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Lakes Area Senior/Activities **Center Presentation on Beekeeping**

Brian Jack will give a presentation on beekeeping in the Iowa Great Lakes on Tuesday, October 14th at 12:30 at the Lakes Area Senior Center. The presentation will include insights into seasonal activities in the life cycle of honey bees including how bees overwinter, what conditions create a swarm of honeybees, how a new queen bee is chosen, the different roles a honeybee has in its lifetime, the honey making process from nectar to bottle, and simple but effective actions you can take to support honey bees and other pollinators. Local honey sampling and the option to purchase honey will be part of the presentation.

Brian is a graduate of Luther Seminary and Associate Pastor for First Lutheran Church in Milford, IA. He has been in public ministry for over 10 years, half of them as a beekeeper. He and his wife, Cari, own and operate Jackyll & Hive Apiaries in what free time they can find. He is also the current president of the Northwest Iowa Beekeepers Association which offers educational opportunities, mentoring, and fellowship to new and seasoned beekeepers alike. More information can be found at nwiabka.org

Milford Newsletter WINTER 2025

Winter Weather Keeping sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do and it's the law. Together we are all responsible for keeping

- Milfordsafe and effortless for winterwalking. Who needs to remove snow, ice, and accumulations? Owners and occupants with busi-
- nesses and properties bordering sidewalks. When to remove snow, ice, and accumulations? Snow and ice needs to be cleared from sidewalks in the downtown business commercial district within 12 hours after a snowfall and 24 hours for all other areas in the city.
- Where to Shovel? Clear full width of the sidewalk. Salt and sand icy spots.
- · What happens if I don't remove snow, ice, and accumulations? The City may do so and assess the costs plus a \$25.00 administrative fee against property owner. Property owner will also be guilty of a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100 first offense, \$150 second offense, \$150 se \$250 subsequent offenses.
- How do I avoid a \$25 snow tickets? If it is snowing or if snow is in the forecast keep vehicles off streets and alleys until the street has been plowed curb to curb.
- Violators will be ticketed \$25 per offense. What happens if I throw, push, or place snow/ice from private property onto a street or alley? You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
- What happens if I push snow/ice across any portion of a street in a residential neighborhood? You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
- How can I get notifications when there is a snow emergency for Milford? Register for notifications at www.dcem.us (Dickinson County Emergency Management)
- Drive carefully, obey posted speed limits, and adjust your speed according to the current conditions. (Note: the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted).

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles may only be operated on $city \, streets \, when \, traveling \, directly \, to \, or \, from \,$ the nearest designated snowmobile trail on the most direct route.

ATVS

ATVs may be driven on city streets by licensed drivers age 18 years or older. The only two places to cross over Hwy 71 are 6th and 10 th Street. For a full listing of regulations, visitwww.milford.ia.us located under Frequently Asked Questions.

Fire Hydrants

Please keep snow cleared around fire hydrants following each snow event. Clear a $wide \, enough \, perimeter \, (about \, 3 \, feet) \, around$ the hydrant for firefighters to work. Your assistance with this is appreciated to help ensure a rapid response by the Fire Department in the event of a fire during the winter.

Mailboxes
All mailboxes must be located with the front of the mailbox a minimum six inches behind the back edge of the curb. The City <u>will</u> repair or replace a damaged or destroyed mailbox if it is deemed to result from a direct hit by plow equipment. Mailboxes damaged by snow load off the plow equipment will not be eligible for repair or replacement by the City.

Garbage Collection

 Residential garbage collection is every Tuesday unless Monday is a holiday then collection will be on Wednesday. Containers for the storage of solid waste awaiting collection shall be placed behind curb. Please have all garbage containers to the curb **no later than 7 a.m.** If you forget to place your garbage container to the curb you will have to wait until the next scheduled Tuesday collection. • If you have extra bags of trash that will not fit in the cart, bag tags can be purchased at Milford City Clerk's office for \$3.00 per tag. • Tags for white goods may be purchased Boardof Adjustment Member Needed

at the City Clerk's office at any time during **the year.** Items such as furniture, mattresses etc. you may contact Waste Management at 888-960-0008 to arrange a pickup or you may take those items to the landfill east of Bridges Bay for disposal.

split into two weeks, Gold Week and Green Week, both serviced on Tuesdays every other week. All residences located on the South side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Gold Week. All residences located on the North Side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Green Week. • The Dickinson County Recycle Center is available to assist residents for disposal of unique and difficult items. Electronic Waste, Tires, Batteries, and Household Hazardous Materials. Or visit their SWAP shop of many unused items that are free of charge to the public. The Dickinson County Collection Center is located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a 1/2 mile on Hwy A-34. For more information, contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountycon- servationboard.com/rcc/

Green Waste Site

Please be aware that the Milford Green Waste site is only for Milford residential residents with green waste originating within the Milford city limits. Those not living within the city limits of Milford are not permitted to drop off at this site. Those with a Milford mailing address but living outside city limits ie. Dickinson County, Wahpeton, West Okoboji and the like can be charged for illegal dumping. This site is for the City of Milford tax payers only. All others should contact their city or county for green waste sites or bring to the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a 1/2 mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinson-<u>countyconservationboard.com/rcc/</u>

Landscape waste burning is Prohibited within Milford city limits per Ordinance No. 2-12-24B.

Dogs in Parks and other Public Areas A reminder to keep your pets on a leash and to pick up after them. Doggie bags and receptacles are located throughout the city for your convenience to do so. It is unlawful forany owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City and it animal defecation on the property of another shall also be unlawful for any person to place or property owned by the City or MMU. If found in violation of such an offense, the City may proceed with a municipal infraction. Overall, please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet so all can enjoy our green

If anyone is seen violating this policy, please take a picture of the offense and reach out to the Milford Police Department at milfordpd@ milford.ia.us.

spaces, this includes the airport grass area.

Posting Your Address

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For emergency purposes it is important that all occupied buildings post addresses that are clearly visible to the street in figures not less than 2 1/2 inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the Board of Adjustment (5-year term) to fill the (remainder of term through 6/30/2030). The BOA is not a policy making board, but rather a quasi-judicial board responsible for the following: (1) Administrative review where it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Administrator; (2) Hear and decide special exception use applications; and (3) Authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance when the variance is not contrary to the public interest and, due to special conditions, a literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance is observed and substantial justice is done. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested, please contact: LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator@ 712-338-2741, Email: <u>Ireinsbach@milford</u>. ia.us or, visit https://milford.ia.us/forms-anddocument/for a board member application. All appointments will be in accordance with Milford City Ordinances, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

Milford Municipal Utilities Board **Member Needed**

The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the MMU Board to fill a (6-year term). The Utility Board oversees and makes policies concerning the affairs of the Milford municipal water and electric utilities. This board is an excellent opportunity for community involvement and to have a hand in shaping policies and decisions. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested, please visit https://milford.ia.us/ forms-and-document/ for a board member application. The position will be made by the mayor with city council approval and will be $in accordance \, with \, the \, City's \, Volunteer \, Board$ Appointment Policy.

Important Phone Numbers City Clerk's office

City Clerk's Office	.330-2/41
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(located at 1905 Okoboji Ave.)	
Emergency	9-1-1
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Library	338-4643
Public Works on call	330-3081
(after hours, weekends/holidays	
for sewer backup, street issue)	
Utilities on call	330-7989
(after hours water/electric issue)	

Office Hours

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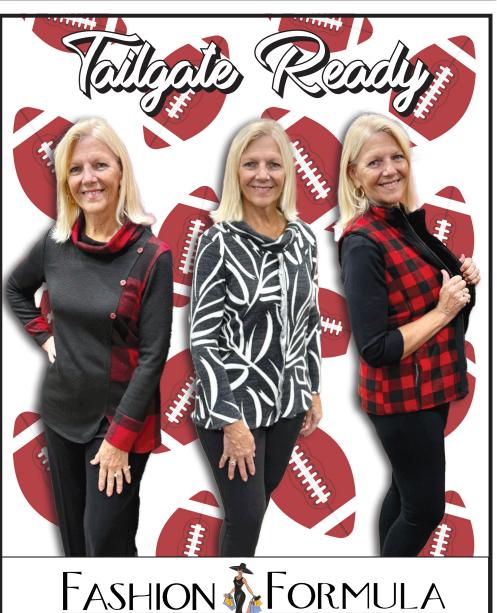




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noun From the Greek meaning to beautify. The study and application of beauty treatment such as hairstyling, skin care, cosmetics, manicures/ pedicures and electrolysis.



Fall and Winter Skincare Tips As summer transitions to fall, many changes take place. In

addition to changing landscapes, men and women may need to adapt their health and wellness habits to ensure that they stay healthy and happy. Part of that daily regi-

care for skin as the seasons change. Just as skin requires certain protection from the sun and heat in the summer, skin has special needs in the fall and winter. Fall and winter are often characterized by cold, dry weather, which can make these times of year particularly challenging for people with dry or

men includes how to

sensitive skin. These tips can help people maintain their skin's appearance and health.

• Don't skip the sunscreen. Sunscreen is not a summer-only requirement. UV rays can damage the skin any time of year, even if the rays are not as strong as during the summer. UV radiation accelerates and increases the risk of skin cancer. It also can lead to premature aging. Utilize a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher every day.

• Invest in a humidifier. Dry, cold temperatures can rob the skin of essential moisture, even indoors. Dermatologists suggest using a humidifier at home to boost the amount of moisture in the air. This can make skin more comfortable and can have other health benefits as well.

• Skip hot showers. It can be tempting to sit under a hot stream of water to warm up. However, hot water dries out the skin by depleting its stores of natural oils, says Glacier Med Spa. Take warm showers instead and don't stay in for longer than 15 minutes.

• Limit exfoliation. While exfoliation can remove dead skin, overdoing it can make already sensitive skin more raw. Increase the time between exfoliation treatments. Consult with a dermatologist for more advice about dealing with flaky skin.

• Don't forget your lips. Using a thicker moisturizer on the body and face can help add and retain moisture. But pay attention to your lips and eyes as well. Something as simple as petroleum ielly on the lips can help prevent chapping. Invest in a quality eye cream to help the delicate skin around the eyes as well.

Modifications must be made to skincare routines in anticipation of seasonal weather changes.

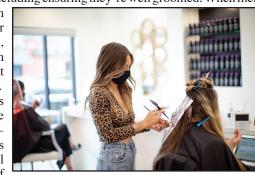
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Popular Salon and Spa Services

many ways, including ensuring they're well groomed. When men

and women seek to pamper themselves, the local salon can be a great

starting point. Consumers can explore many different services at their local salon. Each of



these services can help people look and feel their best.

• Haircut: Men, women and children who want to remain well groomed need a good haircut every so often. Cuts are designed to play up the strongest features of a client's face, but also take into consideration the latest trends and the preferences of the

• Hair styling: Some clients do not need their hair cut but benefit from professional styling, which can include blow-outs, hair setting, perms, special occasion up-dos, and more.

• Coloring: Hair coloring techniques continue to evolve. The most basic technique is a single-process color, which is a whole-head dye or one used for root touch-ups. Full or partial foils may be used to add highlights or lowlights to hair by placing them in strategic locations. Balayage is a relatively new treatment that involves hand-brushed highlights. Ombre is a service in which hair gradually becomes lighter or darker from root to tips, or vice versa.

• Color correction: In addition to general color services, many stylists specialize in color correction. The hair specialists at Redken say that color correction cancels out and neutralizes uneven pigments in the hair through the use of toners and other products. Hair color can fade or turn brassy over time, which color correction can fix. Also, color correcting may adjust improperly colored hair.

• Nail treatments: Salons also specialize in nail services. Manicures and pedicures typically involve the soaking of hands and feet, sloughing off dead skin, moisturizing and pushing back cuticles, trimming nails, and applying nail color. Acrylic nail services also are available, which involve the application of a liquid acrylic product mixed with a powdered acrylic product (monomer and polymer) to form a malleable product that can be shaped to the nail and will harden with air drying, according to Nails magazine. Gel nails are another product, and these offer long-lasting nail color.

· Other services: In addition to hair and nails, salons frequently offer waxing or other hair removal, massages, eyebrow shaping/threading, makeup application, facials, and skin care

Salons are vital businesses in many communities, helping residents look and feel wonderful.

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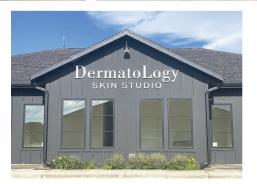
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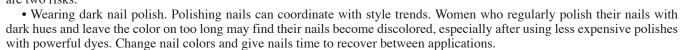
Bad Habits That May Be Affecting Appearance

Who doesn't want to look and feel her best? Many women go to great lengths in the name of beauty. But not every beauty tip or practice is beneficial. Women may be tempted to repeat bad beauty habits when they get the desired results, but doing so can put their bodies at risk.

Turning a blind eye to these habits is never a good idea. In fact, recognizing potential beauty pitfalls and how to avoid them can promote long-term health, and nothing is more beautiful than that.

• Failure to drink enough water. One of the most effective ways to nurture skin comes right out of the tap in the kitchen sink. When people forget to drink adequate amounts of water, loss of fluids can result in dry skin that may have a tired, faded look. Even subtle wrinkles may become more pronounced as a result.

• Getting tan from the sun or tanning beds. A warm, golden glow is a hallmark of long days spent in the great outdoors. Many women aspire to have a beautiful tanned look and will spend hours in the sun or at tanning salons. Dermatologists warn that ultraviolet rays that come from the sun or tanning beds can be very harmful to the skin, even if you do not burn. Premature aging and skin cancer are two risks.

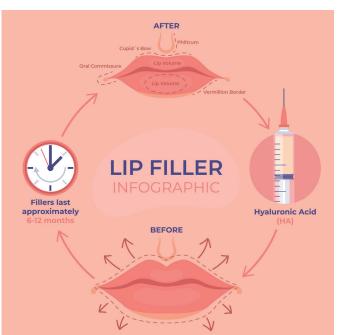


• Using dirty makeup brushes. Cosmetics can completely transform appearance, often with minimal effort. By failing to clean brushes after frequent use, women are potentially exposing themselves to bacteria and other microorganisms that congregate on brushes and applicators. This bacteria eventually can spread into the beauty products themselves.

• Popping pimples. The temptation to pop pimples is significant. The wellness resource Verywell Health says popping pimples forces pore debris deeper into follicles, can make blemishes worse and increases the chances of developing acne scars and post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation. Use a warm compress on pimples to speed up the natural healing process instead of popping them

• Taking hot showers. While this may be more of a concern in winter, when a steamy shower is the perfect way to chase away the chill, water that is too hot can remove a layer of the protective oils on skin and hair. Moderate the temperature instead. Bad beauty habits can compromise women's appearance and their overall well-being. Some women may benefit from changing their beauty routines.

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Beauty, Health, and Wellness Businesses Now Under One Roof

Five Star Plaza Opens in Spirit Lake, Bringing Health, Beauty, and Wellness Businesses Under One Roof

SPIRIT LAKE, IA – Five Star Plaza, a new collaborative business center dedicated to local health, beauty, and wellness services, is officially opening its doors at 409 18th St. The plaza will host an Open House event on Thursday, October 16th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM to introduce the community to the five unique businesses that now call the location home.

Five Star Plaza represents a local effort to create a convenient, one-stop destination for personal care and rejuvenation in the Iowa Great Lakes region.

The businesses launching at the new plaza include:

• Skin Lylee: Offering skincare and aesthetic services, such as facials, lash lifts, tints, dermaplaning, and advanced treatments such as laser hair removal and morpheus8, focused on helping clients achieve their best natural glow.

• Retro Studio 51: A contemporary hair salon providing full-service manicures and hair care, from precision cuts and

coloring to styling, helping clients express their personal style. • Colored by Colie: Specializing in color services and pedicures, with a focus on modern techniques like foilayage, and

vivid colors, along with extensions, for stunning, custom results. • Destiny Massage Therapy: Dedicated to the rapeutic relief and relaxation, offering a variety of professional massage modalities

such as fire cupping to address tension, stress, and chronic pain. • Biobody: A health and wellness service focused on offering hormone therapy, Botox, cosmetic vein treatment, and weight loss options, emphasizing the connection between physical wellness and aesthetic health. Will be offering services at the Five Star Plaza the first Thursday of the month in the afternoons.

The Open House is free to attend and will feature opportunities for attendees to meet the owners, tour the space, and learn about the full range of available services.

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4 Reasons for Hair Loss

Shedding a small amount of hair each day is normal. In fact, minor hair loss often is a sign that the body is growing new, healthy hair to replace old hair. But there may be cause for concern when more than 100 hairs per day are caught in the bristles of a brush or at the bottom of the shower drain.

If a person is suddenly seeing more scalp or if hair feels less thick than it once did, he or she may be losing more hair than is normal, according to Francesca Fusco, M.D., a dermatologist and assistant clinical professor of dermatology at Mount Sinai. Getting to the root of the problem may take some time, but people can learn about common causes of hair loss to determine what might be the issue.

Stress — The National Institutes of Health reports that long-term or chronic stress puts people at risk for a number of health problems, including hair loss. A Harvard University study led by Dr. Ya-Chieh Hsu found increased corticosterone levels secreted by adrenal glands that occurred from mild to moderate stress affected hair regrowth in mice. Stress caused hair to gray or fall out in mice, and further study is needed to determine if there is a similar connection in humans.

Genetics — Both men and women are susceptible to hair loss due to genetics. The American Academy of Dermatology says hair loss is more likely to affect men along the hairline. In women, hair loss is usually concentrated at the crown of the head, especially noticeable at the hair part. There is no way to prevent this type of hair loss, but there are topical treatments that may slow down hair loss and make

hair appear fuller longer. Hormones — Hair loss can result from hormonal changes that occur when going on or off hormonal birth control methods or changing products. In addition, pregnancy causes surges in estrogen that cause hair to grow rapidly without falling out. However, after pregnancy, hair patterns return to normal growth cycles and mild to intense hair shedding for a few months may occur.

Vitamin deficiency or overabundance— According to the AAD, overconsumption of supplements that contain vitamin A or certain medications may trigger hair loss. People who are not getting enough protein also may experience unwanted hair loss, as might those who have low iron levels.

Hair loss can be unsettling. Though it's often natural, certain instances of hair loss should be brought to the attention of a

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper. When Do Farmers Wake Up To Trump?

As farmers reap another bountiful harvest, it was reported in June that 173 small farms have declared bankruptcy, a 63% increase to 2024 and the highest since 2020. Farm debt is \$562B and farmers have faced breakeven for three years at zero or below costs. Brazil now leads China exports for corn, soybeans and pork versus America previously. Now we can add Brazilian beef as well. China has also increased beef imports from Australia which has seen beef exports grow over \$100M per month, coming right out of American producers. These issues directly arise from Trump policies, but still farmers across Midwestern states with prime ag economies maintain their support for him. Recently he announced a \$20B bond bailout for Argentina whereby they subsequently reduced taxes on soybeans, so China quickly agreed to a major 20 shipload soybean export deal! China has also stepped up road programs and free trade deals for Latin American nations while the US has cut foreign aid to them and imposed tariffs. When do farmers wake to the fact that Trump really has no concern for their welfare and throws one-time crumbs their way to buy votes for himself? Apparently, farmers discounted the loss of \$27B of ag exports during Trump's first term, most of which was never recovered. Trump tariff policies have been a deathblow to agricultural exports. In fact, American farmers, at least in my lifetime, may never recover lost export markets. Elimination of USAID removes ag product uptake. Oil wavers for ethanol exclusion lessens corn sales as do recent demands that Coke and others utilize real sugar versus corn sweeteners. Trump promised an immigration policy to seal the border and deport criminals but has morphed into the easiest targets to deport are ag and retail workers, many of whom are undocumented and also pay taxes. Combined, all this drives up ag costs leading to more bankruptcies and closure of food processing units along with driving higher food costs for American consumers. The "beautiful bill" recently passed is loaded with handouts to oil and coal use, minimal credits for ethanol and will eliminate affordable health insurance coverage for many farm families. This bill also implies total denial of global warming, ignoring catastrophic weather impact on agriculture resulting in higher insurance costs, new pest challenges and wider crop yield distortions. Of course, Republican lawmakers, including Iowa's two senators and all four representatives, stress less regulation, promise a new farm bill (since 2018) and continue to campaign against federal death taxes of which only 0.3% of Iowa farm estates currently fall under (there is no Iowa death tax); relying on tax emotions to rule rural votes versus real economic facts. Might it be advisable for Iowa farmers to discontinue blind allegiance to Trump and the Republican Party, to assess the real state of the farm economy and seek other political means. Unfortunately, it may already be too late for farmers as we have three more years to endure Trump's craziness.

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on sale at 5:15 p.m. and BINGO will begin at 6:00 p.m. A cash payout will be awarded for each game and each winner. There will be snacks, and pizza by the slice available to purchase.

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12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker: Nature Center 12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, October 8

9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, October 9 10:00 - Strummers

10:00 - Tai Chi 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage

4:30 - Zumba

5:30 - Singles Group Friday, October 10 9:00 - Exercise Class 10:00 - Chair Yoga 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, October 11

Facility Available For Rent Sunday, October 12 9:00 - 11:30 - Church/Card

Monday, October 13 9:00 - Exercise 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Pinochle Club Tuesday, October 14

8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 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 are 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 -Freewill 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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Thurs., Oct. 9 - 12:00 PM-Online bidding ends for shop & property auction near Milford. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. 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.

Wed., Nov. 5 - 10:00 AM-153.37 acres at auction in Jackson Co., MN. Auctioneers: Pike & Christopher. 507-847-3468. www. auctioneeralley.com.

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Go to risefestiowa.com to reserve your tickets. The more people who commit, the lower the ticket price—as low as \$52! Tell your friends. Tell your family. Tell everyone to join the RiseFest Fall Price Slide before it ends on October 10. RiseFest is coming to Sheldon, Iowa, on June 12-13, 2026! This

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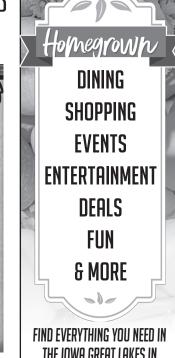
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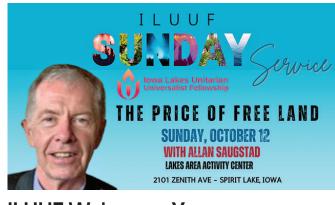
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Dear Tony, what's it all about? Why is life so hard at times? It's a question I've been asked more than once. In fact, it's a question most of us whisper to ourselves during the late-night

quiet or in the middle of a stormy day. We work so hard, chase success with such determination, and yet when we pause—if we pause—we sometimes wonder: what's waiting for us at the end of the rainbow?

For many, success is defined by titles, achievements, or possessions. It's the promotion, the bigger house, the recognition from peers. But here's the thing about success: once you reach a peak, you immediately see another mountain. The finish line keeps moving. That's why we have to ask ourselves—beyond

success, what really matters? The Scuba Diver's Secret

A leader I recently spoke with shared a powerful metaphor. On the surface of the water, when you're scuba diving, it can feel chaotic—waves crashing, winds blowing, the boat rocking. But drop down just a few feet beneath the surface, and suddenly there's calm. Serene. Peaceful.

Life works the same way. Stay on the surface and you'll be tossed about by the noise—emails, deadlines, social media, traffic jams, endless to-do lists. But if you're willing to go deeper, to push below the surface distractions, you'll find clarity. Stillness.

The challenge for each of us is learning how to listen for the signal in our lives, not just the static. The static is loud, insistent, and often meaningless. The signal is softer, but full of truth.

Fingerprints on Earth At the end of our days, few will remember what car we drove, how many meetings we attended, or how full our calendars looked. But everyone leaves fingerprints. The question is: what

kind of fingerprints are you leaving behind? They show up in the people you encouraged. The time you mentored someone who doubted themselves. The kindness you extended when no one was watching. The decision to lead with

integrity when it might have been easier not to. Our fingerprints are our legacy. They are the quiet marks of a life well lived. Success, in the traditional sense, may fade. But fingerprints endure—in people's memories, in the choices that ripple out beyond us, in the stories that get told long after

Rising Above the Noise

So how do we rise above the noise of daily life and focus on what matters most? Three thoughts:

- . **Pause Often.** Step out of the rush, even for a few minutes each day. Ask yourself: am I chasing static or listening for a signal?
- 2. **Define Success Differently**. Instead of only asking, "What did I achieve?" ask, "Who did I impact? What difference did I make?'
- 3. **Go Deeper.** Like the scuba diver, remind yourself that the surface is never the full story. Peace and meaning often live just below the waves.

Why Life Feels Hard

So why is life so hard at times? Because growth comes through resistance. Diamonds form under pressure. Muscles strengthen through strain. Character is revealed not on the easy days, but in how we respond when things get tough.

Life's difficulties push us to dive deeper. They strip away the illusion that the surface noise is all there is. They remind us that calmness and purpose are still available if we're willing to go beneath the chaos.

The Rainbow Beyond Success

Maybe the end of the rainbow isn't about pots of gold or outward achievement at all. Maybe it's about peace—the calm beneath the waves. Maybe it's about fingerprints—the impact we leave on others. Maybe it's about knowing, in the end, that we lived with purpose and made choices that mattered.

So the next time you find yourself whispering, "What's it all about? Why is life so hard?" remember this: it's about fingerprints. It's about impact. It's about finding calmness beneath the waves. Success may give us a trophy for the shelf. But significance

gives us peace in our soul. And in the end, it's the fingerprints of significance that outlast us all.

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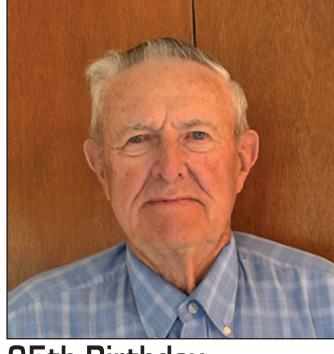
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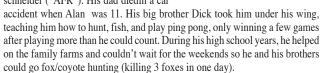
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A Memorial Service for Alan Riemenschneider, age 77, of Okoboji, will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 12:00pm at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation

will take place prior to the service from 11:00-12:00pm at the funeral home. The family would like to extend an invitation to lunch and fellowship at The Hutt Bar & Grill in Arnolds Park immediately following the service.

Alan passed away on September 1, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

Alan Frank Riemenschneider was born on Oct 20, 1947, in Kingsley, IA, The fourth son of Emery and Ann (Paulsen) Riemenschneider. He was named after his grandfather, August Fredrick Riemenschneider ("AFR"). His dad diedin a car



He graduated from Kingsley/Pierson High School in 1965 (holding the 100-yard-high hurdles record at that time) and then attended Nettleton Business College in Sioux City, IA, where he earned an associate's degree in accounting. In his years after graduation, he enjoyed drag racing his black Chevelle (wishes he still had) at the local racetracks (Sioux City and Thunder Valley, SD, holding the track record for a while), winning 21 trophies in total. His only pit crew member, Rick Meins, won one, and his sister-in-law, Mary, won one of them. His brother Larry helped him keep the car at top performance. He served in the US Army Reserve 366th Finance for 6 years, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1972. He worked at IBP, Inc. during this time. When his brother Dick had a farm accident in the spring of 1972, Alan worked the family farm, planting the crops that year. In 1973 he moved to Spencer, IA, then moved later to Okoboji, IA, where he worked for Eaton Corp for 30+ years as a financial accountant, taking early retirement in 2003. Later he worked at Pure Fishing

He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brother Dick, going to South Dakota on quite a few trips. He caught many walleyes over 8 lbs. and 2 over 9 lbs. to win the 1993 Walleye Opener tournament and received award checks from Yamaha. Alan was a member of the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club for a while winning numerous trophies and plaques. Alan has numerous bands from ducks and geese he killed hunting with his brother, best friends Larry Bendlin (deceased), Tom Willey (deceased), son Andrew. Alan also helped Dick win a Euchre tournament and trophy. Alan was a Life/Endowment member of the NRA. He married Gail (Dickinson/Graeber) on July 12, 1986. He and Gail enjoyed fishing and going to the casino on most Sundays, keeping track of

their winnings/losses to the annoyance of Gail. His children are Shannon Smith of North Sioux City, SD; Andrew F. (Ronarae) Riemenschneider of Fostoria; adopted son Jason Riemenschneider of Tea, SD; stepchildren Kimberly Froendt (friend Dave Wieczorek) of Grand Island, NE; Mike Graeber (deceased); (Paula) of Lakeville, MN; and Mark (Debbie) Graeber of Clovis, CA. His brothers, Dean of Pierson, IA, Dick (deceased); and Larry (Mary) of Lawton, IA. He has 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, friends, and other relatives. Preceding him in death were his parents, Emery and Ann; stepdad Carl Reinbold; brother Dick; and stepson Mike. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



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Lynda Sharlene Wielenga Langstraat was born July14, 1946, to Louis H. Wielenga and Anna Kroese Wielenga, in Hull Iowa. She lived in Hull as an infant and moved to the

family farm when she was seven years old. On the farm she gained a lifelong love for cats, dogs and horses. As a child she went to Hull Christian

Grade School and graduated from Hull Western Christian High School. She then went to Washington School of Practical Nursing in Sioux Falls and graduated in 1967.

She met her husband, Dennis Langstraat, on a blind date in 1967, and they were married the following year. Their son Jeff was born in 1968 in Orange City, Iowa. He was delivered by the

same doctor that delivered Dennis. In 1969 Dennis left for officer's training in the US Air Force, and Lynda and Jeff moved to the farm for a short period of time to live with her parents. Later in 1969, the family moved to Big Spring, Texas, where Dennis served as an instructor pilot in the air force. In 1970, Kristin was born in Big Spring. For the more than four years that they lived in Big Spring, Lynda enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and taking arts and crafts classes at the Officer's Club.

After Dennis's release from the Air Force, the family moved back to Iowa, where Dennis taught high school science for a year and then went to veterinary school at Iowa State University. This was an extremely busy time in Lynda's life. Between working as an LPN, maintaining a household, and keeping her husband motivated in school, she had very little relaxation time.

In 1981, Dennis graduated from veterinary school, and the family moved to Sherburn, MN. Lynda's pace slowed somewhat, but she continued to work part-time. She also became acquainted with the hard seats of every gymnasium in southern Minnesota while watching high school sports that Jeff and Kris participated in. Many life-long friends were made while they lived in Sherburn.

In 1992, Dennis and Lynda, now empty nesters, moved to Nicollet, MN. Lynda worked part-time while living in Nicollet, and she and Dennis bought a cabin in the Okoboji, Iowa, area. She greatly enjoyed remodeling the cabin, boating, hiking, and enjoying the Iowa Great Lakes area. A lot of great downtime was spent with her brother and his family at the cabin.

Throughout her married life, Lynda worked as an LPN in hospitals in Orange City, Britt, Dexter, and Ames, IA, and Trimont and Fairmont, MN. She also worked as an educational aide for preschool kids after she finished her nursing career.

Since retirement and moving to Spirit Lake, she enjoyed several cruises and trips to Florida before Covid and Cancer interfered. She had many friends in the area and loved playing Mahjong on Fridays and Thursday coffee at the church. She was active in UMW. Most of these activities were somewhat curtailed after her diagnosis and treatment for her cancer, although her love of ISU sports, the Twins, and the Vikings continued. She was an avid reader of books for most of her life.

Her entire life was spent with cats or dogs in the home. She found a love for them on the farm, and it never abated. She loved her husband, her kids, and her animals, not always in that order. Her dog, Allie, and her cat, Fidget, were her constant companions during the down days of chemotherapy.

She leaves behind Dennis, her loving husband of fifty-seven years; her children, Jeffrey Langstraat, PhD of Pittsburgh, PA, and Kristin Langstraat, DMin (Mike FitzGerald) of Cincinnati, OH; her brother, Larry (MaryLou) Wielenga; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Wayne (Kathy) Langstraat, Roger (Sandy) Langstraat, and Ruth Langstraat, MD (Roxanne Whitelight). Many neieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and friends are also left to mourn her.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. A private family burial will be held in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Avera Hospice in Spirit Lake or the Spirit Lake Methodist Church 150 fund.

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





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- Nature Center • Tuesday, October 14

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

Brewster Dance

Dave Anderson will provide music for a dance at the Brewster Legion in Brewster, MN, Saturday, October 11th, 7-10:30. Couples and singles welcome. Bring your friends for some great music and dancing.



Republican Meeting

Join your fellow republicans at a central committee meeting on October 20th. Meeting held at the Spirit Lake Library. Please enter through the back

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Meredith Ann Mickelson was born on February 27, 1941, in Jackson Minnesota, to Wilbur B. and Dorothy (Timms) Mickelson. She grew up in Estherville and was the eldest of three sisters. During high school, she worked on the Ho Lo Co class yearbook for several years and was also part of Glee

Her Story

Club, Y Teen, and Rainbow Girls. After graduating from Estherville High School in 1959, she attended Nettleton Commercial College in Sioux Falls that summer. On October 16, 1959, she married John R. Maytum at the Presbyterian Church in Estherville, with her sisters and brother in law and sister in law as attendants

The couple moved to his grandparents' farm on Francis Sites in the Lakes Area, where Meredith worked in her father in law's dental office until his retirement Later, during the 1960s and 70s, Meredith and John moved to pastureland owned by his grandparents, where they raised quality mink as well as Norwegian Elk Hounds. Alongside this, Meredith and John, together with close family friend Dave Duhn and his family, successfully ran Lakes Tree Service for over 60 years, serving the Lakes Area with dedication and hard work. Meredith and John adopted two sons, Michael and Aaron, and filled their home with dogs and other rescued pets. They shared a love of nature and especially enjoyed fall camping trips to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Their strong Christian faith took them to many conferences, where they joyfully shared

their love of the Lord through word and song. Left to cherish Meredith's memory are her husband, John, with whom she shared nearly 66 years; two sons, Michael (Tami) of Nebraska, and Aaron of the Lakes Area; grandchildren Isaac (Ike) and Kali; her sister Francie (Tom) Turner of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. (Mike) and Dorothy Mickelson of Estherville; in laws Dr. F.V. and Florence Maytum of the Lakes Area; sisters Noel (Nonie) Jean Amos Wagner and Margaret Kay Wilkinson; and brothers in law James N. and Moreen Maytum and Todd Wilkinson.

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Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival Returns

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is already looking toward fall events and is excited to present another year of fall family fun festivities. This year's Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 18th, at Camp Foster from 10am to 2pm. Park at the entrance of camp and begin your stroll to the fun! Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery while making your way through 20+ stations of various fall fun activities and games provided by local area businesses. Some activities include prize wheel, s'mores around the fire pit, inflatables, crafts, and so much more!! We can't wait to see you there.

Spirit Lake Homecoming

The 2025 Homecoming Grand Marshal is Kathy Kleen. Kathy graduated from Spirit Lake in 1981. In 1995, she began what

would become an astounding 30 years at Spirit Lake High School. During her time at Spirit Lake, Kathy was awarded the Excellence in Science Teaching Award in 2000 and the Excellence in Education Award in 2018. Mrs. Kleen, as her students know her, can always be found cheering on her students at their games and performances. Kathy retired last year after three decades of outstanding teaching. Outside of Spirit Lake Schools, Kathy



is a member of the Dickinson County Conservation Board and works to keep our natural areas beautiful.

Siblings Greta and Theo Coy are this year's Flower Girl and Scepter Bearer. Greta and Theo are the children of Spirit Lake

Teachers Matt and Krysta Coy. Greta is in Kindergarten and Theo is in 3rd Grade. Theo likes music, basketball, and fishing. Greta likes dance, soccer, and making sidewalk art.

The parade will take place at 2:15 on October 10th. The lineup preparations for participants begins at 1:45.

The parade will begin on 28th Street, continues north on Hill Avenue, and ends at the intersection of 16th Street and Hill Avenue. Any inquiries regarding participating in the parade or more information can be directed to 27bfrostestad@spirit-lake. k12.ia.us, 28btritle@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us, or 26jcurrell@spiritlake.k12.ia.us

Homecoming Schedule:

Monday: Powderpuff Football after JV Football Game at Hafer Field

Tuesday: Volleyball at Spencer 5:30-8:30 Wednesday: Coronation at Sami Center 8 PM

Thursday: Home Volleyball vs. Estherville 5:30-9

Friday: Homecoming Parade at 2:15, lineup starting at 1:45. Home Football vs. Southeast Valley. Homecoming Dance 9:30-11, Sami Center Black Box, entry fee of \$5.



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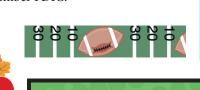


Farmers Savings Bank sponsored the 17th annual "Throw for Dough" during half-time of the Okoboji Football game on September 26th vs Estherville. Ryker Herbrandson was chosen to participate in the Throw for Dough contest and had the chance to win \$1 for every yard he threw the ball. With \$100 on the line, Ryker heaved the football twenty yards winning \$20. The remaining \$80 was donated to the Okoboji Pioneer Booster club.

The Farmers Savings Bank Team also had a fun time serving 190 walking tacos during the pre-game tailgate. The tailgate raised \$1,111 which was donated to the Okoboji Pioneer Booster Club. "We are pleased to join in the community excitement for Homecoming and love to support The Pioneers in all of their activities," Marketing Director Laurie Simington said.

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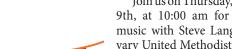
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Spencer, Iowa – The 29th Annual Clay County Rodders Swap Meet is set for Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Gates open bright and early at 7:00 AM, rain or

This long-running automotive and transportation swap meet brings together enthusiasts, vendors, and collectors from across the re-



gion. Visitors can expect to find a wide variety of automotive parts, accessories, tools, and treasures.

General admission is \$5 at the gate (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission). Spectators are asked to enter through Gate C on 4th Avenue W.

Vendors are welcome, with outside spaces available for \$25 each and indoor spaces for \$35 each. Vendor setup will take place from 2:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, October 11, or beginning at 7:00 AM on Sunday, October 12. Vendors should enter through the North Gate off W. 18th Street.

Concessions will be available throughout the day. The event is sponsored by Christians Sheet Metal.

For more information, contact Denny at (712) 260-3278 or Rich at (712) 260-6814 or visit our Facebook page at facebook. com/ExploreClayCounty





Economic Impact of the 2025 Clay County FairBeyond entertainment, food, and competition, the 2025

Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, also delivered significant

economic benefits for Clay County and the surrounding region. From fundraising by local nonprofits to increased spending activity on the grounds, this year's Fair once again proved to be a powerful driver of community impact.



"Spending at the Fair doesn't end when visitors leave the grounds; it continues to benefit

the community after," said Fair CEO Jason Brockshus. "From supporting local nonprofits to providing families with affordable opportunities for fun, these numbers highlight the lasting value the Fair brings to Clay County and beyond.'

Community Support Through Nonprofits

- Nearly one-third (31.5%) of all food, beverage, and specialty concession spending at the Fair went directly to local nonprofit organizations.
- These include producer groups, service clubs, youth organizations, and other community-based nonprofits that use the Fair as a fundraising opportunity.
- The majority of these funds stay in Clay County, supporting scholarships, youth programs, charitable causes, and community projects.

Together, these partnerships ensure that the dollars spent at the Fair continue working in Clay County, supporting programs and services that directly benefit local residents.

Affordable Fun for Families

- On average, Fairgoers spent \$10.76 beyond their gate admission on food, beverages, carnival rides, and specialty
- This average shows that visitors enjoyed a wide range of experiences at a reasonable cost, making the Fair an accessible tradition for families.

This balance of affordability and variety helps the Fair remain a community gathering place where lasting memories are made without breaking the family budget.

Growth on "Traditionally Slower Days" — Compared to 2024, spending on food, beverage, specialty concessions, and carnival, saw increases on four days of Fair week:

- Sunday, September 7: +5%
- Monday, September 8: +4%
- Tuesday, September 9: +4%
- Wednesday, September 10: +23%
- Over a six-year average, these same days have seen a 78% increase in guest spending activity, demonstrating that weekdays are steadily gaining strength and no longer lag s far behind weekends as they once did.

These steady gains show that the Fair continues to grow as a destination throughout all nine days, not just on traditional peak weekends. As the 2025 Clay County Fair concludes, these numbers reinforce that the Fair is more than just an annual tradition. It

is a source of community support, family value, and economic

vitality that reaches well beyond the nine days each September. About the Clay County Fair & Events Center - Rooted in Tradition, the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that hosts more than 300 events annually, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair, powered by SMU. Known as "The World's Greatest County Fair" since 1917, the Fair attracts more than 300,000 guests each September for nine days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. For more information, visit claycountyfair.com.

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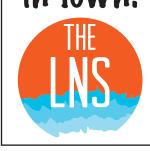


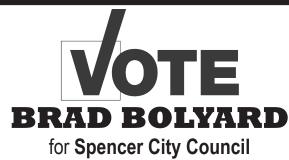
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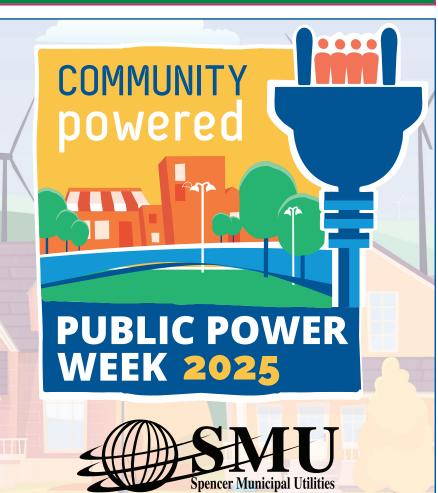




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THE LAKES NEWS **Auctions**



Eden Ehm Opens Series at Iowa Lakes

Iowa Lakes Community College is proud to welcome Decorah native Eden Ehm to the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center as part of the 2025-2026 Estherville Performing Arts Series. Ehm will perform on Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m.

One of North America's foremost young fiddlers, Ehm is dedicated to preserving and sharing the unique sound of the Hardanger fiddle, a richly ornamented instrument central to Norwegian folk traditions. She has studied under master Norwegian fiddlers, performed for King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway, and regularly appears at Scandinavian festivals throughout the

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Her music highlights the differences, similarities, and connections across Norway's regional fiddle traditions, blending classical and folk influences into performances that inspire curiosity and respect for cultural traditions.

Tickets on Sale Now Eden Ehm Concert - \$15 for adults (Free admission for Iowa Lakes students and all children) https:// www.ticketleap.events/tickets/iowa-lakes/eden-ehm

For more information, contact Jessi Strom, Performing Arts Center Promotions and Operations, Iowa Lakes Community College, jstrom@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-6977.

View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

Week Off

Much like the Iowa State defense in the first half of their game at Cincinnati on Saturday, I am taking the week off from writing as we're on a short vacation in Florida this week. I'll be back, as I'm hoping my Cyclones will, next week!

People for Pets to Host "Petoberfest" Fundraiser

SPENCER, IOWA – People for Pets is thrilled to announce its annual Petoberfest fundraiser, an evening of fun and community aimed at raising vital funds for the care of homeless animals.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 11th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Century Farms Distillery, located at 2304 Hwy Blvd, Spencer, IA 51301.

Petoberfest promises a lively night out for a great cause,

- featuring: Live musi
 - Games and prizes Food and drinks
 - A special parade of shelter pets

All proceeds from the event will go directly toward funding the essential care, medical needs, and daily operations required to shelter the homeless animals in People for Pets' care.

"Petoberfest is one of our favorite events of the year," said Heather Storey, volunteer at People for Pets. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy a great night, and meet some of the incredible animals they are helping us care for. Every ticket purchased makes a tangible difference in the life of a pet waiting for their forever home."

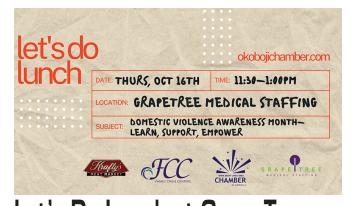
Ticket Information:

Tickets are available for \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- The People for Pets Shelter
- Century Farms Distillery
- Through the People for Pets Facebook event page https:// www.facebook.com/PeopleForPets.Iowa

About People for Pets:

People for Pets is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter dedicated to providing safe haven, medical care, and permanent homes for abandoned and abused animals in the Spencer community.



Let's Do Lunch at GrapeTree with Family Crisis Center

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is hosting a Let's Do Lunch with Family Crisis Center at GrapeTree Medical Staffing on Oct. 16 in north Milford. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - so let's learn, support and empower together.

Your employees bring their whole selves to work, including the challenges they face at home. When someone is navigating violence or trauma, it doesn't just stay outside the workplace. It can take a toll on their well-being.

GrapeTree Medical Staffing witnessed this firsthand when one of their employees faced a crisis that deeply affected the entire workplace. Family Crisis Centers walked alongside them as they navigated the aftermath, and continues to support them today. At our upcoming Lunch & Learn, you will hear directly from GrapeTree Medical Staffing about what that help looked like and the impact it had on their employees.

You will also hear how Family Crisis Centers can walk alongside your business, showing up for you and your employees with the resources, expertise, and support needed when difficult

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Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Event Space

The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center has rooms to rent for your special event. Do you have a special weekend event in the future? A Family Get-together, Anniversary, Graduation, Birthday?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

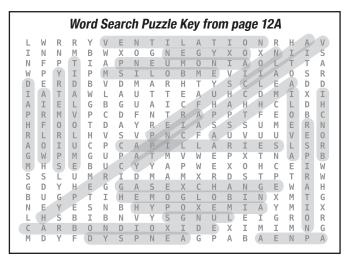
I am asking you to go and register to vote if you have just moved to Iowa. Go register if you have never voted before. Register if you have just turned 18 or you are 17 and will be 18 by June 2, 2026. You will register at the County Auditors' Office at your local Courthouse. If you live in Dickinson County, the Courthouse is in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Then I am asking you to register Democrat so you can vote on June 2, 2026, in the Primary Election, for Stephanie Steiner, who is a Democrat Candidate for the United States House in Iowa's 4th District. For more information regarding Mrs. Stephanie Steiner's' ideas, go to www.SteinerforIowa.com You can also volunteer to assist Stephanie. You can drive Grandma to the polls. I have met Stephanie Steiner. She is a retired nurse and will fight for Health Care for All. I am a nurse, and I believe in her. She has worked as a traveling nurse and has seen the USA and what we need. She will be a great representative in Washington, DC for our district. She is supporting family farmers, and she herself raises goats on her farm.

My associates and I are writing postcards and sending them to the Democrats in Dickinson County. We want you to read the cards, check out Stephanie Steiner online, and be ready to vote for her on June 2, 2026, at the courthouse.

Sincerely yours, Colleen M. Lemkuil Spirit Lake, Iowa. Registered Nurse and Public Health Nurse.

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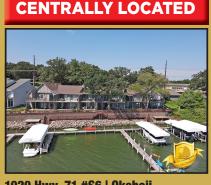
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The winners are determined by authentic employee feedback captured through a confidential survey conducted by Energage, the HR research and technology company behind the Top Workplaces program since 2006. The results are calculated based on employee responses to statements about Workplace Experience Themes, which are proven indicators of high performance.

"Earning a Des Moines Register Top Workplaces award is a testament to an organization's credibility and commitment to a people-first culture," said Eric Rubino, CEO of Energage. "This award, driven by real employee feedback, is more than just a recognition — it's proof that your employees believe in the organization and its leadership. Job seekers and customers look for this trusted badge of credibility and excellence. It signals a company that values its people, and that kind of culture resonates in today's competitive market."

Greg Post, President and CEO of Northwest Financial Corp. commented, "Being recognized with this award multiple times is a tremendous honor. I'm proud of our organization and the talented professionals who drive our success. We invest in their growth and development because our people are our greatest asset—and this recognition is truly a reflection of them. Our culture empowers us to deliver innovative products and solutions to our customers, and this award inspires us to keep building a great place for top professionals to grow their careers.'

Northwest Financial Corp. is a family-owned organization with over \$2.9 billion in assets and includes Northwest Bank and Northwest Wealth Management, LLC. The organization employs 437 team members and focuses on the importance of supporting a good balance between work and personal life.

This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

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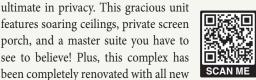
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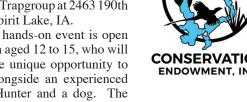
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Dickinson County Conservation Endowment Announcement

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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Iowa Lakes Announces 2025-2026 **Estherville Performing Arts Series**

ESTHERVILLE, Iowa (Sept. 15, 2025) — Iowa Lakes Community College has announced the lineup for the 2025-2026 Estherville Performing Arts Series at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center. This season will feature four performances, offering audiences an engaging mix of cultural music, ragtime piano, seasonal favorites, and nationally recognized comedy.

- The season includes:
- Eden Ehm Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, at 7 p.m. • Glenn Henriksen, Father Paul Kelly & Bill Hansen: Songs of the Seasons — Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- Peter Bergin Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at 7 p.m. • Tommy Ryman — Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Eden Ehm ~ A native of Decorah, Iowa, Eden Ehm is one of North America's foremost young fiddlers. Specializing in the Hardanger fiddle, Ehm has studied under master Norwegian fiddlers, performed for King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway, and frequently appears at Scandinavian festivals across the United States. Her performances connect classical traditions with folk influences, introducing audiences to the distinctive sound of this richly ornamented instrument.

Glenn Henriksen, Father Paul Kelly & Bill Hansen ~ This trio will present Songs of the Seasons, an afternoon of wit, warmth, and musical surprises. Their program blends storytelling, humor, and heartfelt music to capture the spirit of the seasons in a way that entertains and uplifts audiences of all ages.

Peter Bergin ~ Peter Bergin is dedicated to sharing the rhythms and melodies of Early American Popular Music, including ragtime, vintage American songs, and patriotic favorites. A Michigan Humanities Touring Artist, Bergin has performed at the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, the West Coast Ragtime Festival, and the Zehnder's Ragtime Festival. His performances bring to life both nostalgic standards such as "I Love You Truly" and contemporary classics including "A Thousand Years."

Tommy Ryman ~ a semifinalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing, is an acclaimed comedian known for his absurdist and clever style. His comedy album Party Troll debuted at No. 1 on the iTunes comedy charts, and his work has been featured on SiriusXM, Paste Magazine, and Nickelodeon's NickMom Night Out. Named Best of the Midwest at Gilda's Laugh Fest, Ryman has performed at top comedy clubs and festivals nationwide, sharing stages with Nick Swardson, Hannibal Buress, Maria Bamford, and Louie Anderson.

Ticket Information

Season tickets for the 2025-2026 Estherville Performing Arts Series are available now. Individual event tickets will also be available closer to each performance date.

For more information, contact: jstrom@iowalakes.edu Jessi Strom, Performing Arts Center Promotions and Operations @ Iowa Lakes Community College, 712-362-6977.



AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson

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

Center for the Arts (309 2nd

Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

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-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/countyresource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.

BVU Clifford A. Rae 2025 COMMUNITY COLLEGE Academic Achievement Award

Nine Buena Vista University business students and nine science students have been selected for the Clifford A. Rae Academic Achievement Award for the 2025 academic year.

The awards, which range up to \$10,000, were created by two separate \$750,000 endowments from the foundations established by Dr. Harold Walter Siebens and named after the long-time advisor and counsel to Siebens and the foundations. The endowments support annual awards for up to three pre-qualified, academically high-performing BVU business and science students in each of the second, third, and fourth years of school.

These awards often help students offset the personal costs associated with completing an internship or experiential learning initiative, providing them with opportunities they otherwise would not be able to experience.

These awards reflect BVU's commitment to combining academic rigor with meaningful real-world experiences. Together, these honors celebrate the impact and strength of BVU's academic excellence, particularly in the Harold Walter Siebens School of Business and the School of Science, where students continue to achieve at the highest levels.

Local recipients include: Christian Voss of Everly, Gavin Honkomp and Gabriel McCrea of Spencer.

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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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Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, October 13, in observance of Columbus Day. We look forward to seeing you when we reopen on Tuesday, October 14, at 9:30 a.m.

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 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?

Go on a Duck Hunt with Milford Memorial Library! Starting Monday, October 6, MML will be hiding rubber ducks around

Milford for you to find and return to MML. Duck Hunting Rules are posted at Milford Memorial Library, on our website, and on our social media. Duck Hunt information will be released weekly on social media. If you find a duck, return the duck and their tag to Milford Memorial Library. You will be entered into a prize drawing. What happens if you fall in love with your duck? Return the duck and its tag to MML and ask for a personalized adop-



IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, October 14, at 9:30 a.m.

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tion certificate. If you adopt a duck, you will not be entered into the drawing. Milford Memorial Library's Duck Hunt will end on Friday, October 24. Ducks can be turned in until Monday, October 27. For questions or more information, please contact Milford Memorial Library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Join us for MML's CrAFTER Hours on Wednesday, October 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This month we will be creating Ghost Vases. Cost is \$5 and registration is required.

On Tuesday, October 28, 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 Milford Memorial Library. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Tuesday, October 21, for Dickinson County Library Staff Development. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, October 22, when we reopen at 9:30 a.m.



KIDS, KRAFTS & MORE!

By Jill Jennings

Hopefully you all are feeling like life is settling down into a comfortable fall routine. School has been underway for a little over a month now, and here at the Spirit Lake Public Library, we are also getting into the groove. Our children's programming has shifted from summer to autumn, and I'd like to highlight some of the activities that we are providing for our young patrons.

On Thursday mornings, we alternate between Block Party and Story Time. Block Party is a free-play time for kids and their adult. It begins at 10:00 a.m. and there are a variety of activities to choose from: Play-dough, imaginative play stations, blocks, etc. Story Time begins at 10:30 a.m. and is a structured time where Miss Krista reads stories, leads a few songs, and then has a craft for the participants to make. There are a couple of unique Story Times in October. On the 23rd, we will have a special guest: Royal International Miss Iowa Pre-Teen Neveya McKee. On the 30th, kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for our Trick or Treat Story Time.

Ghosts, Glitter & Glue will be on Monday, October 13th, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. There will be a ghostly craft for kids to make on their day off from school.

Chess is back! On Tuesday, October 14th, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. our chess mentor, Sam Smith, will be teaching kids the game of chess. From 4:30-5:30, anyone can come join in the fun! Chess happens one afternoon per month.

Finally, the Spirit Lake Public Library will be participating in the Downtown Candy Walk on Saturday, October 25th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Stop and see us!

Find all this information and more on our website slpublib. com or on our FaceBook page.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Jill is reading On Power by Mark R. Levin, and listening on Libby to Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawhon.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

- Monday, October 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Halloween Craft (school-age kids)
- Monday, October 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg • Tuesday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, October 15, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., Story Time
- Thursday, October 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg





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cup confectioners' sugar

cup baking cocoa

teaspoon baking soda cup cold butter 1/2

8-ounce package reducedfat cream cheese

14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

eggs, lightly beaten teaspoon vanilla extract

1 1/4 cups milk chocolate English toffee bits, divided

of an ungreased 13-inch x 9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350° F for 12 to 15 minutes or until set. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add the milk, eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in 3/4 cup toffee bits. Pour over crust. Bake 18 to 22 minutes longer or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining

In a small bowl, combine the flour, confectioners'

sugar, cocoa, and baking soda. Cut in butter until

mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press in the bottom

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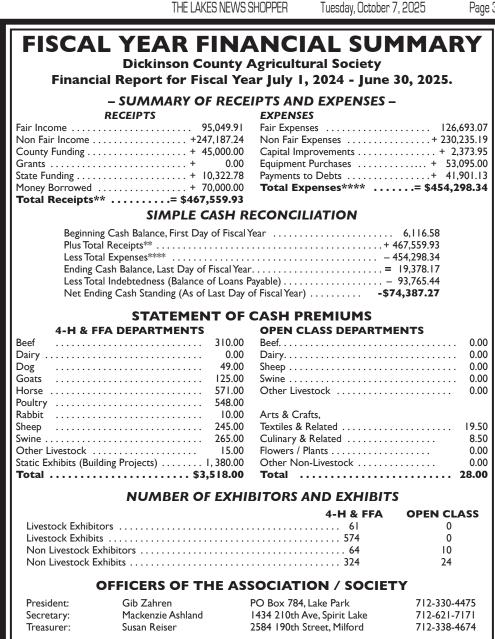
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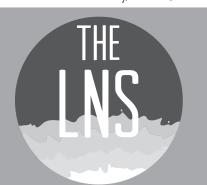
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We will also be hosting a special story time on Friday, October 17th, at The Grove Pumpkin Patch, in Milford. Join us from 10:30am-12pm for books, pumpkin picking, and lots of play time. The library will be open limited hours on Thursday, October

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.

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Writers and Writing

By Michael Tidemann

Boundless, a treasure trove of Native art and literature. For eons, Native art has held the fascination of all cultures. Lisa A. Crossman and Heid E. Erdrich have compiled a stunning volume of indigenous work in the book Boundless, based on an exhibition by the same name at Amherst College's Frost Library and Mead Art Museum at Amherst College.

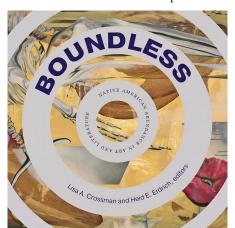
Lavishly illustrated with Native artwork from the collection, Boundless is named for the archetypal influences within indigenous art and literature, with far more commonalities than differences.

Crossman is director of curatorial affairs at Mead Art Museum at Amherst College and Erdrich is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota and lives in Minnesota. Erdrich served as 2020-2024 Amherst College Mead Museum guest curator.

As the editors note, sense of place is a critical aspect of the Boundless exhibition and resulting volume.

"The Boundless project is grounded in the importance of place – and human relationship to place. Throughout the project, water describes the curatorial methodology and a connection to the Northeastern regions of North America.'

While Boundless focuses on the Northeast, the collection includes Native work from throughout North America, including Salish and Inuit peoples from the Northwest and Lakota and Dakota of the Upper Midwest. The exhibition and resulting volume are a thoughtful reflection of how Native cultures view time and place.



"Rather than reinforcing a linear notion of time or designating one spatial center of gravity over another, Boundless calls us to reject the divisive hold of settler boundaries imposed between us, toward a transnational and diasporic framework of Indigeneity and a deeper understanding of our shared histories."

Such a motif is reflected in Erdrich's interview with artist Sierra Henries regarding her meticulous pyrography on birch bark.

'I feel like in many ways, there's not much separation between art and place. The materials come from the land, the inspiration comes from the world around me, much of the energy I have comes from being with places like the woods and ocean. And when that energetic well starts to run dry, those are the places where I return to refill it."

Boundless is an essential resource for anyone interested in Native art and literature. It also makes a handsome conversation piece for any home or office. Its beauty is, well – boundless. Boundless: Native American Abundance in Art and Literature

Lisa A. Crossman and Heid E. Erdrich, editors

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Lakes Area Dementia and Caregivers

The presenter for the October Memory Cafe is Collette Travis who has spent most of her life in this area. She was born here, went to school here, taught school in Bloomington, MN and Estherville, was married here raised her two boys here, and now enjoys her two granddaughters here. She loves this piece of the world. Come and hear her talk about her life in the Lakes Area October 21 at the First Presbyterian Church. The Cafe begins at 10am with refreshments. This is a social time for the caregiver and the person with dementia and others that may be interested.

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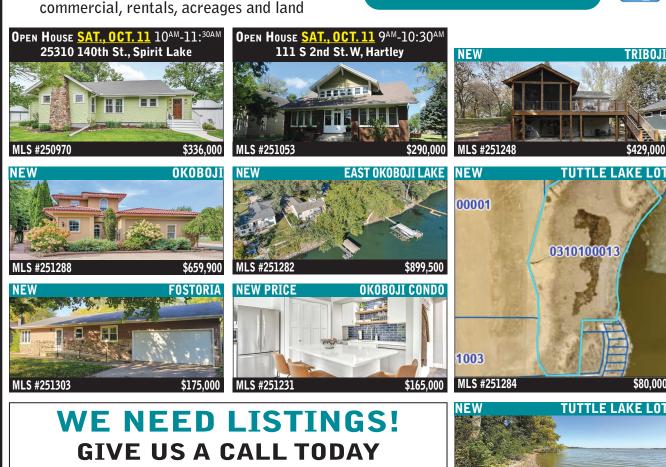
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is also looking for new members to join the Fair Association. "There is sometimes a misconception that our organization is limited to Clay County residents, but that is not the case," said Fair Manager Jason Brockshus. "Membership is open to everyone, regardless of where they reside, and we are proud to welcome all who wish to be part of this long-standing community tradition. Membership is open year-round to individuals and businesses for a one-time fee of \$100. IT TAKES YOU

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The Clay County Fair Association's Annual Meeting, which includes the election of the Board of Directors and other important business, will take place on February 24, 2026, making this a great time to get involved.

For more information about joining the Association or applying for the Board of Directors, contact the Fair Administrative Offices at (712) 580-3000 or info@claycountyfair.com.





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Science Teacher is Now an Ironman - Finishing the Wisconsin Triathlon

by Jay Schoning

GTRA has an 'Ironman' – as science instructor in the Ruthven school, 37-yearold Pavel Buravtsov, traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, on Sunday, September 7th, to participate in the Wisconsin Ironman Triathlon. Over 2,500 athletes from around the world headed out on a daylong adventure to swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run a full 26.2 mile marathon, all to hear 'You are an Ironman' at the iconic finish line in downtown Madison.

Only about half of them finished – and one was Pavel Buravtsov, who finished 908th. Every athlete who finishes the extremely difficult triathlon wins the prestigious Ironman Medal. Pavel said the running course was extremely hilly, as compared to around Ruthven. His medal now hangs in his classroom to inspire students, they can accomplish anything they want to do by developing themselves physically, spiritually and mentally. And it can be whatever they want to achieve, a job, career, whatever they choose.

This was Pavel's first ever triathlon. He had never swum more than 1 mile, never run more than a 10K (a little over 6 miles), and never bicycled long distances before. So how did he come to want to train for this event? "A very random situation, I saw an old guy with a tattoo on his calf of 'Ironman' and I asked him what that was. At that point, I thought, "That would be awesome to complete in an event at some point, someday." Finally, he had the time and money to do it. That was in May of 2025, and he began his training plan that he developed himself.

It took a lot of effort and dedication; "I had a few friends that had done this before, so I asked them some questions and developed my own training development plan. I trained every single day, and I trained pretty much by myself for over 90 days – even when I went on vacation with my wife to California, I still went out running and bicycling. If you want to finish this race, you have to train and put time into it."

Pavel said his wife, Lu, was his biggest supporter. "I didn't disclose to hardly anyone that I was training for Ironman. It was more like my personal goal, and I wanted to achieve it. I appreciate that she



endured my long-lasting practices." Pavel has since talked to his students about his adventure. "Actions speak louder than words; so, I wanted to share with them all about it after I accomplished it. Let them know you can do whatever you want to do.'

"I'm in education to be a role model for the students. I'm not saying they have to do that the same way I did – but I want to show them there is an option. An option is you can be active, you can lead a healthy lifestyle, and you can make your life a little bit better. It doesn't have to be sports-wise; it can be chess club, robotics – anything is possible, and if you take the time and effort, whatever you do, you will be better than 90% of the people around the world. It takes time and effort; you have to put lots of hours into whatever you want to do and you will accomplish it. There are so many areas we can develop ourselves positively. It just takes time and effort, and you will eventually see the results."

Pavel said he doesn't plan to do another Ironman. "I want to have goals. I say that life is more fun when you have goals; that's why I did that. I also wanted to share with the students that your life is more fulfilling when you set goals and achieve them, you have that sense of fulfillment within. I will definitely set another goal, I don't know what its going to be, I want to do lots of different things." So now it's

an internal peace of accomplishment and I'll take time to absorb it.'

So, what will come next? "Sure, I'll have another goal I will chase. I always say 'you've got to develop yourself three ways; physically, spiritually and mentally'; it may not be physical, it can be academic, spiritual; I have always wanted to become a private pilot. Maybe someday, that will be something I work for. But we'll see. That's what I'm thinking now."

Pavel and his wife Lu live in Spencer. He has taught science at Ruthven/Ayrshire since coming here from Russia. He did attend college in the United States, at South Dakota State University. He also did his student teaching at East High School in Des Moines. When back in Russia, he put his name online at Iowa Works for a teaching position in Iowa. It was then principal Jon Josephson who was one of the first to reach out to him. "He got a hold of me and said, hey we have an opportunity for you here in the small town of Ruthven, and I said 'let's do it'!

Pavel says he is very happy with the school and communities and how unified, how strong, the small communities of GTRA are and how they help each other out. "Its awesome to just be a part of it". Pavel met his wife in Russia. Lu is Columbian and was recruited to be a Spanish teacher in Russia. Then the war started, and they both had to get out of there and went to Columbia. "That's where it all happened when Mr. J got things set up so I could get a visa and come here."

Jon Josephson recalls "one of my last acts before retiring was recruiting Mr. Buravtsov and working through the miles of red tape to get him here on a visa from Columbia. It was time well spent! He's a great guy, a great teacher, and an inspiration in so many ways. I am so proud of him and so glad that he and his lovely wife have embraced life with us here in Northwest Iowa. I can't wait to see what his next big adventure is."

And, if someone wants to attempt the Ironman competition, Pavel says he would be happy to help them out. "There are some things I would have done differently, so I would be happy to help anyone who is interested in the competition."



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