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Cody Earns College Degree

who have completed all requirements of their respective degree programs as of the end of the Summer 2025 semester and are now graduates of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. These graduates were honored with their peers at the commencement ceremony in May.

Cody earned an AAS (Associate Degree Nursing). For more information, check out the website at ecc.iavalley.edu.

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Bridge Marathon To Begin

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

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

Lakes Area Senior/Activities **Center Events**

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

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

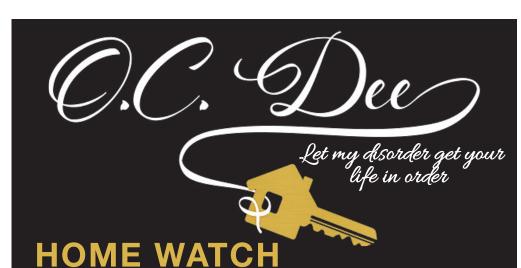
Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.

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The new Civic Complex looking east from U.S. Hwy 71, Arnolds Park, IA.





Elected City officials, department heads, staff, and library board members are shown "Breaking the Ground" for the new complex. Shown above from left to right: John Adams (City Council/Building Committee), Diana Jensen (Library Board President), Linda Nase (City Clerk/Building Committee), Randy Pas (City Council), Amy Pas (Library Board), Matt Richter (City Council), Jim Hussong (Mayor/Building Committee), Mitch Watters (City Council/Building Committee), Kara Rice (Library Director), Ron Walker (Building Committee), Chris Yungbluth (Fire Chief), and Al Krueger (Police Chief).

On September 11, 2024, the Arnolds Park City Council, acting on the recommendation of its Building Committee, unanimously approved the layout and to proceed with plans to construct a new Civic Complex to house the fire department, police department, library, and City offices, as well as the hiring of a project Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR). The Council on January 28, 2025, took action to institute proceedings for the issuance of not to exceed more than \$15 million in General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. With the issue at \$15 million, it will take \$1.1 million per year to service the debt, i.e., principal and interest. It is the Council's intent to pay for the bonds from Urban Renewal District 2 and backfill debt service from Hotel/Motel tax so that property taxes are not affected. In order to do this, it is estimated that Hotel/ Motel tax will pay approximately \$300,000 of that annual debt.

Through an extensive resume and interview process, the City retained Hausmann Construction of Sioux Falls, SD, as its Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR). CMBA Architects of Spencer is the architectural firm for the complex.

The proposed new Civic Complex will be located on the site of the

present City Hall building (U.S. Hwy 71 and Hinshaw Street) and the three building lots to the east that the City has procured over the past several years. The new complex plans came as the City was facing many overcrowding issues. In 1997, the current City Hall moved into a remodeled used car dealership. In addition to the dynamic growth of the City of Arnolds Park, security needs, expansion of services, and handicap accessibility regulations for public buildings have changed dramatically over the years.

Demolition of the present City Hall will begin in September 2025, with anticipated completion of the new complex in December 2026. The new Civic Complex will be 22,000 square feet compared to the current facility of 8,000 square feet.

Since 1997, the number of services offered by the City of Arnolds Park has grown exponentially:

Library: The Arnolds Park Library has seen many changes and tremendous growth in the past ten years. Some of the highlights include the creation of Tuesday Storytime, Summer Reading Program, adult activity nights, family programming, Fall Festival; and also, joining the Bridges Consortium which allows for free

eBooks and audiobooks to our patrons. Library usage has grown 54% in the last ten years with the addition of 1,465 new patrons. In 2024, the library hosted 56 children's programs, 36 family programs, and 98 adult programs, with a total attendance of 9,973. The annual circulation of library materials in 2024 was 24,847. **Current library square footage** - 2,142 sq. feet; new complex -5,241 sq. feet.

City Hall: In 1997 there were two full-time employees in City Hall; today there are three full-time staff and one part-time worker. The current City Hall lacked the square footage needed to provide for adequate work space for employees, dedicated meeting and Council rooms, and the adequate storage of records, office supplies, and equipment. Current City Hall, Council Chambers, Community Room square footage - 1,494 sq. feet; new complex - 3,668 sq. feet.

Police Department: The Arnolds Park Police Department has grown from two full-time officers in 1997 to five full-time officers plus two full-time shared officers, part-time office staff, and three Reserve officers. The current PD lacked the square footage necessary to

provide adequate meeting rooms, interview areas, individual and Reserve officer work space, and a secure environment for victims and their families when needed. Current police square footage -770 sq. feet; new complex -2,052 sq. feet.

Fire Department: The Arnolds Park and Okoboji Fire Departments have merged. Trucks are larger than in 1997. More equipment is available for departments to utilize. A dive team, fire boat, and jet skis have been added. Current fire department square footage - 2,142 sq. feet; new complex -7,859 sq. feet.

The City wishes to thank its citizens and visitors for their patience as each City department moves to their "temporary homes" until December 2026. You will find the Arnolds Park City Hall now located two doors north of the U.S. Post Office in the Lakes Center Mall in Arnolds Park. The Arnolds Park Library is now located four doors north of the U.S. Post Office in Arnolds Park. The Arnolds Park Fire & Rescue and the Police Department are now located in the former Overhead Door Building, U.S. 71 South in Arnolds Park, across from the Emerald Hills Golf Course.



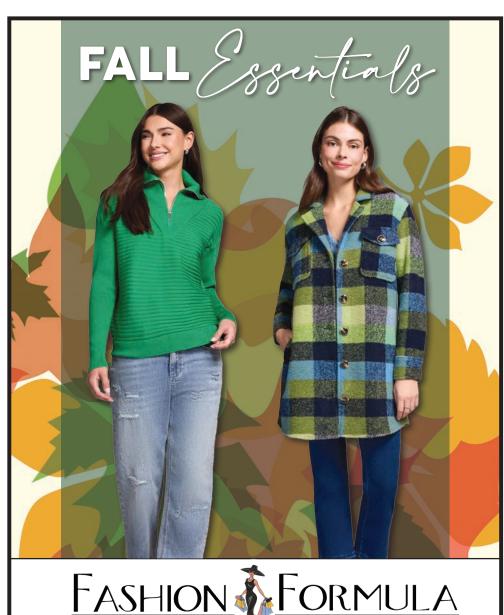
Kum & Go Coffee Group Run Ends

The group shown above has been sharing many laughs while meeting for coffee daily at Kum & Go in Okoboji, but that run of meetings at Kum & Go has ended. Kum & Go was sold to Maverick, based out of Utah, in August of 2023. Maverick then sold several of their stores, including both of their Iowa Great Lakes locations in Okoboji and Spirit Lake to Mega Saver, which is based out of Omaha. The group does plan on continuing to meet when the Okoboji store transitions over to Mega Saver.









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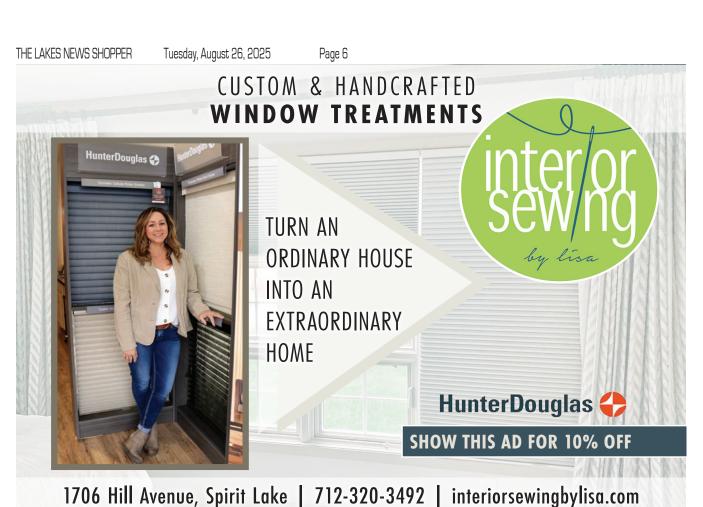


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Volunteer at the Lakes Area

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Attendees can also look forward to purchasing native plants at the program and also the following day, on September 5th, at Dee's Bee and Butterfly Festival from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

"Adding native plants to your space is a great way to get directly involved in conservation," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "Even if it seems like a small act, it can make an incredible difference."

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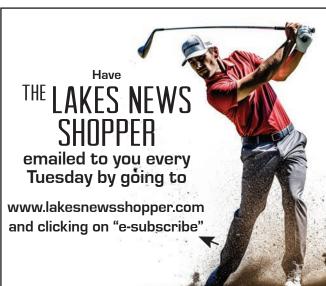




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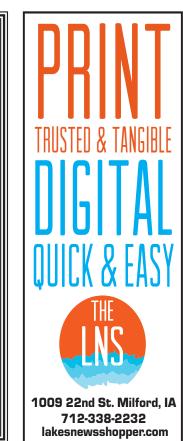
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Dickinson County. Located at 1507 Sanborn Avenue in Okoboji, the museum was opened in 1978 by the William R. Higgins Foundation and has on display over 2,600 National Bank Notes used from 1863 thru 1935. These notes were issued by local banks which had a federal (national) charter. The exhibit specializes in notes from banks in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota.

In addition an intaglio "spider press" used in the printing process is on display as well as a bank teller's window, check

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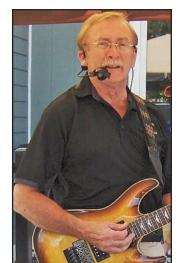
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If you or your business would like to get involved in the festivities, please contact the Chamber at 712-332-2107 or michaela@okobojichamber.com. The IGLA Chamber is looking for businesses to sponsor stations and activities, this is a great way to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

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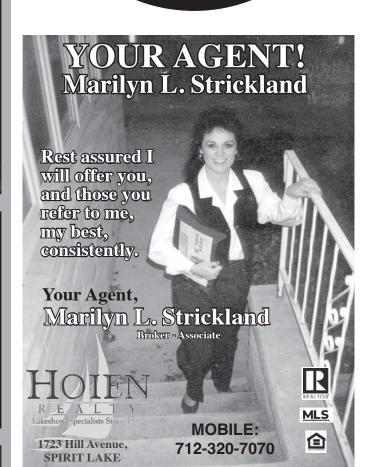
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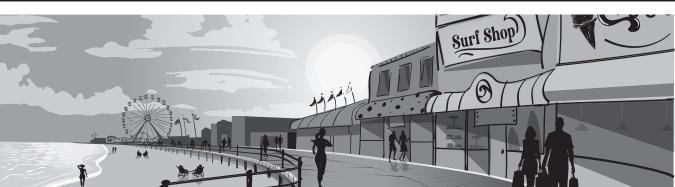
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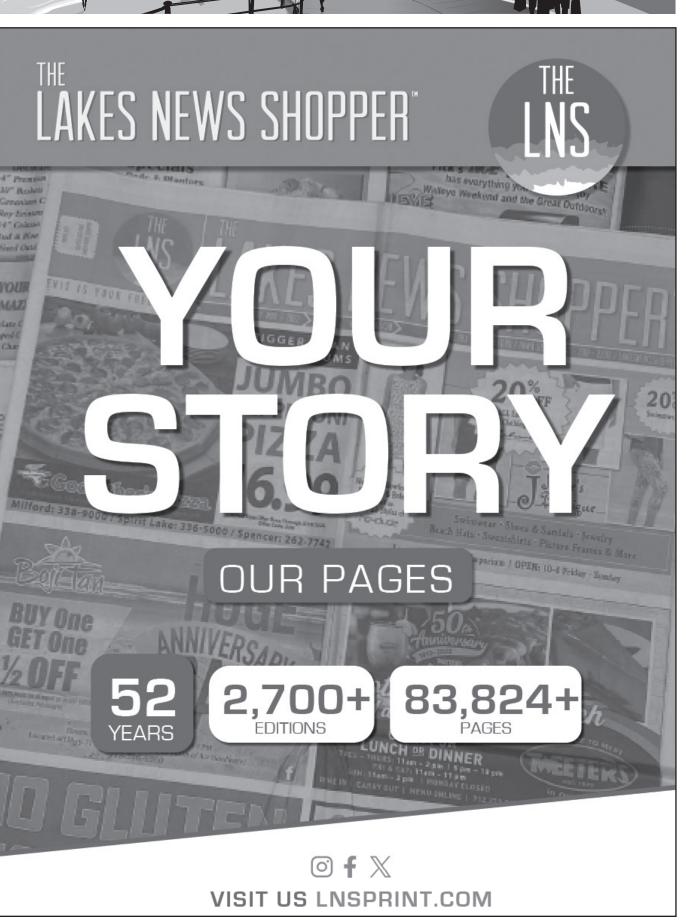
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Images of a mountain lion with a neck collar in northwest Iowa have been circulating over social media in the past few days. The subadult male, estimated to be less than two years old, was collared as part of an ongoing research project by Nebraska Game, Fish & Parks to better understand mountain lion movements, behaviors and dispersal.

"This cat has traveled a long distance from Nebraska's northcentral region to northwest Iowa, and is providing valuable data for Nebraska Game, Fish & Parks," said Vince Evelsizer, state furbearer biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Evelsizer said he was contacted about the cat's movements a few weeks ago when it entered the state, and that it hasn't caused any issues with human safety or livestock. While mountain lions are not protected in Iowa, Evelsizer encouraged Iowans not to shoot it unless there is a direct safety threat.

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.

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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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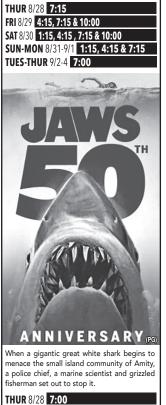


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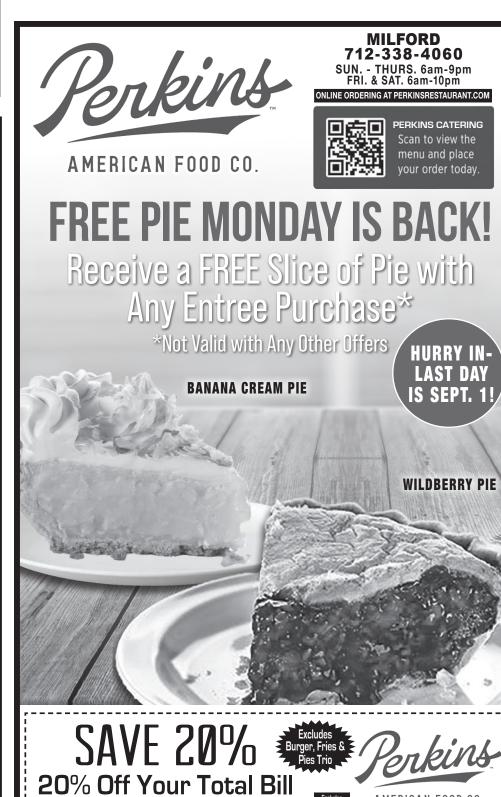


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Evening Edition Book Club by Amy Dissmeyer

Have you ever looked at a list of titles for an upcoming book club and thought, "Who would read that?" Or noticed how so many book clubs meet in the morning when many of us are at work, in the garden, or even still sleeping (No shame; you know who you are!)? I once joined a church book club, and at the time, my schedule was so full that those were the only twelve books I managed to read that year. I found that so frustrating, despite the fun conversations and social interactions.

This fall, the Spirit Lake Public Library is hoping to do away with some of those frustrations by introducing our Evening Edition Book Club. This gathering will be less "club" and more social hour, focusing on a topic or theme. All are welcome to attend one month or every month - whenever the topic of the month interests you. To add to the fun, we will be meeting at The Revelry, SLPL's newest neighbor, just across the street at 1601 Hill Avenue. The Revelry chefs will whip up something amazing for us to nosh on, and they will have a limited drink menu available to select from. Depending on the turnout, we'll take turns sharing with everyone or in small groups, our favorite (or least favorite!) books related to the monthly theme. If you're not ready to speak up, that's fine too! Come and listen in and maybe jot down a title or two to add to your to-be-read list. At our first meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss our favorite authors - past or present! Upcoming topics may include books from around the world, movie tieins, books to make you LOL, and award winners. Follow us on Facebook or check the website (slpublib.com), to see what we are discussing next. I look forward to seeing you at The Revelry on Tuesday, September 16th!

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Seattle is reading Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney and Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

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- Tuesday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
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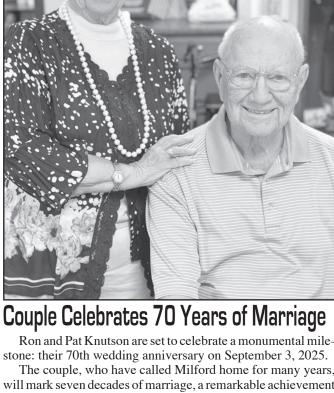
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stone: their 70th wedding anniversary on September 3, 2025. The couple, who have called Milford home for many years,

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during commitment. Friends, family, and community members are invited to send their greetings to help celebrate this special occasion. Cards and well-wishes can be mailed to: Ron and Pat Knutson, 20560 232nd Ave., Milford, IA 51351.

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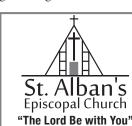
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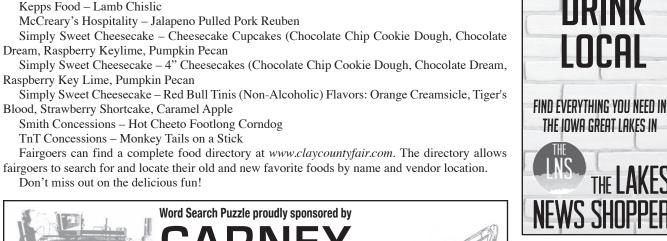
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Life is full of tough decisions. Some are small, like whether to speak up in a meeting. Others carry weight—like how to testify on an issue that could affect the health and liberty of your whole community. In moments like these, most of us wish we had a team of trusted advisors—voices of wisdom from different walks of life—to help us find clarity.

My friend Vipin Gupta recently wrote an article in the MIT Sloan Business Review about a powerful idea: creating a personal "Virtual Personal Board of Directors" for your life. Just like a company relies on a board to guide strategy, leaders, and values, we can build an imaginary council of mentors—drawn from history, literature, faith, or even contemporary thinkers—to help us navigate life's dilemmas.

I decided to put this idea into practice.

My Board of Directors

- Here's my board:
- Arthur Brooks Happiness and human flourishing.
 Philip Kotler Strategy and markets.
- Steve Jobs Innovation and boldness.
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- Martin Luther King Jr. Equality and justice.
- Pope Leo XIII Faith and moral grounding.
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- Brené Brown Vulnerability and courage. Each one brings a unique lens. Together, they help me test

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- Lincoln reminded me that liberty is precious. "The government has no rightful power to pour medicine into a man's cup without his consent," he might say.

- King urged me to consider justice: "Who bears the burden? If the poor cannot afford alternatives, are they forced into a choice the wealthy can avoid?"

- Brooks reframed it in terms of happiness: "Does this empower people with dignity and agency, or diminish their freedom to choose?"

- Kotler spoke strategically: "Position your testimony not as anti-science, but pro-choice and pro-freedom. That's how you'll resonate broadly."

Jobs pushed for creativity: "Don't just resist—design an alternative. A solution so elegant that it makes the old debate irrelevant."
Pope Leo weighed in on morality: "The health of the people

is vital, but so is the sanctity of free will. Prudence must guard both."

- Mother Teresa brought compassion: "Above all, ensure that

the vulnerable are not forgotten. Every decision should reflect love for the least among us."

- Brown added courage: "Testifying will make you vulnerable. Step into the arena anyway. That's where real leadership lives."

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- 2. Name Their Strengths. For each, identify what they uniquely represent—justice, strategy, courage, creativity, faith, compassion.
- 3. Ask the Question. Write your dilemma clearly in one sentence. I used ChatGPT, but you can use any generative AI model out there.

 4. Run It Through the Lenses. Imagine how each advisor
- would respond. What would they emphasize? Where would they caution you?

 5. Synthesize. Lay out the perspectives side by side. Notice
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Why It Matters

In a world of noise, we need anchors of wisdom. A personal Board of Directors doesn't make your decision for you. It makes you wiser, more balanced, and more courageous in the decisions you make.

When I face hard choices now, I don't feel alone. I have Lincoln's steady hand, Jobs' restless imagination, Teresa's compassion, Brown's courage, and the rest of my board reminding me that clarity comes not from one voice, but from many.

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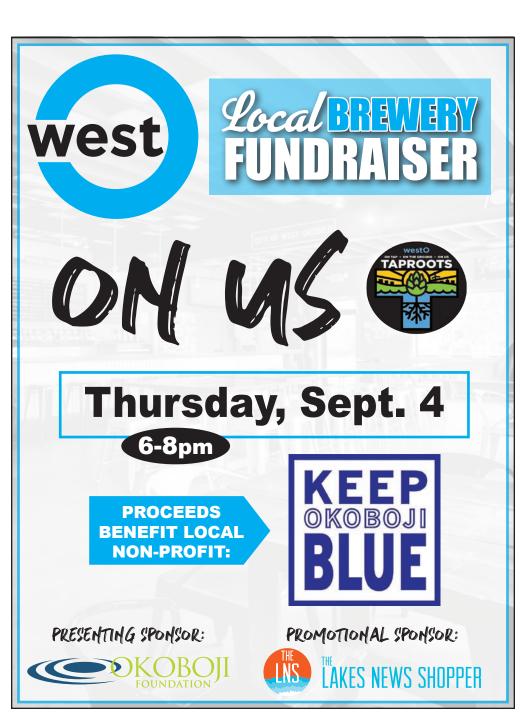
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View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Hawkeye Football Preview

It's hard to believe, but game week is finally here for the Iowa Hawkeyes, as they prepare to host the University of Albany at Kinnick Stadium at 5:10 on Saturday. I am taking my annual aim at predicting the Hawkeyes season, and will try to do a better job than last year when I missed by two games, as I predicted Iowa would go 10-3 and barely miss the College Football Playoffs, while they ended up 8-5, including a disappointing Music City Bowl loss to Missouri to end the season.

The Hawks enter the 2025 season with not quite as high of expectations as last year's team, which was ranked #25 in the preseason poll, but fell out after losing to Iowa State and never made it back in the Top 25 the rest of the season. The key to Iowa's season will rely heavily on South Dakota State quarterback transfer Mark Gronowski. Gronowski is a proven winner at the FCS level and Iowa is hoping that translates over into the Power 4 level. Iowa will miss All-American running back Kaleb Johnson, who is now playing in the NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, so he at least didn't have to get different colors for his gear. Johnson ran for 1,537 yards and scored 23 TDs for the Hawks last season. Replacing that with one person will be impossible but the Hawks are hopeful Kamari Moulton and Jaziun Patterson can provide a nice 1-2 punch. Moulton has been slowed in fall camp by a hamstring injury so look for Patterson to maybe get more carries in the opener. Wide receiving has not been a strength for Iowa for years, but this year's room appears to have more talent with Jacob Gill returning along with Central Lyon alum Reece Vander Zee and Seth Anderson. Gill is a great possession receiver while Vander Zee has break away speed to spread the field. Addison Ostrenga looks to become the next Hawkeye tight end to make a name for himself and propel that to an NFL career, he didn't have a great season last year, but a lot of that was due to poor quarterback play. Iowa's offensive line should be one of the team's strengths this year as they return Beau Stephens, Logan Jones and Gennings Dunker who all started last year.

Iowa's defense took a step back last year but was still fairly strong, giving up just 17.8 points per game, which was still 11th best in the nation. The Iowa defensive line will be the strength with the Hawkeyes returning Aaron Graves, Ethan Hurkett and Max Llewellyn. The linebacker room will greatly miss Jay Higgins and Nick Jackson and will rely on new starters Jaden Harrell and Karson Sharrer to step up into bigger roles this year. Iowa also lost some key defensive backs but does return Xavier Nwankpa and another Central Lyon alum Zach Lutmer as well as corners TJ Hall and DeShaun Lee. The Iowa kicking game will once again be one of the best in the nation with kicker Drew Stevens, who made 20 of 23 field goals, and punter Rhys Dakin, who averaged 44.1 yards per punt. Iowa also has one of the best returners in the nation with Kaden Wetjen.

Iowa's schedule does get tougher this season, with games against four teams in the preseason Top 25; fortunately for the Hawkeyes, the only road game of those four is week two with the big Cy-Hawk game in Ames vs. #21 Iowa State. I look for Iowa to have a very similar season to last year, going 8-4 during the regular season, including a 6-3 B1G record; this year they will win their bowl game to finish with an overall record of 9-4.













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87th Birthday Announcement

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View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Cyclones Get Big Dub in Dublin

This is my second VFTB this week, with the yearly prediction of Iowa's 2025 football season. I don't normally write two articles and had planned to keep this one shorter. I did, however feel that Iowa State's big time 24-21 win over #17 Kansas State in Dublin, Ireland, on Saturday, was worthy of at least a short article this week, and then as I was writing, just kept going and kept it at the usual length, as this was probably the Cyclones biggest win to open their season in program history.

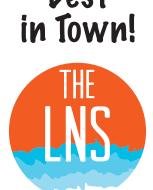
The first half was played in a driving rain storm and mirrored a Big 10 West game, with defenses dominating the action and the offenses struggling to do anything. Both defenses recovered two fumbles as neither offense could find much rhythm. Iowa State did finally strike first, late in the first quarter, on a beautiful Rocco Becht pass to Dominic Overby for a 23-yard TD. Kansas State answered right back on their next drive and scored on the first play of the second quarter when QB Avery Johnson ran it in from 10 yards out to knot the score at 7-7. Both teams would threaten later, but Ta'Shawn James recovered a Joe Jackson fumble in Iowa State territory, and then Iowa State's Kyle Konrardy would miss a 43-yard field goal late in the second quarter as the teams entered the locker room drenched, and in a 7-7 tie.

The second half was much more entertaining, and a much cleaner game, with no more turnovers and a lot more scoring. The Cyclones would take a 14-7 lead late in the third quarter when Becht hit Brett Eskildsen on a 24-yard strike that would set up a very entertaining fourth quarter. The Wildcats didn't take much time to answer, as they went after freshman safety Carson Van Dinter, who bit on a stop and go route, and Johnson hit a wide-open Jayce Brown from 37 yards out to tie the game. Iowa State would again answer with a nice drive that would eventually stall out and they would have to settle for a 34-yard Konrardy field goal to take a 17-14 lead. The Cyclone defense then got a huge stop at the K-State 30-yard line on a fourth and one play to give ISU great field position, and Becht and the offense would take advantage with great running by Carson Hansen behind an all of a sudden resurgent offensive line. Becht would eventually run it in from 7 yards out to give ISU what looked like a comfortable 24-14 lead with just 6:38 remaining. That comfort did not last very long as K-State went after Iowa State's other freshman safety, Khijohn Cummings-Coleman, who came up too early to defend a shorter route while Jerand Bradley raced past him, Johnson hit him with a beautiful pass and he raced 67 yards for a TD to pull the Wildcats within three at 24-21 with 6:23 left. As they had done all game, Becht and the Cyclones would once again answer adversity. Freshman running back Aiden Flora, who also recovered a fumbled punt, had a great kick return to the ISU 37 to give the Cyclones very good field position and momentum. Iowa State would not give the ball back to K-State, meticulously driving it down the field and eventually putting the game away on a huge fourth and three call with 2:26 remaining where Rocco Becht hit Carsen Hansen out of the backfield for a 15-yard pass to take the ball all the way to the goal line. The play was originally ruled a TD, but was overturned, and the Cyclones would then take three knees to run out the clock and take the huge 24-21 Big 12 victory.

While it's hard to call a season opening win one of the biggest of the Matt Campbell era, this one sets up to be that way for several reasons. The first is that Kansas State, along with Iowa State and Arizona State are the preseason favorites to win the Big 12, so you now have a one game lead and own the tiebreaker over the Wildcats. The second is that you just beat the 17th ranked team on ESPN and were the very first Division I college football game of the season, which means you had a ton of eyes on your program. You cannot buy that kind of exposure and to come out of there with a win, and a showcase of your fan support with the sea of cardinal and gold at that game is priceless. The challenge now is how do you respond from the highs of that victory? The worry is that you have a letdown and struggle with the jetlag of the trip. The teams who have played in the Aer Lingus Classic have a combined record that is 15 games below .500. Now, part of that is some of those teams haven't been very good (sorry Nebraska fans), but another part is the reality of how that travel and how you react to it can take a toll on your mind and body. There's no time for rest, as Iowa State will face a very good 5th ranked FCS University of South Dakota team on Saturday in Ames, and follow that up with the annual Cy-Hawk game the following week, also in Ames. I do fully trust Matt Campbell, his staff, and the upper-classmen leadership of this team to handle that travel and victory well, and keep this season moving forward full speed ahead, much like a Cyclone!







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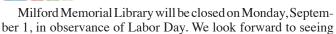
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Hospice can be an intimidating topic, but it doesn't need to be. Join MML on Thursday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m., as we welcome Cari from St.

Croix Hospice for an informative program. She will explain what hospice is, what they do, and answer questions. Refreshments will be provided for this free program.

On Monday, September 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., join Milford Memorial Library for All-Day Play! Discover new and exciting toys while having fun with friends during this comeand-go playtime. All toys are supplied by MML. Fourth through twelfth graders, get crafty at Milford Memo-

15, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MML will have the supplies to make a washer necklace or bracelet and you can bring a friend. This is a free come-and-go activity. On Wednesday, September 3, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will

take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library. Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime

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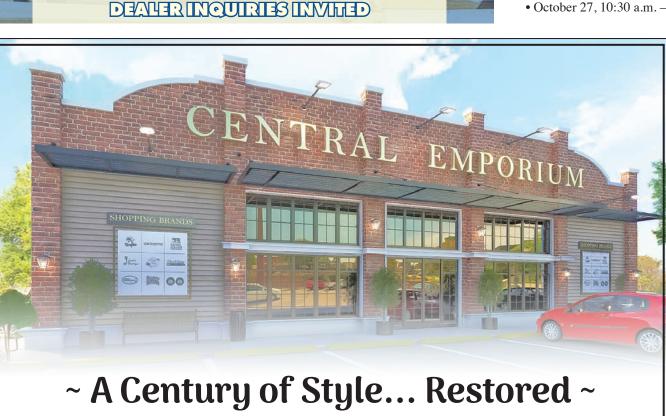
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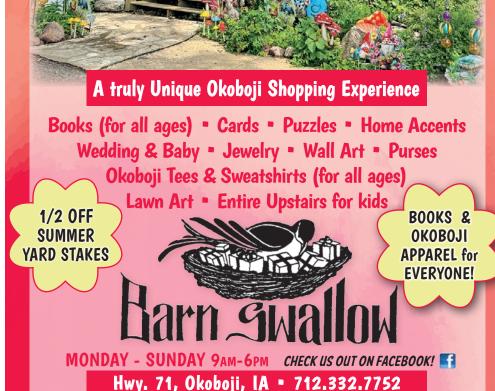
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Dan Kersbergen, age 73 of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and formerly of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on August 17, 2025, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Daniel John Kersbergen was born August 17, 1952, in Hull, Iowa. He was the middle of five children born to John and Elizabeth (Gorzeman) Kersbergen. Dan grew up in Rock Valley, Iowa. He was a graduate of Rock Valley High School, Class of 1970. He furthered his education at Iowa State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in



Fisheries and Wildlife Biology in 1975.

On August 31, 1974, he was united in marriage to Abigail Miller at Peace Lutheran Church in rural Sioux Center, Iowa. They made their home in Marshalltown, Iowa, raising four children: Laura, Diana, Thomas, and John. Dan started his own business, Ameripole Inspection Company, specializing in the inspection of utility poles. While in Marshalltown, Dan and Abby were members of Our Savior Lutheran Church. They moved to Spirit Lake, IA, in 2021.

In his free time, Dan was an avid outdoorsman. He expressed his love for God's creation by spending as much time outdoors as possible. He loved deer and pheasant hunting and fishing for walleye. He had many favorite hunting spots around Marshall County (precise locations are only known to his closest of kin).

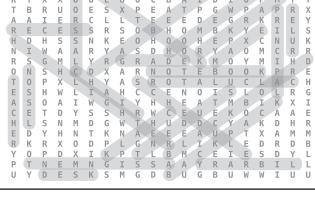
He stayed active coaching his children in their various sports and following them throughout their college years. He loved being a grandpa and was very proud of his grandchildren, often attending their sporting events and activities. He enjoyed catching frogs and turtles with his grandkids and sharing his love for the outdoors with them. Aloyal Cyclone, he was passionate about Iowa State and rarely missed the opportunity to root for his favorite team.

Those left to remember and cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Abby; his children, Laura (Stephen) Bent, of Essex, VT; Diana Wright of Mahtomedi, MN; Thomas (Shelly) Kersbergen of Livingston, MT; and John (Nichole) Kersbergen of Marshalltown, IA; and grandchildren, Samuel, Levi, and David Bent; Abigail and Joseph Wright; Clyde Kersbergen; and Layla, Raymond, and Reginald Kersbergen. He is also survived by his siblings, Jack (Kathy) Kersbergen, Mark (Carolyn) Kersbergen and Robert (Martha) Kersbergen, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth Kersbergen; sister in infancy, Mary Elizabeth Kersbergen; and paternal and maternal grandparents.

Services for Dan will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. A visitation for family and friends will begin at 2:00pm, with a funeral service to follow at 3:00pm. Memorials in Dan's name may be directed to the family for a later designation. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234.

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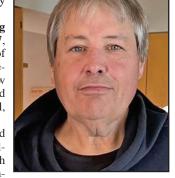
Obituary

A celebration of life visitation for Rodney Stoltenberg, age 57, of Lake Park, will be from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, August 30,

2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Lake Park. Interment will be at Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park.

Rodney Lynn Stoltenberg was born September 19, 1967, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, the son of Dennis and Donna Belle (Ingebritson) Stoltenberg. He grew up in Lake Park and attended Harris-Lake Park High School, graduating in 1986.

From an early age, Rod had a strong interest and natural talent for auto mechanics, which led him to Iowa Lakes Com-



munity College where he graduated in 1988 with a degree in Auto Mechanics. After college, he returned to Lake Park and worked at the Lake Park DX station, then drove cement truck for Rehms/ Stewart Concrete out of Milford. Following Rehms/Stewart, he joined Lake Park Lumber Co doing deliveries and draft work. He designed many buildings and homes during his tenure there. After the Family sold the lumberyard, Rodney started a career driving truck and eventually became an owner operator. This career would take him all over the country from the northwest to the northeast, Texas, Florida, and many states in between.

Rodney was a man of large stature, but he had an even bigger heart. Though quiet by nature, he had quick wit and was known for slipping in a perfectly timed wisecrack that left you laughing, if you caught it. Despite the demands of trucking and being away from home, Rodney made it a priority to attend family gatherings, where his presence was always cherished.

His greatest passions in life were cars, family, and friends. Rod was a very passionate uncle and loved attending his niece and nephew's activities, watching as many as he could, especially

Rodney was known to be very particular about many things, which provided some good ribbing opportunities for his friends and family. And he undoubtedly would give it back. Whether it was the way his bed was made, the brand of ketchup he preferred, or where his keys were placed at the end of the day, he was a perfectionist. This served him well while building many engines, both drag and stock cars, and working on so many classic cars throughout his lifetime.

Rod was a devoted fan of the Philadelphia Eagles, he enjoyed listening to music, and loved poker, especially "hold em". When he was younger, he also enjoyed golf, bowling, playing darts, and pool, which he played lefthanded.

In 2006, Rodney was diagnosed with two chronic kidney diseases. Since 2017, Rodney faced several health challenges, meeting each surgery and hospital stay with determination and courage.

Rodney passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake at the age of 57. Rod lived life every day to the fullest, especially the last few years as his health declined. Rodney gifted his body to the Iowa Donor Network to help others.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Dennis and Donna Belle Stoltenberg; brothers, Jeffrey Stoltenberg and Darren Stoltenberg; nephews, Matthew Stoltenberg and Jack Stoltenberg; niece, Ella Stoltenberg; aunts, Alice Wilhelmi and friend Roger, Judy and Marley Lloyd, and Debra and Craig Bellbeck; along with many cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Ella Mae Ingebritson and Arnold and Lily Stoltenberg; uncles, Ronald Stoltenberg and Bob Wilhelmi, and cousin, Timothy Stoltenberg. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





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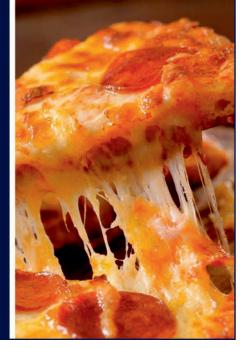
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Obituary

Gary Glen Wilson, son of Glen and Teleen Wilson, was born anuary 10, 1940, in Milford, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed

at the Little Sioux Lutheran Church in rural Milford. Gary received his education at the Okoboji Consolidated School, playing varsity basketball as a freshman, summer baseball and raising and showing 4-H Club calves.

After graduating in 1957, Gary worked various jobs including Stylecraft, Syndergaard, Ashland Construction and the Spencer Pack.

In 1960, Gary met the love of his life, Cheryle Meyerdirk and they were married at the

Lake Park Methodist Church. They lived in Milford for a few years before moving back to the family homeplace in rural Milford where he worked for Vern Dykstra. He later moved to an acreage near Everly and worked at Harms Implement. In 1965, he brought a new packing house (Wilson Foods) to Cherokee where he worked for thirty-eight years, until his retirement.

Camping was a family affair and Gary loved shotgun hunting, bow hunting, fishing and ice fishing. He enjoyed cruises, California visits, Disney World and his fishing trips to Minnesota and Canada.

After retirement, Gary and Cheryle built a year-round home at Lost Island and enjoyed living there for twenty-two years. He enjoyed lots of fishing, lake life and making special friendships.

Gary passed away peacefully at his home on August 20, 2025, vith his family at his side after suffering three years with many issues of total ankle replacements.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of nearly sixty-four years, Cheryle Wilson; daughters, Rhonda (Tim) Weiland of Terril and Sheila Welch of Spencer; brother, Jack (Pat) Wilson of Aurelia; grandchildren, Amber (Dale) Boicourt of Johnston, Anthony (Krista) Miller of Cherokee and Brandon (Kaila) Weiland of Woodstock; eleven great-grandchildren, Audrey Norlund, Lance Boicourt, Cayden Peterson, Kael Miller, Hailey Boicourt, Kevin Bock, Kaitlyn Miller, Karson Miller, Klay Miller, Zaidyn Edmundson and Kellan Miller.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Teleen Wilon; in-laws, Eileen and Roscoe Meyerdirk; son-in-law, Christopher Welch; granddaughter, Ashley Miller and many relatives and friends.

There will be no formal services at the request of our beloved one. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Janii's Hope Story

As a seasoned nurse and fitness enthusiast, Janii White had a strong foundation of what it takes to stay healthy. She is a

regular exerciser at age 60, eats sensibly by choosing healthy proteins, veggies, and fruit, and knows the importance of sleep. However, even though her diet and lifestyle choices are spot on, Janii found she could not remedy her digestive issues.

For the past 15 years, Janii struggled with gut pain, brain fog, and fatigue. She had seen various doctors and had tried many

different medications, had various labs, and made diet changes. Yet her problems remained. After spinning her wheels and getting nowhere, Janii decided to call Dr. Meyer at the Okoboji Wellness Clinic, whom she had been actively following on Facebook, as she lives over 2 hours away. She was curious how his approach might differ and if his clinic could help her.

Janii set up a free 15-minute Discovery Call with Dr. Meyer to find out. One of the first things Dr. Meyer asked her was what her current doctors were doing to fix her gut issues. It was then that Janii realized her doctors weren't doing anything to fix her problem, but rather they were managing her digestive distress with one medication after another.

Dr. Meyer did an extensive health history and learned that Janii had gut issues even going back to college. Other concerns such as kidney issues and sleep disruptions were also discussed. Dr. Meyer then set up a protocol that included meeting with Molly, who specializes in detox, nutrition, coaching, and reading labs. Although Janii knew a lot about nutrition from her nursing background, she was amazed and surprised by the new things she learned.

Molly shared the differences in how and what Janii was eating was either contributing to her gut health positively or negatively. In Janii's case, she was a good candidate for intermittent fasting, which can help calm things down in the gut, along with avoiding lots of snacking, as that was causing her blood sugars to rise. She was also not eating enough protein, and that was adding to her overall fatigue and inability to properly heal the body.

Janii remained quietly hopeful this new approach might work and implemented the changes. After a few months of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, therapeutic massage, dietary changes, and IASIS Neurofeedback, she noticed her inflammation was mostly gone!

For the first time in over 15 years, she finally started to feel normal again and reduced her prescribed medication from every day to once a month!

Recently Janii experienced another life changing event by using Ozone Therapy. A fibroma, or hard lump, developed on the bottom of her foot, which was impeding her ability to exercise. Her doctors told her there was little to be done, and it was not going to go away. This was very stressful to Janii, who values the importance of exercise and moving the body. When she went to see Dr. Meyer, she mentioned this to him and he said, "Let's try some ozone in that spot". Miraculously, the fibroma disappeared and Janii was thrilled because she was told that would never happen.

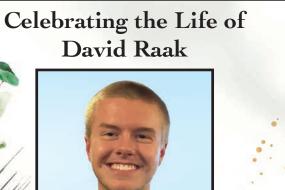
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The Family of David Raak

Obituary

David Raak May 5, 2004 — July 5, 2025

David Wayne Raak, beloved son, brother, nephew, uncle, and grandson, passed away tragically after being struck by an SUV that crossed the center line while

riding his motorcycle on July 5th, 2025. He was 21 years old. A memorial service was held on July 19, 2025, at Mc-Cabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck. Visitation was held at

the Bismarck Funeral Home on Friday, July 18. David was born on May 5, 2004, in Sioux City IA to Danel Ann Jacobs-Raak and Daniel Wayne Raak. He also lived in Sioux Falls, SD, for a short time

before completing his school



years in Bismarck ND, graduating from Legacy High School in 2023. David was a quiet child, often humming the theme songs to cartoons he preferred or requesting items through sign language. He was inquisitive, always wanting to learn more about history, nature & science. David was always extremely cautious; rides at the park were surveyed for safety, and if his siblings survived several rides, maybe before closing time he would give it a go. Teachers would comment that he was a bright student that was often caught daydreaming. School years were good, but he didn't set out to be an "overachiever"; he just knew how much he needed to do, leaving him time for personal interests. David was detailed and loved to draw or create. His favorite activity in Cub Scouts was derby car designing & racing. He was very particular about his clothes and liked things clean and orderly, even ironing and starching. He

enjoyed cooking and the traditions of holidays. David was an old soul who liked older country music, like "Waylon & Willy and the Boys," or an old western or action movie featuring Clint Eastwood. He loved to find an old series and watch it all the way through, like Seinfeld, The Office or The Sopranos. Tradition and family values meant a lot to him. Making his grandparents proud and spending time with them meant so much to him, and he wanted to preserve as much as he could. He enjoyed anything his younger brother and he could do together. He did stats and posin fill in for Andrew's backethall team, the Wolves The family to him. There was a lot of friendly banter, and as one friend said, David was always willing to engage in debate. Driveway ball games would go on for hours, followed by food and gaming. When the guys wanted to do something, they would tell their parents, "It'll be ok... David's going." David enjoyed fishing & hunting and the process of making sausage with family & friends, and the socializing involved in it. David liked sports statistics and, again, loved to debate opinions on who was the best in the league or who was the "GOAT."

David had worked as a ranch hand and general laborer for a close family friend and learned many skills he enjoyed touting his knowledge about. He was always willing to be the "foreman" for projects he accepted for himself and Andrew. Whether it be refinishing a boat or putting up backsplash in the kitchen. His impeccable style and taste in clothing carried over to sales at the Boot Barn. He loved quality and rare items, from Blue Mason Jars to Cars and Harley Davidsons.

He liked tinkering at the shop he designed for his dad, detailing cars and bikes, playing pool, and admiring the "toys." Together they took rides and enjoyed the countryside and beautiful stops along the way. The accident occurred while returning from a weekend trip to La Crosse, WI.

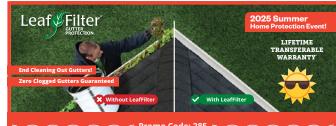
David was a much-loved uncle to Safira & Xander. He helped his sister with her children any way he could, including moving to be closer to them. He was fun and loving yet wasn't afraid to apply

some rules also. He was a gentleman through and through, opening car doors for ladies, and didn't want to date until he could treat a lady right. When he met Kyla Hudelson, he said, "Mom, you know this is what I always wanted"-- a best friend and love of his life. They were excited for a future together, raising a family of Christian faith. Because of David's caring and loving nature, he would have been a wonderful father & husband.

David was attending Iowa Lakes Community College, in Okoboji IA, while working at his father's accounting firm. He had planned on studying accounting at Northwestern College, Orange City, IA. David aspired to be a CPA and take over the accounting firm.

David is survived by his parents, Danel Ann Jacobs of Bismarck, ND, Daniel Wayne Raak of Spirit Lake, IA; siblings, Sarah Raak of Lake Park, IA, and Andrew Raak Bismarck, ND; niece, Safira, and nephew, Xander; grandparents, Alton & Leona (Emmil) Jacobs of Bismarck, ND; aunts & uncles, Dion & Bonnie (Kohler) Jacobs of Bismarck, ND, Oran & Sandy (Bjerke) Jacobs of Rapid City, SD, and Tami (Raak) & Mike Wesselink of Worthington, MN; cousins, Jessica Jacobs of Portland OR, Blaine Jacobs of Wilton ND, Tyler Jacobs of Bismarck, ND, Lyndsey Jacobs of Highlands Ranch, CO, Eric & Rae (Westbrook) Jacobs of Lakewood CO, and Alyson

(Wesselink) & Tim Bentz, Matthew Wesselink of Sioux Falls, SD. David was preceded in death by grandparents, Ken & Arthea Raak of Worthington, MN.



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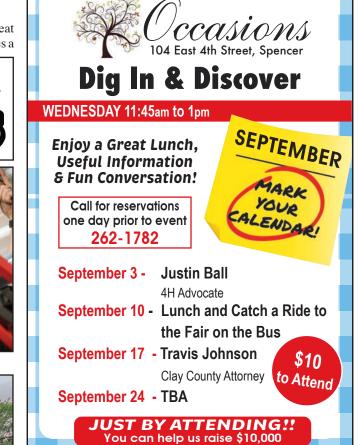
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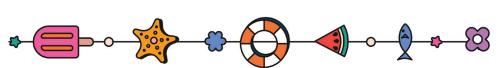
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• Wednesday, August 27th, 1:30 PM - "Orphan Train": Lori Vicker will share about the Orphan Train Movement of 1854-1929 which brought orphans from the East to Iowa and the Midwest to live and work.

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Iowa Lakes Board of Trustees Meeting Emphasizes Grant Growth and Student Impact

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees met Tuesday afternoon with a spotlight on the increasing impact of grants and external funding that support student success, workforce development, and campus innovation.

Erin Dirks, Grant Writer in the Office of Planning and Development, presented a comprehensive overview of grant activity at Iowa Lakes, showcasing a 5-year total of over \$3.3 million awarded to the college. These funds support a wide range of initiatives, from federal TRIO programs and workforce scholarships to local projects improving college facilities.

"Every grant we secure is a step toward expanding opportunity for students and strengthening our communities," said Dirks. "These funds go beyond numbers—they represent lives impacted, barriers removed, and futures unlocked.

Among the highlights shared:

TRIO Programs serve more than 960 students annually, including Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Student Support Services. A new Department of Energy grant provides \$150,000 in scholarships, internship stipends, and equipment upgrades.

The Federal Aviation Administration helped to fund the college's High School Aviation Program.

Local investments through the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Grant supported wellness center upgrades and technology enhancements.

"Our goal is to align every grant proposal with the real needs of students and the evolving demands of our region," Dirks added. "Whether it's aviation, nursing, cultural programming, or student housing, we're actively pursuing funding that advances both innovation and access.'

The board also received updates on graduation candidates, Last-Dollar Scholarship participation, and recent donations including a donation from the Mark Martinez Foundation to support the Construction Technology Program.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at the Administration Building in Estherville, beginning with a work session at 4:00 p.m. and the formal meeting at 4:30 p.m.

DCCB Receives \$500,000 Match in Nature Playscape Fundraising Phase

The Dickinson County Conservation Board and the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC) are thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor has committed to match every

dollar donated up to \$500,000 towards the new Nature Playscape upgrades. The incredible gift will allow twice the impact during this critical phase of fundraising.

About the Project - To see more about the proposed features, visit the website www. dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/natureplayscape or stop in at the Nature Center. This is more than just a playground, but in the words of Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds, "It's a place where nature and childhood can grow up together."

The current playscape, built in 2014, has been a well-loved feature located just across from the Dickinson County Nature Center and has shown some wear. Some of the new features include: a sand-digging area with a water spillway, swing garden, musical meadow, log climbing mash, raised platform with a hammock, woodland village, boardwalk and a wetland overlook, native vegetation plantings and more seating spaces.

Pending fundraising, construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026, with site preparation

and groundbreaking. The project is expected to be completed in two months once construction begins, and the community will be able to enjoy the new experience.

"Our current playscape has served families well, but features have had a lot of wear," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "A new playscape will offer accessible and inspiring spaces where children can explore and grow for years to come."

How You Can Help - There are several ways to donate: gifts can be mailed to the CFDC at 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355, in person at the Nature Center (same address), or online at www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/donate. All donations are tax-deductible and will directly fund the construction and development of the playscape, bringing the community closer to enjoying this one-of-a-kind space.



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Care Readily Available for Area Athletes This Fall

Free Sports Injury Clinics, On-Site Game Coverage Included in Care Fall sports are an exciting time for the entire community, and local sports specialists want to ensure it's a safe one for the athletes themselves. Local medical professionals are providing care for area athletes in various ways. Orthopedic surgeons from Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons and Certified Athletic Trainers are offering a free Sports Injury Clinic and

The free Sports Injury Clinic will be held every Saturday at 9 am or by appointment August 30 through October 18. Located within Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons' Spirit Lake office, the clinic is offered free of charge to area middle and high school athletes. To attend the clinic, enter Lakes Regional Healthcare through the south entrance. Appointments and physician referrals are not necessary to utilize the clinic. However, a parent or guardian must accompany athletes under age 18. Orthopedic surgeons will evaluate the injury and specify treatment if needed. A free screening x-ray is also provided if warranted. Any follow-up appointments, further radiology tests such as CT scans or MRIs, or supplies such as casts, braces, or splints are charged to health insurance.



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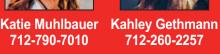








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West Okoboji Connection & PLAC **Loop Trail Openings**

Two exciting additions to the Iowa Great Lakes Trails system were celebrated in late July with ribbon cuttings at West O Beer and the Pearson Lakes Art Center. The West Okoboji Connection and the PLAC Loop Trail were made possible through the collaboration of local city partners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, all working together to expand trail access and enhance community connectivity.

These new trail segments not only improve the overall network, but also create opportunities to enjoy nearby amenities, from local dining to arts and cultural experiences. Whether biking, walking, or running, trail users are encouraged to explore these beautiful new paths and experience unique destinations along the way.

Upcoming Trail Events

TATANKA SKA Labor Day Ride: Monday, September 1 – Celebrate Labor Day on two wheels and join us for a casual, fun-filled ride along the trail from Spirit Lake to Lake Park and back. The morning begins at 9:00 a.m. with a social



gathering at Tatanka Ska Trailhead, followed by a leisurely ride to Lake Park to explore the town and its activities. This is a relaxed ride perfect for riders of all levels. Registration is not required, and the round-trip distance is approximately

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

fascinating local history. For full details on the tour and the many museums you can visit, go to www.lakesmuseums.org.

34th Annual U Of O Oktoberfest Bike Ride: Saturday, September 27 -Registration is open for this fun bike ride along the scenic trails and lakeside roads of the Iowa Great Lakes area. Proceeds from the ride benefit Dickinson County Trails and registration includes food and drink deals throughout the area, drink tickets and a T-shirt. There are optional pit stops along the 18-mile route and the ride ends at Preservation Plaza for additional games, activities, live entertainment, food and beer. For registration and event information visit www.uofooktoberfest.com.

As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.

Clay County Fair Adds Special Guests to Grandstand Concert Lineup

Fair, powered by SMU, is excited to announce the special guests joining the SMG Concert Series this September. Fans can now look forward to Davisson Brothers Band opening for Oliver Anthony on Saturday, September 6, and Maggie Baugh joining Home Free on Monday, September 8.

Davisson Brothers Band

Born and bred in the blood-soaked hills of West Virginia, brothers Chris and Donnie Davisson, of the Davisson Brothers Band, didn't come to chase stardom—they came to fight for their sound. Not with glitter or trends, but with grit, soul, and calloused hands that have played every dive bar, festival stage, and back porch - from the Alleghenies to the asphalt of Nashville and beyond.

From the earliest days, music was a lifeline. Their father, Eddie Davisson, played in bar bands and taught the brothers not just how to hold a guitar, but how to hold their ground. Music ran through their veins like moonshine-raw and dangerous in all the right ways.

Chris Davisson, the lead guitarist, is a mad scientist of tone—part outlaw, part alchemist. His riffs don't just echo—they scar. Donnie Davisson, the frontman, bleeds every lyric like it's the last thing he'll ever say.

While others chased radio and fast fame, the Davisson Brothers Band carved out their own genre — something between Appalachian grit and southern rock fury. Their songs aren't manufactured—they're forged, in the silence after loss, in the fire of stubborn pride, in the long stretches of loneliness only a road dog can understand.

This band is not a product. They're a promise—that somewhere out there, real music still lives in the bones of real people. Their music represents a lifetime of fights, brotherhood, and stubborn Appalachian

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Spencer, Iowa — The Clay County pride that refuses to die. This isn't a fairy

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From Classical to Country Music, Maggie Baugh has caught the music industry's attention for her independent success. Baugh's social media prowess is immense, with her TikTok series, "Finish the Lick," which has garnered more than 40 million views across all social platforms, showcasing her proficiency on multiple instruments.

Baugh released her debut album, Dear Me, that was featured across multiple editorial playlists including Spotify "Next From Nashville," "New Music Friday Country," Apple Music "New In Country," "Fresh From Nashville," Amazon Music "Breakthrough Pop," "Breakthrough Country" and landed over 500K streams in its first day, reaching #19 iTunes on the US Country Album Charts and #9 on the Australian Country Album Charts.

Amongst those named "Fender Next Class" of 2025, Baugh now has an overall 10M streams across all platforms. Most recently, Baugh caught the attention of Keith Urban, who asked her to join him on tour as his utility player. In the past year, Baugh has appeared on the CMT Awards, Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, The Today Show, Nissan Stadium, and Kelly Clarkson, to name a few.

As an artist, she has performed on stages such as the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry. Looking ahead in 2025, Baugh looks forward to releasing her sophomore album, produced by herself, and hitting the road on her Headlining "Entertainers Heart" World Tour. Performing in venues such as dive bars, theaters, festivals, and everything in between, Baugh will show the world what it means to be a true entertainer.

Tickets for all shows remain available,



with prices for Oliver Anthony at \$69 (Stage Front Standing), \$49 (Reserved Grandstand Seating), and \$25 (General Admission Bleachers), and Home Free at \$35 (Stage Front Reserved Chair Seating), \$35 (Reserved Grandstand Seating), and \$30 (General Admission Bleachers).

For complete concert details and artist bios, visit the Clay County Fair website.

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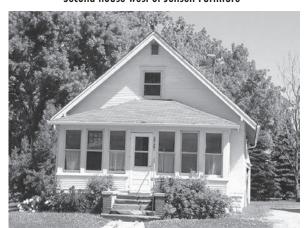
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The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Celebrates the 2025 Iowa Rock Hall of Fame Inductees & Award Winners

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 vou 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

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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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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.

Tops Meetings

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

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Al-Anon Meetings

Milford New Hope Al-Anon meetings will take place on Zoom. Meeting ID is 77557290457 and the pass code is JXEU2H. For more information, go

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2202 Denver Ave, Spirit Lake. Fri, Aug 29, 10am-4pm, and Sat, Aug 30, 10am-2pm. End of summer sale! Everything half price except camping equipment.

1413 Indian Hills Dr, Spirit Lake. Thurs, 12-5pm; Friday, 9am-5pm; Saturday 9-? Don't miss this sale for all your seasonal Fall and Christmas decor! Many various size trees. Also including sports cards, golf balls, some name brand clothing, general decor, wooden crates, small side tables and much miscellaneous. Many items under \$5. Four family sale filling the 3-stall

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Hwy 71 S & 30th Ave behind Cruz'n Cars Motors, Spirit Lake. Fri, 9am-4pm, at, 9am-3pm. Very large garage sale. Plants, books, shoes, boots, antique items, tools, wire racks, furniture, bikes, clothing - all sizes & some new, many miscitems. Good prices.

1041 29th Street, Spirit Lake. Thurs, Aug. 28- Sat, Aug. 30. 9AM-2PM. End of summer sale! Furniture, books, clothing, shoes, kids toys, bicycles & tricycles, vintage items, housewares, games, and more.

Lake. Thursday, Aug 28, 4-7pm, Friday, Aug 29, 8am-5pm, Saturday, Aug 30, 8am-12pm. Turn East off Highway 71 across from Fergusons, go 1 block or take Zenith to 36th Street. Huge shed sale. Lots of everything. Books, cookbooks, home decor, clothes & shoes - all sizes including baby, framed wildlife print, vintage and antique items, & homemade zucchini

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Ruthven Care Center Honored with Top Iowa Award The Ruthven Community Care Center received the 2025 Governor's Award for Quality Care, recognizing its outstanding commitment to resident well-being, compassionate caregiving, and exemplary service in long-term care.

On behalf of Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) officials presented the award on Aug. 20 during a special ceremony at the facility, located at 2701 E. Mitchell St. in Ruthven. This was the second

and final award to be presented this year. Ruthven Community Care Center earned high praise for creating a warm, welcoming environment where residents feel loved, supported, and genuinely at home. The 46-bed facility stood out among statewide nominations thanks to its commitment to individualized care, strong community engagement, and

consistently high-quality services. "Ruthven Community Care Center exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond in long-term care," said DIAL Director Larry Johnson, Jr. "Their staff treats residents like family and creates a community where compassion, dignity, and excellence are at the heart of every interaction."

During the evaluation process, residents and families shared heartfelt stories of the care center's impact. From a nurse arranging a last-minute hair appointment to make a new resident feel like herself again, to the staff driving residents to appointments and supporting them through grief, every nomination reflected a culture of kindness, respect, and personal connection.

The facility also partners extensively with local schools, businesses, and families to provide a dynamic calendar of indoor and outdoor activities. Residents participate in everything from bowling and gardening to casino outings and intergenerational events, such as Easter egg hunts with elementary students.

"We are deeply honored to receive this award," said Administrator Ryan Sikora. "It reflects the dedication of our staff and the strength of our relationships with the community we proudly serve. Most importantly, it's a celebration of the people who live here—each of whom brings joy and purpose to everything we do."

The Governor's Award for Quality Care is designed to promote and recognize exceptional health care facilities that demonstrate a consistent commitment to quality of life and care. Ruthven's selection was based on a strong nomination record, positive audit history, and glowing reviews from residents, families,

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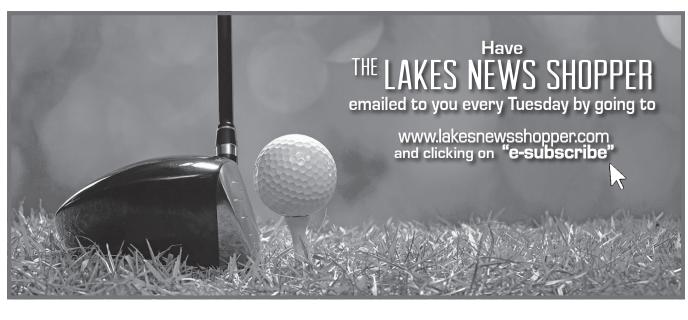
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This summer, high school students from across the country traded textbooks for takeoffs as they completed the prestigious Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Flight Academy hosted by the Iowa Lakes Aviation program. Over the course of eight intensive weeks, students earned their FAA Private Pilot certificates, taking their first steps toward careers in aviation.

Recently completing its fifth year, the JROTC Flight Academy at Iowa Lakes Community College continues to make a national impact. The program has produced 67 licensed private pilots to date and plays a vital role in the college's commitment to hands-on, high-quality aviation training.

But beyond the curriculum and cockpit hours lies the real story: the students.

ANational Program, A Local Impact Tim Busch, Director of Aviation Programs at Iowa Lakes, leads the academy with a hands-on approach and high expectations. "This is a great experience for the students. Although there is no commitment to join the Air Force, about 50% volunteer

after this program," said Busch. The JROTC Flight Academy is part of a broader initiative within the Iowa Lakes Aviation program to help address a national shortage of pilots. Through a

robust eight-week training model, cadets receive classroom instruction, flight simulator sessions, and in-air experience in GPS-equipped aircraft, all backed by the trong reputation Iowa Lakes has in aviation education.

"Our aviation program is first-class," added Busch. "Our experienced flight instructors look forward to working with these students every summer and supporting them in launching their aviation

Students Share What Makes the **Program Fly**

For Reese Thompson, 17, from Arizona, the decision to apply was strategic. "I've always planned to join the military, so this program felt like the right step to prepare," said Reese Thompson, 17, from Arizona. "A friend of mine went through the Iowa Lakes Aviation program and had a great experience, so I put it on my list, and I'm glad I did. Plus, the food's pretty

great, especially breakfast." Saila Olson, also 17 and from Arizona, came with a clear plan: "I'm here because I want to attend a military academy and become a pilot," she said. "I love everything about this program. The instructors, the people, everyone here is working toward the same goal."

Samuel Horn, 17, traveled from Rich-

lands, Virginia, to attend. "Honestly, l ioined JROTC in middle school because they said we'd get to play paintball,' joked Samuel Horn, 17, from Richlands, Virginia. "In reality, I only played once, but what kept me in the program was the community service and all the opportunities to grow. That's what made me stick with it.'

Horn had never heard of Iowa Lakes Community College before being placed there—but says now he couldn't imagine a better fit. "Honestly, it's been awesome. The best part? Flying. I'll really miss being able to fly once or twice every day." He plans to pursue a career as a pilot, potentially through the Air Force or Army aviation.

The Future Is in Flight

With its state-of-the-art flight simulators, experienced faculty, and hands-on training, the Iowa Lakes Aviation program stands out as one of the top community college aviation programs in the country. Through its partnership with the Air Force JROTC and strong student-centered approach, Iowa Lakes is preparing the next generation of pilots and aviation profes-

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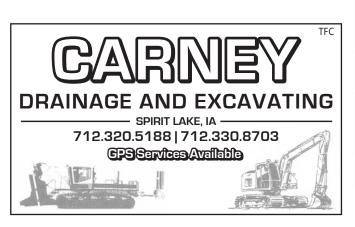
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The story is based on the diaries of George Burmeister Company K,

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.

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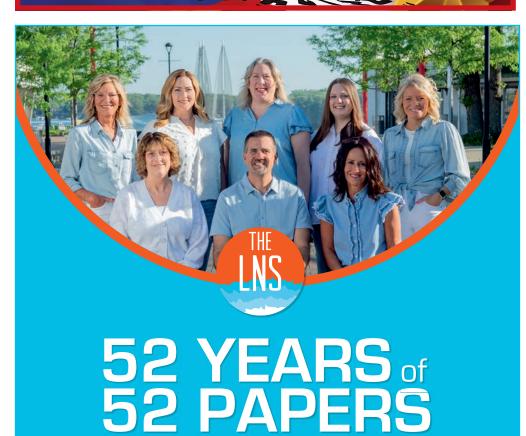
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on October 18th with other Spirit Lake TOPS members. Bonnie has good attendance at the chapter meetings. She serves as the volunteer Secretary, keeping track of how much the chapter has lost and what is happening each week. Part of her success is that she has her own garden. The State leaders have challenged us to lose weight for 6 weeks straight before the Oct. 18th District meeting. Whenever we lose, we put our name on a chart to obtain prizes, such as one month's dues of \$3.00.

For information on the Spirit Lake TOPS Chapter, contact Leader and KOPS (Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly) member Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458. This week, we are all bringing anniversary cards to Betty and Tom Sangel to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. Our no, no is no salty snacks. Any food item over 140 mg has too much salt.

You can attend our Spirit Lake meetings or find one in your area. Go to the TOPS website www.tops.org. We also like getting our TOPS magazine "TOPS NEWS" about real people with real weight loss. We meet at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church east of the Dickinson County courthouse.

We are at 1812 Gary Ave., Spirit Lake, Iowa. At 9:00 to 10:00 AM weigh-in of our twenty members, and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM our meeting and program. At 11:15 AM, we have lunch together at the Lakes Medical Center cafeteria. We enjoy their Friday fish and their great salad bar.

We will be bringing too large clothes to the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church for their rummage sale on August 30th.

If you are someone who works on Friday and cannot get the time off you can join online and attend the Conferences held on Saturdays. Registration for the Denison Conference has to be in by Oct. 1 for the Oct. 18th meeting. Call Betty to register.

Our next meeting on Friday, August 29, we will discuss Exercise. We have to keep moving and stay fit. I ride a bike, I go to water exercise, and I do home exercises. Eat well and do

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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

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Ike & Ivy Learning Opens New Location, Welcomes New Clients

Ike & Ivy Learning, a family-owned leader in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy and family support services, is proud

to announce the opening of its new location at 1501 35th Ave West. The center is now fully operational and actively acceptng new clients.

The new facility reflects Ike & Ivy's mission to deliver individualized, high-quality autism services to children and families in Northwest Iowa. Purposefully designed with both growth and safety in mind, the space will feature dedicated therapy rooms, sensory and play areas, secure outdoor environments, and welcoming family spaces.



Ike & Ivy Learning is family-owned and co-founded by a mother and her two daughters, combining professional expertise with a deeply personal commitment to reimagining what autism services can look like.

Taylor Jepsen, Co-Founder, highlighted the community impact: "Ike & Ivy isn't just a therapy center. It's a place where families can exhale. A spot where parents find support, where children are given space to grow into their strengths, and where community means no one has to do this alone. This move is more than boxes;

it's a step toward building the kind of village every family deserves." Dr. Anissa Jepsen, BCBA, LBA, Co-Founder, shared:

"This space is more than carpet squares and perfectly linedup chairs. It's proof that out of chaos, something meaningful can be built. Therapy here isn't cookie-cutter; it's alive, flexible, and centered on kids being exactly who they are. Families aren't managed, they're welcomed. Kids are celebrated not for fitting in, but for standing out."

Dr. Brittney Farley, BCBA-D, LBA, IBA, COBA, Co-Founder, emphasized the clinical vision behind the expansion:

"We've never been the type to settle for 'good enough.' From day one, our mission has been to flip the script on ABA. We focus on quality over quotas, collaboration over burnout. This new space gives us the platform to do exactly that on a bigger scale and finally open our doors wider to families who are tired of waiting for something better."

This new chapter builds on the founders' proven success. For the past five years, Dr. Farley and Dr. Jepsen have co-owned another ABA company while also developing a state-of-the-art supervision and training program through K-Now Solutions, a national leader in advancing ABA clinical and business practices.

Through K-Now, they have supported more than 20 autism centers in launching and scaling. They have focused on giving business owners unique insight into what makes a program sustainable, family-centered, and clinically strong. That foundation of innovation and quality is now at the core of Ike & Ivy Learning's expansion.

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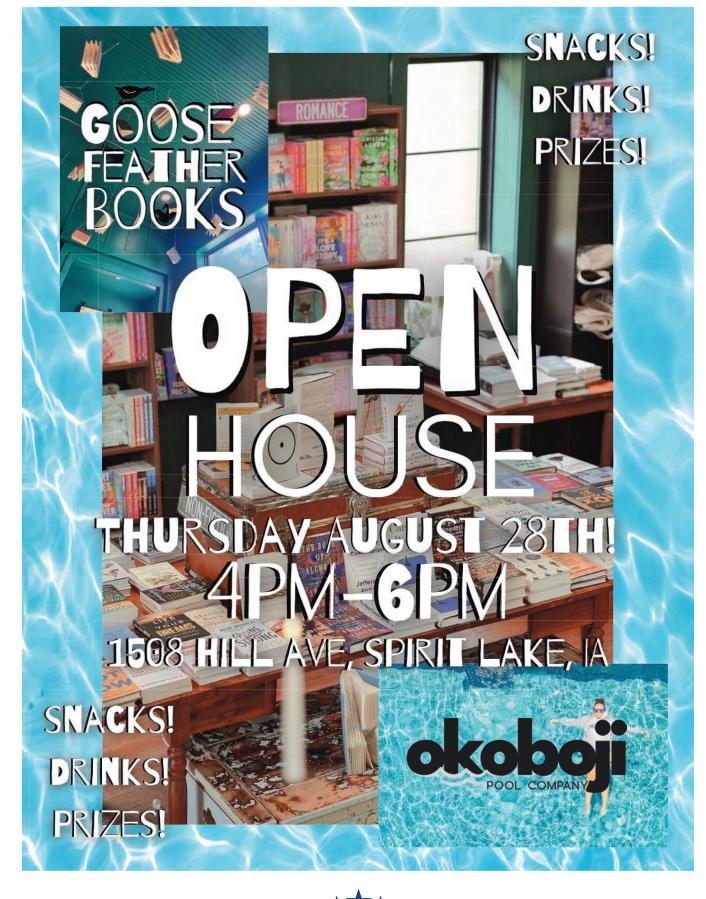
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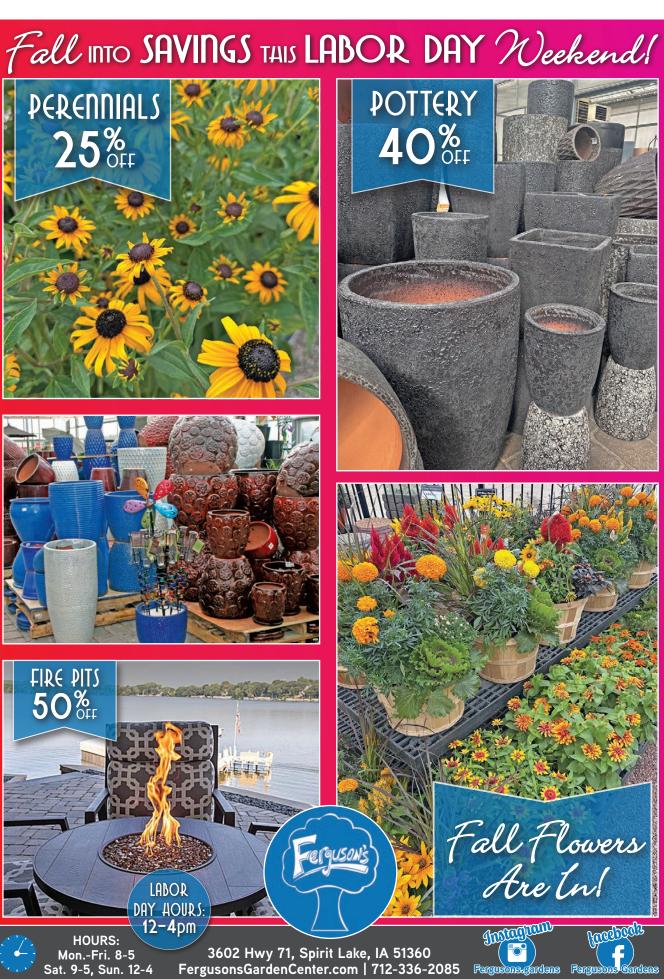














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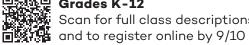
EDUCATION CLASSES

OKOBOJI PLEIN AIR WITH STEPHEN RANDALL September 8-10 | 10am-3pm | \$160/\$180 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.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER YOUTH ART CLASSES: @LAY





CULINARY CLASSES

Wine Class With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji 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

Eating well is easy to do when you begin with fresh seasonal garden vegetables! Even better, Sarah's salad bowls taste delicious! In this demonstration class, enjoy a generous tasting menu of several garden bowls combining a variety of plants, proteins, and healthy grains. A glass of wine included.

Kids Corn Festival Cooking | Ages 7 - 12

With Cathie Critchett of Lagniappe Tea Room

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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 then lead in an art activity using the husks.





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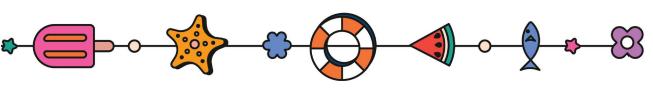




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Outdoor Vendor Show! Preservation Plaza will be filled with fun fall activities and we want you to be involved! The annual outdoor vendor show will run from 10am

- 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 Oktoberfest 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!

SHOP Local

Calling All Vendors & Food Trucks! Ike & Ivy Learning Opens New Showcase your business and join thousands of locals and tourists during the Annual University of Okoboji Oktoberfest Location, Welcomes New Clients

Ike & Ivy Learning, a family-owned leader in Applied Behavior

Analysis (ABA) therapy and family support services, is proud to announce the opening of its new location at 1501 35th Ave West. The center is now fully operational and actively accept-

ing new clients. The new facility reflects Ike & Ivy's mission to deliver individualized, high-quality autism services to children and families in Northwest Iowa. Purposefully designed with both growth and safety in mind, the space will feature dedicated therapy rooms, sensory and play areas, secure outdoor environments, and wel-



coming family spaces. Ike & Ivy Learning is family-owned and co-founded by a mother and her two daughters, combining professional expertise with a deeply personal commitment to reimagining what autism

services can look like. Taylor Jepsen, Co-Founder, highlighted the community impact:

"Ike & Ivy isn't just a therapy center. It's a place where families can exhale. A spot where parents find support, where children are given space to grow into their strengths, and where community means no one has to do this alone. This move is more than boxes; it's a step toward building the kind of village every family deserves.' Dr. Anissa Jepsen, BCBA, LBA, Co-Founder, shared:

"This space is more than carpet squares and perfectly linedup chairs. It's proof that out of chaos, something meaningful can be built. Therapy here isn't cookie-cutter; it's alive, flexible, and centered on kids being exactly who they are. Families aren't managed, they're welcomed. Kids are celebrated not for fitting in, but for standing out."

Dr. Brittney Farley, BCBA-D, LBA, IBA, COBA, Co-Founder, emphasized the clinical vision behind the expansion:

"We've never been the type to settle for 'good enough.' From day one, our mission has been to flip the script on ABA. We focus on quality over quotas, collaboration over burnout. This new space gives us the platform to do exactly that on a bigger scale and finally open our doors wider to families who are tired of waiting for something better."

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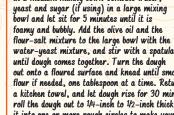




375 grams (3 cups) Italian Style Pizza Flour (plus extra)

250 ml (1 cup) warm water

- tablespoon olive oil
- grams instant dry yeast
- grams sugar (optional) grams salt



Preheat oven to 475° F. Mix flour and salt

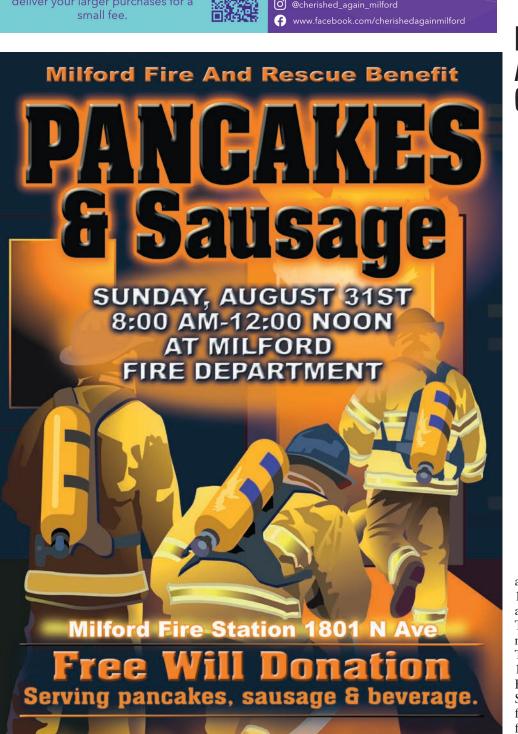
in a medium mixing bowl. Combine water,

out onto a floured surface and knaad until smooth, about 5 minutes. Add additional flour if needed, one tablespoon at a time. Return the dough to the bowl, cover with a kitchen towel, and let dough rise for 30 minutes if you have time. If not, simply roll the dough out to 44-inch to 42-inch thick on a well-floured surface. Form roll the dough out to 144-inch to 1/2-inch thick on a well-floured surface. Form it into one or more rough circles to make your pizza(s). Pierce the dough with a fork multiple times, add your toppings and bake on the bottom rack of the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until the bottom and edges of the crust are a rich golden brown. Check your pizza often so it doesn't get too brown. As with all bread recipes, this pizza recipe will turn out best if you weigh your ingredients. Invest in a quality kitchen scale to get the best results. Topping ideas: Marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese creates a classic pizza, but everyone can get creative with their toppings. A pesto sauce base and grilled chicken can be tasty. Try proscutto and basil as another option. Maat-lovers' pizzas often contain ground sausage. and basil as another option. Meat-lovers' pizzas often contain ground sausage, pepperoni and sometimes ham. Pizza dough also can be used for dessert. Top with a "sauce" of hazelnut spread and sliced strawberries for a delicious treat.

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Center Schedule Tuesday, August 26 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 12.30 - Bridge 6:30 - Men's Group Wednesday, August 27 9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date 1:30 - Speaker: Orphan Train with Lori Vicker Thursday, August 28 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi

12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 4:00 - Zumba

Friday, August 29 9:00 - Exercise Class 10:00 - Chair Yoga 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, August 30 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, August 31 2:00-5:00 Dance and Potluck at 3pm Music by Bill and Jackie \$8/ Single \$15/Couples Monday, September 1 Closed - Labor Day

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, September 21, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. 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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For a full schedule of fun or to register online, visit uofooktoberfest.com.

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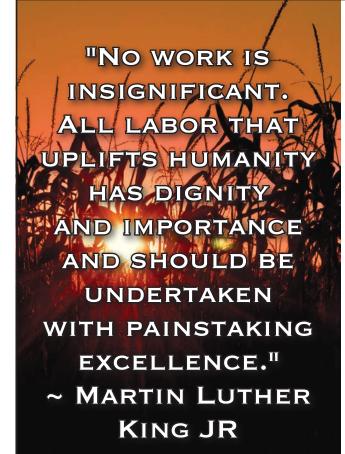
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