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

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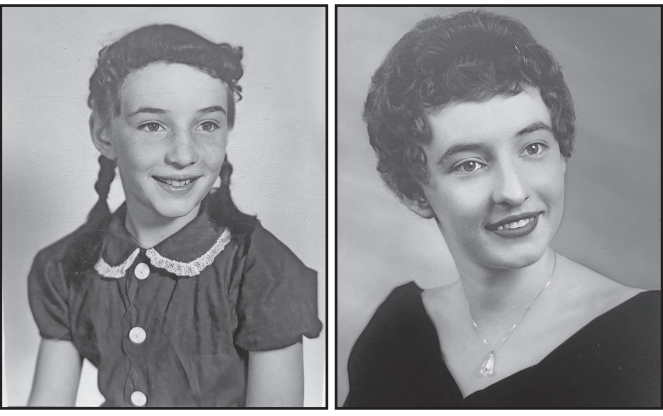
Tigges Named to Dean's List
St. Cloud State University has announced Reid Tigges' (Spencer) academic achievement placed him on the 2025 Spring semester dean's list. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.



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85th Birthday Announcement
Jan Purdy, of Spirit Lake, is turning 85 on Sunday, August 17th, 2025! Please join her family, friends, and her dog, Jax, in wishing her a great day!




Save the Date: The IGLA Chamber Presents Fall Festival 2025

The Chamber of the Iowa Great Lakes is excited to announce the return of the Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival in 2025. Save the date- this year's fall festivities will take place Saturday, October 18th at Camp Foster from 10am to 2pm. Gather the whole crew for some free fall family fun in the Lakes area. The fun begins Saturday morning at 10am, head to the entrance of Camp Foster and begin your journey into camp where you'll find area businesses stationed with a wide variety of fall fun and games. Highlights include a bounce house, music, crafts, trick-or-treating, games, s'mores, and so much more! Stay tuned for more information and a full list of activities to enjoy as we get closer.

If you or your business would like to get involved in the festivities, please contact the Chamber at 712-332-2107 or michaela@okobojichamber.com. The IGLA Chamber is looking for businesses to sponsor stations and activities, this is a great way to showcase your business and create some fun for the kiddos of the Iowa Great Lakes.

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Sat., Aug. 16 – 10:00 AM–
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Sun., Aug. 17 – 11:00 AM–
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Wed., Aug. 20 – 10:00 AM–
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Thurs., Aug. 21 – 4:30 PM–
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Tues., Aug. 26 – 9:00 AM–
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Wed., Aug. 27 – 10:00 AM–
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Civil War Presentation at
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Randee Fieselmann will discuss her recently published book,
The Union First: Community and Commitment in the First Iowa
Infantry, on Tuesday, September 9, at
7:00 p.m. at the Dickinson County
Museum (1708 Keokuk Ave,
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tation series. She will tell the
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men from Iowa to enlist in the
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mitments to reunite the Union.
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the newspaper reports of Franc
Wilkie, who was assigned to
travel with the First Iowa In-
fantry throughout their ninety
days of duty in the summer of
1861. Randee has spent the
last seven years researching
the history of how Civil War
broke out in Missouri and how
the Iowa soldiers marched
through Missouri under brutal
conditions and fought in the
Battle of Wilson's Creek.
Randee Fieselmann has
a PhD in sociology from the
University of Iowa and taught at the University of Iowa and at
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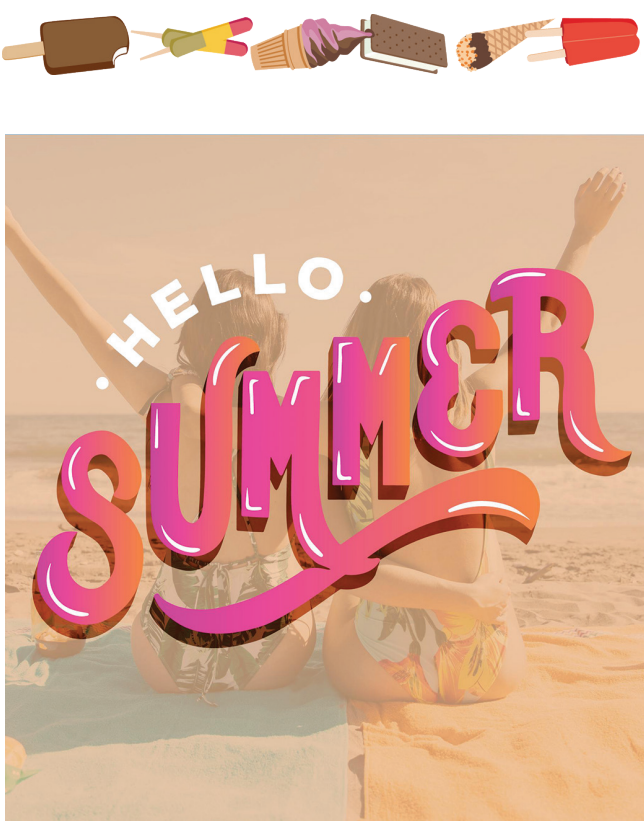
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Dear Tony,
I feel like I'm just going through the motions lately, and I can't help but feel like a failure. How do I make my life feel more meaningful?

I get it—because I've been there. In fact, one of the most formative chapters of my life started with what felt like total failure. My freshman year of engineering school, I failed calculus. Not "barely scraped by" failed—completely failed. For someone who had always been a good student, it was a blow to my confidence and my sense of direction. I remember walking out of the professor's office after getting my grade, wondering if I'd made a huge mistake choosing engineering at all.

After a few days of feeling sorry for myself, I made a decision. I would take a step back, figure out what went wrong, and try again. I retook the class, approached it differently, and asked for help when I needed it. Slowly, the numbers and formulas started to make sense. Over the next few years, I not only passed every math class, I aced them—including differential equations and advanced calculus.

That experience taught me something I've carried with me ever since: the hard seasons and the moments we'd rather erase often become the most valuable threads in the tapestry of our lives. They give the picture its depth, texture, and color.

The victories, the disappointments, the detours—they're all part of our becoming. Some threads are gold, shimmering with joy and success. Others are dark, pulled from seasons of difficulty. But together, they create something unique. And more often than not, those darker threads are where the richest lessons are woven.

We don't just live life—we create it. Every day, we can lean in or drift through. Some days, leaning in means tackling a challenge head-on. Other days, it means pausing to appreciate something beautiful or connecting deeply with someone we love.

If you're "drifting through the ether", here are a few ways to start weaving richer threads into your days:

1. **Name the experience you want.** Each morning, ask yourself, *What do I want to experience today?* Maybe it's connection, learning, or simply joy. Let that guide your actions.

2. **Say yes to small adventures.** Break the routine in simple ways—walk a new path, try a new food, or talk to someone you haven't met before.

3. **Capture the day.** Write down one moment from each day that mattered to you. Over time, you'll notice beauty you used to miss.

4. **Lean into the hard stuff.** My failed calculus was an obstacle, but it became the very thing that built my confidence and persistence. Challenges often carry our greatest growth.

5. **Share your experiences.** The lessons you've learned might be exactly what someone else needs to hear.

When I look back now, I wouldn't erase that failure—even if I could. It's part of the fabric of who I am, and it taught me that every experience has value if we're willing to learn from it.

So if life feels like it's on autopilot, remember—you hold the brush. You can add color. You can add texture. You can make it beautiful. And when you step back one day to see the whole tapestry, you might realize that even the dark threads had their place—and that together, they've created something far more beautiful than you imagined.

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Nov. 6, 13, 20: Leaf Pile Self Portrait

Dec. 4, 11, 18: Ornament Painting on Canvas

Art Club I 3-6 gr

Thursdays: 5:00-6:00pm
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

*Sept. 18 & 25: Clay Dominos Set

Oct. 2, 9, 16: Buildings at Night

Nov. 6, 13, 20: Experimenting with India Ink

Dec. 4, 11, 18: Cloud Painting on Canvas

Teen Art I 7-12 gr

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*Sept. 16 & 23: Clay Cylinders & Scenes

Oct. 7, 14, 21: Drawings at Dusk

Nov. 4, 11, 18: Landscapes with India Ink

Dec. 2, 9, 16: Trees with Oil Paint

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If you would like your child to attend but need financial assistance, please register your child by calling the box office at 712-332-7029. Financial assistance to all youth classes is available thanks to a generous donation from Gary and Pat Ray. Simply tell the box office you are registering utilizing the Gary and Pat Ray scholarship.

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OKOBOJI PLEIN AIR WITH STEPHEN RANDALL
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Opening Reception: September 11, 5-7pm

Join us in this 3-day workshop painting the beauty of the Iowa Great Lakes! This event will introduce participants 18 years and older to the plein air experience of sketching and painting what they see outdoors on location in the open air. All skill levels, must register by September 3.

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, August 14 & 28, 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.





Metcalfs Celebrate 51 Years

John and Dana Metcalf are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, August 17th. The couple will be at the Clay County Events Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., where friends, family, and community members are all welcome to attend. In lieu of gifts, John and Dana have requested that guests simply bring their presence. Cards are welcome and can be sent to their home at 1518 West 13th St., Spencer, Iowa 51301.



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Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

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

AA Meetings

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8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Bridge
6:30 - Men's Group
Wednesday, August 13
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date
Thursday, August 14
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba
Friday, August 15
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
12:00 - Dinner Date
Saturday, August 16
Facility Available For Rent
Sunday, August 17
8:30-12:30 Breakfast Fundraiser - Free Will Offering
Monday, August 18
9:00 - Exercise
11:30 - Women's Group
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - Asian Mahjong
6:30 - Dickinson County Democrats/Meeting Room
Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Join us August 31st 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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The John Birch Society to Hold Free Public Presentation

The local Chapter of the John Birch Society today announced an upcoming area presentation by Nicole Sanders, JBS Field Coordinator (Iowa/Illinois).

This short, 1-hour presentation will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 21, at the American Legion Post #384 building, 1709 Okoboji Ave. (north Hwy. 71) in Milford, Iowa. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Primary focus will be on personal involvement in the election process by voting for constitutionally-minded individuals to public office, holding them accountable to the electorate who put them into office, and to make sure they abide by their oath of office to uphold the Constitution.

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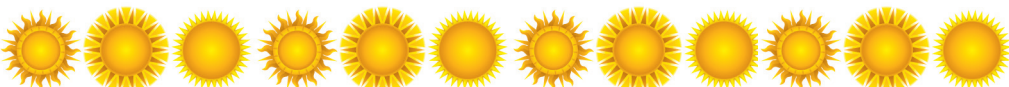
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“This new Emergency Department reflects our commitment to continual growth and improvement in caring for our community,” said Brenda Tiefenthaler, Spencer Hospital President & CEO. “While the space has changed, one thing remains constant — the compassionate, expert care of our team. This new facility enhances that care with greater privacy, comfort, and efficiency.”

Dr. Bruce Feldmann, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, added: “Exceptional emergency care begins and ends with people. I’m incredibly proud of our team — their skill and compassion define the care we provide. This modern space enhances what we already do well: delivering timely, expert emergency care when it’s needed most.”

The new Emergency Department represents a major investment in the health of the community, combining advanced design with the same trusted, patient-centered care Spencer Hospital is known for.

For more information about the new Emergency Department, visit spencerhospital.org.

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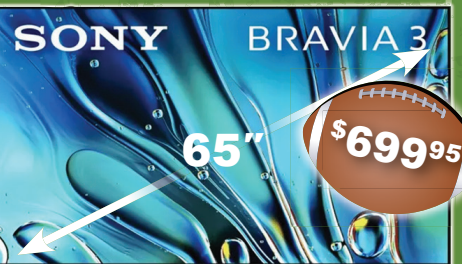
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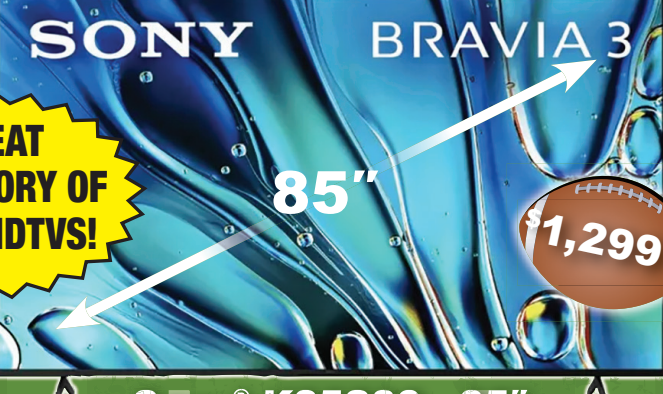
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On Friday, the 15th, it's the Everly Fire & Rescue Happy Hour with the Lions Club Burger Bar and Everly United Church Ice Cream Social and ending with a Bags Tournament.

Saturday, the 16th, is a full day of Bossy Bingo, Ping Pong Drop, 4-H Kids Games, Everly Fire & Rescue Kids Water Fights, Rabbit Wranglers activities, and a Memorial Mini Golf Tournament. There will be a Vendor Fair with 20 vendors of baked goods, knickknacks, ceramics and handmade craft items (including a new vendor this year with small quilts, quilted bags, rope bowls and a few antiques). There is also a Plant Sale. The Everly Heritage Museum will be open. There will be food trucks in several locations, including 712 BBQ, Hunger Struck, Bask In The Donuts, Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, Big Dreams N Ice Cream, Daily Grind and Refuel. The day ends with a meal at the Fire Station and a street dance featuring "Past Our Prime".

If it's just breakfast you are looking for, on Sunday the 17th, Chris Cakes will be flipping pancakes with the Clay County Countrymen 4-H after the Community Church Service.

For times and locations of events check out the Everly City Hall Facebook Page or Everly City website: everlyiowa.com or call: 712-834-2691



Community Rallies for "Happiest Baby Girl" Battling Rare Liver Disease

A benefit ride, supper, and silent auction are being organized to support Jocelyn Rae Newkirk, a 9-month-old battling Biliary Atresia, a rare liver disease. The event aims to help with the extensive financial strain on Jocelyn's family.

The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025.

- Benefit Ride: Registration is at 11:00 AM at the Terril Main Street Bar/Restaurant, with the ride starting at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the meal. The scenic route will take riders through Terril, Milford, Lake Park, Lakefield, Jackson, Superior, and back to Terril.

- Free-Will Donation Supper and Silent Auction: The supper and silent auction will be held at 5:00 PM at the Terril Library. Jocelyn, the granddaughter of Loree Holmberg Brainerd and great-granddaughter of Don and Sharon Holmberg, was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia at just 10 weeks old. This disease affects only 1 in every 15,000 babies.

Despite facing immense medical challenges—including an extensive nine-hour surgery, 25 days in the hospital, and a three-month body cast for Hip Dysplasia—Jocelyn is described as the "happiest baby girl." Her resilience and constant smile shine through, even with a long road ahead that includes the need for a liver transplant and potentially further hip surgery.

Jocelyn's father, Kyle, is the sole provider, allowing her mother, Brittany, to dedicate her time to Jocelyn's extensive care. The family faces significant unexpected costs, including frequent two-hour drives to Phoenix Children's Hospital, medical bills and medications not covered by insurance, and essential items purchased to accommodate Jocelyn's cast.

All are welcome to attend and help support Jocelyn's fight against liver disease. Jocelyn's family extends their sincere gratitude for all the continued thoughts, prayers, and support.



Iowa Lakes Awarded \$348,489 to Support First-Generation, Low-Income, and Students with Disabilities Through Trio Student Support Services

Iowa Lakes Community College has been awarded a federal grant, through TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO-SSS), for \$348,489. Iowa Lakes TRIO-SSS was approved for continued funding, and the grant application received a perfect score. TRIO-SSS is a federal program aimed at improving college retention and graduation rates among low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities.

Through individualized services including academic tutoring, financial aid, scholarship guidance, career exploration, personal and academic counseling, and mentoring, TRIO-SSS empowers students to overcome barriers to success. These comprehensive supports make it significantly more likely that students will complete their degree or successfully

transfer, with the lowest possible debt.

"This grant allows Iowa Lakes Community College to deepen our commitment to ensuring that all students—regardless of background—can thrive academically and personally," said Autumn Larsen, TRIO Director. "Student Support Services helps level the playing field and equips our students with the tools and confidence to graduate and lead."

Nationally, the SSS program has a proven track record. According to a rigorous 2019 evaluation by the U.S. Department of Education, students in SSS at two-year institutions were 48% more likely to earn an associate's degree or transfer to a four-year school. Students at four-year institutions were 18% more likely to earn a bachelor's degree compared to similar peers not in the program.

"TRIO programs generally and TRIO-SSS, in particular, transform students from the least resourced backgrounds into college graduates," said Kimberly Jones, president of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C. "This vital program makes all the difference for nearly a million students each year across the country."

SSS is one of eight federal TRIO programs funded under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to remove social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education. Since its inception in 1968, SSS has helped millions of low-income, first-generation students graduate from college and contribute to their communities and the economy.

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Dickinson County Water Quality Commission Accepting Grant Applications

The Dickinson County Water Quality Commission is accepting grant applications for its annual water quality grant period from August 1 until October 1, 2025. The grant application materials are available at the Clean Water Alliance website located at 2025 Grant Program Announced – Clean Water Alliance. In addition, interested groups can contact the Dickinson SWCD at 3302 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA or 712-336-3782 ext. 3 and talk to John Wills, Dickinson County Clean Water Alliance Coordinator, for information about the grants. The Application timeline is as follows:

- August 1, 2025 – Request for Applications (REA) begins
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Coconut yogurt

1 teaspoon maple syrup (optional)

Pinch of thyme (optional)

Recipe Courtesy of: "Rainbow Bowls" by Niki Webster

Ruthven Fire Department Launches Online Fundraising Campaign to Build New Fire Station

Ruthven, Iowa – The Ruthven Fire department, a 100% volunteer-run emergency service serving the City of Ruthven, Iowa, Lost Island Township, Lake Township, Freeman Township, has launched an online fundraising campaign and set up an account at the Iowa State Bank in Ruthven to raise \$800,000 for the construction of a new, modern fire station.

The campaign, which is hosted through the department's Facebook page and official website, allows community members and supporters to make small, secure donations via Venmo with the goal of building a station that meets current safety, equipment, and personnel needs.

"Every dollar truly makes a difference," said Fire Chief Kevin Bates. "Whether it's \$1, \$5, \$10, or more, we're inviting our communities alike to help us in coming together and help us build a safer future."

The current station, built in 1978, is no longer appropriate for today's fire and rescue needs. It lacks space for contemporary equipment, training areas, and safe volunteer accommodations during emergencies.

"We've been in tight spots before; on Mother's Day 1977, said Fire Chief Bates "our fire station burned down, resulting in a total loss." We were fortunate, we were able to reconstruct. Fire departments in surrounding areas donated fire trucks to assist with the rebuild," He recalls his father's time as a firefighter with this department. Chief Bates' family has a lengthy history of fire service.

How to Donate: Check out www.facebook.com/ruthvenfire where you can find our Venmo @ RuthvenFiredept. Or mail a donation to Iowa State Bank; PO Box 249; Ruthven, Iowa 51358.

The department is also encouraging businesses and organizations to get involved by promoting the campaign and sponsoring milestone goals.

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University of Okoboji Oktoberfest Bean Bag Toss Tournament

Registration is open for the University of Okoboji Oktoberfest Bean Bag Toss Tournament. Join in on the fall fun in Preservation Plaza on Saturday, September 27th! Enjoy live music, games, activities and more! Take a toss at your chance to win \$100 and trophies at this year's Oktoberfest Bean Bag Toss Tournament. Registration is \$20 per team and is open online at ufooktoberfest.com or in person at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Office. Grab your partner, gather your friends and family, and register today! The 34th Annual University of Okoboji Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. For a full schedule of fun or to register online, visit ufooktoberfest.com.



Lakes Library News

Spirit Lake, Arnolds Park, and Milford Libraries



Arnolds Park Public Library, Milford Memorial Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library would like to thank the sponsors of the 2025 Young Adult Amazing Library Race. With your support, participating young adults were able to create memories and explore various locations during the month of June.



Thank you to The Arnolds Park Library Foundation, The Friends of the Milford Library Foundation, The Friends of the Spirit Lake Library, Dickinson County Museum, Dickinson County Nature Center, Pearson Lakes Art Center, Boji Spudz, The Nutty Bar, TOPOG Coffeehouse, Exile Gaming, and Milford Pioneer Theatre for making this program possible.

The libraries would also like to thank the young adults who took part in the Amazing Library Race. We hope you experienced new adventures, had fun, and found new places to visit.

Along the race, the young adults were asked to complete challenges and have their passports verified. If the passport was completed, it could be turned in for a chance at winning a Nintendo Switch. On July 8, Micha was drawn as the winner of the switch.

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Obituary

Gary Shaffer, 69, of Lakewood, Colorado; formerly of Spencer, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly while on vacation at his summer cottage in Okoboji, Iowa.


A memorial service for Gary will be held at a later date in Colorado. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakesfuneralhome.com

Gary was born in Spencer, Iowa, to Thomas and Evaughn (Loeser) Shaffer on June 7, 1956. He graduated from Spencer High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in engineering from The University of Nebraska - Lincoln where he was a brother of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. He owned a successful engineering firm, Shaffer Baucom Engineering & Consulting. Gary was united in marriage to Dawn Kersbergen on August 26, 1989, in Lakewood, Colorado.

In his free time, he enjoyed mountain climbing, skiing, biking, sailing, traveling and cheering on the University of Nebraska Football Team.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dawn Shaffer of Lakewood, CO; his daughter, Rachel (Greg) Holman, and their two-month-old daughter, Lily; his son, Spencer Shaffer; sister, Beth Kimmerling-Dumler, and her husband, Dean Dumler; brother, Dr. Brian Shaffer; sister, Lecia Shaffer, and her husband, Jim Rogers; and the countless other lives that Gary touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carla Shaffer, and his brother-in-law Phil Kimmerling.





10th Annual Okoboji Blue Water Festival Another Huge Success

by Steve Weisman

OBWF Publicity

As Joe Henry, fishing clinician for last Saturday's Okoboji Blue Water Festival (OBWF) walked to the Big Tent around 8 a.m., to make sure that everything was ready for his 9:30 a.m. seminar, there was concern with rain starting to come down and heavy rain to the southeast as near as Emmetsburg (2.5"). As we worked beneath the Big Tent, the rain picked up and I worried what's going to happen? Will anybody show up?

The answer: oh, my yes! By 9:30 nearly 150 people were in the audience, young and old alike! As I looked around, the green space, the Chalkstock artists were hard at work, people were beginning to mingle along Exhibitors' Row, families were heading to the Kids' Activities! Things were good, and it only got better highlighted by an enthusiastic crowd at the "Clean Water Panel."

OBWF co-chair Greg Drees reflected on the day. "Most certainly, Julie (co-chair) and I were concerned with the weather conditions early. However, we watched the radar, and there was the chance most of the rain would go south of us. Thankfully it did, and all we can say is thanks to vendors, workers, volunteers and speakers for hanging in there. It turned out to be a great, great day."



Walking the promenade.

Exhibitors' Row

More than 30 clean water exhibitors, a mix of lake protective associations, conservation organizations, & non-profit organizations shared their clean water message or natural resource message with all of the festival visitors. John Smeltzer, president of the Spirit Lake Protective Association, shared his thoughts. "We had a short rain delay at the start of the morning but quickly came to realize that most good Iowa rain was 'Blue Water', too, and jumped back into the game as the lightning moved out. The crowd was sparse at 9 and in the rain, but by 10 it was two and three deep along the entire length of the Promenade and virtually everyone had literature, food or a drink in hand. We noted

and chatted with several folks who were long time residents who had moved away from the IGLs but came back this weekend for the Blue Water Festival and all of the attendant events."

Meanwhile, at the Okoboji Protective Association's booth, President John Fieselmann noted that out-of-town visitors to the festival wanted to learn about OPA's goals concerning water quality, wetlands and invasive species, while locals asked what OPA perceived as its most pressing issues. "They were effusive in their praise of our efforts to share water quality data on phosphorus and nitrate levels, E. coli, algae, and water clarity. They were appreciative of the efforts of the many volunteers, collaborations with the other lakes' associations and conservancies, the DNR, and the Lakeside Laboratory."

For the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club (IGLFC), it was a day for organizing a kids' casting contest while sharing the club's mission and goals. According to Terry Thomson, club president, "We enjoyed visiting with both current members and signing up new members, while at the same time, it was fun for us to work with the youngsters during the casting contest. Most importantly, they had fun, and all came away with a prize! It was also great to have Joe Henry here and for us to sponsor Joe for his fishing clinic! It was great to have Joe spend much of the day with anglers as they stopped by the booth."

Fishing Seminar

Joe Henry, Executive Director of Lake of the Woods Tourism, spoke with an angler's enthusiasm sharing the secrets of his topic: "Master's Level: Spinners for Walleyes." Henry noted, "The nice thing about using a crawler harness is that you can fish them almost anywhere, shallow or deep, open water or weeds, rocks and reefs, clear or stained water and in lakes or rivers."

Henry included everything from hooks and line and nuances to fish a nightcrawler and bottom bouncer trolling at 1.0-1.5 mph and keeping the line at a 45-degree angle. Henry said, "Length of the harness depends on water clarity. The clearer the water, the longer the snell."

His closing message was sharing the mission: KEEP IT CLEAN, a clean water initiative started on the Lake of the Woods in 2012. Over 60 organizations and over 1200 lakes now support the initiative with a new Keep It Clean Law now on the books in the state of Minnesota. Henry hopes that Iowans will consider joining this effort and making it KEEP IT CLEAN in Iowa to go along with the mission of the Okoboji Blue Water Festival!

Clean Water Panel

This year's four clean water panelists included 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; along with moderator, John Lundell, retired mayor of the city of Coralville.

Each panelist began with a brief background of their clean water background and then responded to. Lundell as he asked a series questions. Topics included issues of flooding, phosphorus and sediment runoff, the lack of public land in Iowa, whether IWILL will ever be funded, the positives happening in areas of the state on protecting the land and the water, but that there were so many challenges ahead of Iowa.

A common theme was this: "Success in clean water will only come through collaboration and partnerships. We must work together; we can't do this as one agency or group."

Barbara Mendenhall, past president and current secretary of the Okoboji Protective Association has a strong passion for clean water and protecting our natural resources. These are her thoughts on the Clean Water Panel, "The Okoboji Blue Water Festival gives everyone a chance to pause and think about how important clean water is to all living things. This year the Clean Water Panel brought many current issues to the forefront with the opinions from government, non-profit conservation and a conservation journalist. Discussion included examples of what has been accomplished to date but also included their concerns for the future. It is their hope to continue to partner to enhance conservation in the Iowa Great Lakes and beyond. My husband, Walt and I both felt it was time well spent learning about the partnerships that exist between government and the non-profit sectors to promote conservation in Iowa."



Beautiful OBWF evening-photo by David Thoreson.

Getting ready for the finale

As things wound down by the early afternoon, people began to think about the evening of celebration with the Nadas and the Wallflowers with Jakob Dylan.

One of the early concert couples was John and Stephanie Walz. Stephanie says they thoroughly enjoyed the evening. "The concert featuring the Wallflowers was a perfect evening

of entertainment. The weather was beautiful, the band sang continuously without a break (their own famous songs as well as songs from Tom Petty) and the evening was capped off with fireworks. It doesn't get much better than that in the Iowa Great Lakes."

Finally, as the clock moved toward 10 p.m., it was time to turn to the sky and watch the incredible firework celebration, a fitting finale to a full day celebrating all that is good about clean water efforts, while at the same time looking at the challenges that lie ahead. David Thoreson, photographer, explorer and climate educator shared his observations of the day. "As a photographer I was concerned in the morning as the weather was damp and dark, so I spent a lot of time talking to the exhibitors, and immediately great water quality discussions just started happening. Everyone was so upbeat and positive about the progress in Dickinson County and the new interest and momentum in improving water quality across Iowa. I noticed this spirit all day long and into the evening. Working together on a goal is contagious, everyone gets along and then you have fun with the great music on a perfect evening."

Thoreson also shared the feeling of the musicians. "Both The Nadas, and the Wallflowers' Jakob Dylan, commented on the importance of clean water and the importance of protecting natural resources. It was a perfect ending to a very successful event."



The Nadas - photo by David Thoreson.



Jakob Dylan of the Wallflowers - photo by David Thoreson.

Obituary

Richard Kenneth Anderson, born Dec 22, 1944, left his earthly body behind on August 7, 2025, after giving it his all, with congestive heart failure. His final hours were spent at Sioux Falls VA Hospice Cottage. Better known as Dick, we all laughed with this man. Whether it be sarcastically or in jest, he had the gift of laughter with him always. To know Dick was to have laughed with him. His fun-loving, generous nature was welcoming to all the nieces and nephews to whom he was their Favorite Uncle Dick. He was present for his Celebrations of Life which were held April 26th and May 10th. Any Memorials can be made in Dick's name to his favorite places: the Pearson Lakes Art Center and the Kiwanis Club of Milford. The Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakesfuneralhome.com



Born to Kenneth and Elsie Anderson (Swanson), Dick grew up on a farm west of Sherburn, MN, with 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Upon high school graduation, Dick went on to St. Cloud State, was a surveyor for the building of I-90 and was drafted into the Army. He was stationed in Germany, where he discovered skiing and his career path, electricity. Upon his honorable discharge, he found his way back to Minnesota where he met Judy, his soon-to-be wife of 55 years. On Dec 27, 1969, Dick and Judy were married in spite of a good 'ole Midwestern blizzard where wind and snowdrifts were the uninvited guests. For the few guests that were able to attend, those stories have been exchanged for years.

While living in Savage, MN, Dick and Judy welcomed their first-born daughter, Allison. Two years later, Dick accepted a lineman position in Milford which moved them closer to their families in southern Minnesota and introduced them to their beloved Okoboji. Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative became his career for the next 36 years. Up until the end, many of these co-workers were some of his oldest friends.

In 1973, Dick and Judy helped build their first home from the ground up. Upon completion of the home, Lindsey joined the family. In the years that followed, they designed and landscaped the 1.7-acre plot, transforming it into an oasis of greenery and gardens for the girls to grow up in and eat fresh vegetables. From a 14-foot tall, father and friend-built custom swing set and monkey bars, to a life-sized teepee where the campfires burned for many. Dick used his ingenuity to make designs for both work and home.

Dick and Judy not only were busy at the Homefront, but they were also very active in their lives outside the home. Enjoy the alphabetized list that they lived:

- Anything involving his grandkids, Anders and Basil
- Biking & RAGBRAI adventures
- Camping, Coaching little league softball, Cross-country skiing
- Downhill tubing
- Eating
- Fishing, Frisbee and Family, Family and Family Grilling
- Golf and more golf and years of better golf
- Hugging
- Impatience (waiting for 3 girls to get ready)
- Joking
- Kiwanis Club of Milford
- Laughing
- Mowing and music
- No gravel roads
- On-call for ILEC Power Outages
- Playing cards and Poker
- Quality husband, father, brother, cousin and Grampy
- Receiving messages
- Skiing, Singing, Softball
- Tent Master at the Milford Kiwanis, Travel
- Uncle
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Dick and Judy were able to travel the world as well. Several trips to Europe with Spain, Switzerland and Portugal being his favorites. New Zealand was a highlight in 1999. They also traveled through the United States. They chose Gulf Shores, Alabama, as their favorite winter destination in 2011. They were Martinique snowbirds on the dunes of Fort Morgan Road. Along with the friendships created over the 13-year stretch, rounds of golf were played, oysters were shucked, and shrimp were peeled. Dad loved to sit on a pale oceanside to fish, while listening to and watching the ocean waves. These were peaceful years.

Dick Anderson was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Elsie Anderson; his younger brother Kevin; his mother- and father-in-law, Arnold and Irene Daleske; and his brothers-in-law, Donald and Duane. He is survived by his wife Judy Mae; his daughters, Allison and Lindsey (John); his grandsons, Anders and Basil Rosendahl; his sister, Barb (John); his brother, Kent (Susie); his sister, Mary (Norm); and his sister-in-law, Shirley (Merle).

Obituary

A funeral service for Everett "Jeff" Johnson, age 94, of Lake Park, was held Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Lake Park Methodist Church. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Everett "Jeff" Junior Johnson, age 94, of Lake Park, Iowa, passed away August 3, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. Jeff was born on February 18, 1931, in Estherville, Iowa, to Everett and Mary (Fank) Johnson. He grew up on a farm near Gruver and graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1950.

Jeff served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict for four years. On August 5, 1953, Jeff married the love of his life, Phyllis Whaley, in Montgomery, Iowa. His final year of service was spent in Hawaii, where he and Phyllis began their married life together.

He returned to Iowa where he lived in Spirit Lake for many years before settling in Lake Park in 1993. Jeff was a lifelong farmer. He milked cows and raised both cattle and hogs. In addition to his work on the farm, he was employed part-time with the FSA, where he measured ground and bins. He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church of Lake Park and was deeply involved in his community. He was a proud member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star and Abu Bekr Shriners. Jeff served as a Lakes Regional Hospice volunteer and was always willing to lend a hand or a listening ear.

Jeff and Phyllis were enthusiastic supporters of youth in both their church and school. Jeff especially loved visiting shut-ins, tending to his garden, playing cribbage, and baking cookies. He enjoyed making yarn doilies and, at age 93, found joy in playing the bells with the Wel-Life bell choir. Known for his warm personality, Jeff never met a stranger—he truly loved connecting with everyone he met.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Leilani (Mike) Reef, Judy (Ken) Gard, and Gary (Diane) Johnson; his grandchildren, Josh Reef, Andrew Reef, Abby (Phillip) Brecht, Sarah (John Ritchie) Gard, Jacob Johnson, and Lewis Johnson; great-grandchildren, Leroy Johnson, Everett Johnson, Kody Reef, and Silas Brecht. He is also survived by his brother, Bruce Johnson; sister, Ruby Bradshaw; sisters-in-law, Dora Froendt and Colleen Whaley; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Phyllis; infant daughter, Jeri Ann Johnson; great-granddaughter, Zoe Reef; and his parents.

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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:

It's Time To Study History

Secretary Kristi Noam announced that no age limitations will be placed on new ICE hires and they will receive \$50K signing bonus plus \$60K removal of student debt. This being part of the awful "beautiful bill" which allocated \$100M for expansion of ICE activities which might also include paying foreign countries for prison services. It corresponds to other Trump Administration actions including firing of Commissioner for the Bureau of Labor Statistics Erika McEntarfer because she supposedly put out "rigged" employment numbers. This coupled with demands that Texas perform voting re-districting precincts, firing top FBI personnel, shakedown of universities to set enrollment standards and curriculum changes, coercing corporations to pay-up to negate tariffs, demanding the resignation of the Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell because he won't reduce rates due to impact of tariffs, cancellation of RNA vaccine research and replacing confederate statues/base/ship names along with other measures to re-write USA history. If this all seems to indicate anti-Constitutional action, perhaps it's time to review historical German events of the 1930s enabling Hitler's Nazis to take power! It started with defining the perceived "enemy" (Jews & Gypsies) then creating special laws, hoodlum groups to harass them (brown shirts/SS Gestapo) then sending them to concentration camps. Today, brown-skinned people, ICE and Alligator Alcatraz/foreign prisons. Control voting through intimidation/violence. Today, jerrymandering voting precincts. Delegitimize/take over independent government functions. Today, calling all agencies "deep state"- weaponizing the Justice Department/FBI and replacing department heads who will produce only numbers or actions desired. Eventually Nazis enacted book-bans, stacked courts, determined education curriculum/rewrote history, suspended press freedom and assembly, busted unions, bought-off industry titans and took over the military leading to one-man rule; drive to create a "master race" (Aryan) and then, WWII. Today, America essentially has one-party rule (MAGA) and many of the Nazi (autocratic) ruling elements are already being carried out. Will we see a "burning of the Reichstag" or "Kristallnacht" event right before the mid-term elections enabling marshal law to be declared? American constitutional democracy is seriously under siege. It's time for all Americans to hit the history books as historical facts don't lie, they repeat. Realize how America was formed to fight group oppression/king-rule; rekindle the fire that made America, although not perfect, into the greatest democratic institution of history and led the world toward universal freedoms!

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Iowa Great Lakes Rotary to Hold a Move for Mental Health Walk/Run On August 23

Spirit Lake, IA – The Iowa Great Lakes Rotary Club is excited to partner with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition to hold its third annual “Move for Mental Health” walk/run on Saturday, August 23rd. The event will start at Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji and will feature 2.5k, 5k and 10k routes.


Individuals can register online at IowaGreatLakesRotary.org and are encouraged to do so, or registrations can be taken on site starting at 7:30 am. Registration fee includes a t-shirt, access to Love Stops (wellness info and snacks), and a medal. To guarantee a shirt, people are encouraged to sign up by Monday, August 11.

“The event is about moving in a way that feels good, both for your body and mind,” says Kathy Fahy, one of the event organizers with Iowa Great Lakes Rotary. “We don’t care if you go fast. We care that you get outdoors and enjoy the company of the friends or family you are walking or running with and the beauty of our trail system.”

Proceeds raised by Iowa Great Lakes Rotary will be used to provide behavioral health curriculum and speakers in all Dickinson County schools. The project is in partnership with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition. The Coalition was formed as the result of input from the recently conducted public health assessments to help raise awareness of mental health issues and resources that are available in the Iowa Great Lakes area.

“Together we’re meeting with partners across different sectors, such as school districts, many different behavioral health providers, therapists, and the hospital,” said Katy Carey with Dickinson County Public Health. “We’re really excited to build these different outreach activities and get people connected to the support they need.”

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Please call 712-336-5247 to let the Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center know you will be attending. The following presentations begin at 12:30pm, 1:00pm and 1:30pm

- **Wednesday, August 20th, 1:00 PM** - “Karen Schwaller”: A NW IA freelance newspaper writer, author, KICD Radio Personality, farm wife & mother, will share her stories of Faith, Family & Farm Life that will make you laugh & ponder more on her experiences.
- **Wednesday, August 27th, 1:30 PM** - “Orphan Train”: Lori Vicker will share about the Orphan Train Movement of 1854-1929 which brought orphans from the East to Iowa and the Midwest to live and work.

Please note day & time for each speaker! The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.



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Check out our book sale! At the front of the library, there are new/like-new books for sale: hard-covers are \$1.00, soft-covers are \$0.50, audio books are \$3.00, and DVDs are \$1.00. In the Community Room is where you will find our bargain books. Fill a bag for only \$2.00. Right now you will find some adult fiction regular print, many audio books (CDs & Playaways), a lot of large print adult fiction, and some children's books. It's a frugal way to bring home some new reading material!

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Breanna is currently listening to Wicked Business by Janet Evanovich on Libby, and reading the eBook Following Their Heart by Mira Stanley.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

- Monday, August 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, August 19, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, August 20, 10:30 a.m., Page Turners Book Club The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
- Wednesday, August 20, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, August 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

MOMETRIX

by Jill Jennings

Last week I talked about a new digital resource, Ancestry Library Edition, that is now available in the Spirit Lake Public Library. This week, I'd like to introduce you to Mometrix. This is the state provided test preparation and study guide resource that replaces Brainfuse.

Mometrix eLibrary provides a wide range of study materials to

Caregivers Support Group

Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or 712-330-1270.

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LAND AUCTION

113.9 Acres Dickinson Co.

Section 3 Westport Township

Wed, August 20th - 10 am

Milford Community Center, Milford, IA

Great looking inside nearly all tillable farm
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LAND AUCTION

120 Acres Emmet Co.

Section 9 Center Township

Thurs, September 4th - 10 am

Farm Bureau Building, Estherville, IA

Great looking inside farm CSR2 81
Includes acreage w/ house & outbuildings
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Tuesday Aug. 26th, 2025

Armstrong, IA – Starting: 9:00 am

(No Tires, No Plastic tanks no household)

Call early with consignments to get advertised.
Watch Facebook for info and pictures.
(Online bidding via Equipment Facts)

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Aug. 18th – Aug. 24th 8 – 4:00 pm

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ESTATE HOUSEHOLD & CAR • AUCTION •

Sunday, August 17, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

LOCATED: Expo Bldg., 1602 15th Street, Spirit Lake, IA.

HOUSEHOLD: Refrigerator* Stove* Sm. Appliances* 4 bar stools* Silverware* Post queen beds* 3 pc. Full bed* Dresser lamp w/flower bulb* 3 shelf cabinet w/glass door* Display cabinet* Vizor 32" flat screen TV* Plant stand* Pottery* 2-ladder back chairs* Aquarium w/stand* Tapes* Fish figurines* Chesil bedspread & other bedding* Pictures* Perfume bottles* Several safes* New 10 X 14 area rug* New chandelier* '

COLLECTIBLES: 7- Edison/Victor photographs, 1 is a table model* Captain wheel from ship that sank in Mississippi River* Panasonic tape/ radio w/2 speakers* Wood piggy bank* Trunks* Antique radio chest* Beatby, Black Forest, Regular, Kassel wall chime & kitchen clocks* Clock shelf* Buggy lite* Edison records* 33 1/3 records* Decoys* Eagles* Set of Zane Grey books & others* Pitcher/bowl set* Tea set w/lady on it* Hull vases* Ford Thunderbird & Corvette, sample cars* Old games* Dollies* Quilts* Baby chick feeder & waterer* Sm. Iron stove* Oak barrel back chair* Spirit Lake Coke bottles*

PATIO, TOOLS & YARD ITEMS: Oblong patio set w/5 chairs* Sm. round patio table w/2 chairs* Smoky Joe weber grill* log chains* Chain binders* Straps* hand tools* Basketball bang board* Dog cage* Men & ladies' bikes*

VEHICLES & ATV: 2011 dusty grey Chevrolet Traversa car* 2014 lt. grey Chevrolet Silverado V71-1500 pickup, loaded w/extra accessories* 2008 lime green Artic Cat ATV, used very little*

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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This is a partial listing of the many items that the families have collected over the years.

Lots of nice antique pieces too numerous to mention.

AUCTIONEER: Greg A. Nattress, Milford, IA, 712-330-1921

CLERK: Nattress Clerking, Milford, IA, 712-330-1904

Lunch on grounds



Palo Alto County LAND AUCTION

Wednesday, August 27th - 10 am

American Legion Post 162, Graettinger, IA

40 Acres Section 33 Walnut Twp

Great looking all tillable farm

36.08 crop acres - Top soils CSR2 88.1

72.1 Acres Section 32 Walnut Twp

Attractive inside all tillable farm

70.1 crop acres - Excellent soils CSR2 86.6

75.6 Acres Section 29 Walnut Twp

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Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Wish List

- City of Spirit Lake green garbage bags
 - Postage stamps
 - Zip-lock baggies - sandwich size
 - Paper towels and Kleenex
 - Toilet paper
 - Coffee - regular, decaf, filters and Styrofoam coffee cups
 - Bottled water - *Priority*
- Thank you for your donations!

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Bill has retired from farming and will be moving to town. This auction highlights several nice shop tools and several misc. items. We have about an hour of small items to be sold and will be on the online portion of the auction at approximately 11AM. Please be on time and ready to bid. We look forward to seeing you at the sale.

FOR A COMPLETE AUCTION DETAILS INCLUDING PICTURES AND ONLINE BIDDING PLEASE VISIT WWW.IOWAMACHINERYMAN.COM

AUCTIONEERS:	Ben Hollesen 712-253-5779	Jeremy Thiesen 712-363-5096	Clint Jones 712-363-3522
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Lakes Area Farmers Market News

Located at Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds
15th Street & Peoria Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

School is starting soon and summer is almost over. But Lakes Area Farmers Market goes on. It will be open until the end of September. The building is a boat storage building so when the boats start coming, the market moves out. Some of the vendors, mostly those with produce, will set up outside in October so you can still get your pumpkins, squash, and the last of the sweet corn. But for now, shop indoors in comfort to find all the fall vegetables, sourdough bread, pies, bars and cookies. There are doll clothes, tote bags and aprons, pottery, honey, wire sculptures, paintings and signs, pickles, Black Earth Java beverages, jelly, game boards, flowers, and so much more. Located on the fairgrounds in Spirit Lake, Lakes Area Farmers Market is open 3:30 to 7:00 PM on Wednesdays and 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. We hope to see you there.

Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center “Did you know?”

- 1.) They *DO NOT* receive funds from the government for their operating expenses.
- 2.) They *RELY* on donations from the community, room rental income, fundraisers (their monthly breakfast and dance), and any grants they can obtain.
- 3.) They are *HAPPY* to accept *LEGACY* gifts which are given after the passing of a loved one. Money can be left per an estate or will.
- 4.) In order to keep their doors open, *they NEED YOUR HELP!* Donate towards the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Today!

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.

EVENING FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Thursday August 21, 2025 | Sale Time 4:30 PM

Shari's Kitchen on Grounds

Located at 3512 210th Street or from Frontier Bank in George, Iowa, 4 ¾ miles west on 210th Street (Blacktop A-34) or from the intersection of Highways 9 & 75 in Rock Rapids, Iowa, 6 miles south on Highway 75 and 4 ¼ miles east on 210th Street (Blacktop A-34).

TRACTORS, LOADER, & ACCESSORIES:

1974 AC 200 diesel tractor w/ factory cab, air, heat, WF, 3pt, 2 hyd, 7 front weights, new Good-Year 18.4x34 tires, shows 9001 hours, SN: 8427 (One Family Owned Tractor); 1967 AC 170 g tractor w/ Full Vision cab, factory fenders, WF, 3pt, 2 hyd, Firestone 16.9x28 rear tires, hours unknown, SN: 1062 (57th built, One Family Owned Tractor); 1967 AC 170 diesel tractor w/ Westendorf WL-30 loader, 6' bucket, factory fenders, NF, 3pt, 2 hyd, near new BKT 16.9x28 rear tires, rear weights, shows 4964 hours, SN: 1064 (59th built, One Family Owned Tractor); 2-AC front slab weights; Bale spear for loader bucket

PICKUP & LAWN MOWER:

2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Ext Cab 4x4 pickup w/ cloth interior, 5.3-liter engine, near new Cooper 16" tires, 255K miles (Runs Good); MTD Gold tractor type lawn mower w/ B&S 19HP engine, 42" deck, hydro trans

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT & CORN

STALK BALES:

Knight 3300 Reel Auggie mixer wagon w/ 3 auger discharge, scale, 540 PTO; Balzer 1500 gal liquid manure tank w/ rebuilt vacuum pump, 540 PTO, (New Tank 10 years ago); Brehmer 20' hyd hog carrier on truck tires (Nice); NI single axle manure spreader w/ single beater; NI tandem axle spreader w/ single beater (broken web chain); 12" steel loading chute on wheels; 20-Hog Slat SS pig feeders (Used); 20-LP pig heaters; 2 wheel dead hog cart w/ winch; 3-2 ton bulk bins; 3-new battery powered livestock prods; Hot-Shot elec livestock prods; New & rebuilt hog water medicators; Several new pig medicators; K&O round bale feeder; 4-16" wooden feed bunks; Wood pig loading chute on wheels; Rubbermaid 100 gal poly stock tank; Pax 60 bu hog feeder; Franklin 80 gal poly hog waterer; Poly 80 gal hog waterer; Numerous SS

round pig feeders; Pig scale; Chicken crates; Wooden "push-in" fence posts; 24-round bales of corn stalks (2023 Crop Year, Net Wrapped)

GENERAL FARM EQUIPMENT:

JD 7000 6 row 30" planter w/ H & I, trash whippers, JD/Dickey John monitor, corn meters, Kinze bean meters (Good); AC 330 4 row 38" no-till planter w/ H & I, trash whippers, many plates; 2-Dakon 300 bu GF wagons on Westendorf 10 T gears; Roorada 16' front unload silage wagon on Demco 12 T gear; Roorada 16' wood front unload silage wagon on Westendorf 12 T gear; Roorada 16' front unload silage wagon on IH 335 12 T gear, roof; 2-Roorada 12' steel rear unload silage wagons on Westendorf 8 T gears; 16' Doon Sawmill hayrack on Electric 6 T gear; IH 45 18' PT field cultivator w/ 2 bar harrow; AC 13' tandem disk w/ 18" blades; MF 520 18' disk; Lundell 3pt chisel plow w/ 2 ripper shanks & 5 chisel points; AC 5-16 semi-mounted plow w/ buster bar; Schultz 14' stalk chopper; Lundell 2 row flail chopper; Kools KB200 long hopper silage blower; Badger short hopper silage blower w/ Gandy inoculator; Noble 6 section drag on hyd cart w/ Kewanee sections; Westendorf 4 section rotary hoe on hyd cart; JD 428 48' elevator; NH 56 5 bar rake; IH steel wheel 4 bar rake; JD 37 PT 7' sickle mower; Kewanee 3pt 7' HD blade; Walsh 200 gal sprayer w/ boom; 6 place round tipping round bale trailer; Soranton MFG 3pt "High-Lift" bale mover; Electric 6 T gear; 6 T gear on rubber; IH No. 5 endgate seeder; Sudenga 6"x42" auger; Wood flare box on 5th wheel gear; 2-wood barge box wagons on 6 T gears w/ hoists; Several 8 bolt truck style rims & tires; PT yard drag

FARM RELATED ITEMS:

Kato-Light 50 KW PTO generator on factory cart, 540 RPM drive (Like New); Kay 500 gal diesel fuel barrel w/ Fill-Rite 20 GPM elec pump (Like New); 500 gal diesel fuel barrel w/ Gasboy elec pump; 2-300 gal overhead fuel barrels; 265 gal

overhead fuel barrel; Fimco 25 gal ATV sprayer w/ 12' boom, pump (New); 25 gal ATV sprayer w/ boom; 7-elec farm duty motors (Good); 3-3200 bu grain bins w/ dryer floors (To Be Moved by December 1, 2025)

TOOLS & MISC. ITEMS:

Sanborn 20 gal 2 cyl upright air compressor on wheels (Near New); Siebring 220V hot water pressure washer; Milwaukee elec Saw-Z-All (Near New); Montezuma bench mounted tool chest (New); Craftsman upright toolbox on wheels; Several DeWalt cordless tools w/ batteries; Skil jigsaw; Packard upright drill press; 2-110 gal poly bulk oil tanks on stand (New Cenex Oil Included); 55 gal bulk oil barrels w/ pumps; Rigid 24" bolt cutter (New); Schumacher battery charger; Lincoln 220V stick welder; Portable air tank; Elec weed trimmer; Numerous hand tools including: scoops, shovels, rakes, & etc; Prybars; V-belts; Numerous wrench & socket sets; Grease guns; Elec impact wrench; Folding aluminum ramps for ATV/UTV; JD 3 wheel child's tricycle; Copper wash boiler; 5 gal cream can; Hand sprayers; Sump pump; Scythe; 2-man saw; Parlor stove; Hawes ag-hitch; Gas cans; C-clamps; Bar clamps; Antique yard gate

AUCTIONEERS NOTE:

This will be a **LIVE ONLY AUCTION!** Many of the items listed above are in good, working condition and were purchased new by the Behrens Family. Loading will be available immediately after the auction. All items shall be removed by August 29, 2025 unless noted in the above listing. For additional information, please contact the auctioneers listed below. Visit www.elbersauction.com for pictures of items featured on this auction.

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FOR SALE: Chrome Craft kitchen table & 4 barrel chairs with leather seats. Leaf included. 712-332-7189. Reasonable offers. **4-47P**

GARAGE SALE

Milford
1208 15th St, Milford. We, Aug 13, 4-630pm, Thurs, Aug 14, 12-4pm, and Fri, Aug 15, 12-6pm. patio table and 2 chairs, bookshelf made out of barnwood, inside and outside Christmas decor - including a few village pieces, new pup tent, new dog bed, household and kitchen items, 2 new sets of Correll dishes, and lots of misc. **1-45P**

Spirit Lake

2202 Denver Ave, Spirit Lake. Fri, Aug 15, 10am-4pm, and Sat, Aug 16, 10am-2pm. Lamps, clocks, jewelry, Disney, records, books, new camping equipment, and 2 12' kayaks with paddles & life vests. **1-45P**

GARAGE SALE

Milford
805 25th St, Spirit Lake. Saturday, Aug 16, 8am-12:30pm. Estate garage sale - kitchen items, some furniture, lamps, hardware, lawn chairs, golf clubs, electric mower, books, Burton snowboard, kneeboard, bikes, kitchen table, jewelry, some clothing, and pictures, to name a few. Everything must go. **1-45C**

Spirit Lake

1409 Jackson Ave, Spirit Lake. Fri & Sat, Aug 15 & 16, 9am-1pm. 2 pet crates, dog supplies, blankets, towels, bedding, sewing supplies, lamps, 42" Raggedy Ann, cake pans, kitchen stuff, books, Tupperware, seasonal items, garden decor and planters, bird baths and feeders, Avon, collectibles, Kitchen Aid mixer, lots more good stuff. Don't miss out! **1-45P**

111 24th Street, Spirit Lake.

Rain dates: Friday and Saturday, August 15 & 16, 8am-Noon both days. With 23rd Street tore up, please go to Boston Avenue and go south til you hit 24th Street or on Hill Avenue, go to 28th Street east til you see Denver Avenue and turn North til you hit 24th and go east again. Left are 2 arm chairs (one with an ottoman), lots of kitchen items, escapeladder, small Bissell cleaner, lights, and much misc. **1-45C**

306 19th St, Spirit Lake.

Saturday, 7am-4pm. Clothing 5/6t girls, teen and woman's small, medium and large of all brands Lulu Lemon, Nike, Northface, Free People and more. Holiday decor, DVD's, books, wooden high chair, shoes/heels from size 6-9.5, rugs small and large, pictures and more! **1-45P**

2 27th St Unit A, Spirit Lake.

Thurs, Aug 14, 12-6pm, Fri, Aug 15th, 12-6pm, and Saturday Aug 16, 9am-1pm. Fall decor, Fiesta ware, kitchen ware, new cordless leaf blower with 2 batteries, antique wood desk, office chair, wingback chair, misc items. **1-45P**

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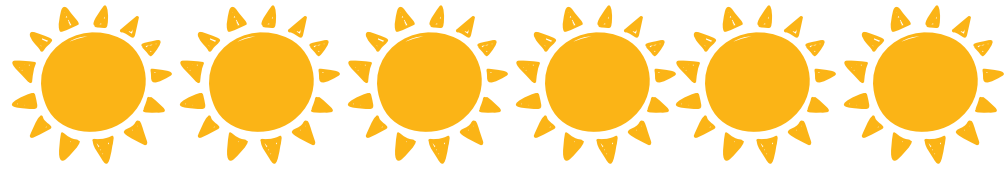
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The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025.

- Benefit Ride: Registration is at 11:00 AM at the Terril Main Street Bar/Restaurant, with the ride starting at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the meal. The scenic route will take riders through Terril, Milford, Lake Park, Lakefield, Jackson, Superior, and back to Terril.
- Free-Will Donation Supper and Silent Auction: The supper and silent auction will be held at 5:00 PM at the Terril Library.

Jocelyn, the granddaughter of Loree Holmberg Brainerd and great-granddaughter of Don and Sharon Holmberg, was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia at just 10 weeks old. This disease affects only 1 in every 15,000 babies.

Despite facing immense medical challenges—including an extensive nine-hour surgery, 25 days in the hospital, and a three-month body cast for Hip Dysplasia—Jocelyn is described as the "happiest baby girl." Her resilience and constant smile shine through, even with a long road ahead that includes the need for a liver transplant and potentially further hip surgery.

Jocelyn's father, Kyle, is the sole provider, allowing her mother, Brittany, to dedicate her time to Jocelyn's extensive care. The family faces significant unexpected costs, including frequent two-hour drives to Phoenix Children's Hospital, medical bills and medications not covered by insurance, and essential items purchased to accommodate Jocelyn's cast.

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The LNS has been around for over 50 years and that amount of time has given us unique insights into our community. We've watched it grow, and we're excited for our future as we watch its continued development. To keep up with this growth, we use the latest technology; four-color ads, beautiful photography, and black and white graphics that help us output the greatest quality possible. Our community involvement as a second-generation business with roots in the Milford Commercial Club, Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and Spirit Lake Chamber continue to be vitally important to us and the businesses we help support.

Simply put: we love this area!

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