buy! **1-37P**

2202 Denver Ave, Spirit Lake. June 20 & 21, 10am-4pm. Lamps, jewelry, clothing, metal shelving, toys, lawn ornaments, lots of things new in boxes, sewing material, lots of Disney, and stamp collections. **1-37P**

3610 Jackson Ave, Spirit Lake. Fri, June 20, 9am-5pm, and Sat, June 21, 8am-1pm. Multi family cleaning out. Collectible 1/64 Nascar cars, toys, books, kids clothes, many household items, too numerous to mention. **1-37P**

1301 31st St, Spirit Lake. Sat, June 21, 7am-12pm. School shop now for fall!!! Teen boys/mens clothing size M-L. Hollister, Nike, etc. Girls/women's clothes size 2-4/S. Old Navy, Gap, etc. Furniture, sports/hockey gear, new Blackstone. Decor, etc. **1-37P**

24740 182nd St, Spirit Lake. Saturday, June 21, 8am-2pm. 42" Dixon Mower with bagger, sheet rock jack, bikes, tools, lots of misc. **1-37P cash**

Okoboji

1608 Nichols Ave. Okoboji. Friday, June 20, 11 AM - 4 PM and Saturday, June 21, 8 AM - Noon. 3 sisters' garage sale returns! Youth full drum set, toys, household decor, hammock with stand, roller blades, very old comics, old vinyl records, helmets, foot massager, ladies / mens / kids clothing, kids wooden table with 4 chairs, antiques, Christmas Nutcrackers and tree, plus much much more. **1-37P**

Milford

508 11th St, Milford. Fri, June 20, 2-6pm, and Sat, June 21, 8am-4pm. Quality bicycles - Trek, Giant, Schwinn, and more. Lawn mowers, ladders, exercise equipment, lake weed control equipment. Much more. **1-37P**

2809 Sportsmans Dr, Milford. Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 9am-12pm. Men's suits, brand name women's clothing XS-M (Abercrombie, Madewell, Lululemon, etc.) Tons of women's jeans! Boys clothing 6-8 (Gap, Patagonia, North Face, Nike, Ralph Lauren) Blackstone grill and much more. **1-37P**

Francis Sites

25448 165th St, Spirit Lake. Fri. June 20th, 4-7pm, and Sat. June 21st, 8 am -12pm. Woman's bike, wicker chair, games, books, kitchen items, Christmas decor, miscellaneous. **1-37C**

Off M56

1271 260th Ave, Spirit Lake. Fri & Sat, June 20 & 21, 8am - 12pm. Zenith console radio, Victrola, antique & school sewing machines, Welbit stove, Immigrant trunk, vintage glassware & linens, pictures, golf clubs, bikes & E-Bike, 4 Polaris tires w/rims, coolers, like new cat playpen, portable turntable, paper towel dispenser w/case of towels, dozens of new Mardi Gras beads, 6 dozen new patriotic sunglasses in plastic, (2) 48-pack new 4th of July bracelets, clarinet, saxophone, household, and so much more! **1-37P**

Orleans

25379 140th Street Orleans. Friday June 19, 12-5pm, Saturday, June 20, 8am-12pm. Some baby items, kids toys, usual household misc, no clothes. **1-37P**

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"It's easy to forget the profound impact we can have when we extend a helping hand to those around us. When we pause to reflect, we realize that our communities thrive not solely on personal achievements but on the collective efforts of individuals committed to making a positive difference. We believed offering a program like 'Making Waves for Children' in Okoboji would be a meaningful way to give back to these children and their families who are dealing with difficult life circumstances," said Jill Harms, Founder of Making Waves for Children and owner of Blink Marketing. "Lake Okoboji is a short trip from Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, making it accessible for families who often cannot travel far from their doctors or hospitals. Okoboji offers many vacation amenities, including the lake, the waterpark, and our amusement park", said Harms.

"We are excited to celebrate another year of offering this program to these families. Although we had to take a year off due to COVID-19, attendance has continued to grow each year and this is the 12th year of the program. The families consistently tell us how much they appreciate and look forward to this event. They often mention how their child "just gets to be a normal kid" during this event, not just a kid with a diagnosis. It's hard to describe, so you really have to come and see it for yourself. I am so grateful to live in a community where so many businesses are willing to give and come together to offer this program for these families," said Harms.

The families arrive on Sunday, July 20th, at Bridges Bay Waterpark. It starts with check-in, getting their goodie welcome bags, and then a meal provided by Jimmy John's and swimming at the waterpark. On Monday morning, July 21st, the families enjoy the day at Arnolds Park Amusement Park. The day starts with BINGO and Cris Cakes in The Roof Garden, with prizes for every kid, sponsored by Clary Lakes Service and Laser Car Wash. The families then proceed into the Park for the day. Lunch is served by Pizza Ranch, and Nutty Bars are provided for dessert. And of course, the day wouldn't be complete without an excursion boat ride on the historic and majestic Queen II.

"This whole event is incredibly meaningful to all of us. It's a time to get together and interact, and share with other families dealing with similar circumstances. It's a little mini-vacation for them, but it's also parents and kids getting to share their stories about their medical journey during Monday's lunch, and that is so important to them. We can't thank the sponsors and organizers enough for this wonderful event." Wendy Jensen, CCLS, Certified Child Life Specialist, Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic.

A big thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible: Arnolds Park Amusement Park, Bridges Bay Resort, Regency Hotel Management, Blink Marketing, Clary Lake Service, Laser Car Wash, Pizza Ranch, Jimmy John's, The Nutty Bar Stand, Northwest Bank, Topog Coffeehouse, HyVee, Ricklefs Family Foundation, Jeff Shinkle Family, Iesha Toft, Coca-Cola, The Lakes News Shopper, FritoLay, C&N Sales, Ahlrich Concrete, Lakes Marketing and Print, Spirit of Okoboji, Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler, and Steve and Janine Huss.

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Art of the Que Returns to Spencer with Bigger Flavor and More Fun in 2025

Spencer, Iowa — The Clay County Fair & Events Center and the Art of the Que Planning Committee are excited to welcome the return of Art of the Que on Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Clay County Fairgrounds. This Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned BBQ contest features two days of flavor and fun, complete with live music, food vendors, inflatables, craft and commercial vendors, a classic car show, and more. Best of all, admission is free, and the event is rain or shine!

This year's event also brings an exciting new twist: a Turkey Smoke competition, sanctioned by the National Turkey Federation, will add even more competition to the weekend.

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Friday, June 27 - Gates open at 5:00 PM. Kick off your weekend with food trucks, a trip through the Smoky Mountain Railroad, and live music by the Scott Larsen Band on the Northwest Bank Stage. The evening wraps up with contest result announcements.

Saturday, June 28 - Gates open at 10:00 AM. Families can enjoy a full day of vendors, inflatables, food trucks, and a classic car show hosted by the Old Iron Car Company. Phil Baker and His Red Guitar will be performing multiple shows throughout the day on the Northwest Bank Stage. Final award announcements will take place around 5:00 PM.

"While the meat from the BBQ teams is not available to the general public to purchase or try, we are excited to have a great variety of food vendors to help curb those cravings," said Stacey Meyer, Event Services Director with the Clay County Fair & Events Center.

Parking Info: Event attendee parking is available on the southeast side of the fairgrounds, with entry through Gate C off of 4th Avenue West. Overflow parking will be located east of the fairgrounds off 4th Avenue West.

For more event information, visit *www.artoftheque.org*.

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About the Clay County Fair & Events Center - Rooted in Tradition, the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that annually hosts more than 300 events, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair, powered by SMU. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Clay County Fair attracts more than 325,000 guests each September for nine days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. Additional information can be found at claycountyfair.com.

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Volunteer at the Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center

The key to the Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center success rest in people in the community that are willing to dedicate their time to help out with various events. They are looking for more volunteers to join their team that are willing to help with events and Dinner Date.

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.



Local DKG International Society Chapter Attends State Convention

Chi Chapter members, Judith Olson, Bev Rinehart, Mary Thunhorst, Diana Koppen, and Sheryl Larson joined over 100 fellow educators from all over Iowa at the West Des Moines Marriott for the June 6 and 7 Iowa State Convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. "I Belong" was the theme chosen for the State Convention by President Liz Poock; the event was organized by the Southwest District Beta, Beta Zeta, Beta Kappa, and Nu Alpha Gamma chapters. The special guest representing International was Northwest Regional Director Lisa Olson from North Dakota, who, along with past president Kristin Merkle, presented "DKG Jeopardy" and "Convention vs. Conference" on Friday and Saturday. Friday evening featured a presentation on AI in the classroom by State member Paula Johnson and workshops ranging from gathering family memories to traveling the Appalachian Trail to being a collegiate DKG member as a World Fellowship International Student Grant recipient and more! At the Saturday banquet, Lisa Olson also spoke on the merits of DKG bringing people together to make a difference.

On Saturday members learned more about DKG and Iowa DKG Second Century and Beyond, conducted Society business, celebrated the Iowa State Organization's 89th birthday, and gave recognition to the 12 founders. A Ceremony of Remembrance honored deceased members, including Mary Dare from Chi Chapter. To conclude the weekend of food, fellowship, and fresh ideas, members gathered for a banquet and the installation of officers for the 2025-27 biennium.

Members are already making plans to attend the 2026 International Convention in Aurora, CO, and will be looking for adventures during the 2027 Iowa State Organization Convention in Des Moines.

Creative Arts Gets "All Shook Up" for 2025 Clay County Fair

Spencer, Iowa — Let your creativity shine at the 2025 Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, September 6-14. The Creative Arts Department invites exhibitors of all ages to showcase their talents in needlework, painting, quilting, woodworking, and more!

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This year's Special Feature Class is "Elvis' 90th Birthday – All Shook Up!" Exhibitors are encouraged to showcase their artistic expression of all things Elvis. Whether it's rhinestones and rockabilly or blue suede shoes, this themed division celebrates the King of Rock 'n' Roll in creative and unexpected ways.

Returning in 2025 is the crowd-favorite Memorable Collections division, sponsored by Signe Kim Lauridsen-Jones. This division invites exhibitors to share their cherished collections by creating thoughtful displays and sharing short stories detailing how their collections began and why they hold meaning. The Best Overall Collection will earn $300, with additional prizes bringing the total premium payout to $1,000.

New this year is the Apron Fashion Show, a special collaboration with the Culinary Departments. Exhibitors are invited to show off aprons of any kind (handmade, vintage, store-bought, funny, or themed) and share their apron's story while modeling it on Saturday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration through the Oven Department is strongly encouraged. This division is open to all ages.

The Creative Arts Department also thanks its generous sponsors who support various award categories: Clover Cottage, Quilted Steeple, Arts on Grand, The Bee Hive, Prairie Woolens, Quilters Portable, Vermeer Glass Art, and the Victoria Axtell Family.

Whether you're a first-time crafter or a seasoned exhibitor, the Creative Arts Department is the place to get inspired, be expressive, and celebrate creativity.

Open Class Creative Arts is open to exhibitors from any county or state. All participants are encouraged to review the 2025 Exhibitor Handbook for complete rules and guidelines, available online at www.claycountyfair.com or in person at the Fair Administrative Office. Pre-registration is encouraged and can be completed online, by mail, or in person by Monday, August 4. Mail-in entries must be postmarked by Friday, August 15. Exhibitors may also register entries at the time of drop-off, which will take place at the Creative Living Building on Friday, August 29 (12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and Saturday, August 30 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

About the Clay County Fair & Events Center – Rooted in Tradition, the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that hosts more than 300 events annually, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair, powered by SMU. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Fair attracts more than 300,000 guests each September for nine days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. For more information, visit claycountyfair.com.

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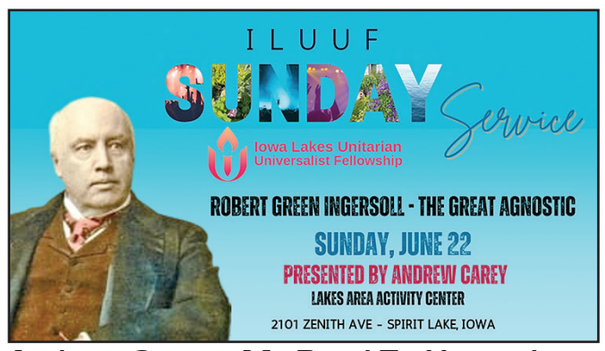
Take time to slow down with your family and take a picnic lunch to Kenue Park. The Dickinson County Nature Center is partnering with Kindermusik at the Lakes to bring you Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 28, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.



Journey through a storybook walk, meet live animals, and learn about nature and animal sounds at each station. When you have completed the storybook walk, enjoy a picnic together with loved ones on a blanket under the oak tree canopies.

"Grab the family for an engaging and relaxing adventure to listen to the music of nature," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

Please bring your own lunch and blanket to sit on; limited blankets are available. Preregistration is required to attend; visit the Program/Events page at *www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com* for details. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on social media and call 712-336-6352 with any questions.



Andrew Carey - My Road To Humanism

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend the Sunday, June 22nd program led by Andrew Carey at the Lakes Area Senior/Activity Center. Carey will discuss Robert Green Ingersoll and how that helped lead him down the path to humanism. Ingersoll, a Republican Civil War vet, was nicknamed "the Great Agnostic" during the Golden Age of Free Thought. During his life Ingersoll served as Illinois Attorney General, was an abolitionist, supported women's suffrage and fostered a deep commitment to rational thought and scientific inquiry.

Coffee and conversation begin at 9:00am with the program to follow at 10:00am.

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 that our individual lives fit into a larger whole.

People of all ages and backgrounds share conversation, food and song at an ILUUF service. Guest speakers speak to issues affecting us both locally and globally. The ILUUF meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Learn more at *www.uuokoboji.com*. All are welcome to attend.

SUMMER

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Pecan-Stuffed Pork Chops

Serves 7-8

- 1 large rack of pork chops, bones in
- 4 tablespoons butter
- ½ yellow onion, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups panko bread crumbs
- 2 cups roasted pecans, chopped
- More kosher salt and pepper, to taste



Clean the rack of pork well and cut in between the bones to get thick individual pork chops. Cut a large slit down the back side of each chop and insert the tip of a knife 2 to 3 inches inside the chop to create a pocket for the stuffing. Do not poke completely through the pork or the stuffing will not stay in. In a large saucepan, melt the butter and sauté the onion, celery and garlic until the onion has slightly softened. Add the chicken stock, salt and cayenne and bring to a light simmer. Pour the contents into a mixing bowl and add the panko bread crumbs and pecans. Mix together and let cool to room temperature. Stuff as much of the mixture into each pork chop as will fit (overstuffing is okay, too). Sprinkle both sides of each chop with salt and pepper to taste, then roast in a preheated 400° F oven for 12 minutes. Turn the chops over once and roast an additional 15 minutes. Check for doneness with a meat thermometer. Cook to medium, or 135° to 140° F.

Recipe Courtesy of: "Jon Bonnell's Texas Favorites" (Gibbs Smith)

June Family Nature Night: Backyard Birds

Does your family like watching birds, or are you looking to learn more about them? Join the Dickinson County Nature Center on Friday, June 27th, from 5:00-6:00pm, for Family Nature Night: Backyard Birds.

Families can look forward to an hour of hands-on activities! Participate as a group to identify bird species in Iowa and compare various eggs and nests. Learn about the different beak adaptations and bird diets. Go on a bird hike to spot some feathered friends and make a bird feeder to take home.

"Birding is a wonderful way to slow down and connect with nature as a family. Taking in natural surroundings by listening and watching for birds allows families to decompress from the week's busyness," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

Preregistration is required to attend this free program; visit the Program/Events page at *www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com* for details. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on social media and call 712-336-6352 with any questions.

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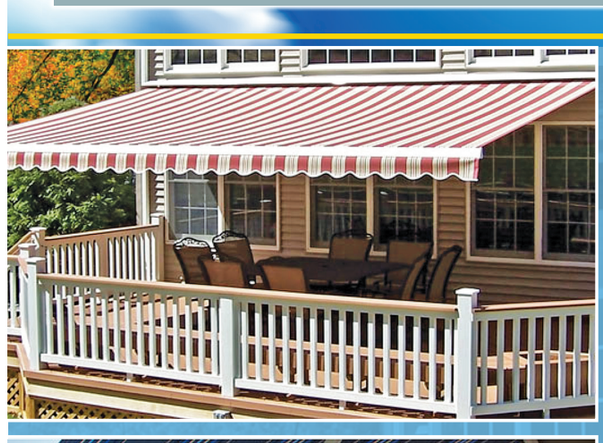




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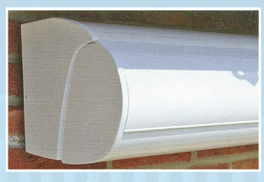






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