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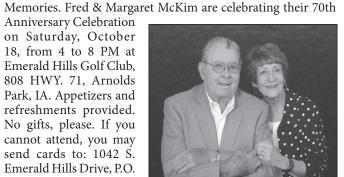
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For more information on how to Adopt a Family or contribute to our program, you can also call the UDMO Outreach office at (712) 336-1112.

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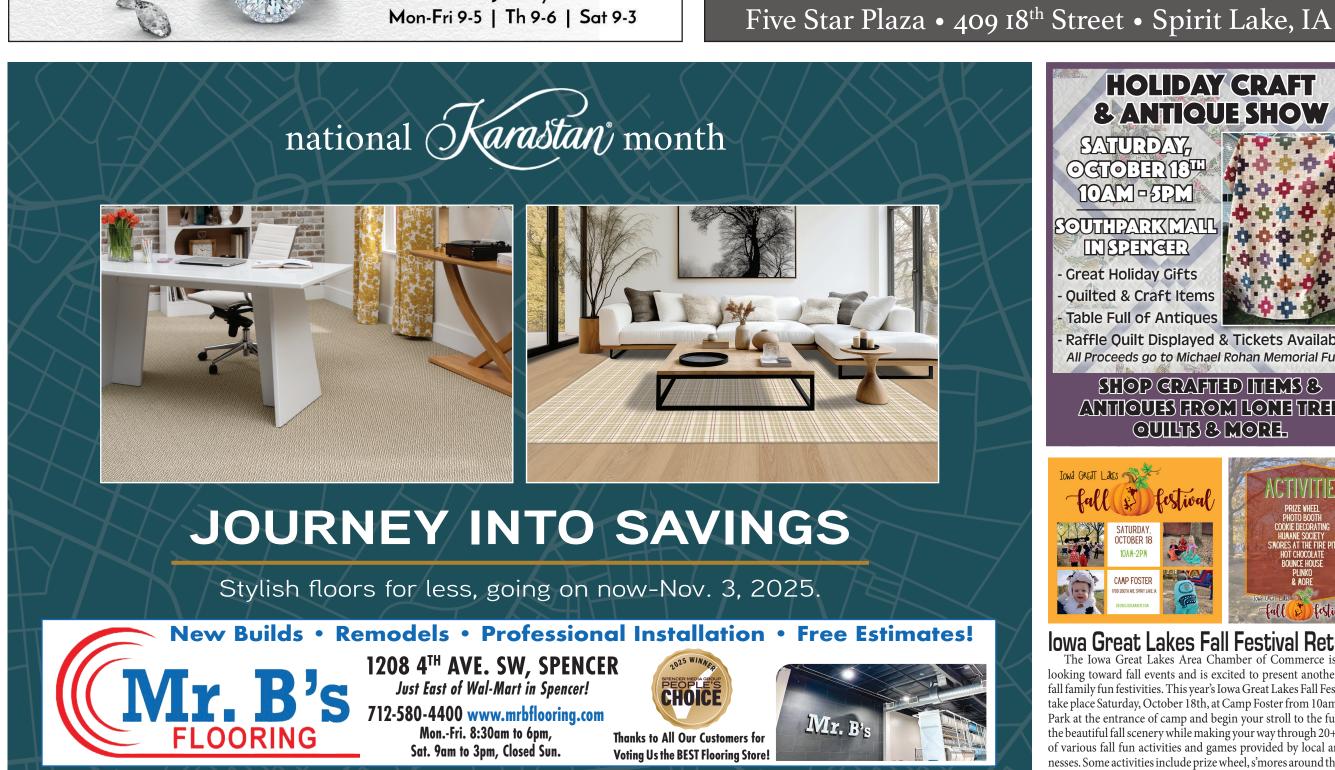


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#### Iowa Great Lakes Fall Festival Returns

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.

For years, a splash pad in Spencer has been a community dream—and now we're closer than ever. The City of Spencer has already pledged funding, and the project is in its final planning stages. Now, we need your help to reach our \$500,000 goal and make the Spencer Splash

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Pad a reality! Splash pads bring tremendous benefits to their communities. They encourage healthy, active play for all ages and abilities in a safe environment, foster social connections for families and visitors, and enhance community well-being.

The Spencer Splash Pad will be located at the Riverview Complex, next to the Spencer

Aquatic Center. It will feature an 1,800 square foot kids' zone with exciting, interactive water features and a separate 1,000 square foot toddler area designed for children ages 2–5, along with shaded family seating for relaxation and connection. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 with completion in 2027.

The future of the Spencer Splash Pad depends on community support. This is our moment to make a lasting impact. We've dreamed, we've planned, and now it's time for action. Every single donation, no matter the size, matters. Please consider donating to help make this Splash Pad a reality! Visit https:// givebutter.com/gYmls7 or scan the QR code to donate today!





Jason Petersen, center, receives a check on behalf of Upper Des Moines Opportunity from Don Breuker, and Joel Naber, Grand *Knight of the K of C Council at Milford.* 

#### **Donation to Upper Des Moines** Opportunity in Spirit Lake

The St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 7284 of Milford presented a check of \$1,000 to Upper Des Moines Opportunity to be used within the Spirit Lake area. This donation is from funds raised by Council mainly from the Pie Sales. The donation to Upper Des Moines is to purchase food and supplies for those in need. Jason commented that there are at least 100 families that stop in for help per week. One of the main goals for the Council is to help those who are experiencing hardship and Upper Des Moines is one of the local organizations to fulfill this goal for our local community.

 $\label{lem:continuous} The \textit{Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men},$ founded in 1882 by Fr Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. The founding goals of protecting the poor, especially the widow and orphan, and providing a space for Catholic men to grow in faith together in nearly 17,00 Councils and in 17 countries. We have more than 2.1 million members worldwide. In 2024, more than 47 million volunteer hours were given and more than \$190 million donated to charity.



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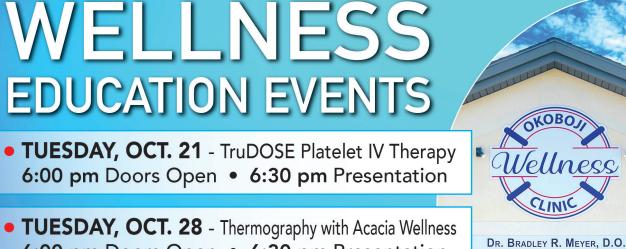


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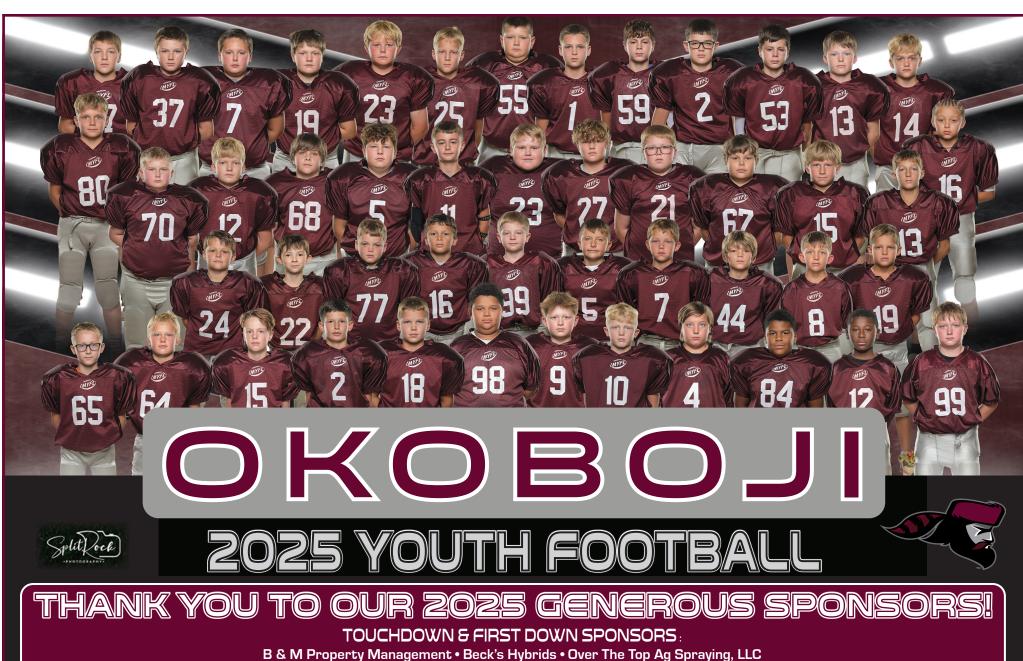


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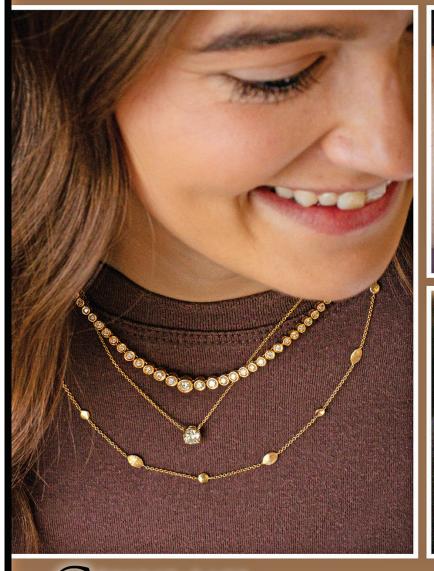


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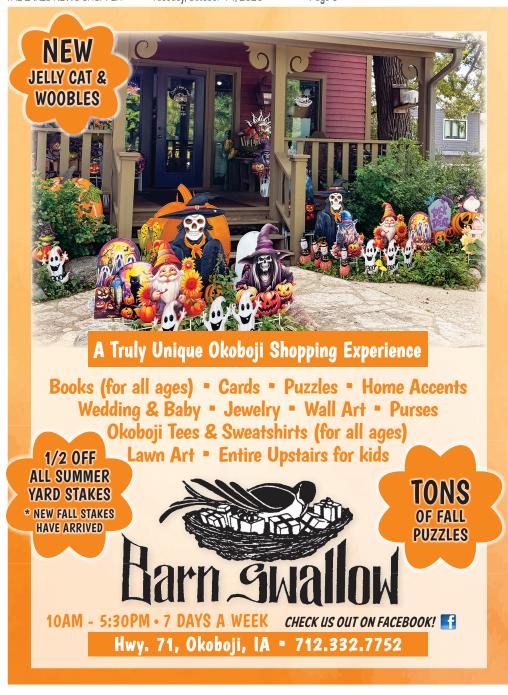
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Minnesota, on Highway 4. There will be gifts, gar-

den art, primitives, furniture, home decor and jewelry. See the Ormsby Antique Show on Facebook for more informa-

#### Museum Benefit Bingo in Lake Park

The Friends of the Museum will hold BINGO on Saturday, October 18, at the Lake Park Community Center. Cards will go 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.

All proceeds will go towards the Museum Reimagined project.



# Page

# 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

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#### Parks Marina Announces Breast **Cancer Awareness Tee**

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Parks Marina announced the donation of \$688 to the Spencer Hospital Abben Cancer Center in Spencer, Iowa. The Marina was able to raise these funds through limited edition Barefoot Bar t-shirt sales.

"This continues to be a great tradition for our companies to make an impact during breast cancer awareness month." Debbie Parks, director of marketing for the Parks Marina campus, said. "Our customers and staff are committed to the fight against breast cancer!"

The Barefoot Bar is excited to announce its new limited edition t-shirt for 2025, which is available in store and online. A portion of sales from the shirts will again be donated in support of breast cancer research.

This annual fundraiser is one of many for Parks, with over \$1,500 raised for the Northwest Iowa Humane Society this July during their Props, Paws & Poker run as well as \$15,571 raised during the Winter Games Battle of the Bartenders last January.

The much-anticipated Boatload of Toys fundraiser is set to begin in November, which benefits youth served by Upper Des Moines Opportunity in Dickinson County. More information will be released on Parks Marina's Facebook Page as the dates

To purchase a "Barefoot for Boobies" t-shirt, go to thebarefootbar.shop. To learn more about how you can contribute to future charity events, email marketing@parksmarina.com.







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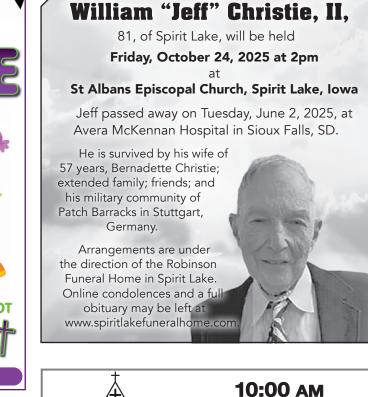




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Soup lovers at the annual Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 Soup and Dessert Supper. This year's event gets underway Sunday, November 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake.

Knights of Columbus Council 5043 will hold its annual Soup Supper Sunday, November 2. This year's event will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Two shifts will be served, with the first from 4:00-5:15 p.m. and the second from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Proceeds go toward helping others in the community.

The menu will feature five soups – vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut and sausage soup, chili, and ham and bean soup – as well as delicious dessert. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12 years. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets are limited . . . only 400 will be sold this year. For tickets or more information, please call 712-330-8892.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past two years contributing more than \$18,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, Special Olympics, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, as well as to local family, community and parish needs.

Spirit Lake Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, and new this year was a hamburger cook out for RAGBRAI.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in more than 16,000 local councils, with each Knight called to live a life of charity, unity, and fraternity. Last year, Knights donated more than 49 million volunteer hours and nearly \$200 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families, and youth. A few examples of their work include distributing 8,891 wheelchairs, supporting more than 1,200 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and giving nearly 181,000 coats to help warm children in need.





## Trunk or Treat at Calvary UMC

at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park takes place from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The event will be held indoors this year so no wind, rain, sleet, snow or other weather event can take away the opportunity for a family to go trick or treating. A variety of Halloween characters will be on hand to pass out candies and goodies to the kids in a fun, festive atmosphere. Trick or treat enthusiasts should enter through the main entrance double doors.

The church is located on Highway 71 across from Emerald Hills Golf Course.



**SPENCER** 

# **Spencer Chamber Celebrates**

celebrating Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day on

Wednesday, October 15. This annual day recognizes the vital role chambers play in strengthening local economies, supporting small businesses, and building thriving communities.

WED-THUR 10/15-16 6:45 FRI 10/17 3:50 & 6:50

MON-WED 10/20-22 6:30

SAT-SUN 10/18-19 12:50, 3:50 & 6:50

"Chambers of commerce are at the heart of strong communities," said Sheriffa Jones,

Executive Director of the Spencer Chamber. "Our mission is to connect, promote, and advocate for local businesses-helping them grow while creating opportunities that benefit everyone

According to a 2024 public opinion poll conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE):

- 86% of U.S. adults familiar with their local chamber say they are satisfied with the work chambers do.
- 90% believe chambers help grow their local economy and create jobs.
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• Thur., Oct. 16: Hot Pork Pizza Burger

• Fri., Oct. 17: **Bourbon Burger** 

**Country Fried Steak** • Mon., Oct. 20: Hot Beef

**Taco Salad** • Tues., Oct. 21: CLOSED

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- Monday, November 17, 7 PM "As It Is In Heaven" (Sweden 2004) Original Title: Så som i himmelen

## LAKES NEWS **Auction Calendar**

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Sat., Oct. 18 - 9:45 AM-Large coin auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Howell Real Estate & Auction. 712-260-9690. www. howellrealestateandauction.com.

Sun., Oct. 19 - 10:30 AM-Household & tool auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www. nattressauctions.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. Wed., Nov. 5 - 10:00 AM-80 acres at auction in O'Brien Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land

www.midwestlandmanagement. Thurs., Nov. 6 - 10:00 AM-195 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Man-

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Fri., Nov. 7 - 10:00 AM-100 acres at auction in Dickinson Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www. theacreco.com

Wed., Nov. 12 - 10:00 AM-146.3 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.

Thurs., Nov. 13 – 10:00 AM-160 acres at auction in Dickinson Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

Fri., Nov. 14 - 10:00 AM-34 acres at auction in Palo Alto Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

Tues., Nov. 18 - 10:00 AM-290.35 acres at auction in Osceola Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

Thurs., Nov. 20 - 10:00 AM-80 acres at auction in Jackson Co., MN. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.

Sat., Nov. 22 - 9:30 AM-Coins at auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.

Sat., Nov. 22 - 1:00 PM-Guns and ammunition at auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneer: Toering. 712-395-0165.



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#### **Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center** Stop in and see what we have to offer!!!

Tues., Oct. 14 at 12:30pm Brian Jack on Beekeeping 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 honey bees, how a new queen bee is chosen, the different roles a honeybee has in its lifetime, and the honey making process from nectar to bottle



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#### Twelve Area Choirs at 11th **Annual Heartland Honor Choir**

school choirs for the Heartland Honor Choir on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Singers from Okoboji, South O'Brien, Pocahontas, Spencer, Estherville-Lincoln-Central, Manson Northwest-Webster, North Union, Alta-Aurelia, Le Mars, Graettinger-Terril Ruthven-Ayrshire, OABCIG HS and Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock school districts will all be part of the mass choir of over 180 singers.

"This is our 11th year for the Heartland Honor Choir, and it has been a great event to bring talented high school singers together. The singers work together all day to create an amazing choral sound and grow as musicians," said Iowa Lakes Choir Director Brett Fuelberth.

This year's Heartland Honor Choir will feature guest conductor Dr. Kurt Runestad from Doane College. Dr. Runestad has been the Director of Choral/Vocal Activities at Doane College for over 19 years, and he conducts the acclaimed Doane Choir, which tours nationally and internationally. Runestad is a frequent clinician, arranger, and adjudicator for choirs throughout the Midwest. He has received the "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" award twice from Doane's Student Congress. Area residents might remember Dr. Runestad as the choir director at Spirit Lake Community School District many years ago.

The Heartland Honor Choir is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, with a concert at 6:00 pm at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College. Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults. The Iowa Lakes Community College Choirs will provide additional musical entertainment at this year's event.

#### **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.

There will be time to socialize and meet others. It is a free program. For more information, please call the church at 712-

#### 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.

# Republican Weekly Social Meeting Gathering

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Sunday, October 26th from

The community is invited

family and the neighbors too.

Trunk or

2:00 - 3:30 pm

day 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.

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# Treat Event



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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:

a nationwide laughingstock.

Des Moines is the capital of Iowa. Des Moines is the DEI A September 22 article in the Des Moines Register said "12

Des Moines Schools in Bottom 5 Percent in State". The ongoing national news humiliation of Des Moines schools Superintendent Ian Roberts, the DMPS (Des Moines Public Schools) and their School Board has made Des Moines

So now the DMPS wants \$250 million for new DEI education programs. Not new math, science, or language arts programs but alternative education programs. The true dangers of liberal policies are its refusal to admit

error. A liberal political entity sees failure as a reason to "double down" and become more extreme, and spend more money. A liberal will never admit error. Never forget communism couldn't be fixed in the USSR and

the Communist block of Europe it could only be eliminated.

In the United States. The National Democratic party promotes a liberal agenda that represents primarily noncitizens of the United States. Why would you vote for any political party that doesn't represent you?

Your liberal politicians of Minnesota won't give up until they drive away every moral, intelligent, or thriving business. The DMPS won't be happy until they occupy the absolute bottom rung on the ladder of Iowa education.

Liberal politics denies common sense. Intelligent human beings don't want to vote for Trump but we can't vote for a Joe Biden or a Kamala Harris.

Northwest Iowa is a conservative bastion in the United States. Don't give up. Stand your ground. **Donald C Parsons** 

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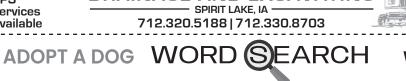
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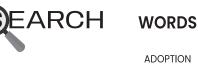


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Don Breuker assists as Allison Metz, Danette Tolan, Lori Laird, and LeAnn Rimmer receive a check on behalf of Hope Haven from Joel Naber, Grand Knight of the K of C Council at Milford.

#### St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Donation to Hope Haven

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 7284 of Milford presented a check of \$1,869.53 to Hope Haven to be used within the Spirit Lake area. This donation is from the CPID (Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities) that people so generously gave to this year. It was the record donation amount for our Council. It is commonly called the "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the tootsie roll given away. Of the funds raised, 90% are distributed locally by the Council and 10% is sent to the State Council for direct support of Special Olympics Iowa. The intent of the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) Drive is that the monies are used to specifically and explicitly benefit individuals who have Intellectual Disabilities.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, founded in 1882 by Fr Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. The founding goals of protecting the poor - especially the widow and orphan – and providing a space for Catholic men to grow in faith together in nearly 17,00 Councils and in 17 countries. We have more than 2.1 million members worldwide. In 2024 more than 47 million volunteer hours were given and more than \$190 million

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# Services for Jeff Christie

Services for William "Jeff" Christie, II, 81, of Spirit Lake, will be held Friday, October 24, 2025, at St Albans Episcopal Church at 2 pm.

Jeff passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bernadette Christie; extended family; friends; and his military community of Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rob-

inson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences and afull obituary may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.



In 2012, Kevin and Susan Rohan of Spencer, Iowa, set up "The Michael Rohan Memorial Fund" after their young son lost his life to drowning. This memorial fund was designed to provide scholarship money for swimming lessons so that children who can't afford them get the chance to properly learn

what to do when in the water. All kindergarten and first grade students in Clay County are able to go to the YMCA in Spencer the last week of the school year for free lessons paid for by Michael's Fund.

Free Red Cross swim lessons are provided through a partnership between the City of Spencer, The Spencer Family YMCA, and the Michael Rohan Memorial Fund. Lessons are for ages five and up and are held at the Spencer Family Aquatic Center in the summer.

Scholarships are available for a year of swimming lessons at the Spencer Family YMCA for children in need. Application forms are available through the Fund for these important lessons by contacting Susan Rohan at 712-260-1141.

In 2015, Michael's grandmother, Neila Rohan, started a yearly raffle of a quilt made by her with all the proceeds going to the Fund. The quilt shown here is the 11th one to be raffled. It is a large quilt that is 80" x 96". Tickets are available in person or by mail from Neila (call/text - 712-260-5950). Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The quilt will be on display with tickets available at the Holiday Craft and Antique Show at the Southpark Mall in Spencer on Saturday, October 18. Hope to see you there.

Donations are welcome (and appreciated) any time of the year. The winner of this year's quilt will be announced on December 10, 2025.

The Michael Rohan Memorial Fund was selected for the 2020 Best of Spencer Award in the Community Organization category by the Spencer Award Program.

You can find out more information about Michael's Fund by liking their Facebook page: Michael Rohan Memorial Fund.

If you would like to donate to the Michael Rohan Memorial Fund, you can contact Susan at 712-260-1141 or by mail addressed to 118 E. 1st Street Spencer, IA 51301.

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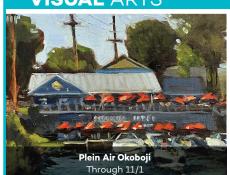
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#### **CULINARY** CLASSES

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**Autumn Gourmet Dinner** 

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#### Family Nature Night: Howlin' Halloween Hike

OKOBOJI---Get ready for an adventurous evening in nature! The Dickinson County Nature Center invites families to join in on Family Nature Night: Howlin' Halloween Hike on Friday, October 24th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. During this special fall event, families will take part in a guided "boo-tanical" hike, where plants come to life through creative

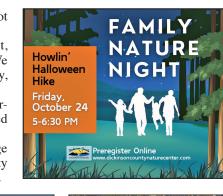
skits performed by volunteers. Before or after the hike, children can complete a plant-themed scavenger hunt, learning fun facts about some freaky plants found here and around the globe.

The evening doesn't stop there; participants will also get to paint their own flowerpot and receive a temporary bat tattoo.

"This event brings a playful twist to learning about plants," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "We love seeing families make memories, especially when it involves creativity, curiosity, and nature."

Families can sign up for one of three time slots to do the hike. Attendees are encouraged to wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Other activities can be enjoyed before or after the desired hiking time.

Preregistration is required to attend this free event by visiting the Program/Events page at www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram to keep up on the latest news and events.









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# View From The Bench by John Adams, Jr.

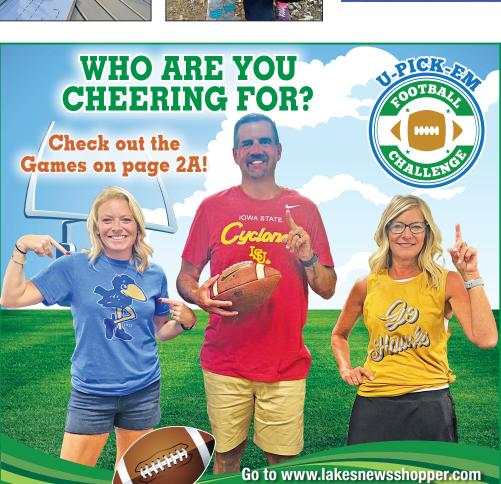
#### Clones Crumble in Colorado, Hawks Bash Badgers

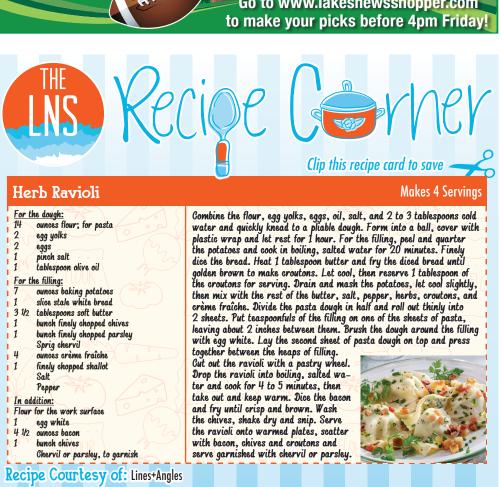
It was a rare Saturday when I got to watch both Iowa State and Iowa play, with both teams being out of town and playing at different times, ISU playing at 2:30 and Iowa at 6:00. Both teams were playing conference foes who were struggling this year, as Iowa State traveled to Colorado to take on Deion Sanders and his 2-4 Buffaloes, while Iowa traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, to take on their rival, the 2-3 Badgers. One of our instate teams took care of business against a lesser opponent, while the other team let the inferior team hang around and ended up losing to a team that they definitely shouldn't have!

We'll start the day with the early game and Iowa State. I obviously put the "John Jinx" on the Cyclones two weeks ago when I wrote about how good they were playing after their big win over Arizona at home, as they have now lost two in a row. ISU was coming off their first loss of the year the week before at Cincinnati, where the defense was gouged in the first half for 31 points in a 38-30 loss. Iowa State is definitely battling injuries, especially on defense, where they lost two All-Big 12 cornerbacks Jontez Williams and Jeremiah Cooper in backto-back weeks; the Cyclones are also down to their third team kicker, which also hurt them in their loss at Cincinnati. Defense and kicking, however, were not the issue on Saturday in their 24-17 loss to a very mediocre (at best) Colorado team. Although ISU's defensive backs had one bad miscommunication that led to a 70-yard TD right after halftime, the defense played very well considering the injuries, and they played the second half without their best lineman, Dominque Orange, who reinjured his ankle in the first half. The offense on Saturday was the culprit for ISU, which is very frustrating because, for the most part, (starting running back Carson Hansen was out with a concussion but his replacement Abu Sama ran for 177 yards) they are very healthy. While having to go to their fourth-team kicker, who is an offensive lineman, to kick off in the fourth quarter didn't help matters, this loss, in my opinion, goes on the offense being unable to execute and, as Coach Matt Campbell says, "win in the margins." There were far too many false starts on key plays, too many dropped passes, a dropped snap on a second and one, and a possession that was a first and goal at the 2-yard line that turned into an interception. We all know there should have been pass interference called on that play, but the Cyclones should also have never been in third and five to start with. Iowa State also had some questionable play calling, especially late in the game when they ran a quarterback draw at midfield on 3rd and 10 and then punted the ball with 4:00 left, never to get the ball back, and watched the second straight field storming occur as they walked off the field.

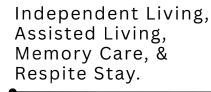
Iowa, on the other hand, came out early and showed that they were the dominant team in their 37-0 road victory over Wisconsin, their fourth straight win over the Badgers. The Hawkeyes have now beaten their rivals to the east 79-10 in the last two seasons. This game was a no-doubter after the first quarter, as the Hawkeye's defense looked like the Iowa defense of old, forcing turnovers and setting up the offense in great field position. The first came off a Bryce Hawthorne interception that led to a Kamari Moulton touchdown run and a quick 10-0 lead. The second put any doubt away as to who was going to win this game as defensive lineman Aaron Graves picked off a short pass and rumbled all the way to the 1-yard line before being pushed out of bounds; Mark Grownowski would sneak it in on the next play, and the Hawkeyes were rolling 17-0 late in the first quarter. Iowa added two Drew Stevens field goals in the second quarter to take a commanding 23-0 lead into halftime. The Hawkeyes quickly took any thoughts of a Badger comeback away by scoring on their first drive when Xavier Williams ran it 29 yards up the middle for another Iowa TD to make the score 30-0. Williams would add another TD in the fourth quarter for the final score, in a game that I think Iowa could have scored 50 if they would have wanted to.

Iowa State welcomes a bye week where they will hopefully get somewhat healthy and hopefully won't witness Bye Week storming the field after a victory. They won't get either cornerback back, as both are lost for the season with ACL injuries, but hopefully will get kicker Kyle Konrardy back, as well as running back Carson Hansen and defensive lineman Domonique Orange. The Cyclones' chances of making the Big 12 Championship game are pretty much gone, but they can still finish strong and have some big home games with BYU and Arizona State, and who knows what will happen yet in the crazy Big 12 Conference. Iowa is definitely playing their best football of the season and now hosts a Penn State team who just fired their head coach and lost their All-American quarterback for the season with an injury. The Hawkeyes are sitting at 4-2 with games vs ranked teams #8 Oregon at home while they travel to #20 USC and #25 Nebraska. If Iowa can handle business against the non-ranked teams on their schedule and pick off two of the three ranked teams, they will have an outside chance at a spot in the B1G Championship game. The temperatures may be cooling down, but the football madness is just starting to heat up!



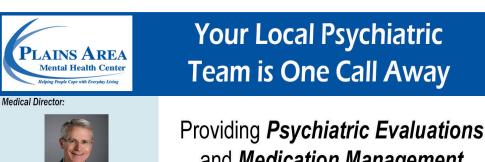






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• Tuesday, October 14 Brian Jack on Beekeeping The Lakes Area Activities/ Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

THE LAKES NEWS **Auctions** Page

#### Spencer-Based Distillery Introduces **Gridiron Bourbon**

AMES & SPENCER, IOWA - "It's a pour with a purpose," is how Century Farms Distillery co-owner Amanda Bare describes their newly released Gridiron Bourbon, a single barrel bourbon whiskey made with Iowa corn and a tribute to Iowa State University Football and its dedicated fan base.

Aportion of the proceeds from every bottle sold will directly benefit the Cyclone Gridiron Club, a nonprofit organization that supports Iowa State Football through funding special projects outside the scope of regular athletic funding. Gridiron Bourbon is now available for order by all Iowa liquor retailers and consumers are encouraged to request it by name at their local spirits stores.



"Teaming up with Century Farms is a huge win for our Cyclone Gridiron Club," commented CGC President Jay Chapman. "This is our first foray into working with a business in support of our mission to enhance our Cyclone Football program by funding special projects not covered through regular budgeting. We're grateful for the support of fans such as the Bares and look forward to raising a glass of Gridiron Bourbon in honor of ISU Football and its great fans."

Amanda Bare and her husband Ryan met while attending Iowa State, both earning degrees in Mechanical Engineering. As a side hobby, Ryan designed and custom-built a small still in the family garage. In 2017, that hobby grew into their

> business, Century Farms Distillery. "We work with farmers from all over the county to bring us corn and every bottle is traceable back to where the corn was grown and the family who grew it," Amanda explained. "While all of the Gridiron Bourbon will have the same label, there will be a QR sticker on the side of the bottle that will identify where the corn was grown. All of our whiskey is single barrel, single farm. We also intend this to be first in a series – so hopefully between collecting bourbon from your home county and the different series, we can continue to support Cyclone Football for years to come!"

To learn more about Century Farms Distillery. go to their website: www.cfdistillery.com. To read more about the mission of the Cyclone Gridiron

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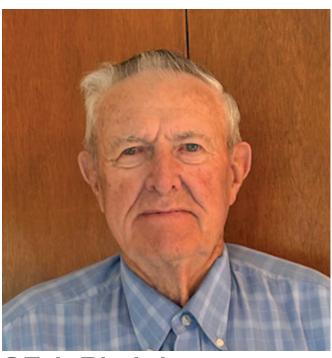




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#### 95th Birthday

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#### **Route 86 Music Announces** September Student of the Month

Route 86 Music is pleased to announce the Student of the Month for September 2025: Brock Bartlett. Brock has been

taking guitar lessons for a year and keeps making great improvements. He has a great attitude and is fun to work with. Congratulations, Brock!

Brock is taught by Gár Lambert who is a 2025 Iowa Rock & Roll Music Association Hall of Fame inductee and teaches guitar and drum lessons in the region. With Gár you are getting a teacher with over 30 years experience in

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# Dickinson County Democrats Monthly Meeting Please join the Dickinson County Democrats, Independents, and those not happy with the way the government is going; for their monthly meeting on Monday, October 20, at 7:00 PM at the Spirit Lake Senior Center (2101 Zenith

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

To The Editor:

Dear Farmers, just a note to remind you of how good you had it when you had help from the immigrants. They worked your fields, they cleaned out your hog confinements, they mowed your lawns and built your houses. And how did you repay them? You voted against your own best interest, you voted for Trump, who in turn had them deported. Now that there is no one to help you, you're crying the blues and wanting welfare. You want a bailout while the rest of us suffer the consequences of your vote, with higher grocery prices, job losses and increased healthcare premiums. In case you haven't heard, Trump is giving 20 billion dollars to Argentina to bail them out. And you really thought he

cared about you. Shame on you.

Milt Hoeckler

#### A Collection of Stories: Spencer, Iowa's 2024 Flood

When the Ocheyedan and Little Sioux Rivers converged and surged on the morning of Saturday, June 22, 2024, Spencer, Iowa, was forever altered. Following days of relentless rain, the water rose and violently swept into neighborhoods and the historic downtown in just a few hours. This flash flood required an estimated 600 to 800 water rescues, as local officials, neighbors, and volunteers raced against the rising tide. The bloated rivers and flooded storm sewers engulfed more than two-thirds of Spencer's homes, churches, and businesses, claiming the life of one out-of-town visitor. Amidst the chaos, many found a small measure of peace that the dark, murky waters arrived during the day. This anthology, presented by Arts on Grand of Spencer, collects the urgent, firsthand accounts—written by the residents, rescuers, and volunteers-who recognized the need to preserve the personal stories and historic details of their community's most fateful day.

Learn more about the historic flooding in Spencer, Iowa, and unite rescuers with rescues, Friday November 7, at Occasions 4-7pm. Located at 104 E. 4th Street in Spencer, Iowa. Books are available to purchase that night or visit Arts on Grand to purchase yours today.

#### 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.

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#### Lots of Fall Activities Sponsored by the Iowa Great Lakes Pheasants Forever Chapter

By Steve Weisman

The Iowa Great Lakes Pheasants Forever chapter has three major public events this fall. According to Mary Jo Rapp, chapter board member, "The chapter will be holding its annual Youth Pheasant hunt on Saturday, October 18 at Steve Blom's (chapter president) acreage." Area youth ages 12-15, who have completed the hunter safety course are eligible. Rapp notes, "We want this to be a special hunting opportunity, so we are limiting the number to 12 youth." Each youth hunter will have the opportunity to hunt individually with an adult guide and a trained hunting dog in some quality upland habitat.

The day will include the opportunity to shoot clay targets and get a refresher in hunter safety, along with breakfast and lunch. One youth will go home with a Baretta A300 12 gauge shotgun. With the abundant number of pheasants forecasted for this fall, this will be a great one-on-one opportunity for area youth.

With only 12 slots open, interested youth need to sign up at https://events.pheasantsforever. org/events and search Iowa Great Lakes.

Veteran's Hunt - Plans are underway for the third annual Veterans Hun weekend, November 14-16. According to Rapp, the chapter is currently offering sponsorship levels to help fund this weekend. "Sponsorships are \$500, which is the cost for us to host the veterans for the full weekend including lodging, licenses, shells and all meals Friday night through Sunday noon." The chapter will be hosting up to 12 veterans with 6 veterans coming from The Foundation

of Exceptional Warriors (The FEW), who will come from around the United States. Weekend itinerary – Events will start at the Rapp property north of Superior on the 14th with late afternoon shooting clays. Supper will take place at Lunkers by Vick's Corner west of Spirit Lake on Friday evening.

Then, on Saturday, November 15, the chapter will host the full day of events at the Rapp farm. It all starts with breakfast, a morning hunt at a neighboring farm, lunch back at the Rapp farm and hunting there in the afternoon.

Rapp notes, "Ross Dirks, who is a falconry expert, will be doing a falconry hunting demo late that afternoon, followed by supper."

The Sunday breakfast will be at Lunkers with a hunt just west of there. She adds, "We will finish about noon on Sunday, cleaning birds, having lunch and getting our guests on their way home with, hopefully, a legal limit of birds and other gifts."

Youth Conservation Day - Sponsored by the Iowa Great Lakes Pheasants Forever chapter, the Youth Conservation Day held on September 27 was a great success with 35 youngsters getting to explore the outdoors at Dave and Mary Jo Rapp's acreage. Held from 9 a.m., to noon, Rapp was pleased with the way the morning went. "It was a great day. The youngsters got to connect with nature, explore the outdoors and discover new interests through hands on activities.

Throughout the morning, the youngsters were divided into interactive stations: • Raptor Birds – getting up close with birds of prey and learn how they survive in the wild.

- Meet a Rooster and Hen the participants were able to meet the rooster and hen to see the coloring differences. They each were able to pet the birds and named the Rooster "Tom". At the end of the event, all the kids gave Tom a farewell cheer as he flew into the prairie. They learned Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake. about their habitats and how important conservation is for their survival.
- Pond Dipping becoming a junior scientist by discovering what was living in the marsh. Interesting finds were large water beetles and water scorpions.
- Student Air Rifle with the assistance of a certified instructor, learning safety practices, along with how to focus, show patience and precision.





Tuesday, October 14 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date

12.30 - Bridge Wednesday, October 15

9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, October 16 10:00 - Strummers 10:00 - Tai Chi 12:00 - Dinner Date

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Friday, October 17 9:00 - Exercise Class 10:00 - Chair Yoga 12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, October 18 9:00 - Howell Coin Auction Sunday, October 19

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Monday, October 20 9:00 - Exercise

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12:00 - American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 - Mahjong

**Tuesday, October 21** 8:30 - Kiwanis

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

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Dear Tony, What can I do to be happier in my life? More than two thousand years ago, Aristotle asked a question that still echoes through time: What does it mean to live a good life? His answer was not wealth, fame, or fleeting pleasure. It was something deeper — the cultivation of virtue and the pursuit of eudaimonia — a word that translates loosely as human fulfillment. Aristotle believed that happiness wasn't a passing emotion, but a lifelong practice rooted in character, wisdom, and moral excellence.

We are surrounded by pursuits that promise happiness career success, social media validation, or the next big purchase — yet these secular trophies often leave us emptier than before. Aristotle warned of this. He saw that pleasure alone was never enough to sustain a soul. The good life, he said, is not found in what we have, but in who we become.

#### The Virtue of Balance

For Aristotle, virtue was a habit — not a rule. It lived in the balance between extremes: courage between recklessness and cowardice, generosity between wastefulness and greed. Living virtuously required self-awareness, reflection, and discipline all qualities that turn intention into integrity. It's a daily practice of aligning our actions with our highest values, even when no In this sense, Aristotle's vision wasn't moralistic; it was prac-

tical. He saw happiness as an activity of the soul in accordance with virtue. Not a mood, but a mode of being. You don't find happiness — you become it through consistent, virtuous action. Franklin and the Pursuit of Happiness

Centuries later, Benjamin Franklin carried Aristotle's torch into a new world. Franklin famously pursued 13 virtues — temperance, humility, sincerity, and industry among them — and tracked his progress daily. His goal wasn't perfection, but progress. He saw happiness as something one cultivates through the steady improvement of character.

In the Declaration of Independence, Franklin's contemporaries enshrined "the pursuit of happiness" as a founding right — yet it was never meant as a chase for pleasure. Rather, it was a pursuit of moral and civic virtue — a call to lead meaningful lives that benefit both the individual and the community.

Franklin and Aristotle, separated by centuries, agreed on a profound truth: happiness is not something you chase — it's something you practice.

#### Why Secular Pursuits Fall Short

When we measure our worth by status, possessions, or comparison, we trade inner peace for temporary applause. Our culture celebrates achievement but often forgets contentment. Aristotle would say we are confusing means with ends. Success, money, or recognition are only means — tools that can support a good life, but never define it. The true end of life, he argued, is happiness grounded in virtue — a state of harmony between one's inner self and outward actions.

#### Ten Steps Toward a Fulfilled Life

Both Aristotle and Franklin would agree: happiness grows through daily discipline, not distant dreams. Here are ten ways anyone can begin cultivating a more fulfilled, contented life:

- 1. Clarify your purpose. Know what truly matters and orient your days toward it.
- 2. **Practice moderation.** Seek balance in all things ambition, rest, work, and pleasure. 3. Pursue wisdom. Read, listen, reflect. A thinking mind
- is the compass of a good life. 4. Act with integrity. Do the right thing, especially when it's difficult or unseen.
- 5. Cultivate gratitude. Notice what is already good in your life; contentment begins with awareness.
- 6. Serve others. Happiness expands when shared. Give without expecting return.
- 7. Nurture relationships. Friendship, Aristotle said, is the highest form of love — essential to flourishing. 8. **Invest in health.** The body and soul are one vessel; treat it with care and discipline.
- 9. Reflect daily. Like Franklin, review your actions, celebrate progress, and learn from missteps. 10. **Pursue excellence, not perfection.** Happiness lives in
- the striving, not the finish line.

#### A Life Well Lived

Both Aristotle and Franklin would remind us that happiness is less about what happens to us and more about how we respond to life. The good life doesn't require wealth or luck — it requires intention. It's built moment by moment, decision by decision, in the quiet places where character is formed.

In the end, happiness isn't found at the summit of achievement, but in the steady climb — when our actions align with our purpose, when our heart and habits point in the same direction. As Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

And perhaps that's the message for all of us, that is, happiness flows not from chasing more, but from being more.

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On Tuesday, October 21, Milford Memorial Library will be closed for Dickinson County Library Staff Development. We look forward to seeing everyone on

Wednesday, October 22, when we reopen 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 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?
- November 17, 10:30 a.m. Harvest

• November 24, 10:30 a.m. – Imagination

Week one of the Milford Memorial Library Duck Hunt is done. MML staff will be hiding ducks until Friday, October 24. But you can return or adopt a duck until Monday, October 27! Reminder Duck Hunt Rules and updated location information will be posted at MML, on our webpage and social medias. For questions or more information, please contact Milford Memorial Library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

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.

Iowa storyteller Darrin Crow will bring Gothic horror master Edgar Allan Poe to life in "Morbid Curiosities-An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe" at Milford Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The master of Gothic horror comes from beyond the veil to talk with audiences about his life and share his best stories and poetry including "The Masque of the Red Death", "The Raven" and "The Tell Tale Heart." The performance also features one of Poe's comedies, "The Angel of the Odd," a cautionary tall tale about the dangers of too much drinking. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Memorial Library, Friends of the Arnolds Park Library, and Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library.

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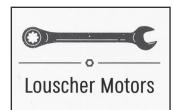


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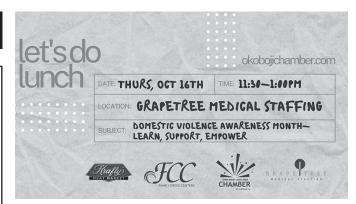


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Let's Be Friends! by Jill Jennings

October brings a great opportunity to recognize the efforts of Library Friends Groups. National Friends of Libraries Week

is October 19 - 25. 2025 marks the 20th annual recognition as a fitting time to promote local Friends Groups, raise awareness of their efforts, and thank them for their work in support of libraries everywhere. The Spirit Lake Public Library

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would like to thank all of the community members who are a member of Friends or who serve on the Board. What do the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library do? To quote Miss Krista, our children's librarian, "Basically, all the

fun stuff!" Here's a partial list of the ways they support us: toys for early literacy play time, prizes for passive games (scavenger hunt & guessing jars), Summer Reading Program entertainment & prizes, supplies for all kids programming (story time, after-school events, Santa's Village, etc.), movie license so we can have movie matinee days, some furnishings (fireplace & loveseat), and more. Whew! That's a lot!

Anyone can become a Friend of the Spirit Lake Public Library. Go to our website slpublib.com and then to the "Friends of the Library" tab to find more information and the membership form. Or the next time you stop at the library you can sign up with one of the staff. Call us at (712) 336-2667 if you have any questions. Consider becoming a Friend of the Spirit Lake Public Library.

We would love to have you be a part of the team! SLPL staff reading spotlight: Krista is listening on Libby to A te Inked in Blood (Saga of the Unfated, #1) by Dani

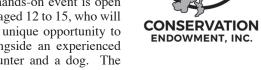
- UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL: Monday, October 20 , 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
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#### **Dickinson County Conservation Endowment Announcement**

The Dickinson County Conservation Endowment INC is pleased to announce a special Youth Hunt event to be held Saturday, October 18, 2025, CKINSON COC

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



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• 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:

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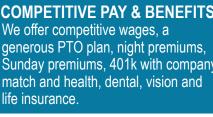
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## Iowa Lakes Corridor Communities Proclaim October as Manufacturing Month

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) was joined by County Supervisors and City Officials on October 2 to proclaim October 2025 as Manufacturing Month in their respective communities.

Last Thursday the Corridor hosted a proclamation signing to kick off Manufacturing Month in the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region. Several local mayors and county supervisors participated in the proclamation signing from across the region. October 2025 was proclaimed as Manufacturing Month in Buena Vista County, Clay County, Dickinson County, Emmet County, City of Alta, City of Estherville, City of Lake Park, City of Milford, City of Sioux Rapids, City of Spencer, City of Spirit Lake and City of Storm Lake.

Manufacturing Day is recognized on the first Friday each October. It is an initiative of The Manufacturing Institute with the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association as a founding partner. It's meant to inspire the next generation to start careers in manufacturing through a series of events scheduled in October each year.

According to the Iowa Lakes Corridor region 2025 Laborshed Analysis from Iowa Workforce Development, the manufacturing industry employs 11.4% of individuals in the Corridor's Laborshed area. It is the 3rd largest industry in the Corridor region, under Retail and Healthcare. In the state, Manufacturing is the largest industry, accounting for 17% of the GDP and contributing \$35 billion annually to the state's economy according to Iowa's advanced manu-

"We appreciate the support of our communities in recognizing October as Manufacturing Month," shared Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "It is always a pleasure to get the region's community leaders gathered together to support this important industry and recognize the benefits our manufacturers bring to Northwest Iowa."

The Corridor is participating in Manufacturing Month through organized tours of manufacturing businesses, social media campaigns and educational news and events. Follow along on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn or on the lakescorridor.com website to learn more about manufacturing companies and data in the region.



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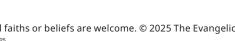
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