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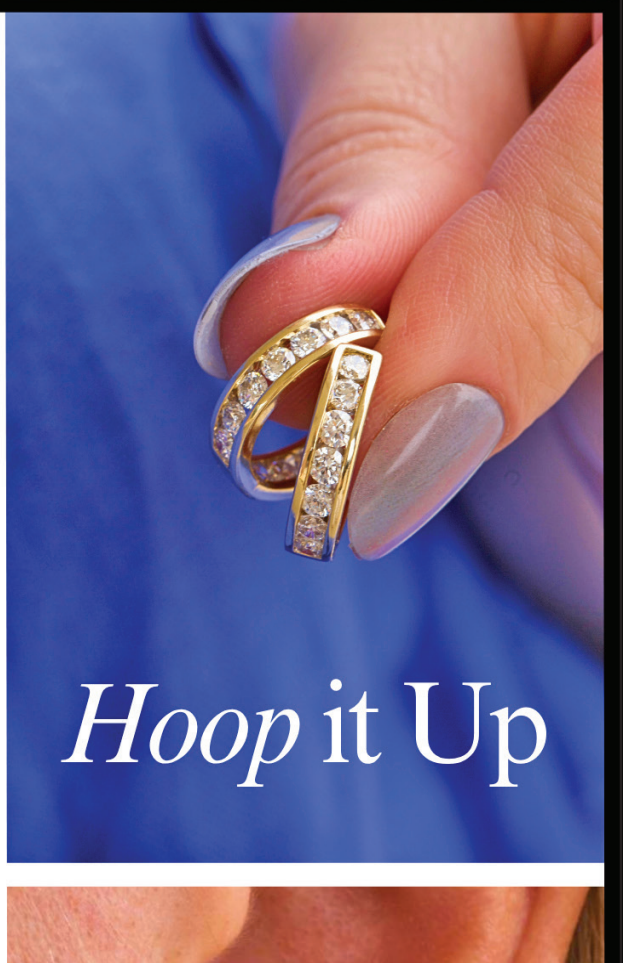

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“These rankings showcase a special cross-section of individuals, some of whom are our finest examples of the most skilled real estate professionals throughout the U.S.,” said EXIT’s Co-Chair, Tami Bonnell. “They’re leaders of teams, within their markets, and the industry at large, exemplifying the excellence and integrity our brand is committed to upholding in this business.”

The following individuals and teams made the top 500 in their various categories by sides:

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“We’d like to congratulate every agent and team who made this ranking, showing incredible grit, collaboration, and professionalism, in a time when all are most needed in this industry,” said EXIT’s U.S. CEO, Craig Witt. “They’re a testament to the spirit of our brand, and what it stands for.”

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To the Editor:

The Iowa Great Lakes Association (IGLA) extends our strong appreciation to Supervisors Steven Dullard and Levi Markwardt for standing up for the majority of area residents who do not support the expansion of industrial wind turbine development in our region.

By introducing and seconding a motion to establish a two-year moratorium, Supervisors Dullard and Markwardt acted with courage and integrity. They sought a necessary pause until the full consequences of these massive industrial projects on our lakes' watershed, environment, and economy can be properly evaluated.

Unfortunately, Chairman Bill Leopold and Supervisor Kim Wermersen voted against the motion, ignoring both the data and the overwhelming public concern. Even more troubling was Supervisor Steve Clark's decision to abstain—after citizens raised credible concerns about conflicts of interest. The result: a 2-2 split, killing the moratorium and silencing the voices of the majority.

This outcome is not acceptable. Dickinson County residents deserve leadership that reflects their will—not silence, obstruction, or disregard. We call on Chairman Leopold and Wermersen to stop blocking this common sense measure and instead collaborate with Supervisors Dullard and Markwardt to draft a moratorium that respects the people they were elected to serve.

The stakes for our lakes, economy, and community are too high to ignore.

William Van Orsdel
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Sysum Earns Degree at George Fox University

Nicholas Sysum of Spirit Lake was among the undergraduate, accelerated online degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University at its spring graduation ceremony in May of 2025. Sysum earned a bachelor of science in biochemistry.

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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.





The River

AN EXECUTIVE COACHING BLOG
TONY THIELSEN

Dear Tony,

At the end of the day, I'm wiped out. I try my best to be present for the kids and family but I'm mentally exhausted and most of the time I just want to go to bed. How can I improve my energy levels?

Between meetings, deadlines, family, and just trying to keep up, it can feel like we're always running on fumes. So, what do we do? We grab coffee, power through with willpower, or count on adrenaline to carry us. A lot of times it helps to get through the day, but day after day, in the long run, it's not the answer.

The answer is within us, and we have all we need to create maximum energy in our life. What if I told you the real source of energy isn't in your coffee cup or calendar app—but in something I call ESPN. And no, not the sports channel.

ESPN stands for Exercise, Sleep, Purpose, and Nutrition.

These four simple habits are the real MVPs when it comes to feeling energized, balanced, and grounded. They may not be flashy, but they work—and when you nurture each one, they build on each other to power your whole life.

E = Exercise: Move to Feel Alive

When you're low on energy, moving your body might feel like the last thing you want to do—but it's often the thing that helps the most. A short walk or a few minutes of stretching can flip a switch in your brain and body. A few simple ways to bring this to life:

- Get moving every day—even if it's just 10 minutes.
- Don't worry about intensity. Just aim for consistency.
- Add movement into your routine: take the stairs, walk during calls, stand more often

S = Sleep: Don't Cheat the Recharge

Sleep is the first thing many of us sacrifice—and the one thing we absolutely can't fake. When we don't sleep well, everything suffers. Energy. Mood. Focus. All of it. I personally use an Oura Ring to monitor my sleep. When its below 70 in the morning I know I won't be at my best throughout the day. A few small steps to try out today might be:

- Aim for 7-9 hours/night of quality sleep. When you exercise, you will sleep better also.
- Stick to a regular sleep schedule, even on weekends (both going to bed & waking)
- Create a wind-down routine. Power down your screens, dim the lights, and read a book.

P = Purpose: Fuel from Within

Purpose is your emotional engine. It's that feeling that what you're doing matters, even in small ways. When you lose touch with your "why," energy drains fast. But when you're connected to something bigger than yourself, it motivates and inspires you. Three ideas to start are:

- Begin your day by asking: "What's one thing today that matters to me?"
- Prioritize your daily tasks with the things you value most.
- Make space for something that fills your cup—a hobby, a meaningful chat, a small act of kindness.

N = Nutrition: Eat to Power Your Day

Food isn't just about getting full—it's your body's fuel. When we eat mindlessly or grab what's convenient, we often feel sluggish and foggy. But when we eat with intention, it's amazing how much better we feel. A few go-to habits:

- Focus on real food: proteins, healthy fats, whole grains, and vegetables
- Drink more water than you think you need. Aim for half an ounce to an ounce per pound of body weight. Example: 150 weight would be 75 – 150 ounces per day.
- Keep sugar and caffeine in check. With these items it's about moderation.

Putting It All Together

Think of ESPN like your personal dashboard. When just one dial is off—say, you're not sleeping well—it drags everything else down. But when you start making small changes across the board, even tiny ones, things start to shift. You feel clearer. Lighter. More in control.

And here's the best part: you don't have to overhaul your life. Just pick one thing to try this week. Maybe it's a 10-minute walk. Or drinking more water. Or going to bed 30 minutes earlier. Start small. Let it build. Keep improving over time, step by step.

Energy doesn't have to be a mystery or something you chase. It's not "out there" – it's already within you. You can maintain it—with intention, a bit of self-awareness, and a little ESPN.

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Staedtler Named to Dean's List

Gabrielle Staedtler of Spencer was named to the Wartburg College Winter/May Term Dean's List. The college recognized 501 students for Winter/May Term. The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

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Steffens Named to Dean's List

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June 27	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
June 28	Couples Golf Tournament w/ Dinner	Spencer Golf & CC
June 29	Love Takes Root	Brooks GC
July 29	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
June 30-July 2	Junior Camp Week 3	Brooks GC
July 1	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
July 4	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
July 5	Sam Chozen Memorial 4-Person	Emerald Hills GC
July 6	Parent/Child Scramble	Brooks GC
July 7	Okoboji Jr Tour	Brooks GC
July 8	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
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Sam had an admiration for the recent tradition of the "Iowa Wave" where Iowa Football spectators turn to the Iowa Children's Hospital at the end of the 1st quarter to encourage patients with a friendly wave. All proceeds, donations, and monies raised will be donated in Sam's name to the Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER contact Joe Moore at 720-990-8491 or jumbojoeco@gmail.com Or Call Emerald Hills Golf Course at 712-332-7100



60th Anniversary Announcement

Curtis and Marlene Jass celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 20, 1965, at the Wallingford Lutheran Church in Wallingford, Iowa.

Their handsome sons, Kevin and Darin, invite family and friends to honor them with a card shower. Greetings may be sent to 1512 M Avenue, Milford, IA. 51351.

The Musicals of Musicals (The Musical!) Opens the 67th Season at the OST

This opening musical runs June 24 - 29

The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!) is a musical about musicals! In this hilarious satire of musical theatre, one story becomes five delightful musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form, from Rodgers & Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim.

The basic plot: June is an ingenue who can't pay the rent and is threatened by her evil landlord. Will the handsome leading man come to the rescue? The variations are: a Rodgers & Hammerstein version, set in Kansas in August, complete with a dream ballet; a Sondheim version, featuring the landlord as a tortured artistic genius who slashes the throats of his tenants in revenge for not appreciating his work; a Jerry Herman version, as a splashy star vehicle; an Andrew Lloyd Webber version, a rock musical with themes borrowed from Puccini; and a Kander & Ebb version, set in a speakeasy in Chicago. Before it moved off-Broadway, this comic valentine to musical theatre was the longest-running show in the York Theatre Company's 35-year history.

OST welcomes back Director Ali Morooney and Musical Director Richard Biever as they join professional guest artist and Stephens College Conservatory students to bring this musical revue to the stage. The opening production of the 67th session of Okoboji Summer Theatre will run from Tuesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 29. The Musicals of Musicals (The Musical!) is sponsored by Gary & Joleen Koch. This season is sponsored by Andrea Waitt Carlton and the AWC Family Foundation.

Curtain times are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm; Saturday matinee at 4:30 pm, Sunday evening at 6 pm (There will be no Thursday evening performances). Tickets are \$26. Reservations can be made through the box office (712-332-7773), 2001 US Hwy 71-Okoboji, online at Eventbrite.com (full price tickets only) or email request toboxoffice@okobojisummertheatre.org or purchase full-price tickets online at www.tiny.cc/ONLINEticketing.

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Upcoming OST Productions:
Moon Over Buffalo [Comedy] July 1-6
Little Shop of Horrors [Musical] July 8-13
Bell, Book, and Candle [Comedy] July 15-20
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown [Musical] July 22-27
Deathtrap [Thriller] July 29 - August 3
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying [Musical] August 5-10

Boji Bantam Children's Theatre
Snart Little adapted by Joseph Robinette July 9-12
Sponsored by Mary (Biz) Crane and Tom Hopton
Performance times: 10:30am, doors open at 10:00am.

The Boji Bantam Broadway Bootcamp July 14-19.
This 5-day intensive includes daily classes focused on acting, voice work, and movement, culminating in a showcase which the students will perform. Classes meet July 14-18, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a showcase Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. Taught by Okoboji Summer Theatre Guest Artists and Staff, this rigorous program is designed to enhance each student's skills and allow them to learn about musical theater basics from working professionals in a collaborative, supportive and inspiring environment. For more details: www.okobojisummertheatre.org

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80th Birthday Announcement

Please join Mige Hyatt's family for a come-and-go open house celebrating her 80 birthday on Saturday, July 12, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at Faith Community Church, 805 Okoboji Ave. Milford, Iowa. Mige was born July 21st 1945.

If you are unable to attend but would like to shower Mige with well wishes, cards can be sent to 609 J Ave. Milford, IA 51351

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Cherish Center would like to say Thank You to the Good Neighbor Fund for the recent generous donation. These funds help us provide home furnishings for people in need. We help several people each year that have experienced loss by abuse, bad relationships, floods, natural disasters, and fires. We would like to Thank everybody that continues to donate to the Good Neighbor Fund.

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Engagement Announcement

Molly Brennan and Brandon Svoboda are pleased to announce their upcoming marriage. Parents of Molly are Terry and Susan Brennan, from Iowa City. Molly is a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nurse at the University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children's Hospital and is taking classes to become a nurse practitioner. Parents of Brandon are Doug and Denise Svoboda, from Milford. Brandon is a Dentist at Williamsburg Dental Health Clinic. Molly Brennan and Brandon Svoboda will be married on November 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Iowa City, Iowa.



Bill & Jackie to Perform for Monthly Dance at Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center

Bill & Jackie will be performing for a dance at the Lakes Area Senior Center on the afternoon of Sunday, June 29. The dance is open to the public. All ages are welcome to come and dance or just visit and listen to the music of Bill & Jackie. The Lakes Area Center is located at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake, just south of the water tower.



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Parker D & Boji Bill at The Side Door on Monday, June 30

Multi-Instrumentalist/vocalist Parker D joins forces with guitarist/vocalist Boji Bill for an evening of your favorite "Yacht Rock & More" tunes at The Side Door in Arnolds Park on Monday, June 30. They'll be rocking the place from 5:30-7:30 that evening. The Side Door is located at 28 Allen Street, directly across the street from the Axe Throwing Bar. Come to The Side Door and join the dedicated fans who say, "Parker D & Boji Bill are the best thing going in the Lakes area". While you're grooving to the sounds of Parker D & Boji Bill, you can enjoy your favorite beverages at The Side Door bar, and you can order food to be brought to your table from Smokin' Jakes. It's a great way to get your week going!

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We need your help and this is our last chance to donate! Please visit okobojichamber.com to make an online contribution, or send checks to: IGLCC Fireworks Fund, PO Box 9, Arnolds Park, IA 51331.

All donations will be listed on okobojichamber.com. Donors with gifts of \$250+ will be acknowledged during a patriotic salute on KUOO 103.9 Campus Radio prior to the fireworks show. Sponsorship levels include: Comets: Gifts of \$5,000 and above; Bombs: Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999; Rockets: Gifts of \$500 - \$999; Starbursts: Gifts of \$250 - \$499; Sizzlers: Gifts of \$100 - \$249 and Sparklers: Gift up to \$99

Your contribution is greatly appreciated by generations who continue to enjoy this Okoboji tradition. For more information, contact the IGLA Chamber at 712-332-2107.

University of Okoboji 41st Annual Cycling Classic

The 41st Annual University of Okoboji Cycling Classic Campus Bike Ride is this Saturday, June 28th. The Boy Scouts will serve their world famous pancake breakfast from 7:00am to 9:00am. The Bicycle ride will start at 9:00am from Florence Park in Milford, Iowa. Enjoy a 25, 50 or 100 mile bike ride through the beautiful Iowa Great Lakes area.

Registration at Florence Park in Milford is Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday morning 7:00 to 9:00am. The \$35.00 registration fee includes a Classic T-shirt and a barbecue, beverages & music in Florence Park at 2:00pm. Proceeds from the ride have supported the Dickinson County Trails and other area projects.

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Clay County Leadership Institute Now Accepting Applications for 2025-2026 Class

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Each month, participants explore a different focus area — like small business, manufacturing, public safety, healthcare, housing, and more — through tours, guest speakers, and group discussions. Along the way, they'll grow their leadership skills and build strong connections with others in the program.

"Going through Clay County Leadership Institute opened my eyes to how much really happens in the area," said Garrett Heater, a recent graduate. "The amount of dedication and commitment local businesses have to making Clay County a better place is amazing."

The program is open to anyone age 21 and older who lives or works in Clay County. Classes meet one full day each month from August 2025 to May 2026. Participants also complete a capstone project, which is presented at graduation.

Tuition is \$1,295 for Spencer Chamber Investors and \$1,545 for non-investors. This covers all class materials, meals, field trips, transportation, and graduation expenses. Space is limited to 14 participants.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM. To learn more or request an application, contact the Spencer Chamber at 712-262-5680.





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12 Women Who Shaped America
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TIME CHANGED TO 12:30 PM

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

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Tyler Braden to Perform at Captain's Entertainment Complex

Tyler Braden is a Gold-certified, Alabama-born, Nashville-based singer, songwriter, and guitarist, is set to perform at Captain's Entertainment Complex as part of their NASHLO Summer Concert Series in Arnolds Park on June 26th. He is known for his blend of classic Country storytelling with energetic rock-infused performances. American Songwriter has called him a "country powerhouse."

Braden's musical journey began in high school in Slapout, AL, where he honed his performance skills through local cover gigs. While working as a firefighter, he dedicated his free time to writing and recording music. He initially gained recognition with singles like "Little Red Wine" and his 2021 What Do They Know EP. His 2023 Neon Grave EP featured "Try Losing One," which hit #1 on SiriusXM The Highway's Hot 30 Weekend Countdown.

A significant turning point came in 2024 with his song "DEVIL YOU KNOW." This track has amassed over 335 million global streams and earned RIAA Gold certification. Billboard praised its "automatic authenticity" and "dangerous" sound. Braden has also received acclaim from publications such as People, Taste of Country, and Country Now.

He has toured with notable artists including Luke Bryan, Brooks & Dunn, Dierks Bentley, Brothers Osborne, Warren Zeiders, and Darius Rucker. With nearly 765 million global career streams and a history of sold-out shows, Braden is now releasing his full-length debut album, *devil and a prayer*, through Warner Music Nashville. Come check out Tyler Braden this Thursday at Captain's Entertainment Complex, 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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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!



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.

Letter to the Editor:

Like many fellow Iowa private property owners, I am greatly disappointed in Governor Kim Reynolds veto of House Bill HF639. The Bill was passed by non-partisan majorities in both the Iowa House and Senate. The primary focus of the Bill was to favor private property rights over deep pocketed for profit companies abusive use of eminent domain. The respect I once had (and I suspect many other Iowans) for Governor Reynolds is now immeasurably gone. The Governor, whom I had hoped might have the back bone to stand strong for Iowa property owners, now appears to be just another two-faced, double thinking, spineless politician buckling to the wants of big dollar politic campaign contributors. Hopefully more level headed, fairly minded state politicians will be able to call the Iowa legislature into special session and override the Governor's outrageous veto of HF639.

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Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spirit Lake Elementary School Partners in Education (“PIE”) would like to thank the Dickinson County Endowment Fund for their grant supporting our outdoor classroom landscaping project! PIE is the parent-teacher organization that supports the educational needs, goals, and opportunities of the Spirit Lake Elementary School. Along with the outdoor classroom project, PIE is currently helping to raise funds for an inclusive playground at the elementary school.

With the Dickinson County Endowment Fund grant, along with a generous discount from Ferguson’s Landscaping, PIE was able to purchase 23 trees that will provide much-needed windbreak and shade for the outdoor classroom, allowing students to spend more time learning outdoors! We are so appreciative of the Dickinson County Endowment Fund for its continued support of educational and environmental projects that enhance our community.

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by John Adams, Jr.

Sports Truly Are Life

I’ve always said that one of the things that I love about sports is how they bring people from all different backgrounds together, working with each other for one goal. The other thing that I love about sports is that they truly are such a microcosm about life, and so many times that is truly a good thing. On Sunday night, that became one of the things that I hate about sports, how they truly are a microcosm of real life. This happened in the NBA Finals, Game Seven, the Indiana Pacers at the Oklahoma City Thunder, on one of the biggest stages of all of sports, when former Iowa State star Tyrese Haliburton, who already had scored nine points on three of four shooting from the three-point line, injured his Achilles tendon with 4:55 remaining in the first quarter. The Pacers were ahead by two when Haliburton went down, and somehow managed to hold a 48-47 lead at halftime. The Thunder eventually wore the Pacers down to claim their first NBA Championship in their Oklahoma City era (they also won one in 1979 as the Seattle Super Sonics), winning Game Seven, 103-91.

Sports being a microcosm of life truly hit for Haliburton, who was battling through a calf injury suffered in Game Four to play for his team and try to help the Pacers win their first NBA Championship. One of the risks of playing on an injured calf is rupturing your Achilles, and the minute Haliburton hit the court, you could tell he knew that is probably what happened. Those of us who watched it happen live and then saw the replay, and have seen this injury before, can also only speculate until they do an MRI on Monday, but it sure looked like a ruptured Achilles tendon, which would put Haliburton’s 2025-26 season in jeopardy. So, sports, much life like, show us that even when you do the right thing, the unselfish thing, putting your teammates and franchise first, sometimes it doesn’t always work out; hitting Haliburton squarely in the mouth with the “Life isn’t Fair” punch. Haliburton insisted on playing through the injury, saying, “If I can walk, I can play,” and he had a big role in the Pacers 108-91 drubbing of the Thunder in Game Six on Thursday night, scoring 14 points and handing out five assists in just 23 minutes of action. Haliburton appeared primed for the biggest stage of his career on Sunday night, hitting those three 3-pointers, when life threw its haymaker at him and the Pacers. Haliburton had been the breakout star of the NBA Postseason, leading the Pacers on their improbable run to the Finals. In all four rounds, he hit a tying or winning shot in the final seconds, becoming the NBA’s first player to do so in a single postseason. It was looking like a story-book finish for this former Cyclone who plays the game with so much passion and a contagious smile, and as we all know, life changes in the blink of an eye. One shot-fake and drive later, and Haliburton is on the court and the Pacers realistic chance of an NBA Championship is truly gone, and honestly, Haliburton’s 2025-26 season may be as well.

Sports, much like life, is about how you react to what happens to you when you get punched in the face, when you work so hard for something that you want and you don’t get it, when you get knocked down, do you get back up? I have no doubt that Haliburton will get back up, and he will do so with that contagious smile that he came to Ames with, that he played every game with as an ISU Cyclone, that he has played every game with as an NBA player and he will continue to do so in the future. I have no doubt that Haliburton will lean on his faith in Jesus Christ to help him get through this low point of his career, and he will come through this stronger than ever because of this faith. Haliburton also has a very strong support system with his family. This family showed their true character during Haliburton’s sophomore season when he broke his wrist and missed the entire second half of the season, yet they still came to every home and away game to see Tyrese and support his teammates. In sports, just like life, you can’t get through tough times alone; you need faith and you need family. Haliburton has both of those and will be smiling on that basketball court again, better than ever, and making those around him better, showing life that you can’t keep him down!

Obituary

Madonna Kramer, 85, of Milford, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at her home in Milford, surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, IA. A Rosary service will take place at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, followed by a visitation till 7:00 p.m. at the church. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritalakefuneralhome.com

Madonna Mary Kramer was born on December 16, 1939, in Algona, IA, to Milton and Viola (Schiltz) Marlow. She was raised on the family farm at Lone Rock, attending country school from kindergarten through third grade, then Lone Rock Public School from fourth through twelfth grade, graduating in 1957. She earned her degree in business from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines in 1958. Madonna was united in marriage to Bernard “Bernie” Kramer on September 12, 1959, at St. John’s Catholic Church in Bancroft, IA. She was first employed as a secretary for Dekalb Seed Company in Humboldt, IA, while living in Algona. She and her husband operated Bernie’s Tavern in Fenton, IA, before moving to Mason City, IA, and Kirksville, MO, and then back to her childhood farm in Lone Rock, where they resided for 30 years. She worked as a Teacher’s Aide for Exceptional Opportunities in Burt, IA, for 10 years and helped on the farm. Later they retired to Spirit Lake, IA, and wintered in Alamo, TX, for 24 years before moving to Milford in 2022.

Madonna had a passion for music. She played piano weekly at area nursing homes, sang in church choirs in Algona and Alamo, was an avid line dancer, and enjoyed dancing at weekly live performances in their Alamo community. She also enjoyed swimming and reading. She participated in Pro-Life activities and taught religious education classes in Texas. She loved and enjoyed all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including singing, dancing, and playing piano with them.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Bernie Kramer of Milford, IA; children, Shelly Kramer of Spirit Lake, IA; Brenda (John) Thorn of Jackson, MN; and Todd (Jill) Kramer of Spencer, IA; seven grandchildren, Michael (Andrea) Thorn, David (Dusti) Thorn, Christine (Reed) Fischer, Thomas (Amanda) Thorn, Nicole (Joe) Jackson, Kari (Miles) Taylor, and Kelli Kramer; eleven great-grandchildren (including one expected in February); and her sister Gail (Ed) Ulrick of Payson, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Dennis Marlow in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Madonna’s favorite charity, Father Jack Kurps, Sacred Heart Southern Missions, PO Box 300, Walls, Mississippi, 38680-0300.



Obituary

Joan Cramer Schneider, 88 years old, passed away July 23rd in Jacksonville, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritalakefuneralhome.com

Joan Patricia Cramer was born on October 19, 1935. She was raised in San Diego, California, and graduated from USC in 1957 as a dental hygienist. She practiced Dental Hygiene in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco before marrying Bob Schneider in 1963. They started their family immediately and had two children, Stac and Robbie, who kept her busy.

They lived in Sheldon and Council Bluffs, running small businesses, before landing permanently in Okoboji, Iowa, in 1974. They owned and operated Okoboji Boats Marina for 13 years and treasured the lakes region in all its seasons.

Joan served as Co-Chair of the Dickinson County Trails Association in addition to the original planning committee, which launched the “spine trail” connecting Milford to Spirit Lake. She loved to bike and was instrumental in building a safe bike trail system so kids and adults could safely enjoy the lakes area. Those trails have now grown to 60+ miles of paved trails.

Joan served on several boards in the lakes area, including the Dickinson County Conservation Board (President in 1993), the University of Okoboji Foundation, and for Bank Midwest. Joan also enjoyed serving under Governor Brandstad on the IA DNR Board for a 6-yr term.

Joan was blessed with many amazing friendships that she cherished, including cycling (which always included lunch), KKG sisters, riding RAGBRAI with Bob, gardening, and needlepointing.

Joan and Bob were members at St Albans Episcopal Church where she had dear friends and taught Sunday school. Joan assisted with organizing the Dickinson County Community Alliance Project and was awarded the “Lady of the Year” Beta Sigma Phi of Dickinson County in 1992. She was also honored as an “Environmental Woman of Action” representing Iowa in 1993. Joan and Bob loved to travel! Mexico for the winter, road trips in the fall to see the leaves change, train trips through Russia, San Diego and cycling all over the world.

Joan is survived by her children, Stac and Robbie, and 4 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her sister, Jean; and her parents.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be directed to: www.dickinsoncountyrails.com/donate or have them mailed to: Dickinson County Trails PO Box 304 Okoboji, IA 51355



A Christian Service for Lynn Thee

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Obituary

A memorial service for Jim Youde, age 79, of Apache Junction, Arizona, will be held at 10:30 am, Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Visitation will be at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford on Monday, June 23, 2025, from 5 - 7 pm. Interment with Military Graveside Rites will be at Milford Cemetery on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 10 am.

James “Jim” Allen Youde, son of Vernita and Robert Youde, was born on October 21, 1945, in Spencer, Iowa. He grew up in Milford and graduated from Milford Community High School before continuing his education at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

On June 14, 1967, Jim proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, serving his country with honor and achieving the rank of E5 before his honorable discharge on March 19, 1971.

Jim was united in marriage to Ronda Ridenour on June 2, 1973, in Spencer, Iowa. Jim worked as an inhalation therapist, and Ronda pursued a career in retail clothing. Their careers took them across the Midwest, with stops in Omaha, NE; Peoria and Morton, IL; Dayton, OH; and Noblesville, IN. No matter where life took them, Okoboji remained their true home. They returned there each year to vacation and ultimately retired to their beloved cabin on West Okoboji in July 2019.

Following Ronda’s passing in August 2020, Jim relocated to Mesa, Arizona, where he lived until his passing on June 16, 2025.

He and Ronda cherished time spent boating, playing cards, and making memories with nieces, nephews, and loved ones. Jim had a gift for conversation and truly enjoyed visiting with others.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sister, Janet Wiese; brother, Jon (Cathy) Youde; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Vernita and father, Robert; wife, Ronda; and brother-in-law, Bob Wiese.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Obituary

A visitation for Steve Whitehouse, age 71 of Spirit Lake, was held at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial to a charity of your choosing in honor of Steve.

Steve Allen Whitehouse was born May 18, 1954, to Robert and Bonnie Whitehouse in Estherville, Iowa, and departed life on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the age of 71.

He received his education at Estherville, graduating in 1972. He went on to attend Iowa Lakes Community College, graduating in May of 1974, and then Mankato State University, graduating in December of 1976. He returned to work with his dad in the heavy equipment construction business before beginning a successful career in equipment sales. He worked as a salesman for Swaney Equipment in Fort Dodge, selling John Deere construction equipment. Later he became the branch manager of Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company in Sioux City. He worked there until his heart attack in 2018.

On April 14, 1999, he was united in marriage to Eileen Duhn at Little Brown Church.

In his younger years, Steve enjoyed bowling and remained a lifelong sports enthusiast. He was an avid fan of golf, baseball, football, and basketball. A proud supporter of the Minnesota Vikings and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Steve is survived by his wife, Eileen, of 26 years; siblings, David (Karen) Whitehouse of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Mike Whitehouse of Chandler, Arizona; and Peggy Brashear of Estherville, Iowa, as well as many nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Jeffrey and Kathy. Also, his companion cat “Patches”, who rode around with him.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Friday, July, 4, and Saturday, July 5, in observation of the Independence Day holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m., when we reopen. MML wishes you a happy and safe weekend.

Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. 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 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, July 1, at 2:00 p.m., you’re invited to MML’s Summer Movies. This week we will be showing Detective Pika-chu. Popcorn and water will be provided during this free activity.

Join us on Monday, June 30, at Pearson Lakes Art Center for a Game Show Party Like no other, hosted by Denny Ray Burn! The 10:30 a.m. show is for families and young kids, while the 6:00 p.m. show is for teens and adults. This event is sponsored by the Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and the Spirit Lake 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.



Obituary

Laima Stammer, 73, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake, surrounded by her husband and all her children.

Amemorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritalakefuneralhome.com

Laima Elsa Stammer was born on March 23, 1952, to Leonard Edgar and Mirdza Lizette (Jurjurs) Vilson in Saginaw, MI. She graduated from Cooper High School in Minneapolis, MN. She furthered her education by taking classes in Law and Accounting in College. Laima started working as a secretary for an Admiral in the US Navy. She was united in marriage to Larry Stammer on July 12, 1975, in Brooklyn Center, MN. Laima then began working as a secretary for Gruys, Johnson and Associates in the accounting department. She then partnered with her husband in the family business, L&L Construction. She then worked for Real-estate Development Inc. She later worked on the assembly line at Polaris in Spirit Lake. Laima considered raising her four children her greatest accomplishment.

She was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. In her free time, she enjoyed working with and creating stained glass artwork. She also enjoyed gardening, tending the flower garden, remodeling and decorating, and she enjoyed taking road trips with her husband to the casino and various road trips.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Larry Stammer of Spirit Lake; children, Staci Ann (Stammer) Schmaus of Estherville, IA; Andra (Walt) Heldenbrand of Sioux Falls, SD; daughter-in-law, Dawn Stammer-Teschendorf of Anandale, MN; and Benjamin Louis Stammer of Spirit Lake; grandchildren, Ivy Leigh (Sam) Marsnik, Brennan Everett Nyren, Lia Marie Stammer, Abrianna Ann (Royce) Coakley, Alyssa Lorraine Schmaus, Ian Teschendorf, great grandchild Vienna Louise Marsnik; sister Mara Kerns of Buffalo, MN; and her brother Arnie (Lori) Vilson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her son, Scott Louis Stammer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made in Laima’s name and sent to St. Jude’s or the Shriners Children Hospital.



Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Events

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

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

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

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

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If you drove by the Spirit Lake Hy-Vee parking lot on Thursday morning, you noticed two large Hy-Vee semi-trucks with several familiar faces on them. Two retired employees, Tim Smook and Greg Ketcham, and one current employee, Chuck Birkland were honored for their many years of service to Hy-Vee. Smook and Birkland are on one of the semis for their 40-years of service to Hy-Vee, and Ketcham is on the other semi for his 45-years of Hy-Vee service. Birkland is a pharmacist and Smook was the Wine & Spirits Manager for many years and then delivery driver, both started back in March of 1984. Ketcham worked many roles and then retired, but came back and was the Wine & Spirits Assistant Manager at the end of his career. Hy-Vee brought back the cherished tradition of having the long-tenured employees on the wrapped semi-trucks last month. These "helpful smiles" will be seen throughout the Midwest on 18 trucks featuring 87 employees with over 3,000 years of service to Hy-Vee stores.



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Milford RAGBRAI Final Public Meeting Forum

Milford, Iowa - The Milford RAGBRAI committee has been working hard on finalizing plans and will host a public meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at 6 p.m., in the Milford Community Center, located in the library, city office building on 9th Street.

The meeting will cover an overview of everything that is happening in town, big updates, the finalized plans, logistics of the days leading up and day of, road closures, how community members can get involved, more information on volunteer positions and we will answer any questions. This will be the final public forum before the event, but committees are still meeting weekly and everyone is invited to attend those meetings to get involved or for more information on specifics.

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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The recipients of the 2025 Clarence Judd Grant for 2025 and their respective schools are as follows:

- Delaney deBoom - Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, Iowa
- Sydney Peterson, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa
- Reese Keenan, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
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Warren Promoted to Telecommunications Manager

Spencer Municipal Utilities (SMU) recently promoted Adam Warren as their new Telecommunications Manager. Adam has been with SMU since 2008, working in the communications department.

Adam's knowledge and experience working in the SMU telecommunications department will help him lead the department in providing great internet, television, and telephone service to the community of Spencer in his new role.

SMU is a Reliable Public Power (RP3) provider and a leading provider of television, internet, and telephone service in the Spencer community and has been providing water since 1886 and electric services since 1901.





Spirit Lake Library News

Turn The Page This Summer!
by Jill Jennings

As June draws to a close, we are still going strong with our Summer Reading Program at the Spirit Lake Public Library! If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. The SRP goes through Thursday, July 31st, and is open to all ages.

This week we begin our second Guess Who challenge. Figure out the book characters and win a prize. This second challenge will be available June 23rd - July 12th.

Heads up: The last day to turn in The Amazing Library Race Passport is Monday, June 30th. They can be turned in at Spirit Lake, Milford or Arnolds Park Library. Have fun going to all the locations and completing the challenges!

If you are a game show fan, you won't want to miss the Dennis Porter Game Show at the Pearson Lakes Art Center on Monday, June 30th. The 10:30 a.m. show is for families and young children. The 6:00 p.m. show will be for teens and adults.

On Tuesday, July 1st, we'll begin our next Scavenger Hunt. The theme is "games." Kids can do the scavenger hunt once each month.

Our first iCreate event, Appliance Autopsy, will be on Thursday, July 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Community Room. This is a come-and-go activity.

The Spirit Lake Public Library will be closed on both Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th for the Independence Day weekend.

We'd like to thank a few more of our Summer Reading Program sponsors: Lakeland Realty of Iowa, Northwest Bank, Bank Midwest, and Pizza Ranch.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Diana is reading The Hope Chest by Carolyn Brown.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

- Thursday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Special Library Hours
- Monday, June 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Wednesday, July 2, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, July 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., iCreate Appliance Autopsy
- Thursday, July 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Friday, July 4, Library Closed
- Saturday, July 5, Library Closed

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Boji Bill to Play for Boss' Pizza Patio Party

"Boji" Bill will be performing at the Boss' Pizza Patio Party in Okoboji on Thursday, June 26, from 6:00 to 8:00. Enjoy a great meal and/or a drink while you're entertained on the patio at Boss' Pizza. Enjoy the great views of the golf course while you enjoy the music of "Boji" Bill.



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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.



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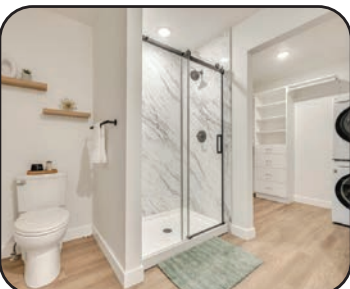


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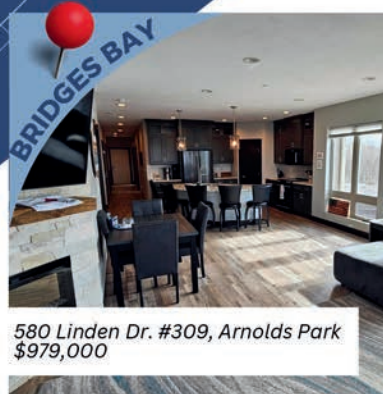
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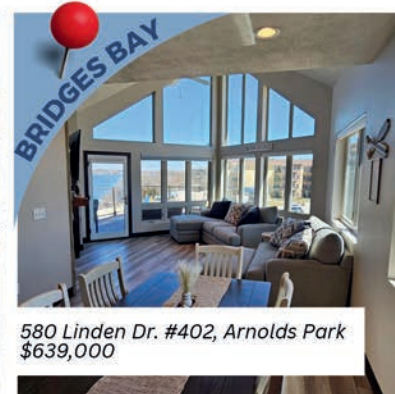


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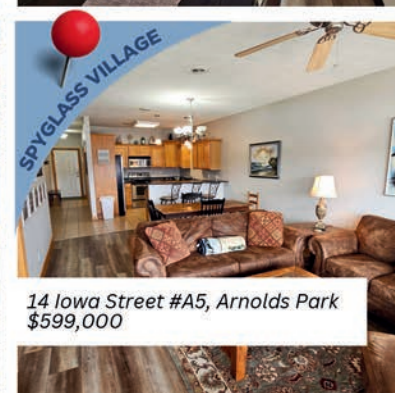
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Saturday, July 5th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, July 9th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, July 10th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, July 11th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Homemade Flavor on Display at the 2025 Clay County Fair

From cinnamon rolls and charcuterie boards to pickles, peach pie, and home-brewed beer, the 2025 Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, invites exhibitors of all ages and experience levels to showcase their culinary talents in three open-class cooking departments: Oven Products, Canned Goods and Dried Foods, and Home Wine & Craft Beer Making.

Oven Products Department
With more than a dozen contests scheduled throughout the nine-day Fair, the Oven Products Department welcomes bakers of all skill levels, whether they're competing for prizes or just for fun.

One of the Fair's signature contests, the \$1,500 Cinnamon Roll Contest sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank, will take place Monday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Additional highlights include:
— Apron Fashion Show: Held in partnership with the Creative Arts Department, this lighthearted event invites exhibitors of all ages to model aprons of any kind, handmade, vintage, store-bought, funny, or themed, and share their apron's story. The show will take place on Saturday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged.

— Charcuterie Board "Movie Night" Contest: Open to all ages, this contest challenges participants to create themed boards inspired by favorite movie snacks. Both pre-packaged and homemade items are allowed. The contest takes place on Wednesday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m.

— Ugly Cake Contest – Youth and adults are invited to submit their most outrageously unattractive cake creations. Cakes should be as ugly as can be but appropriate for public display. Judging is based solely on appearance, making this a lighthearted and fun competition.

Participants are encouraged to check the 2025 Exhibitor Handbook for a complete list of Oven Products contests, rules, and entry deadlines. Whether you're a seasoned baker or a first-time entrant, the Oven Products Department offers a fun and rewarding way to share your kitchen creativity and maybe even go home with a blue ribbon.

Canned Goods & Dried Foods Department — Featuring more than 20 divisions, this department offers categories for jams, jellies, vegetables, pie fillings, pickles, and more.

New in 2025 is a Freeze-Dried Foods Division. Exhibitors may submit up to three entries per class as long as each entry is different in type. Classes include fruit, vegetable, and other.

Also new this year is the Best Pickle Contest, sponsored by Cedar Farm Creations. A variety of pickle classes will be available. Full details are in the Exhibitor Handbook.

Whether you're an experienced canner or trying it for the first time, this department offers plenty of opportunities to showcase your preserving skills.

Home Wine & Craft Beer Making Department— This department continues to grow in popularity and now features expanded categories and awards aimed at home brewers and winemakers across the region.

For 2025, wine entries will be divided into two categories: Wine Made Fresh and Wine Made from a Kit, allowing for more tailored judging.

Prizes include gift certificates from Hy-Vee and Northern Brewer, elegant wine glasses from Inn-Spiration Wines and Vines, and a craft beer variety pack from Okoboji TWP Ciderworks. The Best of Show award for the Craft Beer Division is sponsored by West O Beer.

To enter, exhibitors must submit one bottle of wine or two bottles of beer. All skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Open Class entries for the 2025 Clay County Fair are open to exhibitors from any county or state. All participants are encouraged to review the 2025 Exhibitor Handbooks for complete rules and guidelines, available online at www.claycountyfair.com or in person at the Fair Administrative Office. Pre-registration is encouraged and may be completed online, by mail, or in person by Monday, August 4. Exhibitors may also register at the time of entry drop-off. Canned Goods & Dried Foods and Home Wine & Craft Beer Making entries must be dropped off at the Creative Living Building on Tuesday, September 2, between 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Oven Product entries for divisions 626–664 will be accepted at the same location on Friday, September 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., while divisions 670–674 will be accepted on Thursday, September 11, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.





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If you would like to learn more about SQR go to these websites:
<https://iowastormwater.org/campaigns/rainscaping/soil-quality-restoration/>
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5K Beer Run at West O Beer

The Iowa Brewery Running Series invites runners, walkers, and beer enthusiasts to the annual 5K Beer Run at West O Beer on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 11:00 AM. This fun run starts and ends at West O Beer and offers participants a scenic course near the shores of West Okoboji Lake.

Event Highlights:
Date and time: Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 11:00 AM
Location: West O Beer, 503 Terrace Park Blvd, Milford, IA
Course: A fun, untimed 5K route—run, walk, or jog at your own pace

Your \$35 Registration Includes: One craft beer of your choice at the finish line, a collector's pint glass or exclusive swag, entry to the post-run party featuring live music when available, food, giveaways, and more!

All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a unique way to spend a Sunday, this event is designed to combine fitness, fun, and community spirit.

A portion of the proceeds will support Keep Okoboji Blue, a local nonprofit working to preserve water quality in the Iowa Great Lakes.

About the Iowa Brewery Running Series: The Iowa Brewery Running Series hosts 5K-ish fun runs that start and end at local breweries throughout the state. Their mission is simple: be active, have fun, and give back. Each event supports a local nonprofit partner.





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2025 Bikes-Brews-Bites Celebration

The Dickinson County Trails Board invites you to join us for an exciting evening in support of our beautiful trail system on Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Maser Monarch Lodge. Enjoy delicious bites from Back Alley BBQ, live music, and a selection of brews, wine, and bourbon tastings, all while celebrating the impact of our growing trail network.

We hope you will consider partnering with us as an event sponsor. Your generous support will directly contribute to priority trail projects that will add over 5 miles of new trail through the next two years, enhancing connectivity and recreational opportunities across the Iowa Great Lakes. Sponsorship opportunities and limited tickets are available on the DCTB's website www.dickinsoncountyrails.com.

Trail Projects Update

Exciting progress continues on several trail projects around the Lakes Region. Grading work is complete on both the Lakes Art Center Loop and the West Okoboji Trail Connection. Despite some

weather-related delays due to recent rains, contractors have begun paving at the Art Center Loop and are preparing to place concrete on the West Okoboji Trail Connection in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the first phase of the Clay County Connection is officially underway, with dirt work now in progress. We are thrilled to see these projects taking shape and moving forward. The DCTB looks forward to welcoming the community to explore and enjoy these beautiful new routes once they are complete.

Upcoming Trail Events

41st Annual U Of O Campus Bike Ride: Saturday, June 28 - Enjoy a ride around the Iowa Great Lakes of 25, 50 or 100 miles. A pancake breakfast at Florence Park in Milford starts at 7:00am with ride to follow at 9:00am. Take in the beauty of scenic trails and lakeside roads on your bicycle and return to the park for a barbecue with live music from 1:00-4:00pm. Proceeds from the ride go to area projects, local police and fire departments and the trails system. Visit the Okoboji Chamber's Campus Ride website for ride details and registration.

BRASL - Bike Ride Around Spirit Lake: Saturday, July 12 - Enjoy a 15-mile bike cruise around Iowa's largest natural lake or power bike 25 and 50-mile routes around the Iowa Great Lakes. This is a family friendly ride that treats you to scenic lakeside trails and includes a T-

shirt and lunch certificate. Proceeds from the event will benefit Dickinson County Trails. Visit the Spirit Lake Chamber website for ride details and registration.

Sportsman's 11th Annual Tiki Ride: Saturday, August 2 - Riders of all ages can enjoy 16, 22, 38 or 60-mile routes with prizes and games along the way. The ride includes a shirt, gift bag and lunch at Sportsman's with live entertainment during lunch and after the ride. There will be many prizes, games and fun surprises along the route and riders will receive a raffle entry at each of the sponsored stops. Proceeds from the ride will support Dickinson County Trails. More information on the ride and registration is available at Sportsman's website www.sportsmans3d.com/tiki-ride.

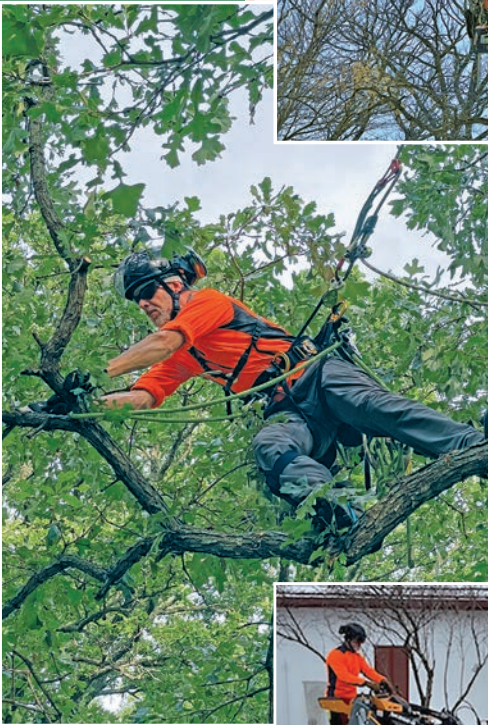
LAMA Bike Route Tour: Ongoing through September 1 - The Lakes Area Museum Alliance (LAMA) invites you to bike the trails while visiting 13 local museums and historical sites. As you explore, collect punches on your LAMA summer punch card for a chance to win great prizes including a two-night stay at Pick's Resort in Arnolds Park, Nutty Bars, T-shirts, and more. It's a perfect opportunity to combine scenic rides with fascinating local history. For full details on the tour and the many museums you can visit, go to www.lakesmuseums.org.

*As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.
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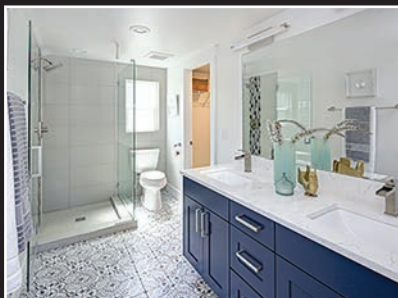
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On June 27th, the following people will report on their attendance at the "Sailing with TOPS" 2025 Iowa State Recognition Days on June 6th and 7th, 2025. Bonnie Tielbur, Betty Sangel, Kim Ewing, and Colleen Lemkuil who attended in Dubuque, Iowa. At the event, one of the programs was "Signs Along the Road to Success" by Ami Heesch, the MN TOPS Coordinator. She has shared with us the program, and Colleen Lemkuil will be the presenter, and Ruth Ann Van Donslear will be the reader for this program. We hope you can join us. Do you need to lose 20 pounds or 10 pounds Let the TOPS support group help you make your goal? Join us. Betty Sangel was awarded the runner-up Queen for 2025 for losing weight to her goal and becoming a KOPS member-Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly!

Betty Sangel will present the TOPS trophy for the Sailboat Float Entry to our member, Debbie Garret, who spent hours making our float. See the picture attached. She took photos of each member and put them in our shoebox float with Betty Sangel, our leader, as the Captain. The Sheldon TOPS group won first, and we got the third-place trophy. Only 3 trophies are given rewards, and we were thrilled to be one of the winners for 2025. There are 65 chapters in Iowa, and 685 members. For more information about TOPS, go to TOPS. Inc., at www.tops.org. TOPS is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers.

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:

Got What You Voted For!

Recently we have seen complaints by leisure industry managers about the lack of foreign student visas that negatively impact their businesses. We have seen farmers complain about lost export markets, much higher input costs and the detention of foreign workers. Red-state politicians are now complaining about program cuts threatening rural hospitals. Veterans complain about eighty thousand caregivers cut from their programs. Food prices have not come down and wars have not quickly ended as promised. Tariffs threaten the U.S. and world economies with trust of our allies shattered. No American company is going to give more than lip service to committing new manufacturing capacity given the uncertainty of overnight presidential tweets. And now, if this "beautiful budget/tax bill" is enacted, expect more program cuts across the board with USA debt continuing to climb by trillions so billionaires get wealthier and the rest of us poorer! For any voter, it was all laid out in Project 2025, which Trump said he knew nothing about, but surprisingly, most of its authors occupy key appointments in his administration. Locally, approximately 75% of our county voted for Trump. So, it should be no surprise that you MAGA voters got what you voted for. The bottom line is Trump is a liar, a convicted felon, and a wannabe dictator who has no plan to improve the lives of anyone but continue to grift his supporters (voters) and all taxpayers to enrich himself only. So, MAGA loyalists keep sending dollars to his PACs; buying his bibles, sneakers, watches, self-promoting cards, cell phones, and cryptos to keep his personal power and wealth growing at your expense! Hopefully you are finally realizing Trump's drive is to destroy our constitutional democracy, which he failed to do in 2021; and will place far more consideration for your vote in the mid-term elections. That is, if Trump's fraudulent military fiasco in California is a precursor to even holding future elections. True patriots need to join demonstrations and demand congressional members perform their constitutional duty to stop the crazy recklessness of Trump's Administration before it's too late!

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Tues., June 24 – 10:00 AM– 152 acres at auction in Gruver. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Tues., June 24 – 11:00 AM– Farm machinery auction in Varina, IA. Auctioneers: Winegarden & Lynch. 712-335-3117. www.iowauction.net.

Thurs., June 26 – 10:30 AM– Farm machinery auction in Merrill, IA. Auctioneers: Zomer Company. 712-470-2526. www.zomercompany.com.

Sat., June 28 – 9:30 AM– Coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Toering. 712-230-0238.

Sun., June 29 – 11:00 AM– Tool auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com.

Tues., July 1 – 10:00 PM– Online Estate auction. Items located in Milford, IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

Thurs., July 10 – 10:00 AM– 151.47 acres at auction in Hartley. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Wed., July 16 – 10:00 AM– Land auction in Nobles Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hjelm. 712-240-3529. www.theacrecro.com.

Wed., July 16 – 5:00 PM– 2 Day Sapp machinery auction in Buffalo Center, Iowa. Auctioneers: Hallberg. 800-373-2255. www.hallbergauction.com.

Sat., July 19 – 8:30 AM– Consignment auction in Ceylon, MN. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauction.com.

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Date: Monday, June 30, 2025
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Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, or related field is required.
- Previous experience in project administration, habitat management, and facility/equipment maintenance is preferred.
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Larsen Named Director Of Music & Performing Arts At Iowa Lakes

Iowa Lakes Community College has named Lincoln Larsen as the new Director of Music and Performing Arts, effective July 1.

A proud alumnus of Iowa Lakes, Larsen returns to the college with a passion for music education and a commitment to continuing the strong legacy of the program.

"I'm excited to be 'going home' to Iowa Lakes to continue the legacy of Carol Ayres Stueven," said Larsen. "This college played a huge role in shaping my career, and I'm honored to give back to the place where it all began."

Larsen currently teaches in the Deming Public Schools system in New Mexico. He holds a Master of Music in trumpet performance from New Mexico State University, a Bachelor of Music Education from Morningside University, and an Associate of Arts degree from Iowa Lakes.

Larsen's appointment follows the retirement of longtime band director and professor, Carol Ayres Stueven, who has led the program with distinction for many years.

"Carol's retirement marks the end of a remarkable era for our music program," said Troy Larson, Dean of Students at Iowa Lakes. "She brought energy, creativity and a deep care for students to everything she did. We are thrilled to welcome Lincoln back—his talent, leadership and enthusiasm will help ensure our program continues to thrive."

Larsen will oversee the college's music and performing arts programming, including ensembles, performances and student engagement across campuses.

For more information about the music and performing arts at Iowa Lakes, visit www.iowalakes.edu.

Founded in 1967, Iowa Lakes Community College serves northwest Iowa through five campus locations in Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer and Spirit Lake. The college offers more than 60 career and transfer programs, along with customized workforce training, adult education and continuing education opportunities. Iowa Lakes is home to a vibrant music department and a state-of-the-art performing arts center on its Estherville Campus, providing students and the community with dynamic opportunities to engage in the arts. With a focus on student success and community impact, Iowa Lakes empowers learners at every stage of life to pursue their goals and make a difference.



Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Schedule

Tuesday, June 24
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Treva Graves discussing "Falls" and how they are the leading cause of death for elderly Americans
12:30 - Bridge
Wednesday, June 25
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:30 - Book Club "12 Women Who Shaped America 1619-1920"
Thursday, June 26
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
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5:30 - Singles Group
Friday, June 27
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday, June 28
Facility Available for Rent
Sunday, June 29
Dance to live music with Bill and Jackie from 2-5pm
Monday, June 30
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1:00- Asian Mahjong
Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Join us every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for a program at 12:30 with our featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, 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 Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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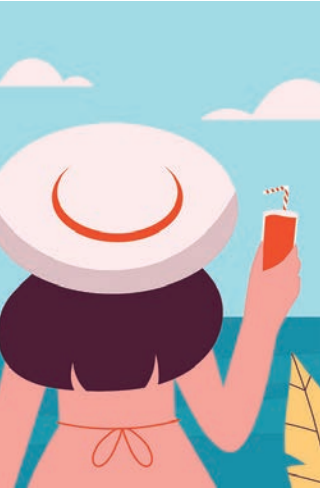
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The open-class livestock entry deadline is quickly approaching for the 2025 Clay County Fair powered by SMU, September 6-14. With just 40 days left, all entries for Open-Class Beef, Dairy, Horse, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine must be submitted by midnight on Monday, August 4.

With six livestock departments, the 2025 Clay County Fair offers many opportunities to showcase your best animals. Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or entering for the first time, the open-class competitions are a fantastic opportunity to learn, grow, and share your passion. Plus, exhibitors have the chance to win substantial monetary prizes. Open-class entries are open to anyone from any county or state. Exhibitors are encouraged to review the 2025 Exhibitor Handbooks for each department to find rules, guidelines, and other important information. Handbooks are available online at www.claycountyfair.com or can be picked up at the Fair Administrative Office.

All livestock entries must be received by midnight on Monday, August 4, 2025. Entries must be submitted online at <https://claycf.fairwire.com/> or completed in person at the Fair Administrative Office during regular business hours. Late entries will be accepted from August 5 to 11, but will incur a late fee. 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.



Iowa Lakes Aviation Program Surpasses 300 FAA Check Rides


Iowa Lakes Community College’s Aviation Program recently celebrated a major achievement, completing its 300th FAA check ride since reorganizing in January 2020. Andrew Barbee of Dubuque, Iowa, completed the milestone check ride on May 27, successfully earning his Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certification.

“This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work of our students, the commitment of our instructors and the strong support from college leadership,” said Tim Busch, Director of Aviation & Chief Flight Instructor. “Every check ride represents a student reaching their next level in aviation, and hitting 300 shows the momentum and excellence of our program.”

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The All-Town Garage Sale is a returning favorite to Milford's Pioneer Days scheduled for July 25-26 in Milford. To register your garage sale, please contact Cherish Again, formerly Thee Garage Sale, in Milford, at (712) 338-3334. Deadline to register and be listed on the Pioneer Days All-Town Garage Sale Map will be Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

A city map highlighting the locations of each sale will be printed just as it has in years past. Cherish Again, The Lakes News Shopper and St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be teaming up to produce this year's map on behalf of the Milford Commercial Club.

Sale dates can be Friday, July 25, Saturday July 26 or both. The map will be available at retail businesses in Milford beginning the week of Monday, July 21.

"The all town garage sale attracts a tremendous amount of bargain-hunters to Milford," said Susan Reiser, of the All-Town Garage Sale Committee. "It is a wonderful opportunity for Milford residents to profit from the unused items in their closets and garages", she added.

Pioneer Days is the annual town celebration for the City of Milford. This year the Milford Commercial Club is celebrating their 57th Annual Pioneer Days Celebration. The Milford Commercial Club sponsors the celebration. Look for additional press releases and advertisements regarding all of the Pioneer Days events in the coming weeks or check out the information on the website at milfordcommercialclub.com.

Spencer Speculative Building Substantially Complete

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) has announced the substantial completion of the Spencer Speculative Building located in the Spencer Technical Park South.

This milestone marks a successful collaboration among key regional partners, including the Iowa Lakes Corridor Future Fund, Corn Belt Power Cooperative, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Clay County, the City of Spencer, and Spencer Municipal Utilities. Additional support was provided by the Iowa Area Development Group (IADG) through the Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant (REDL&G) Program, which channels funding through local utilities to support rural development initiatives.

The Spencer Speculative Building is a 30,000 square foot designed for optimal adaptability being expandable, crushed concrete flooring, and an open floorplan. This allows the buyer to locate equipment, plumbing, and other mechanical infrastructure according to need. Construction was done by Henningsen Construction out of Spencer.

"This project was made possible through the strong collaboration between the county, city, local utilities, and our economic development partners," said Curt Strouth, President & CEO of the Corridor. "The addition of this facility is a significant step forward in supporting new and expanding businesses in the Spencer community."

The partners on the project will celebrate this substantial completion alongside the Spencer Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors with a ribbon cutting event at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. This event is open to media and the public.



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- R27: Tent or Indoor camping, shower-toilet facilities for 2 from Leadville, CO
- R31: Tent or Indoor camping, shower-toilet facilities for 11 from Seattle
- R33: Tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for family of 5 from Toledo, IA
- R46: Shaded tent camping in a yard/shower/toilet facilities for 3 from Saltillo, MS
- R47: Tent or Indoor camping, shower-toilet facilities for male from Waco, TX
- R49: Indoor/floor space for sleeping bags/shower/toilet facilities, parking, for family of 3
- R54: Parking, tent camping, shower-toilet facilities for 4 from Texas
- R61: Place to park vehicle, access to outside water hose for Maryland couple, 45
- R62: Beds, shower/toilet facilities for couple from Kentucky
- R68: Bed, shower/toilet facilities for 68 yr. old male from New Era, MI
- 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
- 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
- R86: Parking for RV, shower-toilet facilities for retired foursome longtime RAGBRAIers
- 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
- R114: Minnesota group would like just tenting space
- R115: Parking, tent camping, shower/toilet facilities for 4 from Wyoming, Iowa
- R118: Parking, indoor camping, shower/toilet facilities for family of 5 from Lafayette, Indiana
- R122: Indoor camping or beds for 3 females from West DesMoines
- R123: Tent camping and hose needed for 5 riders from Grinnell, IA



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Grilled Eggplant with Feta and Greek Couscous

Serves 4

- 2 small eggplants (about 1 pound each), each cut into 4 lengthwise slices
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese
- Greek couscous
- Oregano sprigs (optional)
- Greek Couscous:
 - 2 cups hot cooked whole-wheat couscous
 - 1 cup pitted kalamata olives, halved
 - 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 20 grape tomatoes, quartered
 - 1 1/2-ounce can no-salt-added cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

- 1. Preheat grill.
- 2. Drizzle eggplant slices with olive oil. Sprinkle evenly with oregano, salt, and pepper. Grill 6 minutes on each side or until tender. Sprinkle eggplant with cheese; grill 2 minutes or until cheese melts.
- 3. While eggplant grills, prepare Greek Couscous.
- 4. Place 2 eggplant slices on each of 4 plates. Top each serving with 1 cup couscous. Garnish with oregano sprigs, if desired.



For Greek Couscous: Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate 10 minutes.

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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.

Clay County Heritage Events

All are welcome on June 24th, at 6:30pm, to "Discover the hidden treasures of Iowa as we embark on "Discovering Iowa's Public Lands: A Journey Along the Little Sioux River" at the Clay County Heritage Center, 7 Grand Ave, Spencer. This talk weaves together over a century of stewardship, from early conservation efforts and New Deal achievements to today's local partnerships, while tracing the river's sinuous path through Loess Hills, tallgrass prairies, and historic river towns. You'll be transported to the solitude of primitive campsites at Preparation Canyon State Park, glide through layered Indigenous and settler histories on the Inkpaduta Canoe Trail, and explore bird-rich refuges like Cayler Prairie and Santee Prairie Waterfowl Area." Presented by Dr. Kevin Mason. Kevin Mason is a rural and environmental historian of the American Midwest. After earning his PhD at Iowa State University, he served as an Associate Professor of History at Waldorf University. Mason will join the University of Northern Iowa in fall 2025 as an Assistant Professor of History. Mason also runs the digital humanities project Notes on Iowa, serves on the Board of Directors for Humanities Iowa, and serves on the Board of Trustees for the State Historical Society of Iowa. An award-winning author, Mason's forthcoming book Fields of Change: The 1st United States Dragoons and Iowa's Environmental Transformation is due out on Michigan State University Press in 2026.

All are welcome on June 25th to welcome Kevin Mason back to host a Riverside Chat with Garrie Killsahundred starting at 6:00pm, at the Clay County Heritage Center, 7 Grand Ave, Spencer, about the history of the Little Sioux River area.

For further questions regarding this event, please call 712-759-4227 or email friendsofakesidelab@gmail.com or contact Braden with Clay County Heritage at 712-262-3304.



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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.

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Participants may choose a lake, pond, country road, park, or trail as their subject. "Step by Step" directions will be provided to set up a sky, sunset, middle ground and foreground on the canvas. Participants will then personalize their work. A 11x14 canvas, paint, and brushes will be provided although you may bring brushes and acrylic paint of your preference, participants may also bring a reference photo, although not required.

MINDFUL ART 2.0 With Karess Knudtson
June 25: Mindful Tree | 6-7:30pm | \$30/\$40
Level: Any, 18 years+, Must register by 12pm the day of class

Prerequisite Mindful Art 1.0
This mindful drawing activity merges neuroscience and drawing. This class will benefit anyone who comes with an open mind through simple drawing techniques that can be used for personal reflection and the processing of everyday life through art.

CULINARY CLASSES

Life's A Beach - Time for Wine Cocktails!
With Jennifer Tittle-Oitzman

July 10 | 6:00pm | \$55/\$65

Join us for an enjoyable and festive class delving into wine cocktails. Jennifer will share the history of wine-based mixers and guide us in crafting delightful cocktails sure to impress your summer guests! Beachy picnic snacks included. Register by July 9.

Mediterranean Dinner Series
With Chef Jay Norton of The Hen House

6:00pm | \$100/\$110 per dinner

Learn how each country developed their unique ways of food preparation and use of spices and seasonings. Each dinner includes a glass of wine. Attend 1 or 2 dinners. Must register 2 days prior to each class.

July 17 : Journey to Morocco
August 21: Journey to Italy

French Pastry Demonstration
With Jacques Bouli of Four de Marie

July 23 | 4:00pm | \$35/\$45

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