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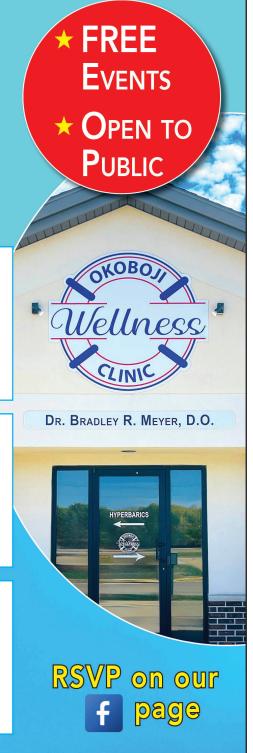
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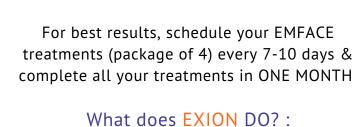












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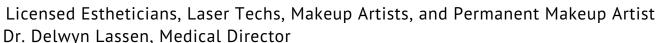
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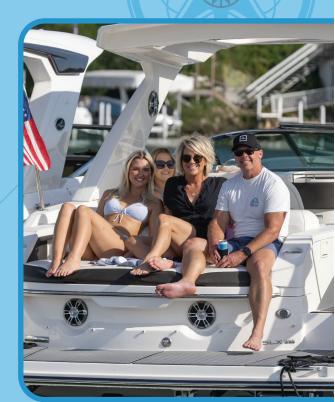
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My name is Brian Downing and for the past 15 years I have had the privilege of serving as the principal for Okoboji High School. I am writing to share what an outstanding fall we are experiencing at school, and to invite our community to share in the excitement.

This fall, our Pioneers have truly risen to the challenge across

multiple programs. Our volleyball team has earned 15 regular season victories. This number surpasses our win total in any of the previous 10 years. Despite playing in one of the most difficult conferences in all of Iowa, Our team has fought hard and is eager to take on the postseason on Tuesday at Unity Christian. Our cross country teams have run well with many new faces running varsity for both the boys and girls teams. We have seen individual and team championships in the regular season and anticipate some outstanding finishes at the State Qualifying Meet in Eagle Grove on Thursday. The Pioneer Pride Marching Band, in only their fourth year of competitive marching, recently completed their season by earning a Division I rating at state contest and, later the same day, won the Class 2A Championship and earned 4th overall in the highly competitive Dutchman Field Championship in Orange City. The OHS Drama Department has been preparing for Shrek: The Musical since the first week of school and you won't want to miss this hilarious show November 14th and 15th at the OHS Auditorium.

Perhaps most exciting for the community has been the outstanding season of the Pioneer Football Team! Seven straight wins and a runner-up finish in a highly competitive District 2 have put the Pioneers back in the playoffs and hosting a first round game for the second time in as many years. The success our team has had this fall has truly been amazing and a point of pride for our entire community. Many teams of Pioneers who have coached and played for the Maroon and White in the past ten years and beyond have laid a strong foundation for our current team to build upon.

This is more than wins and records. It's about community, school spirit, and the way our students — on the court, on the course, on the stage, in band, and on the gridiron are working together under the direction of some of the finest coaches and leaders anywhere, to make us all Proud to be ONE!

With that in mind, I warmly encourage all Pioneer fans, families, alumni and community members to come out to Pioneer Stadium this Friday starting at 7 PM to cheer on our team as they take on the Knights of Unity Christian in the first round of state playoffs. The band will be on hand to bring up the energy, our top-notch cheer squad, which has been firing up the student section and all our fans all year, will be there to support the team and uplift all of Pioneer Nation! Let's fill the stands, show our pride, and celebrate together everything our students have already accomplished and cheer them on to all the great things to come!

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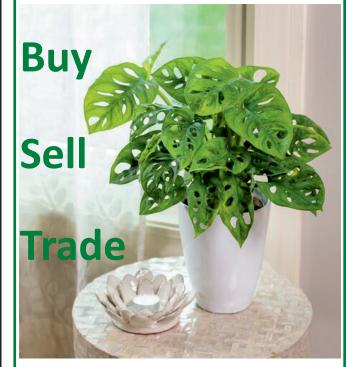
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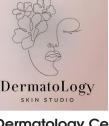
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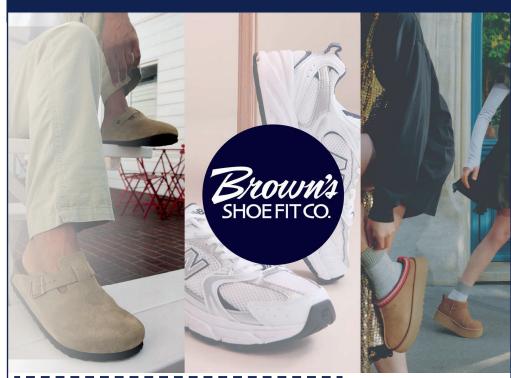




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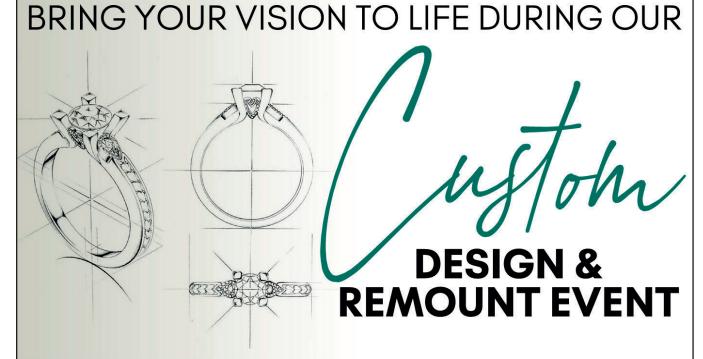
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One of the coolest things that I noticed this weekend while watching a lot of sports was the amount of athletes who are

watching a lot of sports proudly proclaiming their faith not only on social media but also in their post-game interviews and on the field. Two of the biggest college football games on Saturday were #10 LSU at #17 Vanderbilt and #7 Texas Tech at Arizona State Bath



zona State. Both games featured the home team pulling off "upsets", with Vanderbilt winning 31-24 and Arizona State scoring late to knock off the previously unbeaten Red Raiders 26-22. While both games were exciting and very entertaining to watch, what I witnessed after the games was what really warmed my heart and gave me hope after another week of seeing our two political parties bash each other and not even be able to figure out how to come together to keep our government open.

Immediately after Vanderbilt toppled the Tigers to move to 6-1, their best start in 75 years, their players didn't jump up and down or immediately celebrate with their fans. Instead, they knelt together at midfield with their heads bowed down while one of their teammates led them in a prayer. After the prayer, when the team disbanded, star quarterback Diego Pavia was interviewed by ESPN on the field about their season so far, and he said "It got overwhelming the last few weeks. I really wasn't being myself... and I wasn't really chasing God, and so He was there to humble me... And I got back on path, and no one is perfect, but I just want to chase Him and encourage everyone to chase Him, you know that's a better life out there!" Pavia could have talked about the Commodores beating the Tigers for the first time since 1990, or his three touchdowns, but instead he chose his platform on national television in front of millions of people to talk about his faith in God and how he needs to be better at pursing him. How awesome is that?

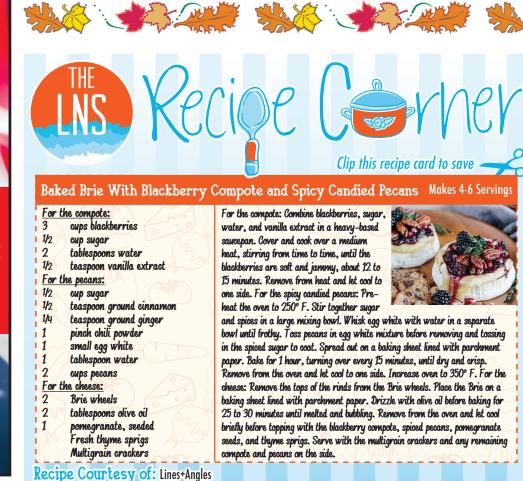
The next game that I watched was the Arizona State and Texas Tech game, which came down to the wire with Arizona State, who blew a 12-point fourth-quarter lead, scoring with :34 left to pull off the upset. One of the stars of the game was Arizona State's big-time wide receiver, Jordyn Tyson, who will be an NFL First-Round Draft Pick this spring. Tyson had 10 catches in the game for 105 yards and a touchdown, including the biggest catch of the game on the final drive, a 33-yarder on fourth and two that saved the game for the Sun Devils. Before and after the game, Tyson wore a bright blue shirt that says "Jesus Won," including to the podium for his post-game press conference. Like Pavia, instead of talking about his big game or the big win, Tyson chose to put the spotlight on his faith and Jesus Christ, saying "The Bible, I kind of look at it like instructions for life. As much as I get into the word and the word and the word, it kinda just elevates my life in every way possible. Just diving into my faith completely, especially with the guys...it's everything to us. My faith is everything.'

I definitely feel like we are seeing more and more of this in the sports world and I absolutely love it. I know Iowa State goes to the end zone and prays as a team after the running out of the tunnel before the game and have noticed area high school teams do the same, which is awesome. National media has often tried to shy away from showing these professions of faith, but there is so much of it now, and when these athletes are doing it on live television, they have no choice but to air it, proudly showing this torn world that Jesus did indeed win!!





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known for its dedication to wetlands and waterfowl conservation, is encouraging area residents to attend for an evening of games and community

Admission to the event is \$10 per person, which includes an entry into the evening's door prize drawing. Organizers are inviting attendees to "Bring your friends and family" to support the important mission of preserving and restoring wetland habitats.

The fundraiser is being hosted by the "Marsh Marigolds" chapter, presumably a local women's initiative or committee within Ducks

Tickets can be scanned via a QR code provided on the event flyer. For more information, interested parties can contact Danni at (712) 339-5126 or Lucy at (712) 260-5712.

All proceeds from the Bingo Night are expected to benefit Ducks Unlimited's conservation programs, which are vital for maintaining the natural beauty and ecological health of the region's waterfowl habitats.





Congratulations to Britleigh Ingwersen from Lake Park for winning the Week #7 U-Pick-Em Challenge! It was a tough week to pick games as Britleigh was our only contestant to pick 12 games correctly, edging out seven others who had 11 correct picks. Britleigh wins \$100 in cash compliments of Interior Sewing by Lisa and The Lakes News Shopper.

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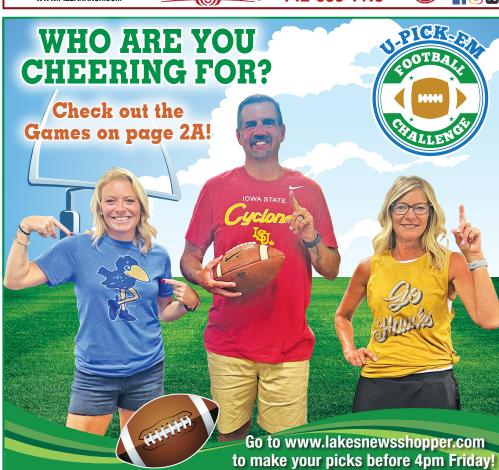
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Services for William "Jeff" Christie, II, 81, of Spirit Lake, will be held Friday, October 24, 2025, at St Albans Episcopal Church at 2 pm.

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-

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

Volunteer at the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center

The key to the Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center success rests in people in the community that are willing to dedicate their time to help out with various events. They are looking for more volunteers to join their team that are willing to help with events and Dinner Date.

If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please contact Kathleen at 712-336-5247. One day a week or one day a month, all volunteers are appreciated.



Lakes Area Activities/Senior **Center Wish List**

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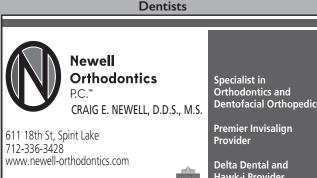
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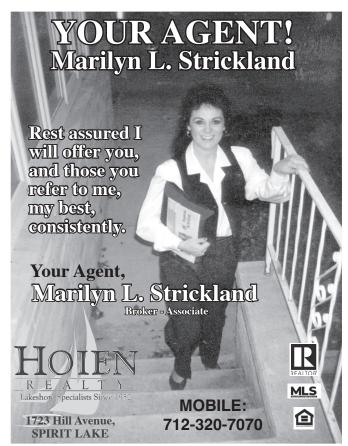


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at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park takes place from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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.



Trunk or **Treat Event**

Sunday, October 26th, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The community is invited to a Trunk or Treat event at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, 1 block south of the Lakes Regional Hospital on Hwy 71 N. There will be snacks of cookies & hot chocolate and games available for everyone to play in a safe environment. There will also be free professional photos available for the kids in their costumes. Bring the whole family and the neighbors too.

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2. Burgin Lawn Service #2 - 19 points

3. McKeen's Bar and Grill - 13 points / split 4 silver coins with Okoboji Sports (2nd Lewis Team) tie

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Adult Champion - Glen Lonneman - 248x250 / 1 silver coin Adult R/U - Cody Burgin - 245x250 / 1 silver coin ¹/₂ oz Adult 2nd Lewis - Alex Stoll - 225x250 / 1 silver coin

Adult R/U Lewis - Scott Sievert - 219x250 / 1 silver coin 1/2 oz Youth Champion - Sullie McKeen - 238x250 / 1 silver coin Youth R/U - Brigham Sievert - 228x259 / 1 silver coin 1/2 oz Youth 2nd Lewis - Juliana Whitehead - 215x250 / 1 silver coin Youth R/U Lewis - Owen Wintz - 209x250 / 1 silver coin 1/2 oz

Bill & Jackie to Play for Dance

Bill & Jackie Carpenter will be performing for a dance at the Lakes Area Senior Activity Center on Sunday, October 26.

They'll be playing their fun-time dance music from 2:00-5:00 PM that afternoon.Admission to the dance is \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. All ages are welcome for this fun afternoon of dancing on the large dance floor of the Activity Center. The Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake.







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Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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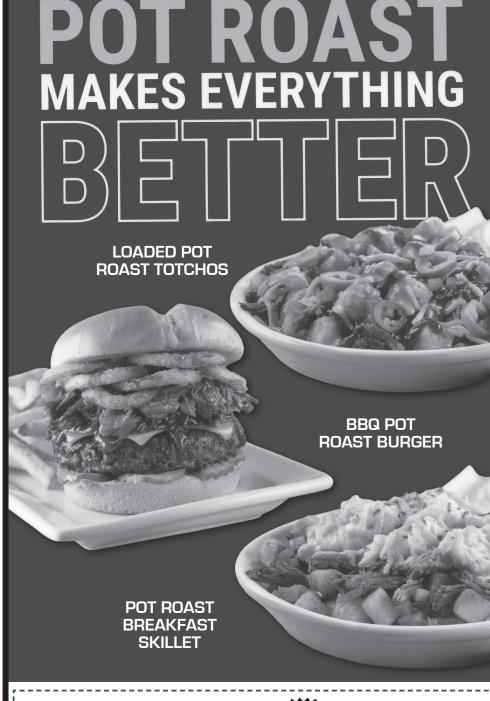
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Bill & Jackie at Spirit Lake VFW

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The Arts on Grand Spencer Flood Book Committee and Occasions are proud to invite your to our community celebration of the publication of the Spencer, IA Flood of 2024 book.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 7 4PM to 7PM

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This book is a compilation of 178 stories (494 pages) presented by Spencer citizens who are flood survivors.

One of the goals of this event is to unite those who were rescued by the brave citizens who came to their aid. As stories were being recorded, so many people said they had no idea who rescued them, it was "a guy in a boat". They expressed their desire to meet their heroes and thank them personally. It is the Committee's hope that this event will allow that to happen.

The committee appreciates the part you played in this disaster and hope you will do us the honor of attending. RSVP to 712.260.8672 or 970.373.9295 by November 3.

We hope to see you there! Barbara Workman-Schneider, Committee Chair





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OCTOBER 24





Congratulations to Larry Shaffer of Spirit Lake for winning our Week #6 U-Pick-Em Challenge. Larry picked 12 correct games, along with a record 21 other contestants. Larry edged out Julie Kliegl of Arnolds Park by one point in the tiebreaker scores to win the first place prize, which is a \$100 Gift Card to Lakes Lube/Milford Auto Care compliments of Lakes Lube/Milford Auto Care and The Lakes News Shopper.

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

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Clay County Heritage Temporary Exhibit

Clay County Heritage is excited to announce the October 28th, 2025, opening of our Celebrating 35 Years of ADA temporary exhibit that will be open to the public from October 28th through May 2026.

The exhibit will feature an overview of the ADA Law, history of Spencer ADA Council and local activities, videos of local stories, brief history of

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Admission to the Clay County Heritage Center and Parker Museum is always free, thanks to sponsorship from Spencer Hy-Vee. Museum Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Parker Museum Tours can be made by contacting us by phone, email, or stopping at the 7 Grand Avenue location.

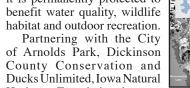
For further questions regarding this event, please call the Clay County Heritage at (712) 262-3304.



Arnolds Park Project

Exciting news! The Goodenow Family has offered a challenge match up to \$45,000 to help complete fundraising to protect the Arnolds Park Nature Area. Between now and next Friday, Oct. 24, your gift is matched 1:1.

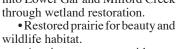
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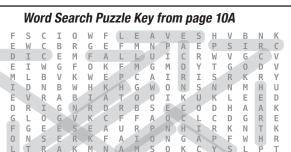
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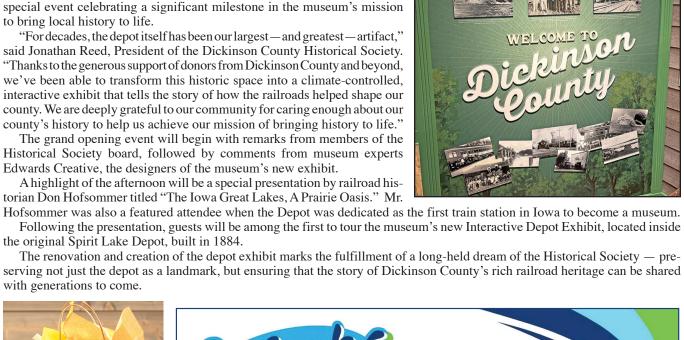
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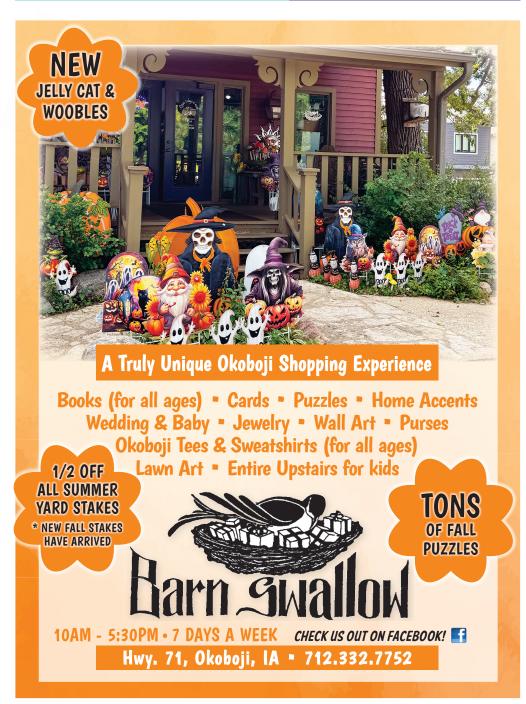


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The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend the Sunday, October 26th program led by Deb Yoder - certified Harmonic Sound/Vibrational Sound Massage Therapist.

Yoder holds certifications from both the Colorado Arma Buti Sound & Vibrational School as well as the Lincoln, Nebraska, Vibrational Sound Association. Helping others utilize natural means to find relief from pain, stress and tension is Yoder's passion.

Coffee and conversation begin at 9:30am with the program to follow at 10am at the Lakes Area Senior Center located at 2101 Zenith Ave. in Spirit Lake.

People of all ages and backgrounds share conversation, food and song at an ILUUF

service. Guest speakers discuss issues affecting us both locally and globally. The ILUUF meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Learn more at www.uuokoboji.com. All are welcome to attend this progressive fellowship.

Al-Anon Meetings

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

For more information, go online to Iowa-Al-Anon.org, meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.



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Tickets are \$25 beforehand and are available at Arts On Grand (408 Grand Ave. Spencer, IA) and the Clay County Heritage Cen-

ter (7 Grand Ave. Spencer, IA) . Tickets will also be sold the day of the event for \$30 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Great Hall of Royal. Brochures of the homes with the maps will be available at the Great Hall of Royal serving as the starting point.

Tickets will not be sold at each home - please redirect yourself to the Great Hall of Royal, 300 1st Ave E, on November 15th for tickets.

The following homes will be on tour to visit in any order:

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Let's come together for an evening of appreciation for your service to our country. Thank you so much for your dedication!



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National Quality Healthcare Week observed October 19-25.

celebrates healthcare professionals and organizations committed to providing safe, high-quality patient care. Spencer Hospital is proud to reaffirm its dedication to excellence with the announcement that the hospital and its affiliated clinics have successfully achieved re-accreditation by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ)—a national ac-



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creditation organization sanctioned by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This recognition underscores Spencer Hospital's ongoing commitment to the highest standards of safety and quality for the patients it serves.

In April, a CIHQ survey team conducted a rigorous, unannounced onsite assessment of Spencer Hospital and its affiliated clinics-Avera Medical Group Spencer, Milford Family Care,

Sioux Rapids Family Care, and Northwest Iowa Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists. The survey included detailed reviews of medical records, direct observations of care practices, staff and patient interviews, and thorough facility inspections.

"Spencer Hospital has a long-standing commitment to continuous improvement to enhance care and services for our $patients, "said\ Brenda\ Tiefenthaler, Spencer\ Hospital\ President.$ "Each department actively engages in quality improvement initiatives to ensure we're always optimizing the care we provide."

Nationally, Spencer Hospital has been recognized as a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital for the past ten years, a distinction that highlights the organization's success in achieving excellence in both care and outcomes.

Tiefenthaler expressed appreciation to the hospital and clinic teams for their role in maintaining this standard of excellence. "The Spencer Hospital healthcare team and the professionals of our affiliated clinics continue to demonstrate their dedication to providing exceptional care and services. We're fortunate to have such an outstanding team committed to our mission of caring for our community."

As National Quality Healthcare Week is celebrated, Spencer Hospital extends its gratitude to its staff, providers, and community for supporting its continued pursuit of quality and compassionate care.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE SERVICE OF LOCAL VETERANS

Each year we come together as a nation on Veterans Day to honor and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of brave Americans who have served our country in uniform.

Now more than ever, our veterans need our support. In a time when our country is divided on so many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked everything to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support and gratitude.

That's why this year, Dickinson County is joining with our colleagues across the nation to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans, an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our veterans and their families.

With the pursuit of the safety and security of our nation omes the responsibility to support and serve the veterans who sacrificed on our behalf. Unfortunately, too many recent veterans, after nearly two decades of constant war, are struggling to transition back to civilian life.

Veteran suicides have claimed over 30,000 lives since 2001four times more than the number of U.S. military personnel who died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. While the vast majority of veterans return healthy and prepared for civilian life, we must be better as a nation.

As part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Dickinson County is illuminating the Veteran Memorial Plaza green beginning on November 4th and we encourage individuals and businesses to join us by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and

While this event is focused on the week of Veterans Day (November 4-11), we hope it sparks conversation and encourages support for veterans year-round.

Operation Green Light is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the resources available to veterans and their families.

Throughout the year, our staff are busy connecting our veterans to federal and state benefits, helping them manage employment needs and doctors' appointments, as well as helping them find veteran peers who can assist with the transition back to civilian life. Veterans and family members can learn more about available services at Dickinson County Veteran Affairs. This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support. Join Operation Green Light and let's turn Dickinson County green for our veterans.

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Tops Meetings

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



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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Thurs., Nov. 6 - 10:00 AM-195 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

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

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

Wed., Nov. 19 - 10:00 AM-290.35 acres at auction in Osceola Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm & Sikora. 712-262-3529. www. theacreco.com

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.

Tues., Nov. 25 - 10:00 AM-157 acres at auction in Clay & Dickinson Counties, IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110.www.midwestlandmanagement.com.

Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Schedule

Tuesday, October 21 8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker:

Caption Call 12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, October 22 9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, October 23 10:00 - Strummers

11:00 - Tai Chi 12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards 2:00 - Speaker: Fraud Seminar

with Central Bank 3:00 - Cribbage

4:30 - Zumba 5:30 - Singles Group

Friday, October 24 9:00 - Exercise Class

10:00 - Chair Yoga 12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, October 25 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, October 26

9:00 - 11:30 - Church/Card Room Music/Dance with Bill and

Jackie 2:00-5:00pm - Dance,

3:00pm - Potluck \$8 Singles, \$15 Couples Monday, October 27

9:00 - Exercise 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Pinochle Club

Tuesday, October 28 8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker: Carol from Elderbridge "Fresh Conversations" with healthy Haloween Snacks

> 12:00 - Blood Pressure Checks

12.30 - Bridge

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, November 16, 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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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,

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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Many respondents said they stayed too long in roles where they weren't valued. One wrote, "I would have changed jobs earlier when it was clear my manager didn't value me." Another added, "Believing that your employer will recognize your value and reward it commensurately is the biggest mistake." Their advice was clear-don't confuse loyalty with inertia. Growth rarely happens inside comfort zones. The best careers evolve through motion, not maintenance.

2. Take More Risks—Especially Early

Repeatedly, people said, "I wish I had taken more risks early in my career." Whether it was starting a business, working abroad, or changing industries, many admitted they let fear masquerade as prudence. One respondent captured it beautifully: "I'd have navigated it with more of a plan." Aristotle once said that courage is the first of the virtues because it makes all others possible. Risk, properly managed, is not recklessness—it's a declaration of belief in your own potential.

3. Seek Mentorship and Networks

A consistent theme was the importance of mentors—those who see your strengths before you fully do. "I would like to have a mentor who followed the same career path as me," said one. Another shared, "I should have been more active in replacing my sponsors as others retired."

Alongside mentorship came networking: "Develop your network as soon as possible." "Learn to build relationships with leaders." It turns out that the most successful people aren't necessarily the smartest - they're the most connected. Opportunity travels fastest through relationships.

4. Broaden Your Base

Several professionals wished they had built a wider set of experiences—more breadth across roles, industries, and geographies. "I would have gotten into operational roles to broaden my base," one said. Another reflected, "I'm too early in my career to know, but I want to get diverse experiences." The lesson? Careers are portfolios, not pipelines. Depth matters—but so does range. In an age where industries shift overnight, adaptability is the new currency.

5. Focus on the Human Side

Beyond strategy and skill, many respondents spoke about the "people side" of leadership. One noted, "I wish I had more training in human psychology early in my career." Another wrote, "I'd focus more on people development." Technical mastery may open doors, but emotional intelligence keeps them open. Leadership is not simply managing projects - it's understanding people.

6. Invest in Yourself First

A quiet but powerful insight came from those who said they'd fprioritized self-development earlier." Several mentioned learning negotiation skills sooner—not to win more arguments, but to "be empathetic and help others." The most fulfilled professionals realize that self-investment compounds. Books, courses, reflection, and coaching are not luxuries; they are fuel. When you grow, everything around you grows.

7. Don't Lose Sight of Connection

In a post-pandemic world, people reflected deeply on the isolation of remote work. One wrote, "It's hard to meet new folks when we're all remote." Another longed for "more team engagement" and "a hybrid environment to reconnect." Human connection remains the heartbeat of work. The best moments in our careers are not metrics—they're memories. Laughter in the breakroom. A shared win. A mentor's encouragement.

8. Anchor to Purpose

 $Perhaps the \,most \,striking \,answers \,came \,from \,those \,who \,simply \,$ said, "Nothing-I wouldn't change a thing." These were people whose careers aligned with their values, who found meaning in contribution, not position. They remind us that fulfillment is not found in what we do, but in why we do it. The happiest professionals see their work as an extension of who they are, not a trade-off for who they wish to be.

Final Thoughts

If there's one thread running through all this advice, it's agency. Careers are not linear—they are lived. The best professionals don't wait for someone else to shape their path; they draw their own map. So whether you're at the beginning, middle, or twilight of your career, the message is timeless:

• Move when it's time.

• Risk when it matters. Seek those who lift you.

• Invest in yourself.

• Stay connected to people—and to purpose. In the end, the best career isn't the one others admire. It's the one you're proud to have lived.

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FALL OF 2025 City of ARNOLDS PARK

Newsletter

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ies in the lakes area will continue to offer monthly paint nights this fall and winter. Attendees of all skill levels are invited to create a beautiful painting. Follow stepby-step instructions from the artist who created the original painting. All painting supplies are provided. Early registration cost is \$15.00. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

Dickinson County has now become an approved participant in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program provides, at no cost, one book per month to children up to five years old residing in Dickinson County. Anyone interesting in everyone! Please stop in and check out all our new items. **Yard Waste and Open Burning**

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The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and asks that it never be blown into or placed on streets, public roads, or neighboring lots. If you wish to have your yard waste (no dirt or rocks) picked up it must be placed in City bags, tied shut, and placed curbside by 7:00 **a.m.** on Tuesdays. The bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Cut branches in 4 ft. lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. City bags are available for purchase at City Hall and at Casey's in Arnolds Park. Another option is to drop off your yard waste at the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located at 2260 220th St. (A34) Milford, IA; charges may

If you choose to burn your yard waste, please be courteous to neighbors and use good judgment based on weather conditions. All fires must be attended by a person 18 years of age or older at all times. Any yard waste you burn on your property, must originate on your property.

The burning of garbage, rubber, or anything of a toxic matter is strictly prohibited. Yard waste cannot be burned on City property.

Snow Removal

Dumpsters: **Town and Country Disposal will not empty commercial dumpsters if there is snow in front of or blocking the dumpster. Businesses are responsible for snow removal and ensuring the path is clear for the garbage trucks.

Residents and Business owners: It is your responsibility to remove snow and ice promptly from the sidewalk in front of your residence or your business. If this is not done within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner (City Ordinance and Code of Iowa).

Election Day

includes the Cities of Arnolds Park and Okoboji) will vote at the Dickinson County Expo Building, 1600 15th Street, Spirit Lake. Voting will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

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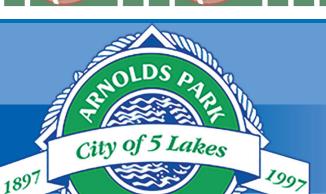
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the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, please contact City Hall if you would like to receive a recycling container. To be picked up recycling must be placed in the correct container and not mixed with garbage. Containers must be out by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated pickup day. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Ave. if you should miss the curbside collection. The following items are not recyclable: Glass, styrofoam, ceramics, porcelain, pizza boxes, hazardous materials, electronics, batteries, or furnace filters.

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If you have a water or sewer emergency on weekends or holidays, please call the Dickinson County Communications Center at (712) 336-2525.

Obituary

Afuneral service for **Beverly Steinberger**, 91 years old, of Spirit Lake, was held Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Interment was at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji.

Beverly Jean Steinberger was born in Estherville, Iowa, on March 23, 1934, to Norman and Velma (Fisher) Syverson. She attended country school until 8th grade and then attended and graduated with the Class

of 1952 from Estherville High School. She was proud of the fact that, with the exception of having chickenpox, she had perfect attendance.

After graduation she worked at a Ben Franklin store and then a chicken processing plant where she met her future husband, Robert Steinberger. Bob and Bev were married on August 15, 1956, and made their home in Spirit Lake where they raised their two daughters. In the late '60s and '70s, Bev worked part-time for Donovan Leyson



Funeral Home, which later became Turner Jenness Funeral Home. From there, she opened her home and heart to daycare. She took care of nearly 70 kids in a forty-year time span. It was at this time she earned the nickname "Gramma Bev" and she embraced it proudly.

Bev loved her family, all children, owls, holidays, Bingo and the Minnesota Twins. Although she stood only 4'11" tall, she possessed the spunk and determination of someone 10' tall. She could be known to be stubborn and headstrong, but she also had a heart of gold and enjoyed helping others. She will always be remembered for her scarves, sparkly hats and her jewelry.

The past three years were spent at Accura Healthcare where she thought the world of the entire staff and residents. She also enjoyed and respected her hospice care team. To her, each and every one of you were her friends!

Bev passed away October 15, 2025, at Accura Healthcare at ninetyone years of age.

She is survived by her two daughters, Connie (Al) Tolan and Colleen Frederick (Jim Campbell); grandkids, Curt (Jane) Edmunds, Candee (Gary) Mills, Jesse (Amy) Frederick, Sara Edmunds and bonus grandson, Dennis Tolan; five great-grandkids, three bonus great-grandkids and three bonus great-grandkids; five nieces and two nephews; sister-in-law, Jeanette Syverson.

Welcoming her into heaven are her husband, Bob, who passed away October 17, 2001; her parents; brother, Donald Syverson; sister, Evelyn (Arnold) Thorsland; grandson, Cory Edmunds; step-grandson, Arnold Tolan; two sisters-in-law, Rose Huse and Lucille Mitchell, and two nieces, Paula and Shelley.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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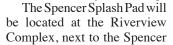
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Jolene Frances Hansen was born September 12, 1928, on a farm near Emmetsburg, IA, to DeLon and Verna (Harrison) Harvey. Her siblings were an older brother, Robert, and younger brother, Ronald. Jolene was baptized at the Emmetsburg Methodist Church and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg.

Jolene attended Lake Center School. She was an active member of the Langdon United Methodist Church, participated in the United Methodist Women's group, worked as the church custodian, taught Sunday School for many years, and volunteered in any way she could.

She met Lawrence Hansen when she was 14 years old. They were united in marriage on February 1, 1948. Together, they spent many nights bowling and playing cards with friends and neighbors. They remained together for 77 years. To this union 6 children were born: Nancy (Lanny) Hanson of Spen-

Nancy (Lanny) Hanson of Spencer; Deb (David) Kaus of Spencer; Vickie (Richard) Hall of Ann Arbor, MI; Randal (Lisa) Hansen of Spencer; Curt (Julie) Hansen of Spencer; and Terry (Jolene) Hansen of Spencer.

Jolene loved baking, gardening and bird watching, she especially loved watching cardinals and collecting cardinal figurines. She spent many hours canning and preserving fruits and vegetables to be enjoyed by her family. She will be remembered for her chocolate and angel food cakes. Often her baked goods were sold for hundreds of dollars at the Annual Church Auction. Jolene took being a stay-at-home wife and mother seriously. She learned to drive later in life and used this skill to deliver many lunches and meals to her family during planting season and harvest. She learned to sew in order to help provide for her family. She took great pride and joy in making sure her family was well cared for.

Jolene passed away on October 11, 2025, at the age of 97. She was preceded in death by her parents, DeLon and Verna Harvey; parents-in-law, Louis and Carrie Hansen; and 2 brothers, Robert and Ronald.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; 6 children and spouses; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at SPARC, Dr. Feldmann and staff, and Dr. Sather for their wonderful care.

Obituary

A Funeral Service for **Donette Siefkin Clarke**, age 63, of Milford, will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 11:00am at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 10:00-11:00am at the funeral home in Milford.

Donette Mae Siefkin Clarke, daughter of Donald and Darlene Siefkin, was born on September 25, 1962, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She attended Arnolds Park School through the 10th

grade and later earned her GED.

In 1987, Donette was united in marriage to Kevin Clarke in Menlo, Iowa. The couple later divorced in 1994. Over the years, Donette worked as both a bartender and a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

Throughout her life, Donette lived in several different places but made her home in Spirit Lake beginning in 2024. She enjoyed playing bingo and doing word searches, and she especially loved



Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Brandon (Angela) Siefkin; parents, Donald and Darlene Siefkin; sister, Denise (Tony) Wenger; sister, Diane (Chris) Higgins; grandson, Tavien Siefkin; granddaughter, Trinity Siefkin; many aunts, uncles, nephews, one niece and several cousins

Donette was preceded in death by her grandfather, George Lempiainen; grandmother, Bernice Lempiainen; grandfather, Glenn Siefkin; grandmother, Grace Siefkin; step-grandmother, Audrey Lempiainen.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



A memorial service for **Judy Radtke Hanson**, age 88, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, was held Monday, October 20, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Julayne "Judy" Kay Hanson, the daughter of Wayne and Julia Webb, was born September 24, 1937, in Omaha, Nebraska.
On January 28, 1956, Judy was united in marriage to Clarence Radtke

in Jackson, Minnesota. Together, they owned and operated Radtke Oil Co. in Spirit Lake for 36 years. After Clarence's passing in 2008, Judy was blessed to be reacquainted with an old friend, Bob Hanson. Judy and Bob were married on May 14, 2010, and from that day forward, they were inseparable. They enjoyed traveling

the world and spending time with their wide circle of friends and loved ones.

Judy was known for her hard work, warm heart, and quick wit. She was the kind of person who always had a smile on her face and a clever remark ready

to share. A favorite aunt to many, Judy had a joyful spirit and a knack for making everyone feel special. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling and golfing, and throughout her life, she showed others what it truly meant to live with happiness.

Judy passed away on October 14, 2025, at the age of 88.

She is survived by her five children: Lori (LeRoy) Berg of Spirit
Lake; Linda (Steve) Baltzegar of New Smyrna, Florida; Julie (Larry
Martinell) Burton of Mesa, Arizona; Greg Radtke of St. Peter, Missouri;
Brian Radtke of Spirit Lake; two stepchildren, Karen (John) Guy of Los
Lunas, New Mexico, and Ken (Kirsten) Hanson of Milford; sister-in-law,
Darlene Webb of Cedar Rapids; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren;

many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Elmer Lambert; sister, Nancy Thoelke; brother, Russ Webb; son-in-law, Mike Lewis; and great-grandson, Carter.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary

Winifred Jeane Tatman, 95, of Ankeny, formerly of Milford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at MercyOne Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at First Lutheran Church (1525 Three Cross Rd., Milford, IA). Visitation, fellowship, and refreshments with the familiar in the familiar of the control of the

ily will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Jeane was born on November 30, 1929, to Carl and Verda (Hunter) Swenson in Graettinger, Iowa. She graduated from Milford High School. During her high school years, she met the love of her life, Ellsworth Tatman. They were married on July 11, 1948.

Other than a brief employment as a telephone operator, Jeane's career was spent helping Ellsworth manage the family farm and raise their fam-

ily. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, playing cards, dancing, attending the grandchildren's activities, and spending winters during retirement in Gold Canyon, Arizona. She will be remembered as a kind and loving mother, grandmother, and friend.

Jeane is survived by daughter, Jana (Randy) Bruns; son, Kip (Mary) Tatman; grandchildren, Michael Tatman, Bret (Candance) Tatman, Anne (Dane) Barner, Brian (Liz) Bruns, Josh (Krista) Beekmann, Jennifer (Bob) Foley, and Alex (Jenna) Tatman; great-grandchildren, Jack Barner, Ben Barner, Grace Barner, Lily Beekmann, Logan Beekmann, Lauren Beekmann, Vivian Tatman, Vada Tatman, Calvin Tatman, Quinn Bruns, and Brook Bruns; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellsworth Tatman; son, Craig Tatman; daughter-in-law, Sue Tatman; and granddaughter, Christine Bruns.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for a future contribution. Online at www.MemorialServicesOfIowa.com



People participating in the recent fall clean-up were Josh Miller, Alex Ewen, Stacy Newgard, Jeff Vander Sluis and Brett Thacker.

Fall Ditch Clean Up Project

Members from the Spirit Lake Twilight Masonic Lodge #329 spent several hours Saturday morning, October 11th, on their annual fall ditch clean up project. Several years ago we adopted the portion of Highway 71 from Ferguson's to McDonalds as a community beautification project. Twice a year, members walk the ditches on both sides of the road, collecting trash.

Obituary

A Mass of Christian Burial for **Shirley Dickinson**, age 73, of the Lakes area, was held Monday, October 20, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Interment was at St. Margaret's Catholic Cemetery in Spirit Lake. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Shirley be given to the Abben Cancer Center of Spencer or the Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospice.

Dear family and friends,
There is no better way to sum-up
Shirley Dickinson than, "she loved you
all." Shirley passed away on October
13th after a seven-year battle with
breast cancer. She fought until her last
breath because she loved her family
and friends so much that she did not
want to miss anything fun going on
around her.

A lifelong resident of the Iowa Great Lakes area, Shirley was born on November 6, 1951, in Jackson, Minnesota. Her parents moved to a small homestead on the east side of Big Spirit

Lake and began farming. Shirley attended a one-room country school in Orleans until the first grade, and eventually the family moved into town. As a graduate of Spirit Lake High School in 1969, she married her high school love, Dan Dickinson, and they stayed an inseparable duo for the next fifty-five years. She enjoyed a five-decade long career as a waitress and the time she spent with the thousands of people she served over the years. She loved the Okoboji area, but more than that, she loved the people that lived here. She defined what it means to be a "people person." Shirley had two sisters and a brother that defied a text-book expla-

Shirley had two sisters and a brother that defied a text-book explanation of "family." Irene Goetsch, Marci Stoller, and Duane Zahradnik proved that siblings can also be best friends. Whether playing marbles, cards, or going for a drive around the lakes, they planned time together, even into "Shirl's" final weeks. It was never a requirement or chore but always special cherished time. They had a connection that nothing, not even a mortal passing can disrupt.

As much as her siblings meant to Shirley, there was really only one north star that made her rise up every morning. Dan turned from high school sweetheart to lifelong partner. They remained together through thick and thin. Through more than half a century, they tackled every challenge or victory with the same focus. After they retired, their favorite pastime was driving around the lakes, and in the summer, they could be seen on their daily golf cart rides throughout the Arnolds Park area. They truly exemplified marriage and commitment.

Shirley and Dan had two sons at a young age, but that only made them more determined to ensure that their boys had boundless opportunities. They were amazing and supportive parents that put Jeremy and Josh at the center of their lives. You would think that nothing could ever change that, but then the grandkids came along. Anyone who has ever met Grandma Shirley knows that nothing meant more to her than her dear grandchildren, and it is through their lives that she will never be forgotten.

Shirley is heading to eternity to see her mother and father (Margaret and Louie Zahradnik), her in-laws (Evelyn and Bob Dickinson), and so many other dear family members and friends that there are too many to name. Her legacy will live on through her son Jeremy and his wife Chrissy, with their daughters, Emony and Lisbet. Her younger son, Josh, and his wife, Jamie, are rearing Collin, Danny, Evie, Broden, and Bentley, along with their dear daughter-in-law, Amy Dickinson. She is also survived by her very special sisters-in-law, Kay Franker and Gail Riemenscheider. Shirley was a woman of deep faith. She was a life-long member

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Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Events

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

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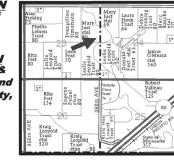








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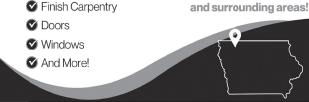


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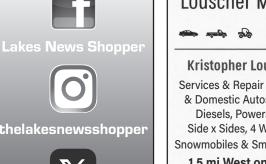
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Soup lovers at the annual Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 Soup and Dessert Supper. This year's event gets underway Sunday, November 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake.

Knights of Columbus Soup Supper

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.

Lake Park Food Pantry

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

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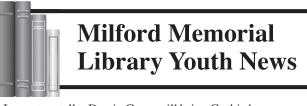
Caregivers Support Group

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

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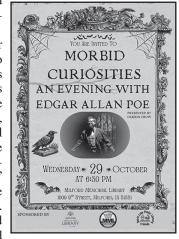
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Iowa storyteller Darrin Crow will bring Gothic horror master Edgar Allan Poe to life in "Morbid Curiosities-An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe" at Milford

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



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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.

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

Monday, October 27, is the last day to turn in ducks from IML's Duck Hunt Reminder Duck Hunt Rules and undated 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.

Ghouls, goblins, princesses, and cowboys, remember to stop by Milford Memorial Library during Trick-or-Treat with Milford Businesses on Friday, October 31, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Genre Spotlight: Historical Fiction By Jill Jennings

What Is Historical Fiction? Historical Fiction is a literary genre where the story takes place in the past. Historical novels capture the details of the time period as accurately as possible for authenticity, including social norms, manners, customs, and traditions. Many novels in this genre tell fictional stories that involve actual historical figures or historical events. (https://bit. ly/4772WE1) This is one of my favorite genres, so I'd like to share a few titles with you.

The Tea Chest by Heidi Chiavaroli is set during the U.S. War of Independence (1775-1783) and is rather good.

The French Revolution, which spanned a decade (1789-1799). is an interesting story background. A few I have enjoyed include A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, and Madam Tussaud by Michelle Moran.

The Bracelet by Dorothy Love is set just before the Civil War. World War I books that I would recommend are Last Town on Earth by Thomas Mullen, The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman, and The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes.

The Great Depression (1929-1939), was a difficult time in history, but there have been some good books set during this era: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson, The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, and Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawhon.

There are zillions of World War II (1939-1945) Historical Fiction novels. A few that I have loved include: The Woman Who Heard Color by Kelly Jones, All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, and The Guernsey Literary and

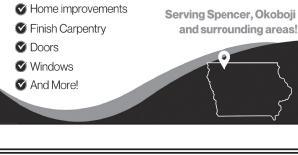
Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows. If you've never read Historical Fiction, I hope you will give SLPL staff reading spotlight: Nancy is reading Lockdown

(Escape from Furnace, #1) by Alexander Gordon Smith, Vortex (FBI Thriller, #25) by Catherine Coulter, and Poisonous (Max Revere, #3) by Allison Brennan on Libby.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SLPL:

- Monday, October 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg • Tuesday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, October 29, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, October 30, 10:30 a.m., Story Time (Wear your costume!)
- Thursday, October 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg









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"The Innocents" (UK 1961) •Monday, November 1, 7 PM "I'm Still Here" (Brazil, 2024) Original Title: Ainda Estou Aqui •Monday, November 8, 7 PM

"Reprise" (Norway 2006) Monday, November 15, 7 PM "As It Is In Heaven" (Sweden 2004) Original Title: Så som i himmelen

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 23 and November 13, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW

Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.



Sue Madison, Ken Dunn (Black Knights) and Lori Sherling

Black Knights Car Club **Donates to Community Efforts**

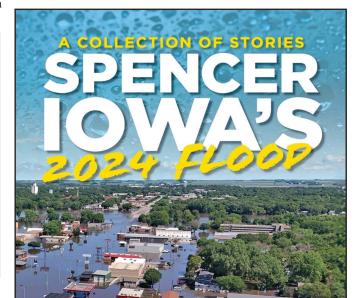
After a great Summer of Fundraising Car Shows and the Airport Drags, the Black Knights Car Club recently made 9 more grant awards to Community Organizations.

The Black Knights Car Club began in the 1950s and re-organized in 2005. The objectives of the Club are to support the Community through Grants to Individuals and

Organizations who also provide services to their respective Communities. Since the inception of the Club, grants have totaled over \$72,000. The selections of this round of Grants reflect the needs of the various different Communities within the Black Knights Family.

This round of Grants had grants awarded to the Fostoria Fire Department; the Spencer Regional Hospital Ambulance Service to assist with the purchase of an electric stair walking chair to make it easier to transport patients and safer for both the patient and the Paramedics; Immanual Church in Spirit Lake to assist with their Trunk or Treat for children; Estherville United Methodist Church to assist with their Trunk or Treat for children in Estherville; Hope Church in Spencer to assist in their Trunk or Treat program; Relay for Life (pictured above);UDMO Food Pantry in Emmetsburg; the UDMO Food Pantry in Spencer and the UDMO Emmet County Food Pantry. These worthy agencies all serve a wide swath of the large area that the Black Knights serve.

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



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.

The evening will feature an array of appetizers and beverages and is free to the public. Everyone is welcome. If you do not have your copy of this special book, they will be available during the event.

The committee appreciates the part you played in this disaster and hope you will do us the honor of attending.





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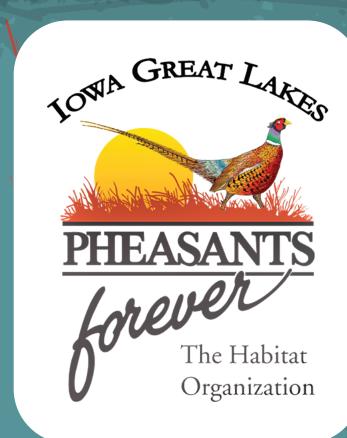
As you head into the field this pheasant hunting season, we want to take a moment to thank you for your incredible support over the past year. Your generosity has helped us make a tremendous impact for conservation and youth programs in our community.

This year, we're proud to sponsor the 3rd Annual November Veterans Hunt in partnership with The FEW (Foundation for Exceptional Warriors), as well as the October Youth Hunt.

Thanks to your contributions, we've been able to make a \$467,000 impact on public lands in our area. We have invested over \$40,000 in our youth through the organizations such as the Youth Trap Teams, SYC, WHEP, and with the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming banquet and future events. Together, we're making a lasting impact!

Thank you, and good luck this season!



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