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*One entry per person per week. The Lakes News Shopper U-Pick-Em Pigskin Challenge runs weekly through the December 12, 2025 issue. The winner will be whoever picks the most correct games. For rules go to: [LakesNewsShopper.com](http://LakesNewsShopper.com)*





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Faith Community Church will host Divinity Sunday, October 12th, at 6:00 pm. The church is located at 805 Okoboji Ave, Milford. All are welcome!



**Tues., Sept. 30 – 10:30 AM**– Live & online farm equipment auction near Paullina. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. [www.vw72.com](http://www.vw72.com).

**Thurs., Oct. 2 – 12:00 PM**– Online bidding begins for shop & property auction near Milford. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. [www.vw72.com](http://www.vw72.com).

**Sat., Oct. 18 – 9:45 AM**– Large coin auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Howell Real Estate & Auction. 712-260-9690. [www.howellrealestateandauction.com](http://www.howellrealestateandauction.com).

**Wed., Nov. 5 – 10:00 AM**– 153.37 acres at auction in Jackson Co., MN. Auctioneers: Pike & Christopher. 507-847-3468. [www.auctioneeralley.com](http://www.auctioneeralley.com).

**Thurs., Nov. 6 – 10:00 AM**– 195 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. [www.midwestlandmanagement.com](http://www.midwestlandmanagement.com).



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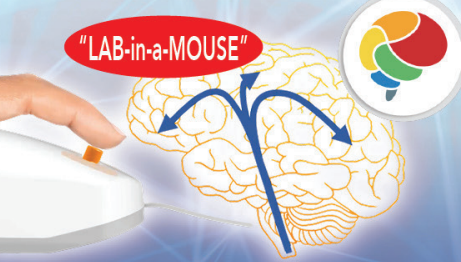
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Bill & Jackie Carpenter will be playing for a dance at the Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesday, September 30. They'll be performing your favorite dance music from 6:00-8:00 PM that evening. Come early and enjoy a meal prepared by the Spirit Lake VFW. It's always a great time when Bill & Jackie perform.



### Antique Show

The Ormsby Antique & Collectibles Fall Show will be held October 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26, from 10:00am to 6:00pm, in Ormsby, Minnesota, on Highway 4.

There will be gifts, garden art, primitives, furniture, home decor and jewelry. See the Ormsby Antique Show on Facebook for more information.

### Lake Park Mobile Food Pantry

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of the church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm.

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1. Must open a new qualifying checking account and meet the \$100 bundle requirements to earn Game Day Bonus; cannot have held a checking relationship within the last 6 months. The \$100 bonus plus any additional amount from the number of points is required to be deposited into your new Northwest Bank qualified checking account. To obtain the Game Day Bonus the minimum opening deposit required is \$500. Available to accounts opened 9/15-10/17/2025. Member FDIC

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The Force Marching Band from SLHS

Congratulations to The Force Marching Band from Spirit Lake High School for their recent success. On September 20th The Force earned 2nd Place in their class at the Waseca Marching Classic as well as 2nd Place in Class 3A and 4th Place overall at Starfest on September 27th. The group performs next for Homecoming on October 10th and again October 11th at the Iowa High School Music Association Marching Band Contest in Sheldon and the Dutchmen Field Championship in Orange City.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

To the Editor:

I read Mr. Tanner's editorial from LNS 9/23/25 issue where he listed some alleged quotes of Charlie Kirk. He is obviously not a person who knew Charlie Kirk so he must have found those quotes on line somewhere. I submit that things can be taken out of context. A good example would be that Mr. Tanner said Charlie Kirk stood for all that is good.

Dale Kimball,  
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85th Birthday Announcement

The family of Gary Reason would like to announce that Gary Lee will be celebrating his 85th Birthday on September 23rd. Birthday wishes can be mailed to Gary Reason at 3200 Okoboji Ave, Lot #87, Milford, Iowa.

VFW  
Auxiliary Kitchen  
COME JOIN US!

MONDAY- Drawing Night Specials: Tacos, Burritos, Nachos

1ST MONDAY- Patron's Potluck

TUESDAY- Dance Night w/ Music & Local Entertainment Meal at 5, Dance at 6

WEDNESDAY- Wing Night Special Hot Sauces by Chuck & Full Menu

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Spirit of Harmony Chorus  
Presents Annual Show!

Get ready to have some fun on a musical journey as the Spirit of Harmony Chorus presents its annual show called "Miles of Music!" The chorus, led by director Judy Weipert, presents a lively show full of songs about an imaginary ride the chorus takes around the Iowa Great Lakes area inspired by the recent RAGBRAI events of summer 2025. Featured along with the Spirit of Harmony Chorus are the Affinity Quartet and The Peppers Quartet, made up of members from the chorus and Chapter at Large members of Sweet Adelines International. A special guest performer, Lincoln Larsen, will be featured in this delightfully amusing show. Lincoln is a versatile and exciting performer and is the Director of Music and Performing Arts at Iowa Lakes. The show takes place Saturday, October 11th, at 2:00 PM at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center, at the Iowa Lakes College Campus in Estherville, Iowa. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at Lewis Drug in Spirit Lake or by calling 712-330-2602 and asking for Marlys. The chorus invites you to come join them for some great harmony and laughs!



The Peppers Quartet members: Carol Fordyce, Marcy Troendle, Marlys Stahly, Liz Steiner. Photo Courtesy of Read Photography.



Affinity Quartet members: Mindy Jurgensen, Judy Weipert, Gaylene Rolling, Marcia Klingbeil. Photo Courtesy of Read Photography.



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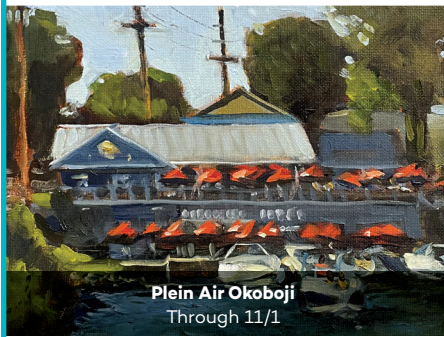
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Fall Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm | Thurs: 10am-9pm

VISUAL ARTS



Plein Air Okoboji  
Through 11/1

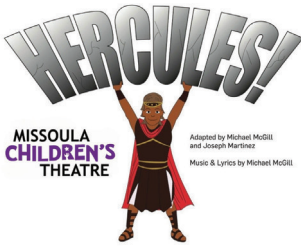


Phil Scorza  
Through 10/25



Elissa Cox Wenthe  
Through 11/22

PERFORMING ARTS



HERCULES! is part of Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented by The Pearson Lakes Art Center.

October 6: Auditions from 4-6pm

Followed by two hours of rehearsal for a small portion of the cast.

Registration Fee: \$25 per student

Registration open through 10/3

Please visit the PLAC website for commitment requirements and important details BEFORE registering.



Open auditions are for 50-60 student roles, plus 4 assistant directors for 1st-8th graders. All students are encouraged to audition. Most students rehearse around 4 hours per day. No advance preparation is necessary, but each student must pre-register. Scan the QR code above or visit lakesart.org/performing.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Register online or call 712-332-7029

MODERN GRANNY SQUARE With Sandie Smith

Thursday, Oct. 23 & 30 | 6-8pm | \$35/\$45  
Level: Ages 14+, All levels | Register by 10/15

By using modern materials and design we will bring new life to the traditional granny square. You can use your new skills to make an afghan or many other granny square projects.

After completing this workshop you will be able to keep on stitching with confidence to complete your first project and the skills to take on new crochet projects on your own! Supplies to learn and start the project are provided.

NOVEMBER YOUTH ART CLASSES:

Mini Michelangelo's | K-2nd  
Thursdays | 4:00-4:45pm

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

Art Club | 3rd-6th

Thursdays | 5-6pm

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

Teen Art | 7-12th

Tuesdays | 4-5pm

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

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CULINARY CLASSES

Register online or call 712-332-7029

Wine Class

With Jennifer Tritle-Oltzman of Okoboji Wines

Thursdays | 6pm | \$45/\$55

Must register 1 day prior to each class

Oct. 2: Blends from Around the World

Nov. 6: Varietal Series, Pinot Noir

Dec. 4: Wines of Spain

French Crepes with Four de Marie Bakery  
With Pastry Chef Jacques Bouli & Brigitte Bouli

Thursday, Oct. 16 | 4pm | \$40/\$50  
Registration required by 10/15

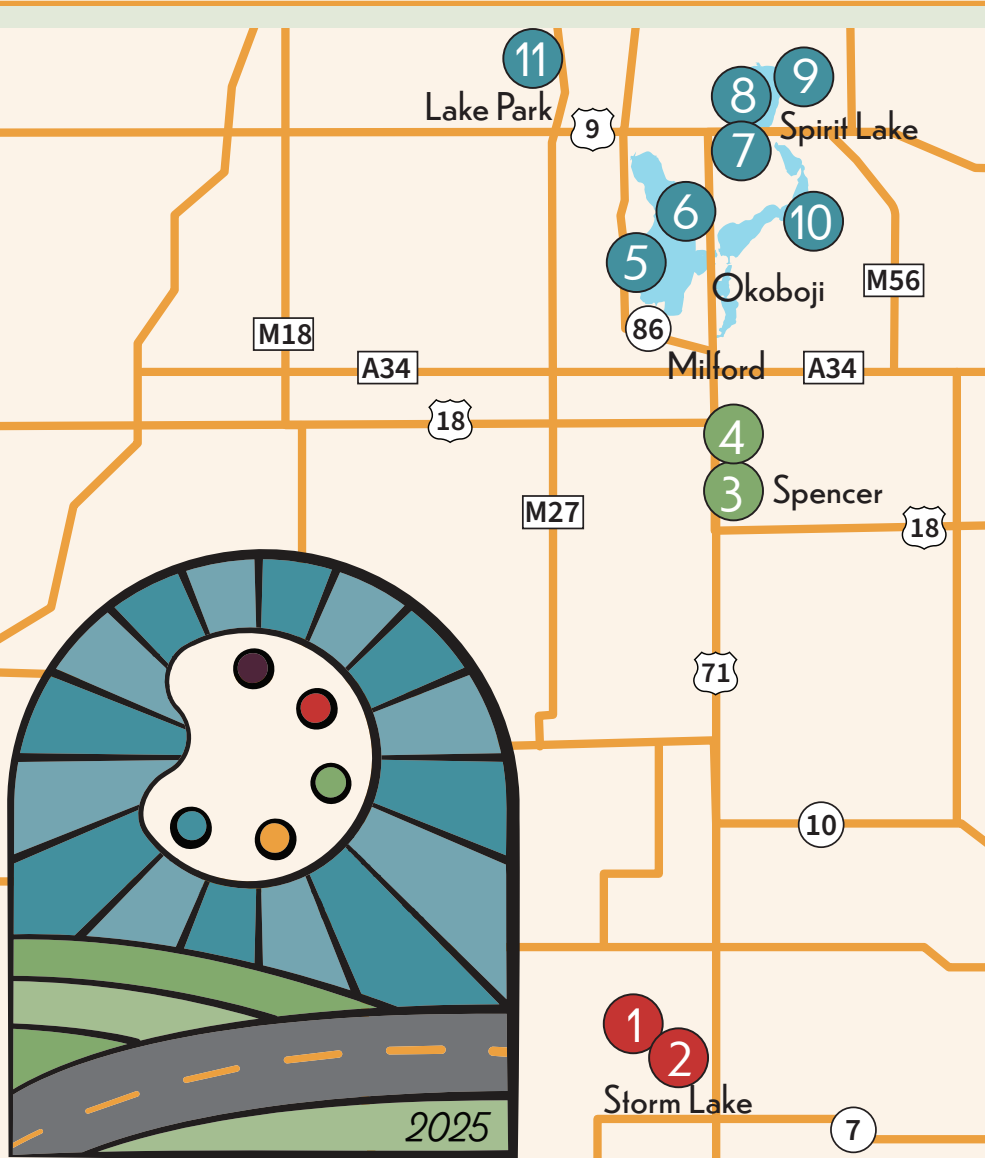
Chef Jacques will reveal the secrets to making mouth-watering crepes, which are rolled or folded with a variety of fillings. This class is a blend of hands-on and demonstration with the tasty reward of a savory traditional crepe filled with ham, cheese, garlic, and onion. A glass of wine is included.

Halloween Cupcake Decorating  
Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes, Boji Custom Bakery

Tues. Oct. 21 | 4-5:30pm | \$40/\$50 per Parent/Child  
Parent & Child Cupcake Decorating. Designed for kids ages 7-12 and an adult to work together as a group.

Wed. Oct. 22 | 4-6pm | \$45/\$55 | Ages 13+

Learn about decorating techniques, practice with fondant, and get instructions on specific Halloween designs. Take away 4-6 cupcakes in a bakery box. Register by 10/17.



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OCTOBER  
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SATURDAY 9AM-5PM  
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1. Synergy Gallery  
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Cherie Courter  
Kimble Bromley  
Jerry Kahl  
Ron Netten

2. Witter Gallery  
609 Cayuga St,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Sue Armstrong Mesenbrink  
Joleen Dentlinger

Ridge & Tall Grass

3. Vermeer Glass Art  
302 Grand Ave,  
Spencer, IA 51301

4. Arts on Grand  
408 Grand Ave,  
Spencer, IA 51301

Eduardo Rodriguez

Iowa Great Lakes

5. Rosalise Olson  
1507 Kansas Ave,  
Wahpeton, IA 51351

6. Pearson Lakes Art Center  
2201 US-71,  
Okoboji, IA 51355

Kris Walker  
Chase Croft  
Norma Prenz-Kahler  
Betty Haight  
Daniel Ruf  
Paula Streeter

7. Art on 16th, Lissa Potter  
709 16th St,  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

8. Danielle Clouse Gast  
& William Gast  
901 Hill Ave,  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

9. Anita Ellison  
25453 Pasture Lake Dr,  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

10. Carl Wesley  
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11. Hometown Florals  
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**WINNER**

Congratulations to Rod Meendering of Spencer for winning Week #4 of our U-Pick-Em Challenge with 14 correct picks! Rod edged out four entries who picked 13 games correctly. Rod wins \$100 in cash this week compliments of Boji Boat Brokers and The Lakes News Shopper.

Be sure to play this week for your chance to win! A HUGE thank you to all of our sponsors for making this weekly football contest possible!



**Harvest  
Dinner**

Come and celebrate the harvest season  
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We will serve a delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes  
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Scan our QR code to make your reservation!  
Tickets can be paid for at the Spirit Lake UMC office or via  
Venmo code above (send to @Jennifer-Tritle)

**Sunday  
October 5th  
2025**

**Wesley Place**  
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**2 Seatings**  
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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 online to [Iowa-Al-Anon.org](http://Iowa-Al-Anon.org), meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

**Family Services  
Resource Guide**

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



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**Lakes Area  
Senior/Activities  
Center Events**

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

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Tai Chi at 11:00am and Zumba class at 4:30pm on Thursday.

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

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

Chair yoga every Friday at 10:00am.

They also have pool and ping pong available.

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

**Join Us...**

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES  
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**Saturdays at 6:00pm**  
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**Games played on Saturdays**  
Deadline to Register: October 3 (\$15 late fee)

**(No games Thanksgiving weekend)**

**Practices Begin:**  
Week of October 20

**Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm**

**Grades: K-4th**

**Cost: \$59 members**  
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**October 11 • 8am-5pm**  
**October 12 • 12pm-5pm**  
**October 18 • 8am-5pm**

Must complete all 3 days of training  
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Must be 15 years of age or older before Oct. 18

Contact Aquatic Director Zach Loring  
with questions: 712-336-9622





# Golf Calendar

## Iowa Great Lakes Area

Oct. 4	Honest Fellas Open	Emerald Hills GC
Oct. 4	8" Cup 4-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC
Oct. 5	3-Person Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
Oct. 12	Chili Bowl	Brooks GC
Oct. 19	EH Fall Classic 4-Person Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
Oct. 26	EH 2-Person Decathlon	Emerald Hills GC
Oct. 26	Brooks Appreciation Day	Brooks GC

Featured Courses: (Watch for their ads in The Lakes News Shopper!)

Brooks Golf Club 712-332-5011	Emerald Hills Golf Club 712-332-7100	Indian Hills Golf Club 712-336-4768	Okoboji View Golf Course 712-337-3372	Spencer Golf & Country Club 712-262-2028	Spencer Municipal Golf Course 712-580-7280
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12 OCT.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 <b>Chili Bowl - TT before 1pm</b> 18 Holes with Skins Game \$30 - Members / \$50 - Guests
26 OCT.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 <b>Brooks Appreciation Day - 1pm 5p</b>

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Sunday, October 5**

**3-Person Best Shot**

- Tee Times from 10am-12pm
- Play in Threesome
- Meal Included
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**Sunday, October 19**

**Emerald Hills Fall Classic 4-Person Best Shot**

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## THIS WEEK!

<b>FRIDAY</b> 10/03	The Lake View Deck <b>Friday Night Live</b> Now through October 3rd! Join us for live music on The Lake View Deck. The Lake View Deck is open at 4pm.	6:00-9:00PM
<b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY</b> 10/03 - 10/04	Raceway   Arcade <b>Go-Karts &amp; Arcade</b> Now through October 4th! Take a ride on our go-karts & play some games at the arcade! Friday - 6:00-10:00PM, Saturday - 2:00-10:00PM.	2:00-10:00PM
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10/04	The Lake View Deck <b>College Football</b> Now through October 4th! Join us in cheering on all your favorite college football teams!	10:00AM
<b>SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b> 10/04 - 10/05	Queen II <b>Queen II Cruise</b> Now through November 1st! Join us for a fall cruise around Lake Okoboji! 1 PM Cruise only.	1:00PM

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## Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Schedule

**Tuesday, September 30**  
8:30 - Kiwanis  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
12:30 - Bridge

**Wednesday, October 1**  
9:00 - Exercise Class  
12:00 - Dinner Date

**Thursday, October 2**  
10:00 - Strummers  
10:00 - Tai Chi  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
1:00 - 500 Cards  
3:00 - Cribbage  
4:30 - Zumba

**Friday, October 3**  
9:00 - Exercise Class  
10:00 - Chair Yoga  
12:00 - Dinner Date

**Saturday, October 4**  
Facility Available For Rent

**Sunday, October 5**  
Facility Available For Rent

**Monday, October 6**  
9:00 - Exercise  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
1:00 - Mahjong

**Tuesday, October 7**  
8:30 - Kiwanis  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
12:30 - Dinner Date  
Speaker: Nature Center  
12:30 - Bridge

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday October 19, 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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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**To the Editor:**  
The Okoboji Women's Club has been an important club for the lakes area since September of 1950.

We continue to do projects for the lakes area. Please bring ideas for this meeting for our next project.

Instead of meeting at the Homestead, on October 3, we will meet at the Okoboji Summer Theatre for a tour led by Ruth Ann Burke, the Director. We will also have our dessert meeting at the Summer Theatre, the October 3rd meeting only.

The speaker will be Ruth Ann Burke, as she gives the tour of the theatre and the tiny houses where the actors and actresses stay during their time here every summer.

Please enjoy this fun and social outing for the Okoboji Women's Club, it will start at usual time, 1:00pm.

**Lyn Marksbury,**  
President of the Okoboji Women's Club

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- City of Spirit Lake green garbage bags
- Postage stamps
- Paper towels and Kleenex
- Toilet paper
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**Tues., Oct. 7** at 12:30pm- Nature Center  
**Tues., Oct. 14** at 12:30pm- Brian Jack on Beekeeping  
**Thurs., Oct. 23** at 12:30pm- Fraud Seminar - Central Bank

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**Fall Cleanup days will coincide with resident's normal day of garbage pickup**

This Cleanup will not include construction, debris, paint, toxic or flammable chemicals, nor material from construction or commercial establishments.

**TAGS** will be required for all white goods, electronics items, car & truck tires (no rims), mattresses and box springs, daybeds & futons with mattresses.

**ALL TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL.**

**ITEMS THAT REQUIRE A TAG WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNLESS THEY ARE TAGGED.**

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The ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 8th, at the Sami Center. The public is invited to attend, with doors opening at 7:30 PM. The Coronation ceremony will begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

The 2025 Coronation Court features five outstanding candidates and their escorts:

- Maggie Bruinsma escorted by Carter Trautman
- Claire Turner escorted by Noah Lee
- Ellie Bolluyt escorted by Lucas Bolluyt
- Lauren Travis escorted by Jax Bejarno
- Ebba Bjornstad escorted by Max Barthman

## View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

### Clones are Lights out in White Out

Iowa State looked like a tired team who had traveled to Ireland to play a conference rival, traveled back to play a ranked FCS foe six days later, played their biggest rival a week later, then travelled to Jonesboro, Arkansas, have to drive an hour from their hotel to play in 100- degree heat, where they struggled to get by a mediocre Arkansas State team two weeks ago, 24-16. Fast forward past a bye week, into an electric, sold-out Jack Trice Stadium on a White Out night and this team looked like a completely different, energized group on Saturday night as the Cyclones destroyed previously unbeaten Arizona 39-14.

Iowa State took control of this game early, scoring on their



first drive after Rocco Becht hit Chase Townsend on a beautiful 45-yard catch and pass to the Arizona 1-yard line. Becht would push it into the end zone, and the Cyclones, who are now on their third string kicker due to injuries, would get creative on their extra point and actually hiked the ball to tight end Gabe Burkle who took it in for the two-point conversion to give ISU an 8-0 lead. Carson Hansen pushed the lead to 15-0 early in the second quarter with a 1-yard TD run and this time the Cyclones kicked the extra point with freshman walk-on Chase Smith drilling the extra point. Iowa State extended that lead to 22-0 on another Hansen TD run on a drive that was sparked by a big Becht to Brahmer 27-yard pass that moved ISU deep into Arizona territory after Jontez Williams had picked off a Noah Fifita pass and returned it to the Arizona 30. The Wildcats would finally get on the scoreboard at the end of the half to make the score 22-7.

The Cyclones quickly ended any thoughts of an Arizona comeback in the third quarter by scoring on the opening drive on another short QB sneak by Becht. The key play on this drive was another big pass to Sowell, this time 52-yards that moved the ball to the Arizona 38. The highlight of the second half was when offensive coordinator Taylor Mouser opened up the playbook and had tight end Benjamin Brahmer take a handoff and then pass to a wide-open Brett Eskildsen to the Arizona 1-yard line that resulted in Becht's third QB sneak TD of the night, pushing the lead to 36-7 and putting the game completely out of reach. Becht, Brahmer and Conner Moberly combined to go 15-22 for 288 yards against a defense that came into the night first in the nation in pass efficiency defense. Chase Sowell had the breakout game that Cyclone fans were waiting for with 4 catches for 146 yards, and Carson Hansen rushed for two touchdowns. The defense was very strong against a very good Arizona offense, picking off Fifita twice and limiting the Wildcats to just 14 points, 23 points below their average.

Iowa State moved up to #12 in the Coaches poll but somehow stayed at #14 in the Associated Press poll, which continues to show its SEC/Big 10 bias by having the entire Top 10 filled by those two conferences, even though the Big 12 went 8-6 vs the other Power 4 conferences while the Big 10 went 5-5. The Cyclones can't worry about the polls and just need to keep winning. What Coach Matt Campbell, his staff and these players have done is simply amazing. Iowa State is ranked in the AP Poll for the 50th week in the Matt Campbell era. The Cyclones had been ranked just 40 weeks total in the 80 years prior to that. Here's another crazy stat for you to consider; here are teams with 16 wins since the beginning of last season, Ohio State (18-2), Oregon (17-1), Penn State (16-3) and Iowa State (16-3), that's the list, that's it! The Cyclones will face a very tough test on Saturday when they travel to Cincinnati to face a 3-1 Bearcat team that is coming off an impressive 37-34 win at Kansas. ISU had some defensive injuries on Saturday and last week at practice lost cornerback Jeremiah Cooper for the season with a knee injury. Hopefully the injuries on Saturday are not serious, as the team was just getting back close to full strength before the Cooper injury. This is probably Campbell's deepest Iowa State team, and so far they have found a way to win the one-score games like last year's team did. If they can continue to do that, and stay healthy, this group could find themselves on the verge of another very special season. No matter what happens, Cyclone fans should definitely enjoy these times, for as Neil Diamond sings in the famed Sweet Caroline Cyclone anthem, Sweet Caroline these times are "so good, so good, so good!"

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## Fall Harvest & Bake Sale

Helping people meet some of their food needs is the impetus behind the 18th annual Fall Harvest and Bake Sale, to take place Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gary's Gardens, one block south of St. Luke's Lutheran Home in south Spencer.

A freewill offering will be taken for a bounty of fall produce, including potatoes, onions, several varieties of squash—including three different varieties of Butternut; Honeynut, Acorn, Delicata, Spaghetti and Buttercup; and more than 500 pumpkins for eating or decorating (including large flat 'stacker' pumpkins), along with gourds in all shapes and colors.

The produce will be pre-picked and available for pickup onsite, and baked goods will also be displayed and ready for purchase there. Children are welcome at this event. A corn shock will help further create a fall atmosphere, and a triple box wagon will be there for photo opportunities.

The event is organized and carried out by the Ruthven United Methodist Church, with proceeds going to their mission fund to help feed people locally, regionally and internationally, as much as they can.

Spokesperson Gary Holck said his own garden (measuring 100'x200') will help contribute to the produce sold, along with produce grown by their church members at their community garden spot in Ruthven.

Holck said they are aware of people who are elderly, live alone, or may be going through a rough time financially who could use a little help with food needs. Locally, more than 40 persons in and surrounding the Ruthven area are on their list of local recipients this year, and will receive "Smile Sacks." Smile Sack recipients receive one bag of food every six weeks or so, all year long. That project, funded by this fall event, was begun nearly a decade ago.

He said church members purchase and compile meat and grocery goods (cereal, eggs, cheese, peanut butter, etc.) for these sacks. He said some of the food is donated, and other foods are sometimes offered at lower prices, knowing the reasoning behind the purchase. If church members have fresh produce, they include that as well.

Holck said they also support other missions with the harvest and bake sale money, such as Head Start in both Clay and Palo Alto counties (since they have church members who reside in both counties), and internationally-based food support programs to help meet needs of people with food insecurity issues.

Ultimately, Holck said it's a harvest of goodwill, and that they hope to continue that again this year with proceeds from this annual fall event.

"It's a labor of love and helping people with needs," said Holck.



## Milford Kiwanis Club

Ms. Regina Reed was a recent speaker at a regular meeting of the Milford Kiwanis Club.

This agency, through its mission and outreach, helps to foster community awareness, address local concerns and possible responses to area residents with underlying needs. In addition to those facing financial hardship, Atlas also works closely with Dickinson County's homeless population, those dealing with mental health issues, and those who have been affected by domestic abuse and substance abuse. It may be hard to visualize homeless people in Dickinson County, but this population has grown, especially during the summer months.

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Remember that visitors are always welcome at our Milford Kiwanis meetings. The club is now meeting again at the Milford Community Center, west side, on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast is provided. Please consider joining us at any time. You will be amazed at what we can accomplish for our community!"

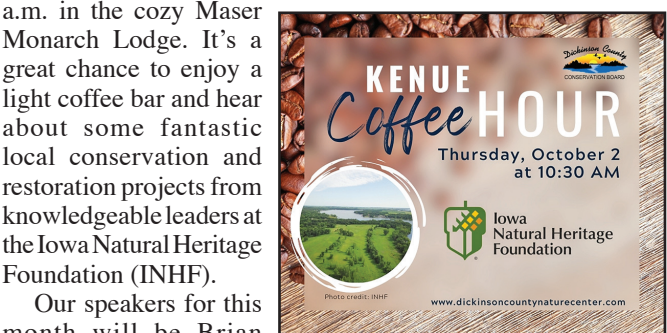


Regina Reed, the newly named Executive Director for "Atlas of the Lakes" in Arnolds Park, IA.



## October Kenue Coffee Hour

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites adults to the upcoming Kenue Coffee Hour on Thursday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the cozy Maser Monarch Lodge. It's a great chance to enjoy a light coffee bar and hear about some fantastic local conservation and restoration projects from knowledgeable leaders at the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF).



Our speakers for this month will be Brian Fankhauser, Heather Jobst, and Ryan Schmidt, who will share updates on ongoing INHF restoration efforts, including the Narrows Preserve and the partnering with the Dickinson County Conservation Board on the Little Sioux Savanna Addition. Their insights will shed light on how these projects play a crucial role in protecting local wildlife, enhancing water quality, and preserving the beautiful landscapes of Dickinson County for future generations.

"Kenue Coffee Hour is a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors, sip coffee, and hear directly from conservation leaders who are shaping the future of our landscapes," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

This event is completely free, and all adults are welcome! Come join us and be part of the conversation! Follow the Dickinson County Nature Center online for updates and upcoming programs at [www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com](http://www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com).

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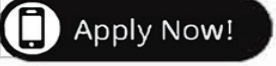
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# Obituary

**Staci Ann Schmaus**, 58, of Estherville, IA passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025 in her home surrounded by loved ones. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date in the Lake View Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Staci Ann Schmaus was born on June 1, 1967, to Larry and Julie (Russell) Stammer in Spirit Lake, IA. She graduated from Annandale High School and furthered her education at St. Cloud State University. She was united in marriage to Anthony Schmaus on March 17, 2001. Staci was a welder for many years working for Polaris in Spirit Lake. Most recently, she drove school bus for the Estherville School District.

In her free time she enjoyed making new friends, tending to her flower/vegetable gardens, bird watching, family game nights, praying, reading, playing her tenor saxophone, dancing and listening to music, traveling and seeing the world with loved ones, and cooking delicious meals.

She is survived by her father Larry Stammer of Spirit Lake, IA; husband Anthony Schmaus of Estherville, IA; children Brennan Everett Nyren of Cedar Falls, IA; Abrianna Ann (Royce) Coakley of Estherville, IA; and Alyssa Lorraine Schmaus of Estherville, IA; brother Benjamin Louis Stammer of Spirit Lake, IA; and her sister Andra Christine (Walt) Heldenbrand of Sioux Falls, SD.

She was preceded in death by her birth mother Julie Stammer, mother Laima Stammer and her brother Scott Louis Stammer.



# Obituary

**Susan Jensen Wollesen**, 79, of Lawton, Iowa, passed away peacefully at home on September 23rd, 2025. Services are under the direction of Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel in Sioux City. A family-only service will be held at Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel on October 6, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. A public Celebration of Life will be held at the Sioux City Country Club on October 6, 2025, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Susan Jensen Wollesen was born on December 9th, 1945, in Sioux City, Iowa. The daughter of Irving Frederick Jensen and Elizabeth Macfarlane Jensen. Susan graduated from Central High School in 1964.

On August 9th, 1970, Susan married the love of her life, Sherman Wollesen. In 1974, they moved to their forever home on the farm in Lawton, where they raised their 5 children.

Susan loved to spend the summers in Okoboji sailing, water skiing, and teaching the kids all about summer life at the lake. Okoboji was one of her greatest pleasures. She also enjoyed spending her winters in Vero Beach, FL, where she would walk on the beach and play golf. She loved to volunteer her time and was a fierce advocate for all she believed in. She was a volunteer for the Woodbury County Drug Court, Woodbury County Planning and Zoning, CAASA, and the Junior League of Sioux City. She loved to play bridge with her friends, antiquing with her Questers group, reading, cross-stitching gifts for friends and family, attending Morningside University basketball games, spending time with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

Susan was a protector of her family, a woman who could give just as much as she could take, and a formidable opponent, but she loved with all her heart. She had an infectious laugh and a smile that could take over a room.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Sherman W. Wollesen; daughter Kim Waagmeester & Randy (Rock Rapids, IA); daughter Kirsten Wollesen (Lawton, IA); daughter Erika Leupold & John (Spirit Lake, IA); and son William Wollesen & Danika (Lawton, IA). Grandchildren Tyler Figge (Denver, CO), Victoria Figge (Pleasant Hill, IA), Whitney Anderson & Ben (Fargo, ND), Veronica Waagmeester (Rock Rapids, IA), Anthea Leupold, Addilin Leupold (Spirit Lake, IA), Elsie Wollesen and Wyatt Wollesen (Lawton, IA), brother Erik Jensen & Mary (Franktown, CO), brother Mark Jensen & Kay (Okoboji, IA), sister-in-law Alice Jensen (Spirit Lake, IA), as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

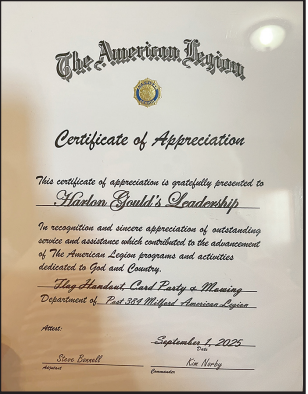
She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Julie Jensen Wollesen, her mother-in-law Mattie Wollesen, father-in-law Elmer Wollesen, her brother, Irving Jensen, Jr. & wife Carolyn, brother Colin Jensen, an infant brother, Douglas, an infant sister, Lise Lynne, and niece Elizabeth Jensen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Girls, Inc., Sioux City, IA, or the cause of your choice.



# Lakes Area Farmers Market

Lakes Area Farmers Market has closed for the season but you can still buy late season vegetables. A small group of vendors will set up outside Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:30 PM and Saturdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon for two weeks. There is still a variety of vegetables and some other items available. We appreciate all the people who visited the market this summer. Over the winter we will be planning ways to make the market even better next summer and we hope to see you there.



# Honoring a Community Helper

Harlan Gould was presented a certificate of appreciation from Tom Arends. It was presented to Harlan during the Wednesday card party at the Milford American Legion.

Harlan is instrumental in helping the Legion in any way he can. He's greatly appreciated by many.

# Free "Old Rockers" Jam Session

The Estherville VFW will host a free jam session on Saturday, October 4, from 5:00-8:00pm, featuring many area rock + roll musicians. The event is free to the public and will include numerous Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees.

Bands on the schedule include: "The Ridottos" (former members of the "Sensational Soul Company") and the debut performance of "Still Cruisin'", a new band from Pocahontas comprised of former members of the "Senders", "Stingray" and "Phoenix".

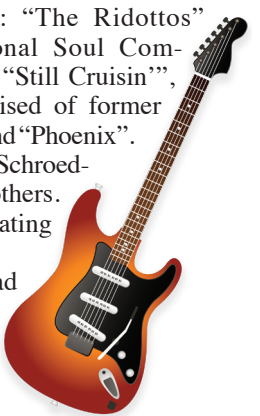
Jam regular guests will include Steve Schroeder, Gilbert Wilden, Mick Buckley, and others.

Any musicians interested in participating should text Al Klein at 507-230-1264.

**Please note:** due to unfinished road construction, please turn south off Central Ave. onto South 2nd Street (1 block east of the traffic light by Casey's at the bridge) and go 2 blocks south to VFW parking lot.

Food and drinks are available.

This event is sponsored by the Estherville VFW and "The Ridottos" rock band.



# Dickinson County Conservation Endowment Announcement

The Dickinson County Conservation Endowment INC is pleased to announce a special Youth Hunt event to be held Saturday, October 18, 2025, designed to introduce the next generation to safe, ethical hunting practices and the spirit of conservation. The public event will be held at the Izaak Walton League Trapgroup at 2463 190th St. in Spirit Lake, IA.

This hands-on event is open to youth aged 12 to 15, who will have the unique opportunity to hunt alongside an experienced Adult Hunter and a dog. The primary focus of the day is safety and education, with activities structured to promote a responsible appreciation for the outdoors.

The day will kick off with essential instruction:

- 7:30 AM: Safety training provided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This is a mandatory component for all participants, ensuring a safe and responsible experience for the young hunters.
- 11:00 AM: Lunch will be provided, featuring hamburgers and hotdogs, offering a chance for fellowship and sharing hunting experiences.
- Noon: The event will conclude with a prize giveaway for participants.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

The success of the Youth Hunt relies heavily on community support. The Dickinson County Conservation Endowment INC is actively seeking:

- Adult Hunters with Dogs: Experienced hunters are needed to volunteer their time and dogs to mentor the youth participants during the hunt. This is a vital role in providing a quality, educational, and safe hunting experience.
- General Volunteers: Assistance is also needed to help manage the concurrent Trap Shooting activities.

This event is a cornerstone of the Endowment's mission to enhance the quality of life and promote conservation in Dickinson County by encouraging the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources.

Community members interested in volunteering as an Adult Hunter or assisting with Trap Shooting should contact Bill Ebersole at 402-209-5152

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**Weekly Social Gathering**

You are invited to a weekly social gathering every Wednesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm at the American Legion in Milford. Come and play a game of cards. Coffee will be provided. They hope to see you there.

**ARNOLDS PARK LIBRARY**

There are a lot of exciting things happening at the library! Construction of the new facility is now underway and we can't wait to see the progress each week!

There are some exciting events coming up at the library! On Sunday, October 12th, we will host our annual Fall Festival at Wild Cat Stadium, in Arnolds Park. This event is from 1-4pm with Trick or Treating from 1-3pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for crafts, caramel apples, bouncy houses, mini golf, dinosaur photo op, and so much more! Please check out our website, Facebook page, or stop by the library for more information.

We will also be hosting a special story time on Friday, October 17th, at The Grove Pumpkin Patch, in Milford. Join us from 10:30am-12pm for books, pumpkin picking, and lots of play time.

The library will be open limited hours on Thursday, October 2nd, and Friday, October 3rd, to allow staff to attend the Iowa Library Conference in Sioux City. The library will be open from 9am-1pm each day with normal hours resuming on Saturday.

Even though we are in a temporary location we are still getting all the new release books, and lots of kids books and toys to play with!

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**An Evening Honoring Arts Advocate Ann Holck**

Local nonprofit Arts on Grand is holding a fall fundraiser and celebration on Friday, October 10, 2025, to honor Ann Holck and her contributions to the organization. The event will take place at Gary's on the River, with music starting at 5:30 p.m.

**A Night of Music and Celebration**

The evening will feature live performances from a lineup of local musicians. Attendees can look forward to sets by Krista Richards, the Cedar County Cobras, and the Weary Ramblers. The fundraiser aims to celebrate Ann Holck's lasting legacy at Arts on Grand, though the article doesn't specify her role or the details of her departure.

**Ticketing Information**

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## Northwest Bank Celebrates Dwight Conover's Recognition as a 50-Year Banker

Arnolds Park, IA - Northwest Bank is proud to share that Dwight Conover has been honored at the Iowa Bankers Association's 2025 Annual Convention as a 50-year banker. Dwight Conover, a Holstein, Iowa, native, graduated from Holstein Community Schools in 1970 and earned his B.S. from Iowa State University in 1974. He launched his banking career with Brenton Banks during a period of national economic hardship, pursuing advanced education to navigate industry challenges. Dwight earned an M.B.A. from Drake University in 1980, a graduate degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 1983, and completed five graduate-level banking programs.

In 1984, Dwight purchased the troubled First National Bank of Creston and, alongside his brother Neal, led a dramatic turnaround that transformed the bank into a thriving institution employing over 400 people. His leadership extended beyond banking, saving family farms during the agricultural crisis and serving as a charter board member of the State of Iowa Mediation Board, Chairman of the Iowa Bankers Association, and a contributor to key industry initiatives.

Having a banker with 50 years of experience and leadership like Dwight Conover is an invaluable asset to Northwest Bank. His half-century in the industry has equipped him with expertise, resilience, and insight that guide our company's mission to serve customers and communities with excellence. Dwight's ability to lead through economic challenges, innovate in the face of adversity, and maintain a deep commitment to relationship-driven banking has shaped Northwest Bank into the thriving institution it is today. His unwavering commitment to safety and soundness, his belief in putting people first, his focus on our customers, and his market-centric approach to serving the community have shaped who we are as an organization. These core values are embedded in driving our mission to provide exceptional service to our customers and strengthen the communities we serve.

Greg Post, President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp, shared: "Dwight's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the values of Northwest Bank. His ability to lead with character, empathy, and care for our people has set the standard for how we operate every day. Because of Dwight's example, we can employ managers who also lead with these same qualities—caring, thoughtful, driven, and committed to our values. His legacy ensures that Northwest Bank continues to be an organization built on integrity and service to our team and community."

Dwight and his wife, Marilyn, established a family foundation focused on strengthening their communities, providing significant gifts to local causes. His philosophy of "leaving it better than we found it" is reflected in his service to civic initiatives, hospital and school committees, and foundation boards and continues to be the cornerstone of Northwest Bank's culture and success. Dwight and Marilyn are proud parents of Abby and Philip, embodying family values in every aspect of his leadership.



## Lucky Winners at Smokin' Jakes

On Thursday, September 18, four lucky winners won the Smokin' Jakes Key Chain Ca\$h Drawing. Linda Geske, owner, presented the cash to the winners. Congratulations to Joe Berg (\$125), Brad Mortenson (\$125), Kevin Budden (\$125), and Dave Johnson (\$141).

Enter by getting your Key Chain at Smokin' Jakes and you're entered for every Thursday's cash drawing. Smokin' Jakes is located at 117 West Broadway Street, in Arnolds Park.



Joe Berg



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Dear Tony, Can you share a life lesson you learned earlier in your life that still impacts you today?

During my freshman year of college, I failed my first calculus exam. For someone who had always prided himself on hard work and good grades, the red ink across the top of that page hit me hard. My first reaction was to feel defeated—maybe advanced math wasn't for me, maybe college was going to be harder than I thought. But after a day or two of reflection, I realized I had a choice: I could let that failure define me, or I could take responsibility for it and change how I approached learning.

So I made a decision. I restructured my study habits, signed up for an additional support class, asked a friend to mentor me, and dedicated myself to understanding calculus rather than just memorizing formulas. The result? I went on to earn straight As in every advanced math class I took for the rest of college. That experience taught me one of the most important lessons of my life: I am responsible for my own outcomes. Life doesn't dictate the terms—I do.

This same principle of personal responsibility and agency applies to all of us, in every area of life. Here are several insights I've learned along the way:

### 1. Be 100% Responsible for Your Life

It's tempting to blame circumstances, other people, or even "bad luck" when things don't go our way. But true growth starts when we take full ownership. Being 100% responsible doesn't mean we control everything—it means we control how we respond to everything. That shift in mindset alone is life-changing.

### 2. Pause Before You Respond

Our world moves fast, and emotions run high. Yet one of the most powerful demonstrations of agency is the ability to pause. Pausing before we respond—to criticism, conflict, or challenge—gives us the chance to choose intention over impulse. In that moment, we move from being reactors to being leaders of our own lives.

### 3. Initiate, Don't Wait

Many people go through life waiting for something to happen: the right job, the right relationship, the right opportunity. But progress rarely comes to those who stand still. Initiative—taking the first step, sending the first email, starting the project before everything is "perfect"—is what creates momentum. Agency thrives on action.

### 4. Shift from "Life Happens to Me" to "I Create My Life"

There are two types of people. Some live as if life is happening to them—they see themselves as victims of circumstances, powerless to change course. Others see themselves as active participants—they make decisions, set goals, and steer their future. The difference is not external; it's entirely internal. Which one we become is a decision we each must make.

### 5. Small Decisions Compound into Big Outcomes

Personal responsibility isn't only about the dramatic moments. It's about the small choices—how we spend an hour, what we eat for lunch, whether we pick up the phone to encourage a friend. Over time, these seemingly minor decisions accumulate into habits, and habits shape destiny.

### 6. Seek Help, but Don't Abdicate Responsibility

Asking for guidance isn't weakness—it's wisdom. My calculus turnaround began with admitting I needed help. But there's a crucial difference between seeking support and outsourcing responsibility. Mentors, coaches, and teachers can guide us, but we must walk the path.

### 7. Redefine Failure as Feedback

When we fail, we can either label ourselves as "not good enough" or treat failure as data. Every setback gives us information—what worked, what didn't, what needs to change. Failure isn't the opposite of success; it's part of the process.

### 8. Energy Follows Choice

The energy we bring to life—enthusiasm, perseverance, resilience—flows from the choices we make. When we choose to take ownership, we naturally invest more energy. We lean in. We fight harder. We inspire others. Our choices generate the momentum we need to keep moving forward.

### 9. Responsibility Creates Freedom

It may sound paradoxical, but the more we accept responsibility, the freer we become. When we stop blaming circumstances, we free ourselves from the chains of resentment and excuse-making. We reclaim the power to shape the life we want, on our terms.

### 10. Agency Is a Daily Practice

Finally, agency isn't a one-time decision—it's a daily practice. Each morning, we're given new opportunities to decide how we will live. Each evening, we can look back and ask: Did I take responsibility today, or did I let life just happen to me?

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- 4.) In order to keep their doors open, *they NEED YOUR HELP!* Donate towards the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Today!

Mobile Food Pantry in Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, October 2, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the September Food Bank, 641 individuals (213 families) received thousands of pounds of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute 2.5 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa. If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.

FREE FOOD

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, October 9 and 23, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.

Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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

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

Dickinson County Endowment Fund Awards 2025 Grants

The Dickinson County Endowment Fund, in support of fourteen projects led by Dickinson County non-profit organizations, has distributed grants totaling \$103,739.

DCEF Council Advisor Ann Ditsworth recognized the 2025 Advisory Council, which is made up of volunteers who broadly represent the County's residents: Chairman Evan Bensley – Lake Park, Vice Chairman Marilyn Vos – Arnolds Park, Treasurer Dawn Matthews – Terril, Secretary Megan Helgeson – Wahpeton, Jessica Garberding – Spirit Lake, Tim O'Hagan – Spirit Lake, Kara Rice – Milford, Ryan Schmidt – Okoboji and Erica Schultes – Superior.

Applicant organizations	Project	Funds Allocated
Arnolds Park Library Foundation	Imagination Play Area	\$17,500.00
City of Lake Park	City Park Renovation Project	\$10,000.00
Conservation Fdn of Dickinson County	Nature Playscape	\$10,000.00
Dickinson County Museum	Bathroom & Utility upgrade	\$6,650.00
Dickinson County EMS Assn	Building Improvement	\$8,642.00
Graettinger Terril Parent Teacher Organization	Gym Traverse Rock Wall	\$10,639.00
Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club	Dickinson County Kids Fish Day	\$2,500.00
Ladies of the Lake - DAR	Informational signs – SL Massacre Markers	\$6,103.98
Lutheran Lakeside Camp	CampCare	\$6,082.91
Seasons Center	Dickinson County Office - AED	\$1,731.00
Spirit Lake Elementary School PIE	Play it Forward – Elementary Playground	\$8,643.00
UDMO – Milford Head Start	Outdoor Play: Sensory & Motor Development	\$5,247.59
Veteran's Memorial of Dickinson County	Veteran's Memorial Relocation project	\$5,000.00
Voluntary Action Center	Subsidized Meals on Wheels	\$5,000.00

Ditsworth also noted, "The Council thoughtfully reviews each application and its impact for our citizens. It is very rewarding to see how our Non-profit organizations continually strive to serve the many diverse needs throughout the county. We're excited to support the following positive projects in our communities."

In twenty years of grant making, Dickinson County Endowment Fund has provided funding support totaling \$1,973,843. We have collaborated with 104 Dickinson County Nonprofit Organizations and each School District by awarding grants 450 projects affecting every community in the County.

For more information on the Dickinson County Endowment Fund – to make a donation or plan future grant requests – visit <http://dcefund.org/> or check us out on Facebook: Dickinson County Endowment Fund – DCEF

SEDC | SPENCER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SEDC Releases New Brand And Website

SPENCER, IOWA – Spencer Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has announced their new logo and website, showcasing the organization's brand, purpose and projects. Both the logo and website were created by 154i in Spencer.

SEDC is a local economic development agency for the City of Spencer and surrounding area, with the purpose to foster, encourage, promote, assist or otherwise aid economic development and growth in the City of Spencer. The board consists of President Philip Ramstack (MWI Components), Vice President Jason Warren (Northwest Bank), Secretary/Treasurer Steven Pick (SMU), Director Kevin Robinson (City of Spencer), Kent Nelson (SMU Board of Directors), Jamie Storey (Consumers Lumber Company), and Loren Reit (Spencer City Council). Non-voting member Curt Strouth (Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation) assists with development projects and partnerships, and Adam Severson (City of Spencer) and Alyssa Petersen (Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation) assist as the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions, respectively.

The SEDC logo pulls colors from the partner organizations that support SEDC: The City of Spencer, Spencer Municipal Utilities, and the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation. The ripple effect in the logo indicates the impact of the organization through partnerships and development efforts to positively impact the community.

The organization's new website, SpencerEDC.com, uses this cohesive brand to showcase various projects and programs of SEDC to support the community, including information on the Commercial Business Assistance Grant program that assisted 70 businesses in 2025 with flood recovery efforts after the June 2024 natural disaster, or the Spencer Child Care Study with First Children's Finance currently being led by SEDC in 2025. More information on the organization, news, and videos to showcase growth and development opportunities are also included on the website.

"Spencer Economic Development Corporation has become more active in the last two years, working to push development of the community forward," said President Ramstack. "Being able to keep Spencer residents in the loop through the website and creating a recognizable brand will assist us in sharing the good things happening in the community going forward."

SEDC thanks 154i for the work on the brand and website, as well as Chris Baker (F8 Creative) and Eric Johannsen for use of the community photos used on the website.

To learn more about SEDC, visit the website at SpencerEDC.com or reach out via email to [info@spencerredc.com](mailto:info@spencerredc.com).

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The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Tops Meetings

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



# TRAILS TALK

Erin Reed, Executive Director, DCTB



## Dickinson County Recreational Trails

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**Eagle Scout Project Improves Trail Bridges**  
Brayden Yungbluth, a member of Milford Boy Scout Troop #170, spent Saturday, September 20, making much-needed improvements to the bridges on the Lower Gar and Emerson Bay trails. His Eagle Scout project focused on staining and painting the wooden components of the bridges to extend their life and enhance the appearance of the trail system.

Several fellow scouts from Troop #170 joined Brayden to help complete the work. "For my Eagle Scout project, I chose to do this because it is a really nice touch-up for the community to come out and enjoy," Brayden shared.

The Dickinson County Trails Board thanks Brayden and the Milford Boy Scouts for their dedication and hard work in improving the trail experience for all. **2025 Sportsman's Tiki Ride A Huge Success**

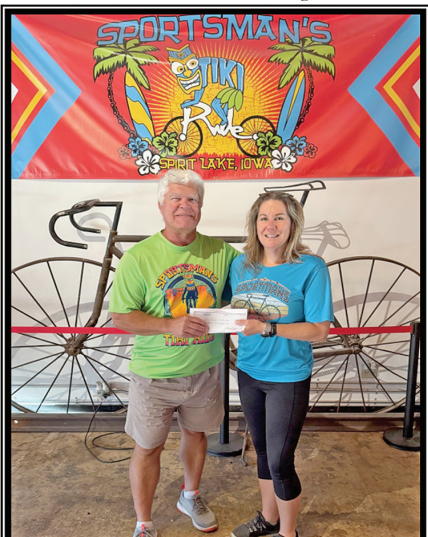
The annual Tiki Ride keeps growing, and the 11th anniversary proved to be the most successful yet. Nearly 1,000 riders participated, and with matching grant funds, the event raised more than \$37,000 for Dickinson County Trails. Next year's Tiki Ride is already scheduled for August 1, 2026, and the Sportsman's crew is hard at work planning another fun and memorable ride.

The Dickinson County Trails Board extends a big thank-you to Sportsman's, their staff, and the many volunteers who pour their energy into making this event such a highlight of the summer year after year.

**Clay County Connection Update**  
Phase I of the Clay County Connection



Milford Boy Scout Troop #170 working on the Lower Gar Bridge



Dan Tryon of Sportsman's presents the 2025 Tiki Ride check to Erin Reed with DCTB.

is nearly complete and many people have asked about crossing Highway 71. There will not be an official trail crossing at this location; however, trail users may use the

230th Street intersection to access either side of the trail. The Iowa DOT did not permit an official crossing, so the current setup is the best option available for now. While it may seem counterintuitive not to have signage or a designated crossing, the intent is to avoid giving motorists on Highway 71 the impression that they should stop for bicyclists waiting to cross. Responsibility rests with trail users: they have a stop sign and should only cross when it is safe to do so, just as any vehicle would at an intersection.

The benefit of aligning the trail crossing with 230th Street is that it leaves future opportunities open. One potential option is a tunnel under Highway 71, as the elevation differences could allow for that design, though funding will remain a significant challenge. Another option being discussed is continuing the trail north along the west side of 230th Street into Milford, a project the city is very interested in. Additionally, 230th Street west of Highway 71 is scheduled to be paved next year, which would provide another bike route into and around the west side of Milford.

There is no set timeline for either the tunnel project or the northern trail extension into Milford. However, once the trail connection to Clay County is completed, attention is expected to shift toward improving the crossing situation at 230th Street.

As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.  
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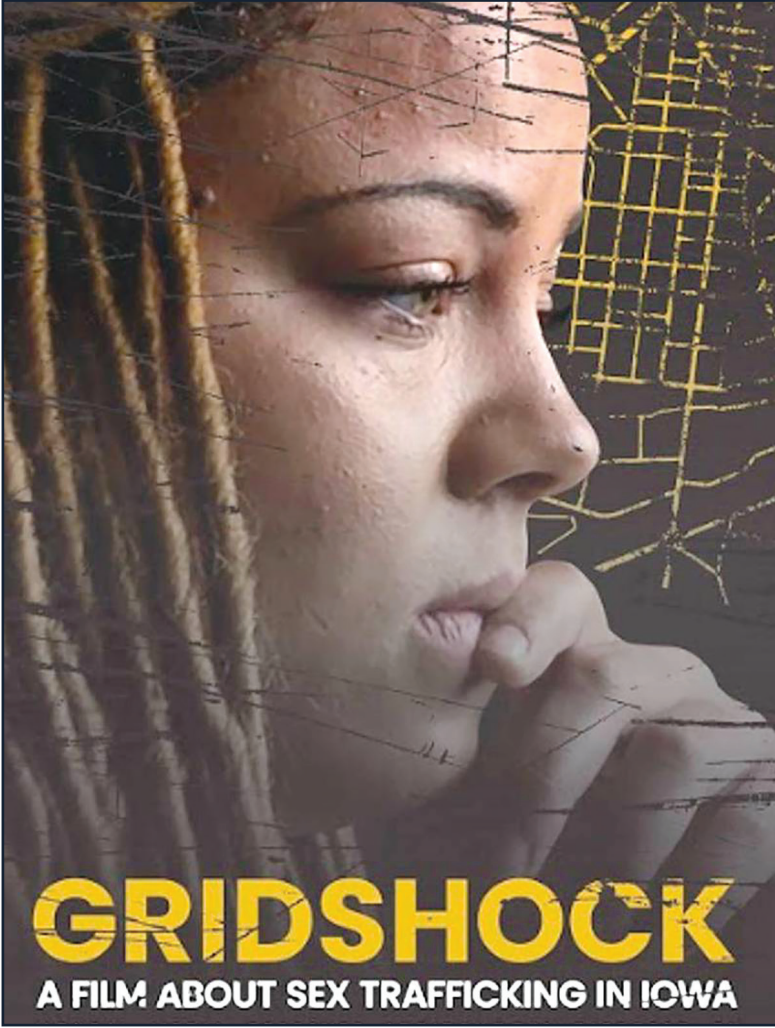
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1 large egg


1 cup warm water

2 tablespoons cane sugar

2 1/4 teaspoons fast-acting yeast

1 egg white (about 1 tablespoon)

In a medium mixing bowl, mix together yeast, water and sugar. Let sit for 5 to 10 minutes to allow the yeast to bloom. In a separate bowl, mix together gluten-free flour and salt. Add the yeast mixture to the dry mixture along with the egg and oil. Mix together for one minute. Cover the bowl with a towel and let it rise for 30 minutes. Divide the dough evenly among the 12 spots in the muffin pan. Smooth the top and sides with a tiny bit of water on a small spatula for a nicely shaped, even-looking roll. Lightly brush the top of the dough with the egg white. Bake at 400° F for 20 minutes until the tops are golden brown.



Recipe Courtesy of: "It Just Happens to be Gluten-Free" (Do Life Inspired Publishing) by Jen Fiore



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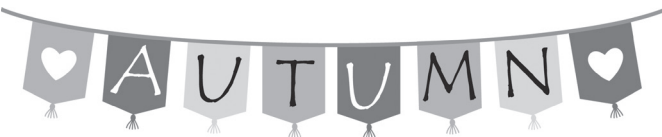
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**View complete job description and application process at [www.iowalakes.edu/employment](http://www.iowalakes.edu/employment). Contact Lynn Miller at [Immiller@iowalakes.edu](mailto:Immiller@iowalakes.edu) or 712-362-0409.**

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**Applications are available at City Hall, and shall be returned c/o Gregg L. Owens, City Administrator, 1803 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. The position is open until filled.**

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**City of Spirit Lake**

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on the Emmetsburg Campus.

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**Applications accepted through 10/10/2025. This recruitment will be open until filled.**



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**IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
is accepting applications for a full-time  
**STUDENT RECORDS**  
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on the Emmetsburg Campus.

Primary responsibility is to assist the Director with all duties and serve as the initial contact for students, parents, and staff. Associate degree in business or a related area is required. Bachelor's degree in education, student services, business or related area is required. Student Services experience at the college level preferred. Additional preference will be given to specific experience in student records, admissions, or financial aid or through demonstrated knowledge of Iowa Lakes' academic programs. Previous experience with student software systems preferred. \$19.94/hr. Paid sick leave, vacation, and holidays. Employee health, dental, and vision insurance. Partially funded family insurance available. Employee life and disability insurance. Employee retirement plan. Review of applications will begin October 13, 2025.

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on the Emmetsburg Campus.

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**Lakes Area Farmers Market**

Lakes Area Farmers Market has closed for the season but you can still buy late season vegetables. A small group of vendors will set up outside Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:30 PM and Saturdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon for two weeks. There is still a variety of vegetables and some other items available. We appreciate all the people who visited the market this summer. Over the winter we will be planning ways to make the market even better next summer and we hope to see you there.



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

*The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.*

**To The Editor:**

While Gov. Reynolds recently vetoed HF 639, it is clear that activists intend to push even more extreme anti-energy legislation during next year's legislative session.

The table is being set for bills that will harm Iowa's energy landscape and undermine our ability to build critical infrastructure at a time when we need it most.

Six out of every 10 Iowa households use natural gas as the primary method of heating their home, and many more use propane for home heating, livestock buildings, and grain drying. Additionally, nearly 2.55 million gasoline-powered cars are registered here. With little naturally occurring crude oil or natural gas, this fuel is largely brought to Iowa by pipeline.

Pipelines of all kinds are vital for our state to thrive, including Iowa's biofuels industry. And yet, bills like HF 639 would make it harder, or even impossible, to build them.

Sadly, their supporters persist in spreading rumors and fear about this safe, necessary infrastructure. As energy usage rises, this is the wrong approach at the wrong time.

As we approach next year's session, the upcoming primaries, and the 2026 elections, I would encourage every Iowan to carefully consider each candidate's views on energy. We need leaders who will move Iowa forward and ensure that we can build a great future for our state.

**Al Giese,**  
**Milford, Iowa**

**Safari Child Care & Preschool**  
**Food Program Participation**

Safari Child Care & Preschool announces their sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Meals are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), age, or disability. Childcare participants who are members of FIP or SNAP households or who are Head Start participants are automatically eligible to receive free meals. Adult care participants who are members of SNAP households who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Meals are available at no separate charge to enrolled participants in the following child/adult care center(s): Safari Child Care & Preschool .

*Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Effective 7-1-2025 to 6-30-2026*

Household Size	Reduced price Meals				Free Meals			
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1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$536	\$18,678	\$1,632	\$816	\$577
2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$788	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$1,108	\$801
3	\$47,767	\$3,961	\$1,991	\$1,038	\$33,586	\$2,798	\$1,399	\$1,046
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$1,210	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,260
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$1,402	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,982	\$1,495
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$1,603	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$1,649
7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$1,805	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$2,565	\$1,844
8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$2,006	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$2,856	\$2,038
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located on the Emmetsburg Campus.

Primary responsibilities are to coordinate and lead campus tours for potential nursing students, manage communications via email and phone, and serve as the primary academic advisor for all nursing students. Travel between campuses may be required. Bachelor's degree in a health care field preferred. Experience in student services and/or academic advising beneficial. Salary \$47,035. Paid sick leave, vacation, and holidays. Employee health, dental, and vision insurance. Partially funded family insurance available. Employee life and disability insurance. Employee retirement plan. Review of applications will begin October 6, 2025.

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Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information, contact the library or check out our Facebook page.

- October 6, 10:30 a.m. – Children's Classics
- October 13, 10:30 a.m. – No Building Bookworms
- October 20, 10:30 a.m. – Dino Time
- October 27, 10:30 a.m. – Monster Mash
- November 3, 10:30 a.m. – Fish Friends
- November 10, 10:30 a.m. – Got Your Goat?

Fourth through twelfth graders, gather your boo-crew and head over to Milford Memorial Library because you're invited to MML's Y.A. Maker Monday, on October 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You will be creating a ghost thumbprint painting. This is a free come-and-go event and all materials are provided by the library.


It's Milford Memorial Library's All-Day Play on Monday, October 6! From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., discover new and exciting toys while playing with friends. This is a free come-and-go playtime. All the toys are provided by the library.

Frankenstein had his monster, now it's your turn! On Thursday, October 9, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., join MML's After-School Adventures to create your own edible monster. This is a free activity and all supplies are provided by the library.

Want to read and discuss a Halloween classic? On Tuesday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m., join the Milford Memorial Library Book Club as they discuss Stephen King's horror novel Pet Sematary. Copies are available at the library. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

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*Building Bookworms Storytime - 10:30 a.m. - Classic Stories and create a bookendscape  
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**Spirit Lake Library News**

**Banned Books Week**  
*by Jill Jennings*

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. Typically (but not always) held during the last week of September, the annual event highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community — librarians, educators, authors, publishers, booksellers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas.

Banned Books Week for 2025 will be October 5–11. The theme for this year is *Censorship Is So 1984 — Read for Your Rights*.

By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) compiles lists of challenged books as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country.

Below were the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024:

- All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
- Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe
- (TIE) The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
- (TIE) The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- Tricks by Ellen Hopkins
- (TIE) Looking for Alaska by John Green
- (TIE) Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews
- (TIE) Crank by Ellen Hopkins
- (TIE) Sold by Patricia McCormick
- Flamer by Mike Curato

The most common justifications for censorship provided by complainants were claims of obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ characters or themes; and covering topics of race, racism, equity, and social justice. (<https://bannedbooksweek.org/>)

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Donna is reading Poems & Prayers by Matthew McConaughey.

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- Monday, October 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Monday, October 6, 5:15 p.m., Library Board Meeting
- Tuesday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, October 8, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, October 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Block Party (come & go)
- Thursday, October 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

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