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The U of O Homecoming Races are a longstanding tradition in the Iowa Great Lakes, bringing together students, alumni, faculty, and local residents for a fun-filled day. Participants of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join in, whether they are seasoned runners or simply looking for a way to stay active and engaged.

This year's event will feature a variety of races, including: 5K Run/Walk, 10K, Half Marathon, Triathlon and Team Triathlon. Registration for the Homecoming Races is still open, and participants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

The IGLA Chamber is excited to welcome individuals from over 25 states to this year's Homecoming Races. This tradition is a wonderful way to celebrate our community's spirit and foster a sense of community with individuals from near and far. We look forward to seeing everyone out there, running, walking, and cheering each other on!

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As we are less than a week away from Milford RAGBRAI, we would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time, donated their money and supplies, and has given their support to the Milford RAGBRAI Committee. We invite all residents to come in and join in on the festivities! We will have several cornhole sets set up on 9th and 10th street near the vendors. We have over 40 vendors selling anything from food to bike supplies, apparel, jewelry, and so much more! We have two beer gardens that are open to the public (if you're 21, or older that is!). Our concert area is located in the parking lot just east of Milford City Hall (1009 9th St., Milford). Our list of music goes as follows:

- 2p.m. *DJ Spin X (will continue to play during interims of each band)
- 4p.m.-6p.m. *Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Association
- 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. *Rock a la Carte (Queen Tribute Band)
- 8:45p.m. *RAGBRAI Award Ceremony
- 9p.m.-11p.m. *The Schmidt Brothers

If you would like to help out the RAGBRAI bikers staying in our town, many will ask for a ride to our downtown area. We encourage adults to bring side-by-sides and golf carts to help out with the event as these will be the easiest to maneuver and park. We do not foresee water being an issue, but we would appreciate everyone to do their laundry, wash their dishes, water their lawns, or use water outside of necessities at least one day prior to the event.

Thank you to each individual that has been involved with the Milford RAGBRAI Committee and has put in hundreds of hours of planning and volunteering for months. For every hoop we had to go through, every mountain we had to climb, we're finally close to the finish line to an event that will be talked about for decades to come. Thanks to everyone, and, as always... we're looking for more volunteers and you can sign up at www.MilfordRagbrai.com and click on Volunteer!

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Terril City-Wide Garage Sales will be held Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9.
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Volunteer at the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center

The key to the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center success rests 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.

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90th Birthday Open House

Please join the family of Shirley Wiese to help celebrate her 90th Birthday on Saturday, July 19th, from 2:00-4:00 at the Lake Park Community Center, 903 S Market St.
No gifts please.
If you are unable to attend and would like to send birthday wishes, cards may be sent to 1850 23rd St, Unit 22, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Dickinson County Democrats Meeting

Please join the Dickinson County Democrats, Independents, and those not happy with the way the government is going; for their monthly meeting on Monday, July 21, at 7:00 PM at the Spirit Lake Senior Center (2101 Zenith Avenue, Spirit Lake; under the water tower). Everyone is welcome! Please bring a friend or neighbor. Join us if you have any ideas, concerns, questions, suggestions or if you would like to volunteer to help build a better America.
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The reading portion of the summer reading program runs until July 26th. Keep reading and collecting those Summer Reading prizes and brag tags.

Upcoming events at the library:

Now until July 19, 2025 – Friends of the Lake Park Public Library Book Sale! Books, movies, audiobooks and puzzles. Please come in and take a look. Hardcover books are \$1 or \$3. Paperbacks are fifty cents. Movies on DVD are \$1. Audiobooks on CD are \$3. Puzzles are priced as marked. Proceeds go to benefit the Lake Park Public Library.

Saturday, July 19th – 10:30 a.m. Storytime at the Library. Join us as we read a couple of books and participate in a fun craft. See you at the library!

Sign Up for Milford's All-Town Garage Sale

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.

Abbie Gardner Presentation

Are you interested in learning about the early life and harrowing experiences of Abbie Gardner and her story? The Dickinson County Museum's Director, Cole Clawson, will be presenting her true story and how she survived the last Native American-led massacre in Iowa. In addition, he will discuss her later life, return to Spirit Lake, and success as a business woman.

Please call 712-336-5247 to let the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center know you will join them Wednesday, July 23rd at 12:30 pm.

Refreshments will be provided. The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake.



Survivor: Kenue Park Edition

Do you have what it takes to "survive" the obstacles of Survivor: Kenue Park Edition? On July 22, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., the Dickinson County Nature Center is offering a special program for youth 8 years and older, with at least one adult, to participate in this family-friendly competition.

Families will advance through three challenges: navigation, primitive fishing, and axe throwing. Staff will teach families the skills necessary for each activity, and families will have time to practice the skill before participating in the final challenge of each of the three categories. In addition to scoring points for the various challenges, staff will award points to teams in secret categories.

"This program is a great way for families to bond together as they learn valuable survival skills in a fun way," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "Don't miss out on the chance to win a prize at the end and be named champions of the event!"

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4:30 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
5:00 pm Open Jackpot Barrel Race (Outdoor Arena)
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8:00 am Horse Show (Outdoor Arena)
11:00-7:00 pm Exhibit Building Open (Community Bldg.)
5:00 pm Clover Kids Pet/Stuffed Animal Show (Indoor arena)
5:30 pm Pet Show (Indoor arena)
6:00-7:00 pm Dog Show (Indoor Arena)
7:00-10:00 pm Feudin' Hillbillies Concert (Expo Center)

MONDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Sheep Show (Indoor Arena)
9:30 am Clover Kids Sheep and Goat Show (Following Sheep Show)
10:15 am Goat Show (Indoor Arena)
11:00-7:00 pm Exhibit Building Open (Community Bldg.)
4:30pm Fashion and Communications Showcase
5:00-7:00pm Pork Producer Dinner (Expo Center)
7:00pm Pie & Bucket of Junk Auction (Expo Center)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 am Beef Buddies Show /Clover Kids Beef Show (Indoor Arena)
8:30 am Beef Show (Indoor Arena)
11:00-1:00 pm Okoboji FFA Lunch (Indoor Arena)
11:00-7:00 pm Exhibit Building Open (Community Bldg.)
5:00-7:00 p m Beef Producer Dinner (Expo Center)
7:00 pm Farm Chore Olympics (Outdoor Arena)
7:00-10:00pm Dickinson County Fair Board Beer Garden and Piano Show Featuring Ryan Sather. (Expo Center)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am Swine Show (Indoor Arena)
11:00-6:00 pm Exhibit Building Open (Community Bldg.)
2:00 pm Overall Showmanship Contest (Indoor Arena)
5:30 pm Fair Awards Program (Expo Center)
6:00 pm Youth Council Pizza Fundraiser (Expo Center)

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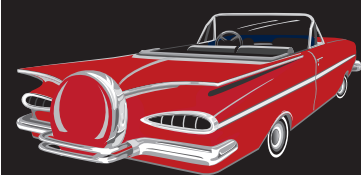
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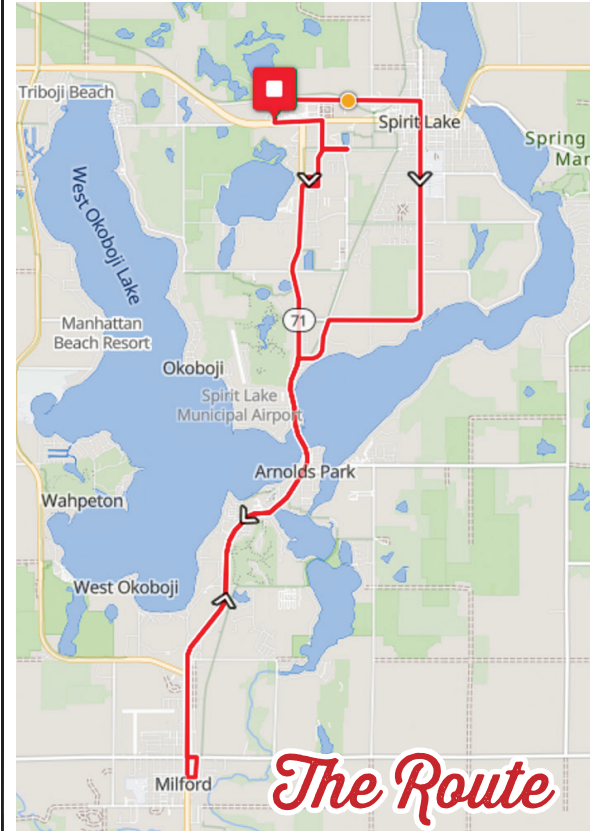
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Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, July 24, 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.



2025 Clay County Fair Northwest Bank Stage Lineup Revealed

Get ready for nine exciting days of free entertainment at the Northwest Bank Stage during the 2025 Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, from September 6-14! This vibrant stage lineup features seven unique acts, offering something special for every fairgoer to enjoy.

September 6: Start the festivities with Minor Mischief, an a cappella quintet known for their smooth harmonies, infectious energy, and playful genre-blending. Their show spans jazz, pop, opera, and everything in between, guaranteed to get you smiling, swaying, and singing along.

September 7: Experience the vibrant sounds of Mexico with Grupo Esplendor Norteño, whose authentic norteño style brings lively rhythms and rich cultural traditions that will have you dancing in no time.

September 6-8: Treat your ears to Simply Three, a remarkable string trio that reimagines pop, rock, and cinematic favorites with classical training and fresh energy. Their innovative takes on artists like Adele and Billie Eilish create a unique experience that appeals to all ages.


September 8-11: Celebrate legendary female artists with Divas Through the Decades. This dazzling show pays tribute to powerful voices from Aretha Franklin to Beyoncé, featuring powerhouse vocals, choreographed performances, and audience sing-alongs that bring these icons to life.

September 9-11: Put on your dancing shoes for Kris & The Riverbend Dutchmen, a Minnesota-based polka band blending traditional German, Czech, and Bohemian tunes with a modern twist. Their lively mix of concertina, tuba, trumpets, and more will keep your toes tapping with polkas, waltzes, fox-trots, and popular favorites.

September 12-14: Prepare for plenty of laughs with C. Willi Myles, "America's Everyday Comedian." Known for his clean, relatable humor and heartfelt storytelling, Willi draws on his Southern roots and Midwestern adventures to connect with audiences of all ages.

September 12-14: Back by popular demand, The Britins return to the Northwest Bank Stage with their unforgettable Beatles tribute. From "Love Me Do" to "Let It Be," this Milwaukee-based band brings the '60s to life with authentic instruments, costumes, and all the iconic hits that shaped rock and roll history.

Each act will perform three times daily during their scheduled dates. Official showtimes will be available in the Clay County Fair Daily Guides, released later in August. For more information, visit www.claycountyfair.com.



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95th Birthday Announcement
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July 15	Spirit Lake Booster Club	Brooks GC
July 17	ISU We Will Okoboji Classic	Emerald Hills GC
July 18	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
July 22	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
July 25	Cattlemen's Regatta Charity Golf Classic	Emerald Hills GC
July 25	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
July 26	Put 4 Pups 4 Person Best Ball	Brooks GC
July 27	33rd Annual Parent-Child Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
July 28-30	Junior Camp Week 4	Brooks GC
July 31 - Aug. 3	Northwest Amateur Tournament	Spencer Golf & CC
Aug. 1	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 2	7th Annual Beth Huseman Memorial 4-Person	Emerald Hills GC
Aug. 4	Dakota Tour Eagle Flies	Eagle View GC
Aug. 5	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
Aug. 5-6	Dakota Tour-Okoboji Open Pro/Am	Brooks GC
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8 AUG.	FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Mammoth Hockey Fundraiser Tournament - 3pm SG
10 AUG.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 Mixed Couples Tournament - 1pm SG
11 AUG.	MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Iowa PGA Junior Tournament - 11am TT
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Chuck Skogerboe of Spirit Lake celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, July 13. Please honor this special day by sending a card to Chuck at 1425 Indian Hills Dr., Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. You may also greet him personally if you can catch him running to the YMCA, or the golf course, to church, or his favorite restaurants. He will treasure hearing from you!!

Milford Pioneer Days 5K
Join us for the Milford Pioneer Days 5K Run/Walk for area residents and visitors. The event will be held on Saturday, July 26, at 8:00 a.m. and will be a mainly flat course with a gradual hill. The 5K will take place on the Great Lakes Spine Trail and have some road running. It will start at CrossFit Okoboji, 800 26th Street, Milford. Participants pay \$25 (plus online processing fees) if registered on or before July 16 and \$30 if registered between July 17-26. We also have a 400M kids' fun run for \$15. Each participant will receive a short-sleeve tee shirt (recommend register by July 16 to guarantee a shirt) and snacks. Awards will be given for first, second, and third places in eight age groups for both men and women. People of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to attend. New to this year will be Anderson Race Management doing the official timing of the event. Participants can register through the event page on <https://milfordcommercialclub.com/event-registration/> or by mailing in the paper registration form. For more information email joelmccartan@gmail.com or milfordcommercialclub@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by Northwest Bank and the volunteer sponsor is CrossFit Okoboji.

90th Birthday Announcement
On July 21, 2025, Jerry Bishop is turning 90. Family and friends would like to honor him with a card shower. Your warm wishes can reach him at 3235 280th Ave, Spencer, Iowa 51301. "Happy Birthday," from your family.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
In reference to my letter to the editor last week, I'm happy to report my ladder showed up this morning...The ladder was delivered to the condos across from the park entrance. It was delivered to an address that is the resident's VRBO. The individual that manages the condo saw it, thinking it was a neighbor's, and put it in the garage for safekeeping. After they saw my letter in today's shopper, they reached out, called me, and delivered it to me. Well, my birthday was a little over a week ago, and our kids purchased the same ladder in Des Moines and brought it up. So since Walmart had credited it, I called the store here, and they said I have to call their corporate office. After spending another extraordinary amount of time, they are sending a return label to my Bennington address, and then when we are up here, they will send someone to pick it up, hopefully not FedEx, as they don't know where to deliver to. We never have this problem with Amazon. Thank you to the couple that manages this unit and reached out to me to get it to the correct address.
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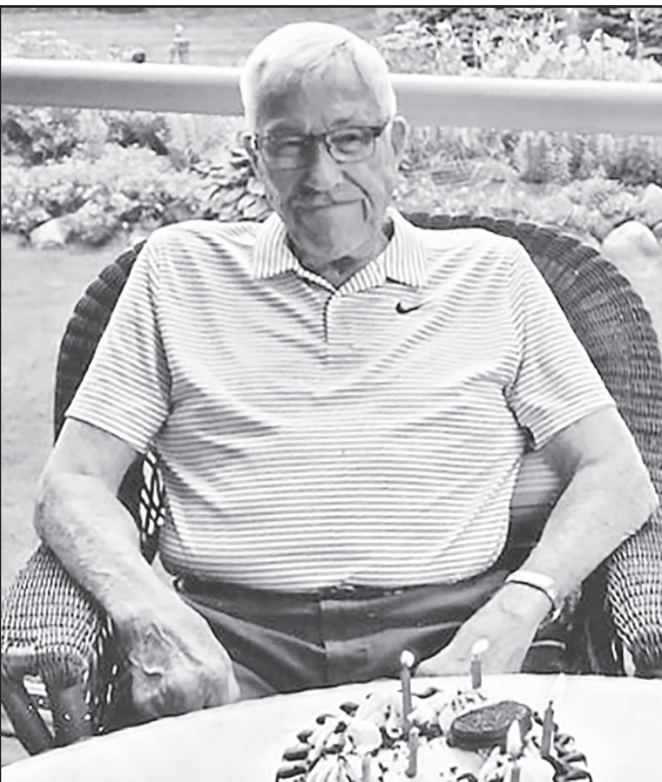
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Friends and family are invited to celebrate Donnie Nielsen's 90th Birthday with a Come & Go Open House on Saturday, July 26th, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center, 203 N. Main St., Evely, IA.


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Join the Spirit Lake TOPS Group to Hear the Speaker

The Public is invited to join the Spirit Lake TOPS group to hear the speaker on July 18, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Spirit Lake United Methodist Church at 1812 Gary Ave. Enter the Gary Ave door with a TOPS sign. Please arrive by 9:45 AM to be ready for the speaker. Weigh-in on July 18th will begin at 9:00 AM for the members. TOPS meets weekly at the church in the lower-level northwest corner room.

This will be a great presentation by TOPS leader Abby Vogelaar. Bring friends, husbands, and teenagers. Open to the Public. A healthy drink and treat will be served.

Abby Vogelaar spoke at the State TOPS meeting in June to the group. We asked her to come and share with our TOPS Chapter and interested members of our community. Abby will discuss basic functions of the liver related to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. She will then do an overview of fatty liver disease and definitions. She will look at the diagnosis and why it is called the silent liver disease. The presenter will present the tests to diagnose fatty liver disease, rule out other diseases, or determine the severity of the liver disease. The presentation will discuss what Metabolic symptoms are, if any. She will address the causes and risk factors of non-alcoholic liver disease. She will address prevention and what you can do to reduce the risk of getting non-alcoholic liver disease. She will address the treatment for non-alcoholic liver disease and the reversal of the disease. She will present the diet to aid in the reversal of the disease. She will help you prepare for a doctor visit and what to expect from your doctor.

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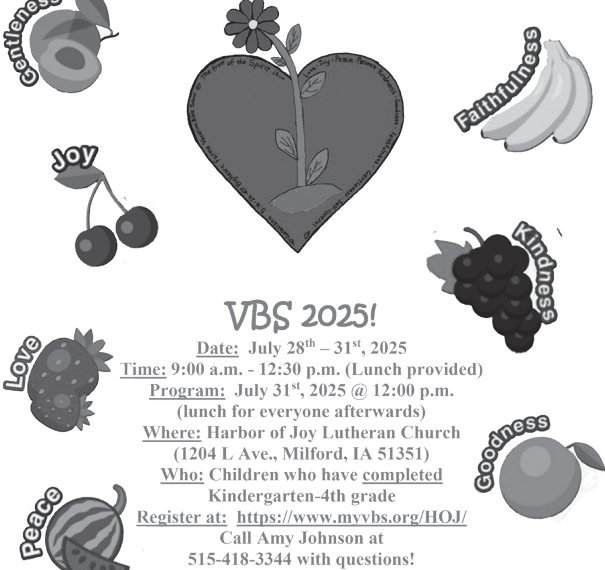
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Who: Children who have completed Kindergarten-4th grade
Register at: <https://www.mvbs.org/HOJ/>
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Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Events

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

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

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

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

Chair yoga every Friday at 10:00am.

Breakfast - July 20- 8:30-12:30. Freewill Donation. Happy Father's Day!

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Explore an over-view of Abbie's story, tour the cabin, learn how Abbie's family traveled to Okoboji with an interactive activity, and learn about the animals Abbie encountered that she recorded in her book! The program will be age-appropriate for those who register. Families are also welcome to watch the video of Abbie's story at their discretion in the Welcome Center during the evening.

Preregistration is required to attend, and more information can be found at www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com under Programs/Events. To keep up on the latest updates and programs, follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram.

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5:30 - 7 PM	WILLIAM LAWSON'S BLUEGRASS BAND - 3rd Avenue under the Big Tent! *Sponsored by The Acre Company
5:30 - 9 PM	FAMILY FRIENDLY NIGHT - The Great Hall of Royal *DJ Chris, Yard Games, Mini Inflatables + Photo Booth!*
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8 AM	ROYAL RUNNERS 5K - CCE School North Entrance
10:30 AM	125 TH CELEBRATION PARADE - Registration: 8:30 AM near the Park *Emcee's located at Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Main Street!
11:30 - 4 PM	ROYAL MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE - 3rd Avenue at the Royal Museum *Historic Whack-a-Mole Recess Lesson + Inflatable Fun! *Sponsored by Spencer Ag Center
11:30 AM	ROYAL MUSEUM ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 3rd Avenue at the Royal Museum *Homemade Ice Cream ~ Serving until gone! *Sponsored by Jeff & Lynn Cronk
11:30-2 PM	CATTLEMEN'S GRILL OUT - Community Center: By Clay County Cattlemen & Royal Fun Days
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1 PM	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - Haggy's - *21+ Enter *Registration starts at 12:30 PM
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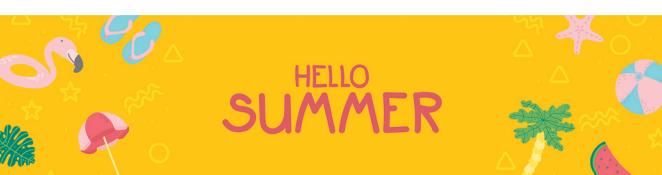
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Tuesday, July 15
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Speaker: Tammy Browning - Central Bank Emerald Club
12:30 - Bridge
6:30 - Men's Group
Wednesday, July 16
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
Thursday, July 17
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba
Friday, July 18
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
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Saturday, July 19
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Monday, July 21
9:00 - Exercise
11:30 - Women's Group
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - Asian Mahjong
6:30 - DCD Meeting Room
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The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

O's Barnhart is Iowa Legion Player of the Year

Bowden Barnhart of the Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis American Legion Baseball Team is the 2025 Iowa American Legion Baseball Player of the Year and the Recipient of the prestigious Iowa American Legion Baseball Scholarship.

Barnhart was honored on Sunday morning, July 13, at the Milford Post #384 Legion Hall in Milford, Iowa, during their monthly Om-lette Breakfast. Aphton Rocha presented this award and scholarship. She is the Baseball Representative for Milford Post #384.



This award and scholarship is facilitated through the Iowa American Legion and Programs Director Eric Less and Baseball Commissioner Mike Weber and the Iowa American Legion Baseball Committee. Players are nominated by their team, and nominations are submitted to Iowa American Legion Programs along with three letters of recommendation and testimony and also the player's application that includes, in part, their High School Record, College Plans, Career Interests, and Community Participation Record.

Barnhart is a four-year player, and the only four-year member ever of the Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis American Legion Baseball Team that is sponsored by Milford Post #384. He has been a versatile player over the years playing every position on the field, and has been a selfless player and a great teammate. Barnhart settled in at 3rd base and pitcher the last two years in during the spring season and has been a huge contributor to the success of the Okobojis these last four years. The Okobojis just finished their fifth spring season as an American Legion Baseball Team, beginning in the spring of 2021.

Barnhart is a 2025 graduate of Harris-Lake Park High School in Lake Park, Iowa, and will be attending Iowa Lakes Community College this fall in Estherville, Iowa.

During his recent high school summer season with the Wolves at HLP, Barnhart played shortstop and pitched. In the summer season for HLP Barnhart hit for a .320 average and had an On-Base Percentage of .485. On the base paths he had 9 stolen bases. And on the pitching mound for the Wolves, he was at his best, as Barnhart had a perfect 5-0 record and very impressive 53 strikeouts in 31.1 innings pitched. Batters hit only .107 against him, and he carried a miniscule 0.67 Earned Run Average giving up only 3 earned runs the entire season.

Harris-Lake Park Head Baseball Coach Jared Rahe says of Barnhart, "I have had the privilege of watching Bowden grow into a remarkable young man who exemplifies the values of leadership, perseverance, and integrity - qualities that align perfectly with the mission of American Legion Baseball."

Barnhart will now be nominated for the American Legion National Player of the Year. Also, every State Baseball scholarship winner shall be considered for the American Legion All Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports, the official baseball for American Legion national tournaments. Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

The Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis American Legion Baseball team plays a spring season with tryouts in February and a 22 game schedule on weekends in March and April. The Okobojis eighteen player roster this spring of 2025 came from ten different high schools. American Legion teams nationwide are 19U, so all high school players from 8th to 12th grades are eligible.

The O's have called Spirit Lake High School their home field the last two years. The Okobojis dropped their last game of the season in the Area Tournament in Spirit Lake, and did not advance to the Iowa American Legion State Baseball Tournament.

The Iowa American Legion State Tournament was held in Marion, Iowa, during the first weekend of May before the high school season started. Swisher Post #671 from Cedar Rapids defeated Dubuque County American Legion 8-0 on May 4 in the Championship game. Swisher is a powerhouse and has won the Iowa American Legion State Championship three years in a row. Swisher will next play in the Central Plains Regional Tournament at Starion Bank Field in West Fargo, North Dakota, August 6 to 10. Iowa is the only state to play American Legion baseball in the spring. The rest of the country plays their season in May, June, and July, with eight regionals and the national tournament taking place in August, culminating with the American Legion World Series at the permanent home of Keeter Stadium at Veteran's Field in Shelby, North Carolina. This year the games will be held from August 14 to 19 and are nationally televised.

The Dubuque County American Legion Baseball Team advanced to the 2018 and 2021 American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina, to represent Iowa and our Central Plains Region.

In addition to being sponsored by Milford Post #384, the Iowa Great Lakes Okobojis are supported and sponsored by Total Baseball Development. Founded in 2004 in Sioux City, Iowa, Total Baseball Development has provided opportunities now for twenty years to the young players here in northwest Iowa, southern Minnesota, southeast South Dakota, and the greater area of central and eastern Nebraska and is known as Siouxland's Home for Extra Baseball.

As a stepping stone to college baseball, the Okobojis graduated nine seniors here in 2025, with seven heading off to baseball to play in college. The Okobojis have sent some twenty-five players off to college baseball in the past five years. Good luck to Bowden Barnhart at Iowa Lakes Community College and to all the O's seniors heading off to school. And again, congratulations, Bowden Barnhart!

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You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown at the Okoboji Summer Theatre

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Audiences will reconnect with favorite characters like Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, and Linus as they navigate the challenges and simple joys of growing up—from baseball games and school assignments to first crushes and quiet moments of reflection.

The cast features students from Stephens College's Conservatory for the Performing Arts, who bring their rigorous training and collaborative spirit to the stage.

This production is directed by guest artist and Stephens College Alum, Susie Dycus, whose professional insight and directorial vision offer a fresh and engaging take on this timeless musical.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown runs Tuesday, July 22, through Sunday, July 27. We invite audiences of all ages to enjoy this delightful and thoughtful celebration of life's everyday moments.

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown is sponsored by Rebecca Thoreson and Belinda Hayden & Steve Nelson

This 67th season is sponsored by Andrea Waitt Carlton and the AWC Family Foundation.

Curtain times are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm (There will be no Thursday performance); Saturday matinee at 4:30 pm, Sunday evening at 6 pm. 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 to boxoffice@okobojisummertheatre.org. Box office hours are Monday & Thursday 10-6, Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday 10-8:30, and Sunday 5-7.

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Graham Barham to Perform at Captain's Entertainment Complex

From Small Town to "Club Country": The Rise of a Nashville Star - Graham Barham will be performing at Captain's Entertainment Complex as part of their NAHSLO Summer Concert Series in Arnolds Park on Thursday, July 31. In the competitive world of country music, a new voice is rapidly making waves, blending traditional storytelling with a fresh, modern sound. Known for his viral hit "Preachers Need People," along with other fan favorites like "Break It In A Bar," "Two Broke Hearts," and "Beer by My Bed," Graham Barham has captivated audiences and amassed over 160,000 Instagram followers with his unique "Club Country" style. His path to musical fame began not on a grand stage, but in the intimate setting of a church. From a very young age, he was singing, and by the age of 10, he had already taught himself guitar and was writing his own songs. A pivotal moment arrived when he was 16: performing a song at his best friend's mother's funeral solidified his desire to pursue singing and songwriting professionally. Born to a farmer and a schoolteacher, he grew up on a farm in a town with a mere 124 residents. This humble upbringing instilled in him the deep country roots that now infuse his music. At 18, he made the quintessential move for any aspiring country artist: he headed to Nashville, Tennessee. Like many before him, he honed his craft and paid his dues working as a bartender on Nashville's bustling Broadway Street before his big break arrived. That break came in 2022 with the release of his debut single, "Preachers Need People." The song quickly went viral, launching him into the spotlight almost overnight. His distinctive sound, which he proudly dubs "Club Country," is a clever fusion of traditional country music's narrative depth and the contemporary energy of hip-hop production elements. The rapid success of "Preachers Need People" was a clear indicator of his widespread appeal, and the industry quickly took notice. In January 2024, he officially signed with Sony Music Nashville and Disruptor Records, a significant milestone that promises to propel his career to even greater heights. Beyond his recorded music, he remains highly active on Instagram, regularly sharing music and country lifestyle content, further connecting with his growing fanbase. When he's not making music, he enjoys hunting, reflecting his strong ties to his rural upbringing. Come check out Graham Barham, Thursday July 31 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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- Fri., July 18 – 5:30 PM**– Antique auction in Sherburn, MN. Auctioneers: I-90 Expo Center. 507-764-4025. www.i90expocenter.com.
- Sat., July 19 – 8:30 AM**– Consignment auction in Ceylon, MN. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauktion.com.
- Sat., July 26 – 9:30 AM**– Coin, Gun & Ammunition auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Toering. 712-230-0238.
- Sat., July 26 – 10:00 AM**– Real Estate auction in Estherville. Auctioneer: Clarkson. 712-380-2981. www.clarksenrealtors.com.
- Wed., July 30 – 12:00 PM**– 3 Bedroom Home at auction in Milford. Online Only. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydber & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.
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Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center Presentations

Please call 712-336-5247 to let the Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center know you will attending.

Tuesday, July 15 - Tammy Browning from Central Bank will share about the Emerald Club and some of her exciting travels around our country and the world.

Wednesday, July 23 - Cole Clawson from the Dickinson County Museum will share the true story of Abbie Gardner & how she survived the last Native American-led massacre in Iowa as well as her later life, return to Spirit Lake & success as a business woman.

Wednesday, July 30 - Tyler from Lightning Rehab & Exercise will share about the Lake's newest Physical Therapy Center and how they use a hands-on approach to many ailments like arthritis, Parkinsons and other disorders.

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by John Adams, Jr.

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This past weekend my younger sister Julie was in town with her incredibly intelligent and beautiful daughter, Mya, and two of her friends. Mya just graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines and will be heading off to Kennesaw State just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, with her good friend Jasmine. They will be heading out the weekend of August 8th, so this was probably their last trip to the Iowa Great Lakes this summer, a place they have both visited many times and would probably consider a second home.

Mya and her two friends from Des Moines, who all happen to be Black, were soaking in everything that is wonderful about an Okoboji weekend; Michelle and I had taken them boating on Saturday afternoon, they enjoyed a dinner with my dad after boating, went to Arnolds Park on Saturday evening, took in part of the concert on Saturday night, and then later were walking down Broadway Street that night with another one of my nieces, Devina, who is also Black, when their weekend was shaken by one idiot who ran by them and screamed the "N" word at them. That was all it took for these four teenage girls to have an ideal weekend in an ideal place shattered by one bigoted idiot who then didn't even have the courage to look them in the eye but took off running like the coward he was.

While I know that a majority of people around are not bigoted idiots, sadly all it takes is a few to ruin things for everyone. As a white male, I can't understand what it's like for my niece to live her life as a Black female in a predominantly white state, but what I can do is empathize with her, and not sit silent when things like this happen to her in OUR community. My hope is the idiot who said this to Mya and her friends isn't from the Okoboji area, but it still happened here, and that is unacceptable. So, as you read this, you may wonder, what can I do to make sure something like this doesn't happen again in our area? After all, I'm only one person. Well, the first thing you can do is not sit in silence if you hear something like this happen or if you hear a racist statement; call that person out. The phrase "silence is acceptance" is so true when it comes to things like this; if you sit silent and let these comments continue to happen, you are part of the problem instead of being part of the solution. It goes back to the old TSA statement of if you see something, say something. The same goes true here: if you hear or see something being said or done, don't just sit there; say or do something.

One of the things I loved about coaching Division I basketball was the diversity it surrounded our family with. It showed our kids that skin color doesn't matter one bit; it showed them that kids from Charles City and Sioux Central, Iowa, could be close friends with kids from Nigeria and Compton, California; it showed them that what truly matters is what type of person you are and how you act. We live in one of the best areas of the world with some of the best people in the world, but we are definitely one of the least diverse areas of the world. While we can't really control our diversity, we can control how we treat people. Let's make it a goal to be one of the most inviting places in the world, and a place where hate is not welcome here!

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Participants will be able to register and purchase hands that day at Parks Marina between 9:00 - 10:00am, where they will enjoy free mimosas and donuts, raffle and prize entry, and a pet and play with the Humane Society featuring adoptable pets. Every hand is \$20, with 50 percent of the proceeds from each hand purchased going directly to the Humane Society, and 50 percent to the pot.

"This has always been a great event for us in the past, limited to Crownline Boat owners who have supported it in droves," marketing director Debbie Parks said. "We have opened the participation up to all Parks Marina boat owners and expect an even bigger participation."

From 10:00am to 2:00pm participants will visit each stop on their provided map by boat or car and return to the Marina to play poker between 2:00 - 3:00pm. All poker winners will be announced promptly following the end of the poker games as well as a \$600 last chance drawing sponsored by Barletta Boats. Participants are invited to enjoy live music at the Barefoot Bar following the event.

As part of an exclusive Crownline event in 2023, the poker run raised over \$2,000 for the Humane Society. With a direct \$600 already donated to this year's event by Barletta Boats as well as anticipated wider participation, Parks is hoping this year will top that amount.

The Marina is looking forward to future charity events in the fall and winter, including the upcoming 39th Annual Labor Day Auction with the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue, held on Monday afternoon, September 1, at the Barefoot Bar.

More information on fundraising efforts such as the 2025 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Barefoot T-Shirt and the much-anticipated Boatload of Toys Event will be released on Parks Marina's Facebook Page as the dates get closer.

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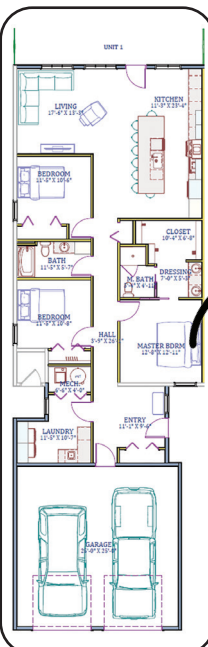
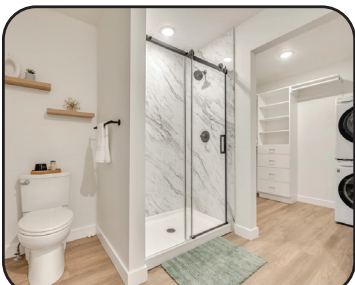
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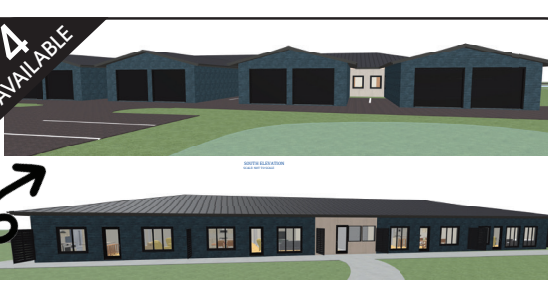
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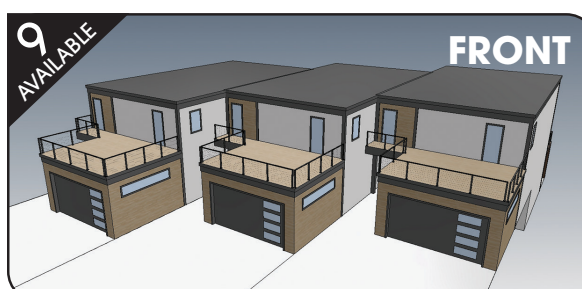
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The online meeting for Clay County is Thursday, July 24, at 5:00pm. Local residents, public health officials, community leaders, and policy makers are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. Representatives from the 99 Counties Project will share the latest cancer data related to Clay County and provide residents an opportunity to voice concerns or suggestions for improving cancer outcomes in the community.

About the Cancer in Iowa: 99 Counties Project

The 99 Counties Project is a public health initiative aimed at enhancing cancer education and community engagement across Iowa's 99 counties. Reports containing information about the rates of new cancers and cancer deaths in each county compared to the state of Iowa and the US, as well as risk factor data from the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, will be presented to each county. There will be time allotted to listening to the questions, concerns, and ideas of community members.

Guest speakers include:

- Whitney Zahnd, PhD, Past-president of the Iowa Rural Health Association and Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Department of Health Management and Policy
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2 tablespoons paprika

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2 tablespoons garlic powder

1 tablespoon salt

1 teaspoon freshly ground black peppercorns

6 lbs. spare ribs, racks cleaned and trimmed

13 ounces barbecue sauce, low sugar, if possible

1 ounce flat-leaf parsley, torn

Stir together the paprika, cayenne, garlic powder, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl. Thoroughly rub the spice mix into the rib racks. Place in a shallow dish, cover and chill for at least 8 hours. After chilling, remove the ribs from the fridge. Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to about 300° F. Cook the ribs on the grill, covered with a lid, until the meat is tender and pulls away from the bone, about 2 hours. As the ribs cook, periodically brush them with some barbecue sauce, reserving any unused sauce. When ready, remove the ribs from the grill and let them rest under aluminum foil for at least 10 minutes. After resting, brush the ribs with any reserved barbecue sauce before cutting and serving with a garnish of parsley.

Recipe Courtesy of: Lines+Angles

Tai Chi on Thursdays

The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is now offering a new Tai Chi class on Thursdays at 11:00am. Freewill offering appreciated.

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

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Dear Tony,

I feel stuck. I want to change, to grow, to become better. But every time I try, it just feels hard—emotionally, mentally, even physically. Why does self-improvement come with so much struggle?

I'm glad you asked, because it's a question I think more people wrestle with than they care to admit. We all love the idea of growth—but we don't always love the process. That's because true transformation doesn't happen without friction. It rarely comes wrapped in ease or comfort.

Years ago, I heard a quote by Alexis Carrel that hit me hard: **“Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.”** Think about that for a moment. You're not just the artist dreaming of change—you're also the stone being reshaped by your own hand.

We often want to chisel away the things we don't like about ourselves: impatience, fear, bad habits, limiting beliefs. But what we forget is that chiseling—real chiseling—requires effort. It's loud. Messy. Sometimes painful.

In 2005, I was passed over for a role I had been working toward for years. It was humbling—and if I'm honest, it hurt. I had checked all the boxes, taken all the right steps, and built what I thought was a strong case. But someone else was chosen.

I could have stayed stuck in resentment. Instead, I asked myself a hard question: *What is this trying to teach me?*

That season became one of the most transformational periods of my life. I didn't just polish the surface—I went deep. I sought feedback I didn't want to hear. I confronted blind spots I didn't know I had. I invested in books, mentors, and moments of uncomfortable self-honesty.

Was it easy? Not for a second. But slowly, I started to see change—not just in what I did, but in who I was becoming. And a year later, a different door opened. One I wouldn't have noticed before.

Here's the truth:
Growth hurts. But so does staying the same. One kind of pain leads to purpose. The other leads to regret.

If you're in the middle of something hard right now—maybe trying to break a pattern, shift a mindset, or rebuild after a loss—don't beat yourself up for struggling. You're doing sacred work. You're reshaping a life.

And you're not alone.

Here are four reminders for anyone walking through the fire of transformation:

- 1. Don't fear the friction.**
It means you're doing the work. The discomfort is not a sign of failure—it's evidence of growth. Embrace it. Let it sculpt you.
- 2. Progress isn't always visible.**
Just because you can't see immediate change doesn't mean it's not happening. Some breakthroughs take time to rise to the surface. Keep going.
- 3. Get help with the hammer.**
Even the best sculptors need apprentices and advisors. Surround yourself with people who see your potential—and aren't afraid to challenge you to reach it.
- 4. Remember what you're building.**
This isn't just about removing flaws. It's about revealing something beautiful, strong, and uniquely you.

The person you're becoming? They're worth the struggle.

So to the person who wrote in: if it feels hard, it's because it is hard. But that's what makes it meaningful. You are carving something new out of the raw material of your own life. And one day, maybe not far from now, you'll look back and realize you weren't just getting through—you were becoming.

Keep going. You're not broken. You're becoming.

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DCNC - Family Nature Night: All About Abbie Garnder

Join Dickinson County Nature Center staff as they take your family on a journey back in time to see what life was like through the eyes of Abbie Gardner! Family Nature Night: All About Abbie Gardner will take place on Friday, July 18, from 5:00 to 6:00pm at the cabin in Arnolds Park.



Explore an overview of Abbie's story, tour the cabin, learn how Abbie's family traveled to Okoboji with an interactive activity, and learn about the animals Abbie encountered that she recorded in her book! The program will be age-appropriate for those who register. Families are also welcome to watch the video of Abbie's story at their discretion in the Welcome Center during the evening.

Preregistration is required to attend, and more information can be found at www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com under Programs/Events. To keep up on the latest updates and programs, follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram.



Lakes Area Museum Alliance to Visit Lake Park

Heritage Square Museum is one of the thirteen museums in Dickinson County that is a member of the Lakes Area Museum Alliance (LAMA). On Thursday, July 31, Heritage Square will be hosting an open house for their depot, prairie house and jail, all located at 22 Railroad Street; and the Knox Cabin in Lake Park's beautiful city park. The hours are from 6:30 - 8:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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This year's Pioneer Day Celebration, in Milford, will include bridge and cribbage tournaments Friday, July 25 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Milford.

Doors open at 11:00am. The day begins at 11:30am with a luncheon followed by bridge and cribbage play at approximately 12:15pm. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon. Cost is \$13 per person for any of the tournaments.

Cribbage players must pre-register and can download the cribbage form found on the Milford Commercial Club website at www.milfordcommercialclub.com. This form should be returned with your \$13 payment to Susan Reiser, 1305 Okoboji Avenue, Milford.

Bridge players are asked to register by calling Susan at 712-338-2274 so the correct number of card players can be obtained for each game. The bridge tournament is under the direction of Susan Reiser. Deadline to enter both tournaments is Monday, July 21, at 5:00pm.

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Spirit Lake Library News

You're Almost Out Of Time!
by Jill Jennings

Time is running out for the kids participating in the Summer Reading Program at the Spirit Lake Public Library. The last day to bring in your Monopoly board reading log is Thursday, July 31st. The treasure chest still has a lot of great prizes if children would like an immediate reward. Or, kids can choose to put their tickets in a drawing for a chance to win a bigger prize at the end of the SRP. If you would like to participate, just stop in the library to sign up.

There will be a special Story Time at the Spirit Lake Public Library on Wednesday, July 23rd, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Meet Miss Krista on the Outdoor Patio for a Bluey Story Time. There will be games, crafts, and other activities that are all Bluey-related. And I hear that Bluey herself will be there! Come join us for a great morning of fun!

Thursday, July 24th, will be our next iCreate event. The activity will be Perler Fuse Bead crafting. This is come-and-go from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The last Friday Film will be July 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the Community Room for a PG film and refreshments. Give us a call at 712-336-2667 if you would like to know the movie we will be showing that morning.

For those who have participated in the Summer Reading Program this year, please fill out our survey so we can know what you thought of our program and how we can make it even better for next year! Scan the QR code on the SRP calendar or go to our website at slpublib.com and click the link there.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Krista is reading After Life by Gayle Forman.

- Upcoming Activities at SLPL:
- Monday, July 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
 - Tuesday, July 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Wednesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m., Bluey Story Time
 - Wednesday, July 23, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Thursday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., iCreate Perler Fuse Beads (come & go)
 - Thursday, July 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
 - Friday, July 25, 10:00-11:45 a.m., Friday Film (rated PG)

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View complete job description and application at www.iowalakes.edu/employment. Contact Lynn Miller at Immiller@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-0409. For additional information contact Chantel Teeter at cteeter@iowalakes.edu or 712-852-5227.

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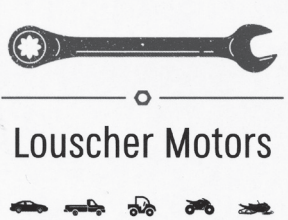
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A Legacy Witnessed: Margy Wood's Living Gift to the Communities She Loves

by Mindy Gress, President, Okoboji Foundation

For Margy Wood, the Lake was never just a destination. It was the heartbeat of her childhood, the backdrop of her most treasured memories, and the place she hoped would reflect the full circle of a life well lived. Now, thanks to a courageous decision in the face of devastation, Margy has done something few are able to do—she's lived to witness the joy, transformation, and impact of her legacy.

A Life Rooted in the Lake ~ Margy's story at the Lake began in the early 1950s, when her father purchased a modest property on Manhattan Boulevard. "My dad and cousin helped build the home," she recalls. "Mom insisted on an open kitchen so she could still be part of the fun." That home became the centerpiece of summer life, echoing with laughter, nutty bars from Arnolds Park, and generational traditions like swimming in the lake, and the 'gals Taco Thursday nights out' for dinners.

Even though Margy was raised by Depression-era parents who valued frugality, she witnessed quiet philanthropy growing up—her father helping fund college for students he believed in. "Giving wasn't flashy in our house, but it made a difference," Margy says. That quiet commitment would later bloom into something remarkable.

A Retained Life Estate with a Deeper Purpose ~

Without direct heirs to inherit the Lake home, Margy explored how she could ensure the property gave back to the community she loved. That's when she learned about the retained life estate option through the Okoboji Foundation. It allowed her to stay in the home while ensuring its eventual proceeds would benefit causes dear to her.

Then, the unexpected happened. When record flooding struck the Lakes region in summer 2024, the bank of Margy's cherished home sustained extensive damage. "The repairs were too much for me to take on," she says. "At my age, it was time to let go." With deep trust in the Okoboji Foundation, Margy transitioned her home through the retained life estate earlier than planned. The Foundation, staying true to her intentions, sold the property and directed the proceeds to 12 nonprofits hand-picked by Margy. Unlike most transformational gifts that are only realized after death, this one could be celebrated in real time.

A Three-Day Tour of Giving ~ In April 2025, the Okoboji Foundation organized something extraordinary—a three-day, multi-community tour where Margy presented her gifts in person. "It was a way to say thank you," said Mindy Gress, Okoboji Foundation President. "But more importantly, it was a way for Margy to witness the ripple effect of her giving."

Day One: Coming Home to Webster City and Fort Dodge. Stop 1: Kendall Young Library Under the glow of the Library's historic dome, Margy presented a gift that left staff and community members overwhelmed with gratitude.

Stop 2: Webster City Community Theater .Nearly 30 years after helping them purchase their building, Margy returned to share laughs, memories, and a new gift that will support programming for years to come.

Stop 3: First Congregational UCC Church. Just across the street, her church welcomed her with open arms and deep

thanks for an endowed gift supporting their mission.

Stop 4: Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge. Her new home became a celebration stop as Margy gave a gift to help expand care and services for residents.

Day Two: A Heart for Justice in Des Moines.

At the historic Finkbine Mansion, leaders from three statewide and national organizations received transformational gifts:

- Iowa PBS: A celebration of public broadcasting's impact on education and access to information.

- Susan G. Komen Iowa: A deeply personal gift as a breast cancer survivor herself.

- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland: Reflecting her lifelong support for access to healthcare for all women.

Day Three: Back to the Lake

Stop 1: Okoboji Summer Theatre. A longtime supporter and alum, Margy ensured the future of summer theatre for students and audiences alike.

Stop 2: Pearson Lakes Art Center. A hub for creativity in the region, the Art Center will benefit from an endowment that supports programming in perpetuity.

Final Stop: The Okoboji Foundation A joyful gathering of friends and Foundation staff celebrated the completion of the tour, and the start of something timeless. Margy's gift to the Foundation will enhance the annual grant cycle—supporting local nonprofits year after year.

Additional Gifts with Deep Personal Meaning ~

In addition to the 10 organizations celebrated in person, two more national nonprofits will receive gifts from Margy:

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Given in honor of Margy's two children who died in childhood—one from cancer, the other from complications related to diabetes—this gift ensures other children and families have access to world-class care, research, and hope.

- Alzheimer's Association. As someone who has witnessed the heartbreak of this disease in her own community, Margy's gift



Margy Wood and Okoboji Foundation President Mindy Gress.

will support care, resources, and advocacy for patients and families facing Alzheimer's.

One-Time Gift or Endowment: A Legacy that Lasts

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"An endowment says 'I believe in your future,'" says Gress. "It's a vote of confidence that you'll continue doing great work, and we want to be part of it for generations."

The Ripple Effect ~

"This wasn't just about distributing funds," says Gress. "It was about storytelling. About watching Margy connect the dots between her life experiences and the causes she loves."

As Margy herself puts it, "Giving feels good. But giving while you're still here to see it? That's a blessing."

Her story is a reminder to all: don't wait. Plan your legacy now, and let your giving become part of your living.



Margy presenting the 2025 endowment check for nearly \$10,000. Each year, forever, the Okoboji Summer Theatre will receive a disbursement check from Margy's Endowment fund held with the Okoboji Foundation.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

When I see a Trump banner, I immediately assume the owner is probably a rapist, thief, draft dodger, tax cheat, liar, fraud, bully, convicted felon, or someone embracing those qualities. I avoid doing business with them because it seems they will most likely try to bully me in order to cheat me out of whatever they want.

John Christensen,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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As I read Don Parson's letter to the editor, I had to laugh when I read that he believes Trump spends 12+ hours a day working and is a "highly intelligent person". The majority of Trump's time seems to be spent golfing. He admits he doesn't listen to intelligence reports and has to have documents read to him.

As far as a president descending into dementia - all you have to do is listen to Trump ramble about past grievances, and sounds so crazy and incoherent that you can't even remember what he's supposed to be talking about.

Trump lacks any compassion as he proved again recently when the Minnesota state legislator and her husband were killed, and he skipped the funeral.

If you can support this big, stupid, horrible bill Trump is pushing - you're going to see some real pain to this country as hospitals and nursing homes close, people lose healthcare, education and medical research suffer, all so the wealthy get richer.

I will be voting Democratic.

Kim Stroud,
Spirit Lake, Iowa

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