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Student Athletes Eat Free • Free Will Donation for the Public

5:00-5:40 Cross Country Intrasquad Race

2 Mile Time Trial - Girls' Race followed by Boys' Races on the Track

5:45-5:55 **Team Introductions**

Cross Country, Dance, Cheer & Football

6:00-6:45 Football Scrimmage vs Sibley-Ocheyedan

7:00-7:30 Volleyball Scrimmage (South Gym) Introducing Volleyball Team, Swimmers, Tennis

7:45-8:00 Program (South Gym)

2025-2026 Preview, Recognition of Ironman/Ironwoman Recipients







Metcalfs Celebrate 51 Years

John and Dana Metcalf celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, August 17th. If you were unable to attend, your warm wishes can be sent to them at 1518 West 13th St., Spencer, Iowa 51301.

90th Birthday Announcement

If you see this guy around town, wish him a "Happy 90th Birthday!" He will be celebrating 90 years on Thursday, August

Send well wishes to: Richard Hample, 25631 105th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.



YOUNG ANGLER REELS IN FIRST NORTHERN PIKE Anderson, age 8, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, landed his first Northern Pike in Mill Creek. Good job, Talen!



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Lakes Area Senior Center **Dining Area**

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Community Center

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 25, 2025

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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Returning families can complete the online registration and pay fees online from home at the school website: **okobojischools.org/enroll.**

If you are unable to register online from your home or are a new family, call the **Okoboji Community School Administration Office** at 712-338-4757 option 1 for more information. If you wish to pay by check, cash, or credit card,

you may do so at the administration office.

Free/reduced meal applications must be emailed to mbaschke@okobojischools.org or mailed to the administration office at P.O. Box 147, Milford, IA 51351

All families must be registered and have fees paid before school starts.





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Estherville VFW to hold Special Dance

The Estherville, Iowa VFW will be holding a dance on Saturday, August 23, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The music will

be provided by Midwest All Music Association Hall of Fame inductees, the Itty Bitty Boji Band. The dance is sponsored by the Estherville High School Class of 1968 and is open to the public. Admission is by a freewill offering at the door. We invite everyone who loves to dance and/or listen to great music to attend.

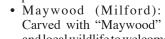


OkoboTree Announces Completion of 7 New Tree Sculptures, Bringing Total to 19 Across Okoboji

Okoboji, Iowa – August 12, 2025 – Okobo Tree, the nonprofit transforming expired trees into public art, proudly announces the

completion of 7 new tree sculptures this summer, increasing the total number of OkoboTree installations to 19 works of art throughout the Iowa Great Lakes region.

This summer's carvings showcase the diverse spirit of the community, from music and wildlife to historic tributes and heartfelt memorials. Here is a summary of the new Tree Sculptures created this summer:



- and local wildlife to welcome visitors. (Carver: Gary Keenen) • Rock & Roll Museum (Arnolds Park): Guitar and keyboard sculpture greeting museum guests. (Carver: Gary Keenen)
- lakeside property tree. (Carver: Clint Henik) $\bullet \ \ Spencer Municipal Golf Course: Memorial to ``Caddie," the$
- beloved maintenance cat. (Carver: Clint Henik) • Abbie Gardner Site (Arnolds Park): A touching sculpture of Abbie Gardner Sharp holding three doves, symbolizing
- her children. (Carver: Nate Hall) • Terrace Park (Arnolds Park): A ship captain sculpture honoring the Queen II's longtime captain. (Carver: Nate Hall)
- Private Home (Spirit Lake): A bear sculpture watching over passing traffic. (Carver: Clint Henik)

Pictures of all 7 new trees can be found here: Trees | Okobotree "These sculptures are more than just carvings; they are living stories rooted in the community," said Kathy Fahy, Board Chair of OkoboTree. "Reaching close to 20 trees is a testament to the passion and generosity of our donors, artists, and residents who believe in turning loss into beauty."

Carrie Meyer, Artistic Director of Okobo Tree, added: "Every carving this summer tells a unique story—of music, history, loved ones, and local legends. Our talented artists transformed tree stumps that would have otherwise been removed into meaningful, lasting art pieces for all to enjoy."

Since its founding, Okobo Tree has worked with chainsaw artists to preserve expired trees, creating publicly visible sculptures that celebrate nature, history, and community identity.

 $An \, Ende avor \, of \, the \, Spirit \, of \, Okoboji, Okobo Tree \, extends \, the \, long events \, and \, constant \, and \, constant \, co$ ity and beauty of trees in the area through visual art and preservation. OkoboTree is dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and cultural heritage of our beloved region. Rooted in a commitment to sustainability and community, Okobo Tree strives to foster a deeper connection between

people and the environment through innovative tree sculptures and art. To see the full gallery of OkoboTree sculptures and learn how to sponsor a tree, visit OkoboTree.org.





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Calling All Vendors & Food Trucks!

Showcase your business and join thousands of locals and tourists during the Annual University of Okoboji Oktoberfest Outdoor Vendor Show! Preservation Plaza will be filled with fun fall activities and we want you to be involved! The annual outdoor vendor show will run from 10am

- 5pm on Saturday, September 27th. Applications are available online at UofOOktoberfest.com. Space is limited, so apply today! Food trucks are invited to join the fun! Contact gabriel@arnoldspark.com to learn how you can get involved in this annual event.

Fall fun is right around the corner in the

Iowa Great Lakes. Join us on Saturday, September 27th. With live music, games and activities you're sure to have a blast all day long. Call up your friends, gather your family, and make your way to the Iowa Great Lakes! This year is filled with so many new activities for attendees of all ages to enjoy. You won't want to miss out!

Visit uofooktoberfest.com for a full schedule of events, registration information, and more. If your business is interested in sponsorship opportunities to increase brand awareness for your business, please contact morgan@okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107!

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 *uofooktoberfest*. 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!

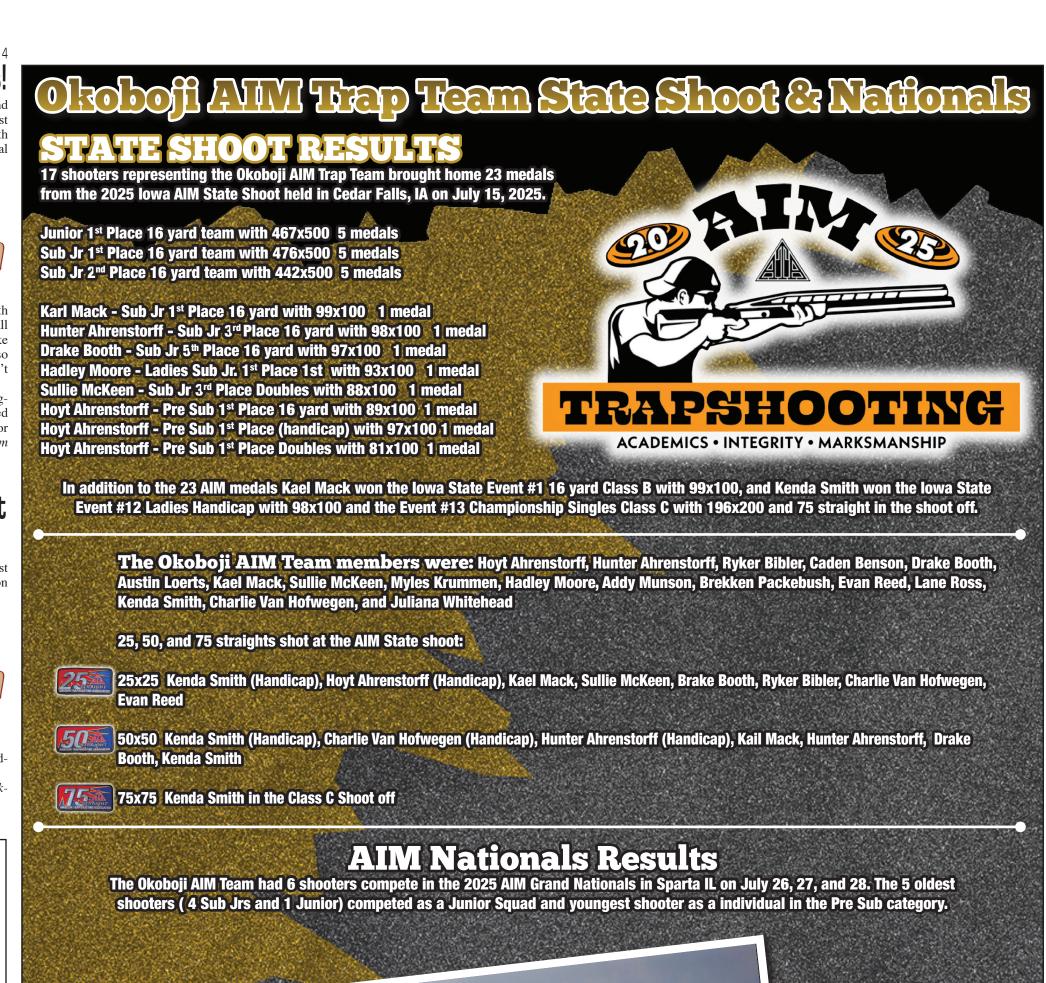
The 34th Annual University of Okoboji Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th.

For a full schedule of fun or to register online, visit uofooktoberfest.com.



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Curiosity got the best of me, so I slipped into the back of the room. What I saw that day changed the way I thought about strength, both physical and emotional, forever.

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The room held nearly 200 people, mostly dealership staff. Dr. Zimmerman asked for a volunteer, a dealer many of us knew well. He called him to the front and asked him to stretch his arms straight out to his sides. "Resist with all your strength," Alan instructed, as he pressed down on the dealer's arms. No matter how hard Alan tried, the arms held firm. It was clear the

Then, Zimmerman sent the volunteer out into the hallway. While he was gone, Alan gave the rest of us two instructions. First, when the volunteer returned, we were to silently think only negative thoughts about him: "He's weak," "He can't do anything right," "He's a failure." Then, after a signal word, we were to shift our thoughts to positive ones: "He's capable," "He's respected," "He's strong."

When the volunteer came back, the test was repeated. This time, as we filled our minds with negativity, something remarkable happened. To the shock of everyone in the room—including the volunteer himself—his strength seemed to vanish. Alan pressed down, and the dealer's arms collapsed. He looked stunned, confused, and almost embarrassed. "I don't know what just happened," he said.

Then Alan gave the signal. Instantly, we all switched to positive thoughts. Again, the volunteer raised his arms and braced himself. This time, his strength returned. Alan pushed hard, but the arms stayed firm, just as they had the first time.

The entire room erupted. It wasn't a trick. We knew the dealer. He was an honest man, and his disbelief told us this was no gimmick. Something invisible-but very real-had happened. Alan explained it as behavioral kinesiology, a concept researched by Dr. John Diamond. In short, our bodies respond to the messages we receive—from others, yes, but even more powerfully, from ourselves.

That day, I walked out of the room with one truth etched into my mind: the stories we tell ourselves shape the lives we live.

Over the years, I've seen that same demonstration repeated. But the most powerful version comes when a person speaks the negative messages about themselves aloud. You can see the weight of self-criticism weaken them before your very eyes. Conversely, when they replace those words with affirmations of strength, their energy and resilience return.

I decided long ago to be intentional about the words I spoke to myself. To this day, I carry with me six affirmations that have guided me through both my career and my life. I used to write them on a notecard, sign and date it daily, almost like a personal contract with myself. They were simple statements, but they packed incredible power:

- I eat good food and feel great.
- I exercise and have high energy.
- I do the homework necessary to succeed. • I am positive and constructive in all I do.
- I am continuously improving in my life.
- I am 100% responsible for my life.

At first, they were just words. But over time, they became beliefs. And eventually, those beliefs became habits—habits that helped me build a successful career and, more importantly, a fulfilling life. Here's what I've come to realize: life has a way of testing

us. People will doubt us. Circumstances will discourage us. And sometimes, our own inner critic will shout the loudest. But

just like that dealer in the demonstration, our strength depends on the messages surrounding us. When we fill our minds with negativity, we weaken. When we flood our hearts with positive conviction, we find a strength we didn't know we had. So I'll leave you with this: what story are you telling yourself

today? Is it one that drains you, or one that lifts you up? The choice is yours. You may not be able to control every circumstance in your

life, but you can control the words you speak to yourself. And if you choose words of hope, growth, and responsibility, you'll

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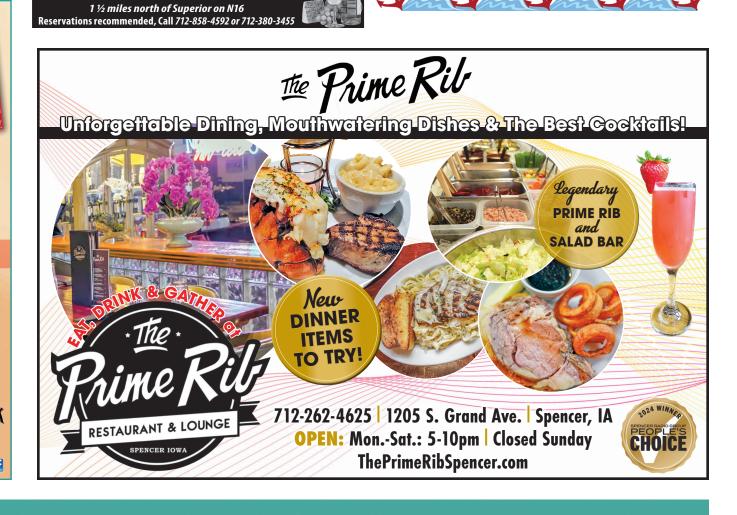














returns to the Spirit Lake VFW for a fun filled evening of dance music on Tuesday, August 19. They'll be performing your favorite dance tunes from 6:00-8:00 PM that evening. Come early and enjoy a meal prepared by the VFW.





Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival

What's buzzing at the Dickinson County Nature Center on Friday, September 5th? Dee's Bee & Butterfly Festival - the Dickinson County Conservation Board's largest annual event.

The celebration of pollinators is free for families and individuals to join from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Stop by the amphitheater to see the main entertainment at 4:30 & 6:30, Tricia and the Toonies. Tricia will sing and play guitar, accompanied by her puppet friends in the show "The Great Pollinator."

During the evening in the Nature Center building, families can look forward to tagging Monarch butterflies (while quantities last), buying cotton candy, viewing the honeybee observation hive, and playing in Pollinator Paradise.

Just outside of the Maser Monarch Lodge, there will be a petting goat herd. Activities will also take place inside the lodge, including pollinator crafts, temporary tattoos, and a photo booth. Families can also meet Sweetie the Bee and receive a free honey straw.

Under the overhang of Maser Monarch Lodge, there will be a few vendors with products for sale. Marlene Boernsen, owner of Boernsen Bees, will be selling honey and beeswax products. Troy and Sarah Davelaar, owners of Siouxland Prairie Farms, will be selling a diverse variety of pollinator-friendly native plants.

At 5:30 by the gazebo near the lodge, Marlene Boernsen will also demonstrate how to extract and bottle honey.

"We are excited to celebrate and promote all of the cool things that pollinators do, and we hope anyone interested in insects joins us," exclaimed Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

Please note that the Nature Center will be closed during Friday's regular hours due to festival preparations, but visitors can join the beginning activities starting at 4:00 p.m. that day.

Although bees generally do not bother people, those who are allergic should take precautions or consult their physician. For more information, visit www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest updates and programming.















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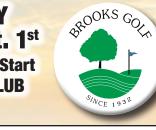
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Lakes Area **Activities/Senior** Center Schedule

Tuesday, August 19 8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 Bridge 6:30 - Men's Group Wednesday, August 20 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Speaker: Author Karen Schwaller Thursday, August 21 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi

12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 4:00 - Zumba 5:30 - Singles Group

Friday, August 22 9:00 - Exercise Class 10:00 - Chair Yoga 12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, August 23 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, August 24 9:00 - 11:30 - Church/Card Room

Monday, August 25 9:00 - Exercise

11:30 - Women's Group 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Pinochle Club

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, September 21, 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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Opening Reception: September 11, 5-7pm

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CULINARY CLASSES

Wine Class With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboii Wines

Thursdays | 6pm | \$45/\$55 Must register 1 day prior to each class

Sept. 4: Wines of Germany and Austria Oct. 2: Blends from Around the World Nov. 6: Varietal Series, Pinot Noir Dec. 4: Wines of Spain

Greens & Grains - Garden Salad Bowls With Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering Thursday, Sept. 11 | 12pm | \$50/\$60

Registration required by 9/9

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Kids Corn Festival Cooking | Ages 7 - 12 With Cathie Critchett of Lagniappe Tea Room

Thursday, Sept. 18 | 4-6pm | \$30/\$40 Registration required by 9/16

Learn, cook & create! Explore the history of community festivals and corn palaces, once commonplace celebrations of the planting, growth, and harvesting of corn in the Midwest. Cathie will teach kids to prepare tasty treats, all spotlighting corn as a versatile ingredient, and

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Friday, September 5 • Jeremy DeWall • 6pm





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How to Get Involved

The Humane Society of Northwest Iowa provides live traps for use and will coordinate all logistics for cat pick-up and return. Those interested in volunteering or providing information about cats in their area can fill out an online form. For questions, the public can contact the Humane Society at 712-338-2738 or via email at hsnwia.info@gmail.com.

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The Humane Society of Northwest Iowa is hosting a commu-

The humane and effective TNR approach involves several

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vaccines and flea and tick prevention before being returned to

their original territory. This method reduces unwanted litters,

stabilizes colony sizes, and minimizes nuisance behaviors like

The Humane Society is calling on community members to

assist in various ways. Volunteers can help by trapping cats,

reporting the locations of feral or free-roaming cats, assisting with transport, or volunteering directly at the shelter during the

nity-wide Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) event from August 23–25 to

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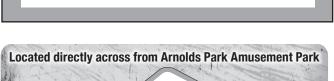
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• Wednesday, August 20th, 1:00 PM - "Karen Schwaller": A NW IA freelance newspaper writer, author, KICD Radio Personality, farm wife & mother, will share her stories of Faith, Family & Farm Life that will make you laugh & ponder more on her experiences.

• 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.



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-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/countyresource-guide. If you have

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1882. He worked for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway Company to earn money for tickets to America for his wife, Ann Christine, and two-year old daughter, Sophia, to come in 1883.

In 1892, he purchased an 80 acre farm in Emmet County, and they reared 10 children. Sophia (Jensen) Rolfson, 1881-1960; Anna (Jensen) Osher, 1884-1974; Kate (Jensen) Chris Jensen, 1888-1971; Dora (Jensen)

Osher, 1886-1975; The Anders Jensen Family photo taken in 1916. Standing: Chris, Sophia, Jim, Refsell, 1891-1980; Jim Jensen, 1892-1977; Andrew Jensen, 1896-1975; Helen (Jensen) Olson,

1897-1990; Arthur Jensen, 1900-1987; Mae (Jensen) Egeland, 1904-1981.

Mige Hyatt, was the oldest member of the family attending. Emma Jean Naab, was the youngest member of the family attending. Gayle Lundgren, Reinbeck, IA traveled the furthest distance. Members of the Sophia (Jensen) Rolfson family in attendance were Kathy Dahna, Estherville,

Doug and Michal Naab and Emma Jean, Spirit Lake, IA; Tamy Gossman, May City, IA; Gayle

Guests Kristina Robinson and Zayne Weber, Milford, IA.

rate the 143rd year that Anders arrived in America from Denmark. He immigrated to Iowa in



Anna, Arthur, Dora, Andrew. Seated: Kate, Anders, Mae, Ann Christine, Helen.

The 94th reunion noon potluck was attended by 13 members and 2 guests. Terry Osher presided at our gathering. A time of reminiscing of past reunions was enjoyed by

all. All members are to bring updated family information to the next reunion.

IA; Jason Dahna and Samantha Dahna, Wallingford, IA; Mary Fay, Wallingford, IA. Member of the Kate (Jensen) Osher family in attendance was Terry Osher, Wallingford, IA. Members of the Helen (Jensen) Olson family in attendance were Mige Hyatt, Milford, IA;

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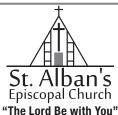
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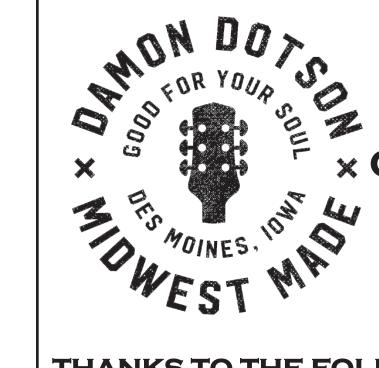


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enjoyable afternoon of dancing to the music of Bill & Jackie.

Civil War Presentation at Dickinson County Museum

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, Spirit Lake, IA 51360) as part of our HistoryLives! presentation series. She will tell the story of the very first young men from Iowa to enlist in the Civil War and of their commitments to reunite the Union. The story is based on the diaries of George Burmeister Company K, Cedar Rapids; Eugene Ware

Company E, Burlington; and the newspaper reports of Franc Wilkie, who was assigned to travel with the First Iowa Infantry 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 Coe College as a visiting assistant professor. Randee and her husband, John, who grew up in Spencer, now live in Iowa City and spend summers at Lake Okoboji. More details about the book are available on the website:

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theunionfirst.com. This event will be both in-person and livestreamed on the Dickinson County Museum Facebook page.

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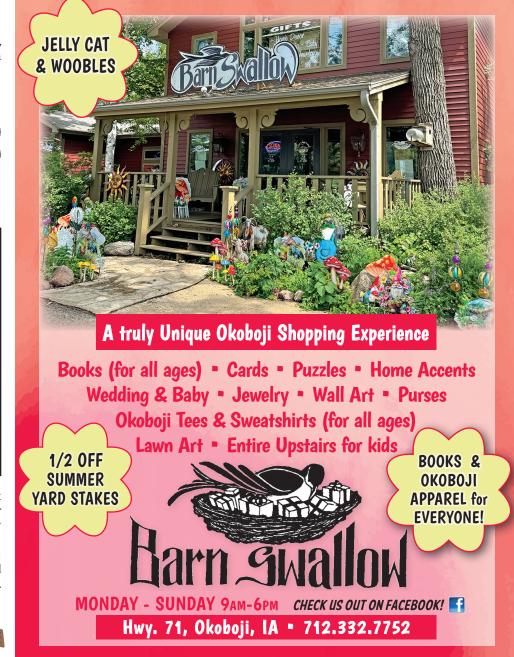
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open at 9:00 AM; races: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM; admission is \$5 per pass or \$30 all day or \$5 for spectators. Racers will go head-to-head on a 350-foot strip with a light start. This event is open to registered and licensed vehicles with

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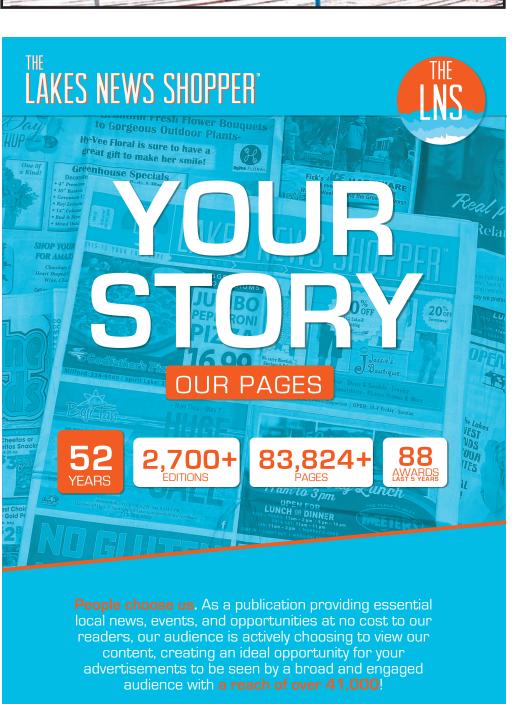
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Two Events This Week at AOG

This week, Arts On Grand in Spencer is set to host a pair of captivating events on Thursday, August 21st. The evening

begins with an Open House celebrating the latest featured exhibition by Jerry Deuschle, a renowned ceramics artist from Luverne, Minnesota. With years of experience instructing and creating, Deuschle has filled the gallery



with an array of stunning ceramic masterpieces in various forms. The public is invited to join the celebration from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Following the open house, the venue is thrilled to welcome Lyndsay Audra, a unique artist from Ames, Iowa, who uses her art, poems, and actions to speak her truth. Her journeys have taken her from Madison, Wisconsin, to Santa Cruz, California, and around the world before returning to Ames, where she now operates her "Third Space," a hub for artists, musicians, and coffee lovers. Lyndsay will be joined by musician Todd Partridge, formerly of the band King of Tramps, for what promises to be a memorable performance.

Wed., Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM-113.9 acres at auction in Milford. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Sikora & Laubenthal. 712-262-3529. www. theacreco com

Thurs., Aug. 21 - 4:30 PM-Farm equipment auction in George. Auctioneers: Ahders & Elbers. 712-470-4700.

Sat., Aug. 23 - 9:00 AM-Coin auction in Windom, MN. Auctioneers: Gravley. 507-822-0403. www.auctionsgo.com.

Tues., Aug. 26 - 9:00 AM-Consignment auction in Armstrong. Auctioneers: Howells. 712-260-9690. www.howellrealestateandauction.com.

Wed., Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM-Land auction in Graettinger. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Sikora & Laubenthal. 712-262-3529. www. theacreco.com.

Sat., Aug. 30 - 2:00 PM-Real estate auction in Estherville. Auctioneers: Clarken. 712-380-2981. www.clarkenrealtors.com.

Wed., Sept. 3 - 10:00 AM-153.72 acres at auction in Lake Park. Auctioneers: Hjelm. 712-240-3529. www.theacreco.com.

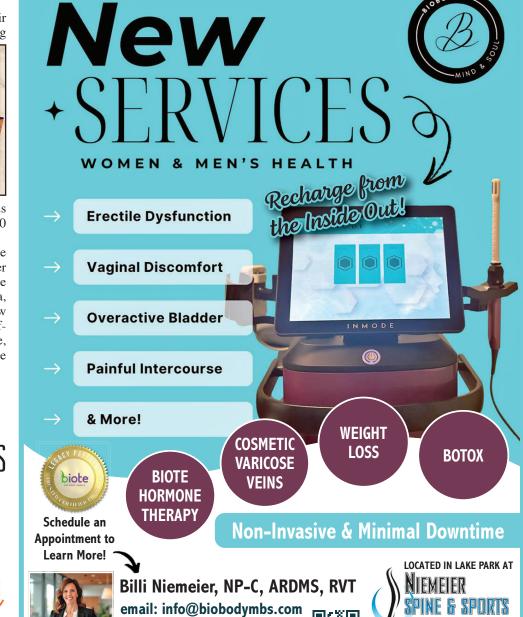
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Wed., Sept. 10 - 5:00 PM-2 day online and live machinery auction. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction. 800-373-2255. www. hallbergauction.com.

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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 Bili-

ary 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.

Spirit Lake's Senator Rowley Announces Second Term Run

Senator Dave Rowley, R-Spirit Lake, is announcing his run for a second term in the Iowa Senate.

"Today, I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as state senator for Iowa's 5th District," said Senator Rowley. "Serving Iowans has been the honor of my lifetime, and I am excited to continue this journey together and build on the suc-

"Over the past four years, we've passed significant legislation on behalf of Iowans who want to keep more of their money in their pockets and ensure success for their children and their livelihoods. We've worked to cut taxes for Iowans by committing to conservative spending efforts, reducing government waste and cutting Iowa's income tax rates to a flat 3.8 percent. We've built up our workforce and added jobs across the board through reforms to welfare programs and Medicaid work requirements for able-bodied individuals. Lastly, we've prioritized protecting girls in sports and in their private spaces at school. These milestone achievements reflect the commitment I've made to the people of my district and to Iowans everywhere to ensure our values are protected as we pursue responsible, common-sense solutions. Despite all these accomplishments, more work remains to be done. As this state faces new challenges that require someone willing to fight for the people, I am committed to being that person who will bring new ideas and bold solutions in the Iowa Senate."

Senator Rowley was born and raised in Cedar Rapids. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He and his wife Kris have lived in Spirit Lake for 30 years. They have four children and four grandchildren. Senator Rowley's business background includes entrepreneurship, real estate, and property and casualty insurance. His insurance career included various roles including company underwriting and marketing, insurance sales, agency president, and consultant. Senator Rowley is now retired.

He is the past president of various boards including the Independent Insurance Agents of Iowa, the Pearson Lakes Art Center, the Iowa Great Lakes Rotary, and the Spirit Lake Community Schools Foundation as well as volunteering at other non-profits and his church. Senator Rowley has been recognized for his voting record by the Republican State Platform Champion Committee (2023) and was inducted into the Iowa Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in 2024. He was first elected to the Iowa Senate in 2021 in a special election and re-elected to his first full term in 2022.



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- 42 cup finely chopped hazelnuts, almonds. walnuts, pecans, or pine nuts
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 cup orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons dark rum (optional)
- Vanilla or seasonal ice cream, or whipped cream

Place 1 sheet of the puff pastry on a work surface and roll out any creases. Cut the pastry into fourths. Place the four pieces on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Place the second sheet of pastry on the work surface. Cut the pastry into eight strips lengthwise and then cut in half horizontally to make 16 strips. Brush the edges of each of the 4 squares with the egg wash and



then place a strip of pastry on each edge to make a border. Brush the edges again with egg wash, and score the edges every 42 inch to decorate the border. Thinly slice the apples or pears. Place Sprinkle lightly with nuts, sugar and cinnamon. Bake the tarts on the middle

the fruit slices on the pastry, within the border, in a decorative pattern. rack of a preheated 425° F oven for 15 minutes, and then reduce heat to 375° F for an additional 10 minutes. The fruit should be cooked and the pastry golden brown and puffed. Remove from oven. While pastry is baking, heat the marmalade and rum in a small saucepan just until the marmalade has melted. As soon as the pastries are removed from the oven, brush the tops with the warmed marmalade to form a glaze. Cool to room temperature and serve with ice cream or whipped cream. Recipe Courtesy of: "Small Sweet Treats" by Zac Williams



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Friends of the Jackson County Library System Annual Book Sale The Jackson County Friends of the Library Annual Book

Sale will be held on September 11-13, 2025, at the Blue Building at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Jackson, Minnesota. Proceeds of the event provide supplemental funds for programs, materials, and other extras for the Jackson, Lakefield and Heron

Hours of the sale will be: Thursday, September 11 - 10 am to 8 pm: Friday, September 12 - 10 am to 6 pm; and Saturday, September 13 - 9 am to 1 pm. On Saturday, book lovers will be able to fill a bag with books for just \$5 AND beginning at 12:00 noon on Saturday, those who help box up the leftover books can take books for FREE!

A presale for Friends of the Library members will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10. Anyone can become eligible for the presale by joining the Jackson County Friends of the Library, either in advance or at the sale. The cost for membership is \$5 for students, \$20 for individuals, or \$30 per household, with additional sponsorships set at \$100 for a Patron and \$200 for a Benefactor. Checks can either be dropped off at one of the three libraries in Heron Lake, Jackson, or Lakefield or mailed to 311 3rd Street, Jackson, MN, 56143.

For more information about the sale, or the Jackson County Friends of the Library, call 507-847-4748.

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.

Motion Foot and Ankle Surgery Clinic Opens

Northwest Iowa has a new leader in advanced foot and ankle care with the opening of a specialty surgery clinic founded by board-certified podiatric surgeon Dr. Jesse Wolfe, DPM, FAC-FAS. The state-of-the-art facility brings cutting-edge surgical

and non-surgical solutions to area patients, meeting a growing demand for expert treatment of complex foot and ankle condi-

Dr. Wolfe, a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, has built a strong reputation for clinical excellence and surgical innovation. With a background that spans high-volume surgical centers and specialized care in sports injuries, diabetic limb salvage and reconstructive procedures,

his new clinic promises to be a cornerstone for advanced lower extremity care in the region.

"We are proud to bring this level of focused foot and ankle expertise to Spencer," said Dr. Wolfe. "Our goal is to offer personalized, compassionate care backed by the latest techniques in podiatric medicine. Patients no longer have to travel hours for specialized treatment—we're bringing it home to Northwest

The clinic is equipped to handle a wide range of conditions, including bunions, heel pain, sports injuries, tendon and ligament repairs, arthritis and trauma. It will also offer minimally invasive surgery, total ankle replacements and limb preservation services. With available advanced imaging and diagnostic tools, patients can receive comprehensive care under one roof.

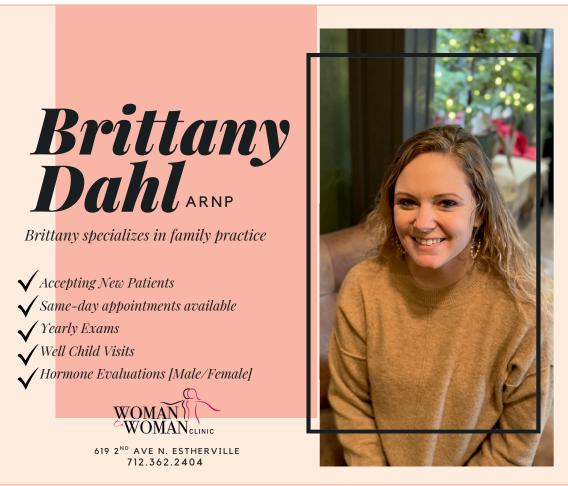
Community leaders welcomed the clinic as a vital addition to the region's medical landscape. The clinic is expected to serve not only Spencer residents but also patients from surrounding Iowa Great Lakes and rural communities who often face limited access to specialty care.

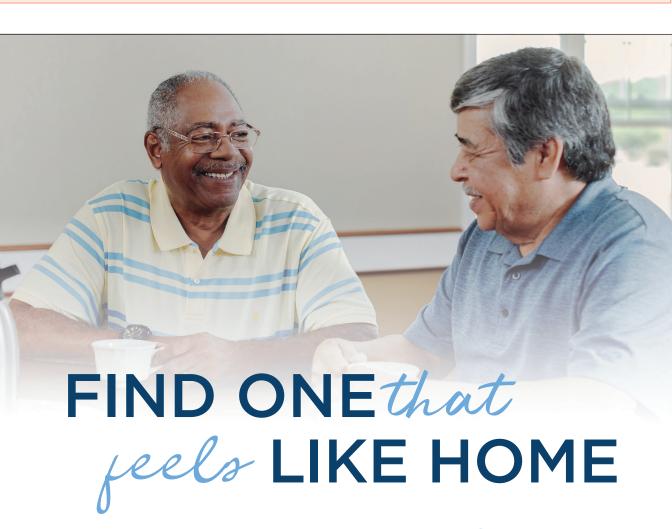
Originally hailing from Emmetsburg, Iowa, Dr. Wolfe's decision to open the clinic in Spencer was deeply personal. "This area deserves the same level of care available in large metropolitan centers. As someone who understands the needs of rural populations, I wanted to create a place where patients feel heard, valued and treated with the highest standard of medicine," he said.

New patients are now being accepted, with same-week and Saturday appointments available. The clinic works with most major insurance providers and offers patient-friendly scheduling and follow-up care options.

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(bituary

Anna Louise Gibson, born on April 3, 1928, passed away on August 15, 2025. Her funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Warner Chapel in Spencer, Iowa. Pastor Mike Eeten will officiate the service, with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa. Arrangements are being handled by the Warner Funeral Home.

Anna Louise Sonius was born April 3, 1928, at Pomeroy, Iowa, to Reinder H. Sonius and Folena Wiemers Sonius. She was the third daughter, and two years later a brother was born. She was baptized as an infant in Pomeroy and was of Zion United Methodist Church in rural Spencer.

confirmed and became a member

When she was four years old, the family moved to their farm northwest of Spencer. She attended country school and graduated from Spencer High School.

For many years she worked as a dental assistant. In 1969 she joined the staff as a clerk in Medical Records of Spencer Hospital, which she thoroughly enjoyed, and advanced to become the Supervisor of that department.

On December 8, 1974, she married Robert Gibson, a wonderful, kind farmer of Greenville, Iowa. He liked to travel and looked forward to their vacations as much as she did and to planning the next trip. They traveled to many places in the United States, including Alaska; twice to Hawaii; ten countries in Europe; and the Bahamas.

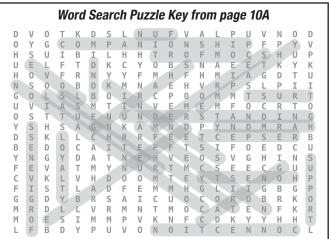
In 1995 Bob retired from farming, and they moved to a house in Spencer that he had his eye on for several years. They enjoyed afternoon coffee, usually at A & W.

Anna taught children's Sunday School for many years and was church organist since 1960 and pianist prior to that. She was very proud to have played the organ for 70 years until losing her eyesight. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert, in September 2006; sister, Bertha Mae, in 1976; brother, Henry, in May

2006, and sister, Mary Schmidt, in 2023. Left to cherish her memory are her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Sonius; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; other relatives, and many friends.

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, August 28 & September 11, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.





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A Mass of Christian Burial for Thomas Muhlbauer, age 93, of Milford and formerly of Everly, Iowa, was held Tuesday, August

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

19, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Interment was at North Lawn Cemetery in Spencer. Memorials may be given to the Arnolds Park Public Library at 62 Hwy 71, Unit 1,

Arnolds Park, IA 51331. Thomas William Muhlbauer was born on November 20, 1931, to Joseph and Alma (Berens) Muhlbauer in Carroll County, Iowa. He grew up on a farm near Halbur. He received his early education at St. Augustine Catholic School & Carroll County Public



Schools. He helped his parents and area neighbors on the farm. At the age of 17, the Muhlbauer family moved to a farm near Everly. Tom worked at Spencer Cement Block Works in Spencer for 4 years. It was during this time he met Peggy Kriens from Moneta. The two dated and then married on November 20, 1952, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Royal.

In the spring of 1953, Tom was drafted into the US Army. He was stationed stateside at Camp Polk, LA, and Ft. Riley, KS. Tom was honorably discharged and returned to his job in Spencer.

The opportunity was presented to Tom to begin farming outside Everly. This opportunity took him on a 50+ year career of livestock and row crop farming – an occupation he loved and appreciated.

Tom and Peg retired to their lake home in Okoboji in 1992. Through his 93 years, Tom enjoyed fishing, playing cards, snowmobiling, pranking the grandkids at Christmas time, frequenting casinos, reading western and word search books, wintering many years in Arizona, visiting with all the neighbors over a cold one, and collecting miniature John Deere tractors. It was important for him to always dress up and look good! Most important to him was his faith and spending time with all of his family.

Tom passed away on Wednesday, August 13th, at the Spencer Hospital at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Steve in 1991, great-grandson Bradley Cassavant in 2013, 5 brothers, and 2 sisters.

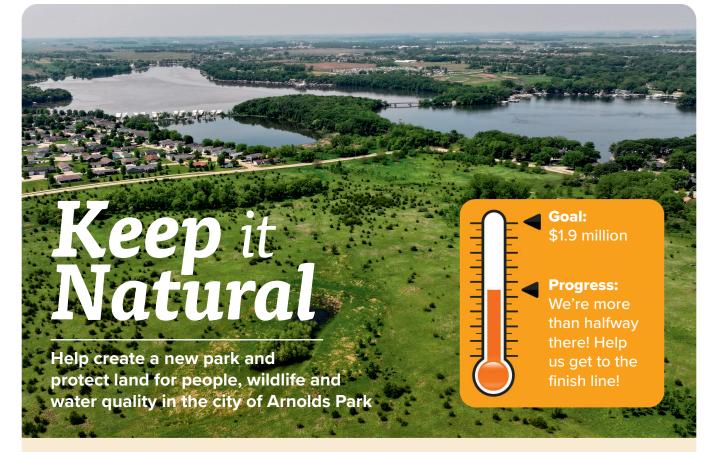
Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 72 years - Peggy; his son Dan (Cheryl); daughters Julie (Tim) Fairchild and Becky (Aaron) Hyatt, all of Milford; Nancy (Gary) Farmer of Ames; and Amy (Jason) Miller of Omaha. Tom's family also includes 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren with another one on the way; sisters Rita Gehling and Judy (Gordy) Benson; sisters-in-law Norma Muhlbauer and Helen Muhlbauer; and many other family and friends. Blessed be his memory.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lakes Area Farmers Market News

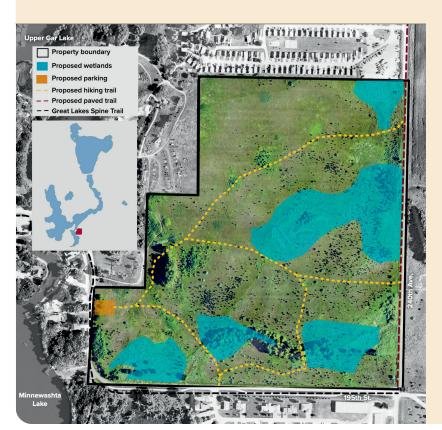
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Nothing warms you better in the winter than a hot bowl of soup. No matter what flavor of soup you are making, you can find vegetables for it at Lakes Area Farmers Market. They may not be the most perfect looking vegetables, but they are fresher and taste better than vegetables that were picked early and stored for awhile. There are onions for French Onion soup, tomatoes for Tomato Soup or Chili, corn for Corn Chowder, or carrots, potatoes, and garlic to add to many soups. If you don't want to eat it now (in this heat) then make a big pot of soup and freeze it for cold winter days. Or buy the vegetables now an, freeze, or store them to use in soup later. Tomatoes, onions, corn, and green beans are all easy to freeze. Potatoes and squash can be stored for several months in a cool, dry space. If you are unsure how to store your vegetables, ask the vendor that sells them. Lakes Area Farmers Market will be open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:00 PM and every Saturday 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon until the end of September. It's located on the fair grounds in Spirit Lake, west of HyVee. We hope to see you there.



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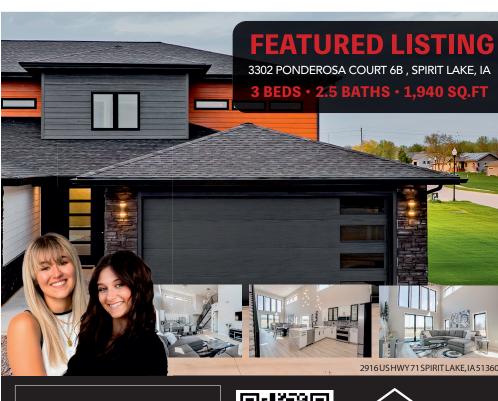


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The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Celebrates the 2025 Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees & Award Winners

The Class of 2025 will be inducted Labor Day Weekend in Arnolds Park (Arnolds Park, IA) - The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association is pleased to celebrate the Hall of Fame Class of 2025. This year marks the 28th year of the legacy of honoring achievements

since the founding of the association. Inductees and award winners come from the following five regions in Iowa: Northwest Region, Northeast Region, Southwest Region, Southeast Region

and the Central Region. Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Association stated: "The Class of 2025 Hall of Fame Celebration for this outstanding class of inductees and award winners will be held on Labor Day weekend, August 29-31. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments that have made such an impact on all our lives."

The celebration kicks off with an Okoboji Rocks Concert in the Roof Garden Ballroom on Friday evening, August 29, featuring a concert by American blues rock band and 2025 Hall of Fame border band inductee, Indigenous. The band Indigenous gives their audiences an exceptional experience into blues rock. They have been seen on Conan O'Brien. The opening act will be D.A.D., a Hip-hop duo and 2025 Spirit Award Winner who offer a unique and entertaining spin on their genre by giving an energetic and entertaining message of family, fatherhood and FUN. Doors open at 6 PM and the show is at 7 PM. Tickets are available online at: iowarocknroll.com/events. Or you can call the museum at: (712) 330-0889.

The Opening Ceremony is on Saturday morning and the Inductee Meet & Greet will all be on Saturday evening, August 30. Also, on Saturday at 1 PM, there will be the finals of the statewide Iowa Rocks Talent Contest held at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. A free will offering is asked in lieu of tickets. This contest is for the youth of Iowa ages 21 and younger to compete in a live performance environment. The winners will open the Hall of Fame Induction Concert on Sunday evening in the Roof Garden Ballroom.

The weekend culminates with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Induction Ceremony at 1 PM on Sunday, August 31, at the Sami Bedell Center in Spirit Lake, Iowa. At 3 PM there will be an autograph party at the same location. Tickets are available at: iowarocknroll.com/events. Or you can call the museum at: (712) 330-0889.

The doors open at 5:30 PM on Sunday, August 31, to the Roof Garden Ballroom for the Hall of Fame Induction Concert. The Class of 2025 inductees will be performing and celebrated during this performance. Tickets are available online at: iowarocknroll.com/events. Or you can call the museum at: (712) 330-0889.

2025 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Inductees:

Band Category: Galaxy, WitcHazel, Wicked Liz and the Belly Swirls, Kory and the Fireflies, Sons of Gladys Kravitz, The Chevrons, Homegrown Band and Mirage

Border Band Category: Skuddur, Indigenous

Venue Category: The Depot in Shenandoah, Ia., Ollinger's Ballroom in Pocahontas, Ia. Individual Category: Gar Lambert, Tory Stoffregen, Kenny Kugel (deceased), Mark Doyle, Dick Howard, Scott Moore, Stacy Peterson, Chad Elliott, Tim Miller and Larry Hrubes

Promoter Category: Jimmy Thomas DJ Category: Harry O'Neil

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Support Person Category: John O'Connell (deceased), Mark Lage, Bill Julius Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award: Luanne Reid

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2025 Special Achievement Awards:

Spirit Award: Casey Freemyer, Ric Jensen, D.A.D. (Hip-hop duo featuring Jason Reinert and Mark Koenig, with DJ Brandon Stowe)

John Senn Legacy Award: Barb Lancaster The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms, promoters, inventors and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in the State of Iowa. Since incorporation in 1997, more than 550 entities and over 2,000 individuals have had the honor of being inducted or awarded. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years

of experience in the music industry. The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association welcomes nominations through the website: www. iowarocknroll.com/nominate. Nominations that have been brought forward on or before September 15, 2025, will be considered for the Induction Class of 2026.



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Cyclone Football Preview

Wow, it's hard to believe that it's already game week for Iowa State football as the #21 ranked Cyclones will take on #17 Kansas State in Dublin, Ireland, on Saturday at 11AM on ESPN in the first ever international matchup of Top 25 teams. ISU is coming off an amazing season that saw them win a school record 11 games, make their second Big 12 Championship Game appearance in four years, earn a Pop Tarts Bowl Victory and finish #15 in the final AP rankings. The Cyclones did this despite playing the season with their top four linebackers missing most of the year with injuries, and then two of their other top linebackers battling injuries throughout the season. This week I'll take my annual shot at predicting how I feel how Iowa State will finish Matt Campbell's tenth season as the head coach of the Cyclones. Last year I was pretty close, as I predicted ISU would finish 10-3 with a bowl victory.

The key to Iowa State's offense starts with their veteran quarterback Rocco Becht. Becht returns for his junior season after a very strong sophomore year that saw him throw for 3,505 yards and 25 touchdowns while also leading multiple fourth quarter come-from-behind victories. Becht does have some room for improvement with his accuracy (59.5%) and interceptions (9). The Cyclones did lose two NFL Draft picks and 1,000-yard receivers in Jaylin Noel and Jayden Higgins, but look for Becht to spread the ball around more this season. ISU returns Daniel Jackson from injury at wide receiver and brought in transfers Chase Sowell and Xavier Townsend who have similar traits as Noel and Higgins. Also look for receivers Dom Overby, Eli Green, Carson Brown and Brett Eskildsen to have an impact for the Cyclones. The tight end room is absolutely loaded for the Cyclones with Ben Brahmer and Gabe Burkle returning, who both proved last year they are very capable receivers and blockers, and there is depth with Tyler Moore, Trip Walsh and Cooper Alexander. ISU also returns their top two rushers with Carson Hansen (752 yards, 13 TDs) and Abu Sama (587 yards, 2 TDs) with both running backs having the ability to catch the ball out of the back field. Iowa State lost Jalen Travis to the NFL but returns four starters on the offensive line, including NFL prospect Tyler Miller. The Cyclones like their depth and experience on the line and feel like this is one of the best units they have had since 2021.

The defense took a step back in 2024 mainly due to the injuries that I mentioned in the first paragraph. The pass defense was stellar but the run defense really struggled, which will happen when you are playing third and fourth team linebackers. Iowa State returns potential All-American Domonique Orange at noseguard and defensive end Ike Ezeogo but will need one of their transfers to step up at the other end position. Due to all of the injuries last year, the Cyclones are loaded at linebacker and even had one of those linebackers, who was a former starter, Jack Sadowsky, transfer last spring because he wasn't going to play as much this year. Look for Caleb Bacon to rebound from his injury and be an All-Big 12 player, H-M-S alum Kooper Ebel, who played the last half of the season with a separated shoulder, is set to have a great season, and Will McLaughlin, Beau Goodwin, Cael Brezina and Zach Lovett are all capable of starting. Iowa State did lose some very good players in the secondary, including Darian Porter who was drafted in the 2nd round by the Raiders. Jontez Williams is back and is a preseason All-Big 12 selection and transfer Tre Bell should be the other corner back. Jeremiah Cooper has started for three years and returns at safety, and has been rumored that he could also play some cornerback; the Cyclones are also excited about youngsters Jamison Patton, Ta'Shawn James and Khijohn Cummings-Coleman. Tyler Perkins will be one of the better punters in the Big 12, and sophomore Kyle Konrardy showed he has ice in his veins when he booted the 54-yard field goal in Kinnick Stadium with :07 left to beat Iowa last year as a true freshman, so the Cyclones are pretty set at special teams.

Iowa State's schedule is once again pretty tough, but not as hard as past years, as of now they only face two ranked teams. I do look for this to change as the season goes on. The season opener Kansas State game is a huge one, obviously because it's a conference game, but also because it could catapult the Cyclones in the rankings, which helps when you start talking College Football Playoff spots at the end of the season. ISU won a lot of close games last season, but they also had to battle a ton of injuries and yet found a way to go 11-3. I look for Rocco Becht to take another step forward this season, the defense to improve with the linebackers staying healthy and being the strength of the defense, and the Cyclones win their first Big 12 Championship, earning a spot in the College Football Playoffs with a 12-2 record. Let's Go State!!!

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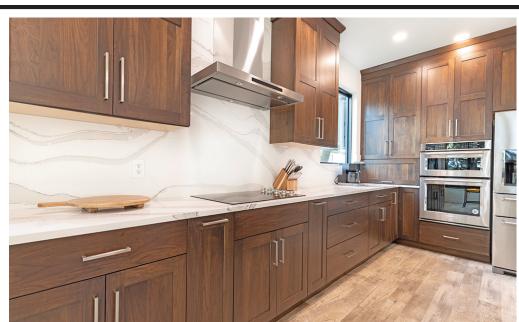
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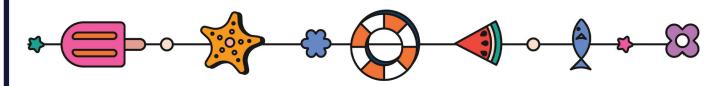


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Roll call at the TOPS meetings, you can brag if you lost weight.

Ronie Hoffman (pictured with her \$5 award) of Spirit Lake, Iowa, lost 1.4 pounds and was the Queen, and even better, she lost five weeks in a row. She was the only member who accomplished that in the 5-week contest. Along with her award she also gets a dime from each member.

A new contest is a six-weeklong program. Oct. 18th is the Northwest Region TOPS Inc. workshop on "Cooking With TOPS" organized by TOPS leaders in Denison, Iowa. Part of getting ready for the District meeting is to try, and lose 6 pounds. The Spirit Lake Chapter has lost 43 pounds this year. The 5 KOPS members say they are in leeway for their weight. If you do not lose, we say-"We are glad you are here!"

On August 22, we will celebrate Kim Ewing and Colleen Lemkuil's half-birthday, and they will share their stories of getting to the KOPS goal. Healthy food treats will be served. On August 29th we will have another lesson from the book, "Your Plate is Your Fate"

by Dr. Steve Hughlett. Kim Ewing, R.N., also assisted the members in measuring their wrists to see if you are large, medium, or small bones. We also thank Kim for bringing vegetables from her garden. We will enjoy the fresh tomatoes. Members try to help each other lose weight and reach their goals.

The Spirit Lake Chapter meets on Friday at 9:30 AM with the welcome and weigh-in time. The church is at 1812 Gary Ave, Spirit Lake, east of the County Courthouse. At 10:00 AM, the meeting starts. A program is given each week for 20 minutes. We close with a song and greetings. Signs mark the way to the Northwest corner room in the church basement. There is an elevator for the handicapped. After the meeting, we joined together with a prayer by leader Betty Sangel and a good, healthy lunch at the Lakes Medical Center.

For more information, call Betty Sangel, Leader and KOPS member at 712-320-4458. Or go to TOPS website for a Chapter near you at www.tops.org. There are chapters in Lakefield, Spencer, and 65 locations in Iowa or you can become an online START YOUR SEARCH.

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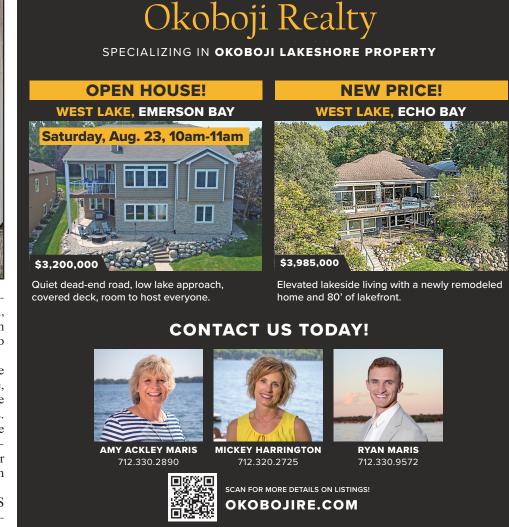


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Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. We look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen on Tuesday, September 2, at 9:30 a.m. We hope you have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Black Knights Car Club Awards **Grants to Local Organizations**

The Black Knights Car Club recently made grant awards to three different organizations within the Community.

The Black Knights Car Club began in the 1950s and reorganized in 2005. The objective of the Club is to support the Community through Grants to Individuals and Organizations who also provide services to their respective Communities. The selections of this round of Grants reflect the needs of the various different Communities within the Black Knights Family.

This round of Grants had grants awarded to the Estherville VFW to assist in the repair and replacement of their floor in the larger meeting room and do Asbestos Abatement, Assist the Ruthven Fire Department in their efforts to fund a new Fire House for the Community and Donate to the Estherville Volunteer Fire Department to assist in Training and maintaining readiness for the Community.

The Club holds events throughout the year including the Estherville Sweet Corn Days Car Show, the Spectacular Car Show in Arnolds Park, and the Airport Drags in Spencer. These events all are supported by the Community through sponsorships as well as fees from the respective shows. All of these proceeds are applied to these and other Grants each year.



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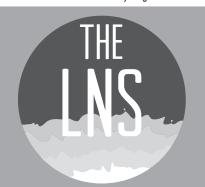
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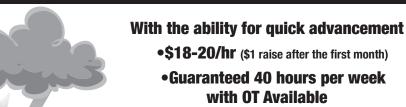
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Lakes Area Lakes Area Activities/Senior Senior/Activities Center "Did you know?"

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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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Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Wish List • City of Spirit Lake green garbage bags

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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

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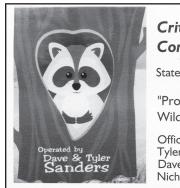


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It's well-known that librarians are often the most guilty of having overdue books. It's like working in a candy store: it's impossible to be around so many books all the time and not want to take them all home! There is also never enough time to finish them all! Thankfully, we have a new feature in our library system that caters to those who forget to renew books on time, it's called autorenewal. It does just what it sounds like - it automatically renews your library materials for you right on the due date - no fuss, no remembering, and no issues created for your account. If you are signed up for text or email notifications, you'll receive a notice three days in advance of your due date that we will attempt to automatically renew your items. Then, on the due date, another notification will let you know if the renewal(s) was successful. Items that have people waiting for them or are borrowed from other libraries will not renew and will still need to be returned on their due dates. If you get a notice and have questions, you can check your account online, or give us a call at 712-336-2667.

Other changes we've made to accounts include allowing two renewals for items (for a total of six weeks!) and member accounts will now expire every two years. This simply means we will ask to update your contact information at least every two years. This helps us keep our records up to date and accurate. You can also update your contact information and notification settings by logging into your account online. If you have any questions about your account or wish to learn how to login, just ask us next time you are in. We hope some of these changes

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Anna is reading Murder on the

make using the library easier, and a little less stressful when it comes to due dates! Links (Hercule Poirot, #2) by Agatha Christie, and listening to

The Fellowship of the Rings (The Lord of the Rings, #1) by J.R.R. Tolkien

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

- Monday, August 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, August 26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, August 27, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters Thursday, August 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

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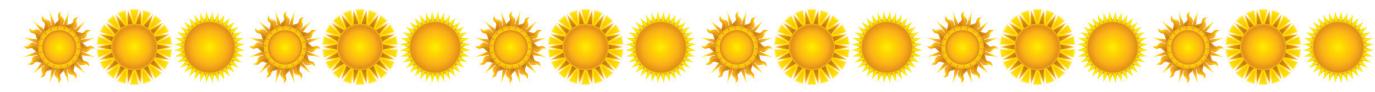


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August 13, 2025

To the Board of Supervisors,

The Iowa Great Lakes Association's (IGLA)1,600 members and the DC3 Citizens' Coalition of 1,400 petitioners extend our appreciation to Supervisors Steven Dullard and Levi Markwardt for standing up for the 70% majority (see survey) of Dickinson County residents who do not support the expansion of industrial wind turbine development in our region.

By introducing and seconding a motion to establish a two-year moratorium for approval of any more wind turbines, Supervisors Dullard and Markwardt acted with courage and integrity—seeking a necessary pause until the full consequences of these massive industrial projects on our lakes' watershed, environment, and economy can be appropriately evaluated.

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

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

If they are unable to work with Supervisors Dullard and Markwardt on a moratorium, please provide the citizens with an explanation for their objection to a two-year moratorium.

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

William Van Orsdel IGLA president



Iowa Great Lakes Survey June 2, 2025 Jordan McGrain, Quantum Survey Group

The Iowa Great Lakes Association (IGLA) commissioned Quantum Survey Group to assess public opinion on a 67-turbine wind farm development across six counties in Northwest Iowa (Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Osceola, and Palo Alto). The survey gathered responses from 642 residents, providing insights into local awareness, perceptions of benefits and concerns, and levels of support or opposition to the project.

Key Finding

- Widespread Opposition to Development: Nearly 70% of respondents strongly oppose the proposed wind farm, with only 22% strongly supporting the project.
- Significant Resident Concerns: Negative impacts on local habitat and the environment (36%) and visual pollution of the Lakes area (34%), outweigh concerns over noise, wildlife
- Strong Support for Landowner Rights: 87% of respondents believe it is very important that wind farm developments respect the rights of local landowners.
- · Skepticism of Economic and Environmental Claims: More than half (54%) strongly disagree that wind farms will bring significant economic benefits or reduce fossil fuel dependence, indicating deep skepticism of developer claims.
- Desire for Stronger Regulations: Nearly three-quarters (73%) support strict regulations to protect wildlife, and 62% believe current turbine setback rules are inadequate.
- Quality of Life Impact: 71 % of respondents agree that the presence of wind turbines near their property would negatively affect their quality of life.

The survey was conducted by Quantum Survey Group on May 30, 2025 using peer-to-peer text messaging to direct residents to a secure web-based survey platform. The final dataset includes 642 completed responses, representing residents from the six-county lowa Great Lakes region. Results reflect a statistically valid sample with a margin of error of ±3% at a 95% confidence level.



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