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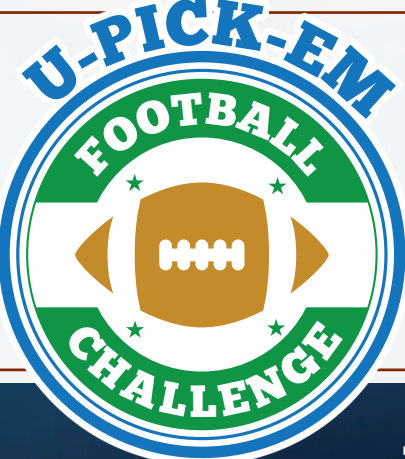
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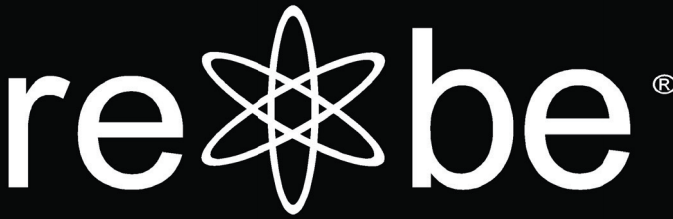
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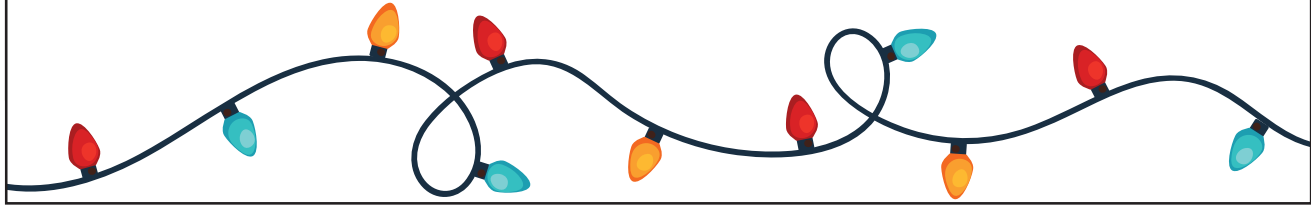




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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Heartbreak Again for Hawks

It looked like the streak was finally going to end in the pouring rain on Sunday night in Kinnick Stadium. It looked like Iowa was going to get their first win against a ranked team since October 9th, 2021, after quarterback Mark Gronowski had scampered in from the 3-yardline on a fourth and goal play to put Iowa ahead 16-15 with just 1:51 remaining. However, heartache once again happened for this Iowa football team, as they lost their third game of the season in the final 2:00 when Atticus Sappington drilled a 39-yard field goal to give #9 Oregon a hard-fought 18-16 win over Iowa in front of 69,250 drenched, stunned and silent Hawkeye fans.

This game sadly mirrored Iowa's other two losses to ranked foes this season; a 16-13 loss to then #16 Iowa State, where the Cyclones' Kyle Konrardy booted a 54-yard field goal with 1:52 remaining to break the Hawkeyes' hearts, and then a 20-15 loss to then #11 Indiana where the game was tied at 13-13 with 1:29 remaining before Indiana took the lead on a 45-yard touchdown pass. In all three of Iowa's losses, they have battled ranked foes oh so close, only to come up with oh so painful losses. These losses all follow a similar pattern with Iowa falling behind early, rallying to either tie the game or take a late lead, and then the defense being unable to hold on a late drive. You have to give the offense credit in this game as there were several times that I thought they were out of the game, but each time they responded with clutch drives. The first was when Oregon took a 9-0 lead after a safety on an errant snap on a punt caused by a wet ball during the rainy weather and a 19-yard Dierre Hill TD run. Iowa responded with a clutch 75-yard drive that was capped off by a 3-yard Gronowski to DJ Vonnahme TD pass to trim the lead to 9-7. Gronowski then orchestrated what I thought would be his defining moment as a Hawkeye quarterback with a masterful 93-yard touchdown drive that included a 40-yard pass against the nation's #1 pass defense to Vonnahme on third and seven from their own 10-yard line. Later, facing a fourth and three and the game on the line, Gronowski hit Central Lyon alum Reece Vanderzee for a 15-yard gain to keep the drive alive. Gronowski would later waltz into the endzone untouched to give Iowa their first lead of the game and send Kinnick Stadium into a complete frenzy, only to have Sappington sap that energy out of the stadium with his 39-yard field goal with just :03 remaining.

This heart-breaking loss ends Iowa's chance of making the College Football Playoffs and a shot at a BIG Championship Game appearance, but I don't expect the Hawkeyes to fold up their tents and cash in their season. Iowa is definitely playing their best football of the season, as they continue to improve each week, and they will get another opportunity to end their streak of losses to ranked foes on Saturday as they travel to Los Angeles to battle #19 USC. Who knows, maybe this game will have a Hollywood ending instead of a Heartbreaking ending for the Hawkeyes?

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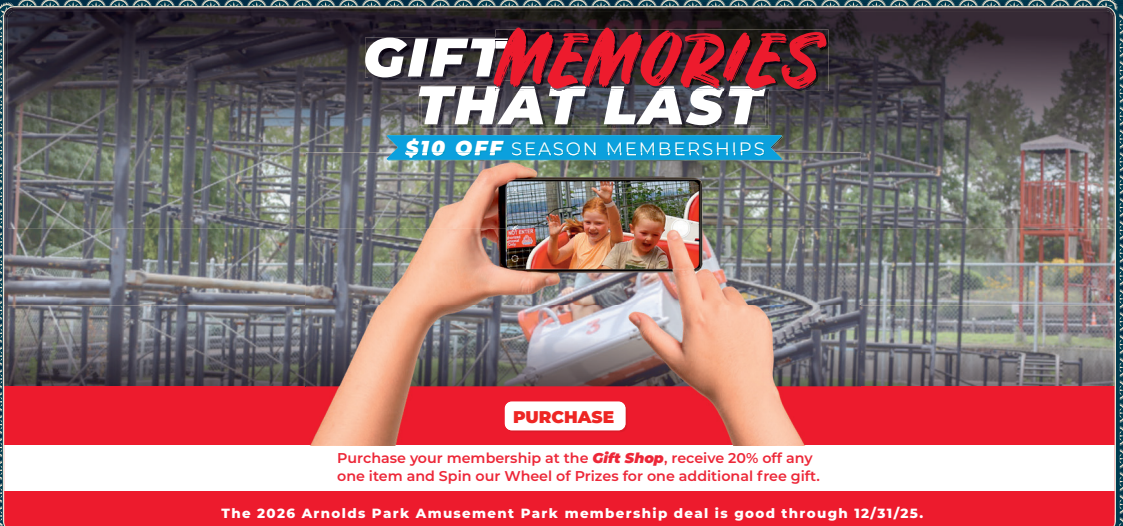


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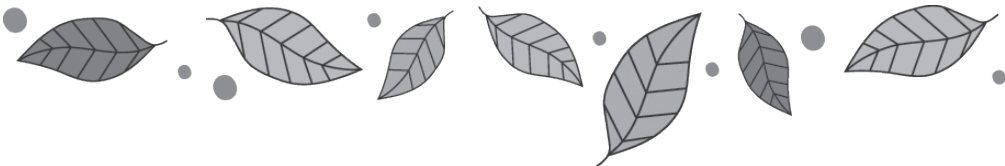
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Arts On Grand and Clay County Heritage will be hosting the 2025 Tour of Homes, providing a lovely segue for the holiday season. Tour of Homes will be on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Five uniquely decked homes will be included on the tour: presenting a variety of homes in the Royal area as well as the Royal Museum and Great Hall of Royal.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Arts On Grand (408 Grand Ave. Spencer, IA) and the Clay County Heritage Center (7 Grand Ave. Spencer, IA) Home State Bank (Royal) on through Eventbrite beforehand. 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: Jeff and Lynn Cronk, Larry and Cecilia Pedersen, Pete and Emily Widvey, Royal Museum, Matt and Sara Ricke, The Great Hall of Royal and Mark and Lori Fahnlander

The Clay Raiders 4-H Club will be providing a meal at the Royal Community Center from 11:00 am to 1:00 PM. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church also will be doing a Thanksgiving Tea at the church from 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM.

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The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota). For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Iowa Lakes Music Department Hosts Winter Recital

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department will showcase the talents of its student musicians at the annual Winter Recital on Tuesday, December 9th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus.

The recital will feature a variety of performances from soloists and small ensembles who are enrolled in private vocal and instrumental lessons at Iowa Lakes. From classical selections to contemporary works, the Winter Recital provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their musical growth and share their artistry with the community.

"We are proud of the dedication our students put into their lessons and performances," said Lincoln Larsen, Director of Music and Performing Arts at Iowa Lakes Community College. "The Winter Recital is a wonderful way to celebrate their hard work and give the public a chance to experience the talent we have here at Iowa Lakes."

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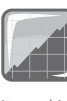


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Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Presentations

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- Tuesday, November 11, 11:30 PM – Veterans Day Program presented by John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514 and American Legion Timpe Post #23 and lunch. Thank You to the First Presbyterian Church Deacons and an autonomous donor.. They have provided funding for 40 Veterans to receive a free lunch on Veterans Day at the Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center
- Tuesday, November 18, 12:30 PM – World War II presentation by Owen Primavera
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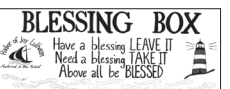
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Final Book Challenge Of 2025

The last bi-monthly adult book challenge is under way, but it's not too late for you to participate! Fill out the Challenge Card, return it by the end of the year, and your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card! Rob Cunningham was our October/November winner.

The six reading prompts for this challenge are as follows: a book with recipes, a dystopian book, a book from your least favorite genre, a book that has multiple points of view, a prequel, and a book that has a cover with only the colors black and white. You need to choose just four of those prompts and then read four books that fit into each of those categories.

You can find the Challenge Card at the Spirit Lake Public Library or on our website at slpublib.com. Doing a challenge like this is a really fun way to try reading something different. Who knows? Maybe you will find a different genre or author that will be your new favorite!

SLPL reading spotlight: Breanna is reading the eBook Dirty Secret (The Burke Brothers, #1) by Stephanie Brother and listening on Libby to Americanos, Apple Pies and Art Thieves (Cape Bay Cafe Mystery, #5) by Harper Lin.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

- Monday, November 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, November 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Evening Edition Book Club at The Revelry
- Wednesday, November 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Page Turners Book Club (Maine Characters by Hannah Orenstein)
- Wednesday, November 19, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, November 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party
- Thursday, November 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

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Parks Marina holds Annual Boatload of Toys Fundraiser

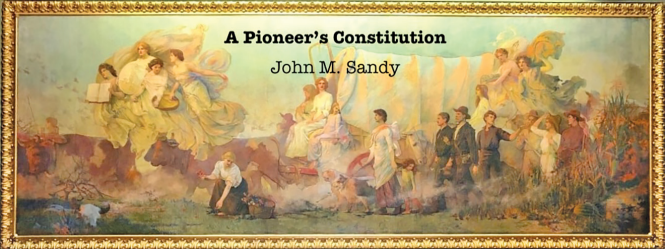
Parks Marina, located on East Lake in Okoboji, Iowa, is once again teaming up with Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) in Dickinson County as part of its annual Boatload of Toys fundraiser, happening now through December 12.

A much-anticipated fundraising event, Boatload of Toys encourages community members to bring in new, unwrapped toys to the Marina, all of which are directly distributed through UDMO to families in need over the holiday season. Since 2008, the Boatload of Toys event has accumulated thousands worth of toys donated.

UDMO is dedicated to helping build stronger communities by addressing the effects of poverty on individuals and families. One of 16 Community Action Agencies serving Iowans since 1965, UDMO provides a helping hand during times of crisis, aiding individuals, families and children as they get back on their feet, with staff members working diligently to provide continued support while encouraging families to achieve self-sufficiency, according to their website.

Those who bring in donations by Dec. 12 will receive a 20% off shopping spree, valid for Parks Marina water accessories, Barefoot apparel, and shopping at Palm at the Park. This year, discounts can also be used online. Donations can be dropped off at Parks Marina in Okoboji or Sioux Falls or Palm at the Park in the Central Emporium.

For more information on the Boatload of Toys fundraiser, go to www.parksmarina.com or look for Parks Marina on Facebook. For more details on the Upper Des Moines Opportunity and their initiatives, go to www.udmo.com.



A Pioneer's Constitution - History LIVES! with John Sandy

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00, Judge John Sandy, Spirit Lake native and member of the Iowa Court of Appeals, will present "A Pioneer's Constitution" as part of the Dickinson County Museum's History LIVES! speaker series.

Judge Sandy says, "Iowa's constitutional story starts on the prairie, not in a marble courthouse. When settlers first came into what would become Dickinson County in the 1850's, they were carving out lives in a place where winter could kill you, where cabins were rough, and where the nearest formal court was far away. Families settled around Spirit Lake and Okoboji because the land was beautiful and promising, but they also knew it was dangerous. In that setting, people couldn't afford chaos. So even before the state built courthouses, the settlers built order."

Sandy continues, "That order was guided by a belief in fairness and self-governance. That spirit shaped the Iowa Constitution of 1857, drafted by ordinary citizens who made equality its foundation. Even in local disputes over fishing rights or lake access in Okoboji, the constitutional command for uniform laws took real form - rules applied equally to all. The story of Dickinson County and the Iowa Constitution is ultimately one of endurance: pioneers who demanded justice in their daily lives, and generations who have renewed that promise so that "free and equal" remains not only words in law but the lived ethic of Iowa itself."

Judge Sandy is an outstanding speaker and educator. This presentation is not to be missed! All are welcome - no charge, but donations are appreciated to support current and future programs at the Dickinson County Museum. Judge Sandy's presentation will also be live-streamed.

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Al-Anon Meetings

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

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NW Iowa Jazz Band celebrates 40 years at Community Bands Concert, Monday, November 17

The Northwest Iowa Jazz Band celebrates 40 years of presenting concerts this fall at the annual Community Bands Concert, Monday, November 17, 2025. Started by director Scott Benjamin in 1985, the Jazz Band, along with the Northwest Iowa Concert Band, directed by Rich Nicklay, will present a free concert at the Estherville VFW, 314 South 1st St. The VFW offers easy access to the building and adequate parking. The VFW will be serving a burger Basket (beef, pork) meal, starting at 6pm and going throughout the concert. Volunteer members in the groups come from 12 cities, up to 70 miles away, ranging in age from 25 to 75. The program will include jazz and concert band music representing a variety of styles. The community bands are partially sponsored by Excel! Estherville, a non-profit corporation and affiliated division of the Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce. Free Admission and refreshments. Towns represented are: Estherville, Emmetsburg, Spirit Lake, Okoboji, Milford, Spencer, Superior, Ringsted, Dakota City, Bode, Algona, Humboldt, Wallingford, Ruthven, and Jackson.



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When Ren (Gavin Hurst) and his mother (Maggie Moser) move from Chicago to a small farming town, he is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. But he's not prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher Shaw Moore (Robbie Gerlock), who is determined to exercise control over the town's youth. When the reverend's rebellious daughter Ariel (Ellie Spieker) sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend Chuck (Oliver Hansel) tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges pins a father longing for the son he lost against a young man aching for the father who walked out on him.

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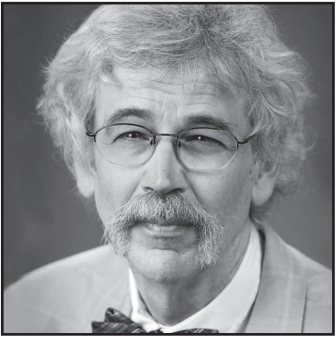
Pulitzer Winner Art Cullen Set for Spencer Appearance

Northwest Iowa is set to host one of its most compelling voices when Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Art Cullen visits The Gallery at Arts on Grand on Thursday, November 13. The special author event is scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM.

Cullen will be in Spencer as part of his national book tour for his latest release, *Dear Marti, We Crapped In Our Own Nest: Notes from the Edge of the World*. The evening offers a unique chance for local residents to engage with the acclaimed journalist.

The event will kick off with a casual meet and greet, providing attendees a relaxed opportunity to connect with the author. This will be followed by an author talk, where Cullen is expected to share the inspiration behind his new book and reflect on the significant stories that shaped its creation.

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Rock4Vets Concert Set For Nov. 13

The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association will have a Rock-4Vets concert to honor all who have served our country on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, in the Roof Garden Ballroom, located in Arnolds Park, Iowa. The guest emcee will be retired Command Sgt. Major Steve Waller with the Iowa Army National Guard. The concert will feature the band GALAXY, who were just inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2025. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The concert will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All veterans will be admitted to this concert for free with a display of their military ID.



General admission is \$10. There will be no season passes or discounts for this event. Historic Arnolds Park will serve a pulled pork meal available at a price of \$8 per person. Veterans and their spouses will eat for free with a display of their military ID.

Event organizer Doris Welle stated, "We are dedicated to upholding a nearly two-decade tradition of honoring our military veterans and active members of our Armed Forces at Rock4Vets. Music was so important in helping them endure homesickness, serving so far from home and family. Now they can dine and dance to the music they love while socializing with other vets and the public that appreciates their service."

For more information, go to www.iowarocknroll.com/events

Ralph Kluseman, President of the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Association stated, "We are grateful for the support our sponsors who make this special tribute to our veterans possible."

"Childhood Unplugged" - A Speaker Event and Dinner for Parents to be Held November 13

The Iowa Great Lakes Rotary Club is excited to partner with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition to sponsor its second "Let's Talk LIVE" event on Thursday, November 13th. The event will feature guest speaker Katherine Martinko at the Pearson Lakes Art Center.



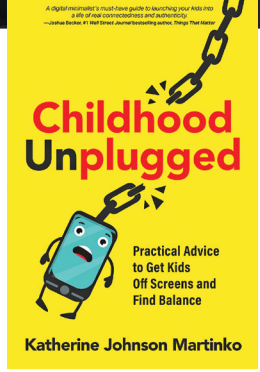
This special event is open to all families in Dickinson County who want to explore how to reclaim childhood in a tech-driven world. Guest speaker Katherine Johnson Martinko, writer, editor, and author of Childhood Unplugged (2023) and creator of The Analog Family newsletter—will share practical insights on digital minimalism and finding balance for kids and families.

"We worked with all three of our area schools - Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Harris-Lake Park - to identify a common issue and find a speaker to provide practical information to our community," said Katy Carey with Dickinson County Public Health. "The schools are unified in the importance of this message and urge parents to attend this event."

A free meal will be provided at 5:30 pm before the speaker at 6:30 pm and childcare will also be provided for children of attendees. Organizers are requesting RSVPs by November 7 to get a count to ensure enough food and childcare is available. Confidential questions can also be submitted via the RSVP for the speaker to answer at the event.

Iowa Great Lakes Rotary is partnering with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition to organize the event. The Coalition is a group of local providers, school counselors, program directors, public health officials, government resources and volunteers committed to the healthy mental well-being of Dickinson County residents.

To RSVP for the event, visit LetsTalkDickinson.org or IowaGreatLakesRotary.org



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Wed., Nov. 12 - 10:00 AM- 146.3 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werff, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

Thurs., Nov. 13 - 10:00 AM- 133.34 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werff, Hattermann, Rydberg & Mouw. 712-729-3264. www.vw72.com.

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

Thurs., Nov. 13 - 10:00 AM- 154.80 acres at auction in Blue Earth Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartungs. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.

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

Sun., Nov. 16 - 10:00 AM- Gun auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. www.nattressauctions.com

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.

Tues., Nov. 18 - 10:00 AM- 170.29 acres at auction in Martin Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartungs. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.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.com.

Thurs., Nov. 20 - 10:00 AM- 412.70 acres at auction in Martin Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartungs. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.

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.

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Ohl Earns Certificate from Introduction to Commercial Lending School

Tyler Ohl, of Farmers Savings Bank, Fostoria and Milford, successfully completed the Iowa Bankers Association Commercial Lending School held October 21-23 in Cedar Rapids.

This school is an intensive three-day program sponsored by the Iowa Bankers Association. The purpose of the IBA Introduction to Commercial Lending School is to give students a basic understanding of the principles and concepts of commercial lending. The curriculum for the school involves extensive case study, as well as classroom lecture and problem loan exercises.

Tyler has worked in the Fostoria branch of Farmers Savings Bank for one year as a commercial credit analyst. Tyler resides in Milford with his wife, Nicole, and their children, Greyson and Evelyn.

Brad Simington, President of Farmers Savings Bank, stated, "Please join me in congratulating Tyler on completing this intensive course. Tyler is a fast learner and is well on his way to becoming an excellent community banker and leader. We are pleased Tyler is a part of the FSB team and look forward to him growing in his banking career."

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Total Outdoorsmen Fall Banquet Supported by Farmers Savings Bank

Joe Meyer (center), of Total Outdoorsmen of NW Iowa, is accepting a check from Brad and Laurie Simington of Farmers Savings Bank in support of the upcoming fall banquet, November 15th, at the Hartley Community Center.

Total Outdoorsmen is a non-denominational ministry in the Midwest with a vision focusing on using God's creation to come alongside men and walk with them in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

This year's Banquet speaker features Bryan Anderson, a Pastor for over 25 years and an avid outdoorsman. Bryan grew up in the wilds of South Dakota, the son of a professional trapper. Bryan studied at South Dakota State University, Dallas Theological Seminary and Trinity International University. In his spare time, Bryan likes to hunt, tend multiple gardens and manage his bee hives.

The banquet is a fun night for the whole family (women and children are encouraged to attend). The evening includes activities for the kids, a meal, and silent and live auction items. For tickets, call Chad at 712-330-5859.

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Obituary

A Funeral Service for Lyle Heuer, age 93, of Lake Park, will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 10:00-11:00am at the church. Interment will be at Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park.

Lyle Clayton Heuer, son of Clarence and Matilda (Rosenbrook) Heuer, was born on April 16, 1932, in Jackson County, Minnesota. He graduated from Sioux Valley High School in 1950 and honorably served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1956.

On June 24, 1956, Lyle was united in marriage to Phyllis Reimers. He worked for Jaycox Implement for over forty years as a mechanic and shop foreman. Following retirement, Lyle began working part-time at the Lake Park Lumberyard, putting in a twenty-year career. Woodworking became a lifelong passion, and his skills brought joy to both family and community, whether repairing items, building something new or creating a thoughtful gift.

Lyle was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park and of the Sioux Valley American Legion. He also enjoyed spending time with ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) where he connected with friends over food and conversation.

Lyle passed away following a short illness on November 5, 2025.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Margo (Samuel) Zupke with their children Matthew (fiancée Josie Williams) and Micah; and Nancy (Raymond) Lais with their daughters Ashle (Mat) Horn and Lexie (Marcus) Mitchell with daughters Nellie and Harlie; and his daughter-in-law, Marcia Heuer, with her children Amy (Alex) Wax and daughters Kierstin, Neviah, and Hadley; Michael (Lexi) Heuer with children Dustin, Raelce, Brecken, and Brux; and Kayla (Jeremy) Updike with children Liam and Addyson. Lyle is also survived by many other family and friends.

Lyle was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; a son, Craig Heuer; his parents, Clarence Heuer and Matilda Allen; and his brother, Dean Heuer.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituary

A Funeral Service for Jeff Nielsen, age 66, of Arnolds Park, will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 10:00am at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Interment will be at Okoboji Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 5:00-7:00pm at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford.

Jeffrey Allen Nielsen, 66, passed away on November 8, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls after a brief battle with lung cancer. He was surrounded by the people he loved most. Jeff was born on June 12, 1959, in Costa Mesa, CA, to Gerald and Bonnie (Mick) Nielsen. He spent much of his childhood moving throughout the western United States (California, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming) due to his dad's job at the Bechtel Corporation. However, their family spent many summers and vacations in Okoboji on the farm where his grandparents (Elmer and Olga (Gustafson) Nielsen) lived. Stories from those weeks in Okoboji often came up in conversations with Jeff, especially since they are what kickstarted his lifelong love of fishing. In 1977, Jeff graduated from Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, WA, after which he attended Washington State University for a year.

Throughout the 1980s, Jeff managed motels owned by his parents in Council Bluffs (The Starlite) and in Humboldt (The Beacon). He also earned a degree from Iowa Lakes Community College in Hotel/Motel/Restaurant Management during this time. More importantly, this decade was when he met Jane, and the two were married on June 3rd, 1989. Marrying Jane not only gave him the title of husband, which he cherished, but it also meant he took on the role of stepfather to her 3 children, Carrie, Nathan, and Grant. He dove right in and loved them as his own.

Due to Jane's work, the family lived in Carroll while Jeff worked at Farner Bocken and commuted to Iowa State University, earning a degree in Transportation & Logistics in 1992. Jeff then worked in operations and sales at Computer Transportation Services (later called MoveIt) from 1992 until his passing. Their time in Carroll also included welcoming 2 more children into the family, Mark and Laura. Jeff continued the tradition of vacations in Okoboji with his family, and all 5 of his children grew up with memories of fishing, boating, and summers at the lake with their dad.

In 2011, they moved to Arnolds Park, settling on property from the family farm that Jeff's great-grandparents bought on East Okoboji in 1907. While Jeff lived in many places and states, Okoboji was always home, and he was grateful for the final years he got to live on the lake.

Some of Jeff's favorites were jamming to rock & roll, crossword puzzles, Crocs, and mashed potatoes & gravy. His hot tub was a way he carved out quality time with his children and grandchildren, as it provided many nights of meaningful conversation.

He also valued giving back to his community, whether it was by coaching and being involved with his kids' activities, serving on the school board, treasurer at church, or board of directors for the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association. However, Jeff's favorite way to spend time with everyone, be it with his family or friends, was fishing. He took many trips to Canada, South Dakota, and Minnesota, living off of shore lunches and jello jigglers, and always fishing for the catch of his life. He would, of course, tell you that he snagged the catch of his life when he met Jane.

Jeff was a straight-talker, never one to shy away from a difficult conversation. He was also fiercely loyal to those he loved and had a special way of telling stories that drew in anyone within listening range. Those stories are his legacy and will keep him close to his loved ones' hearts for years to come.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Jane (Benjamin) of 36 years; children, Carrie (Paul) Seberger, Nathan (Pam) Etherington, Grant (Kristin) Etherington, Mark (Mary Kate) Nielsen, and Laura Nielsen; 15 grandchildren; brother, Randy (Kathy); sister, Vicki (Gene) Stevens; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Bonnie Nielsen; parents-in-law, Roger and Marian Benjamin; and brother-in-law, Danny Benjamin.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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This year's festivities will be held in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center Lobby on the Estherville Campus on Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets go on sale November 3, with reservations required by November 25. Seating is limited.

The Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste brings to life the customs of the grand Christmas celebrations of early England, honoring the true meaning of Christmas through music, merriment, and tradition. Guests will enjoy a re-creation of beloved holiday pageantry, including the dramatic procession of the boar's head, lively jester antics, strolling carolers, Wassail toasts, flaming pudding, and a royal dessert fit for the season.

The evening includes a four-course meal, paired with spirited comedic entertainment and the beautiful voices of the Royal Iowa Lakes Chamber Choir. Performers will be adorned in Renaissance costumes, and while guests are invited to dress in period attire, costumes are optional.

Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes the four-course meal. Reservations must be received in the Music Department and paid in full by November 25 via cash, check (payable to Iowa Lakes Music Department), or credit card.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/iowa-lakes/madrigal-2025 or by calling the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712.362.7902. Please note: No refunds are available after November 25.

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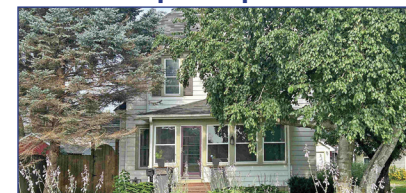
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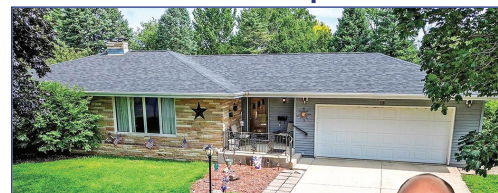
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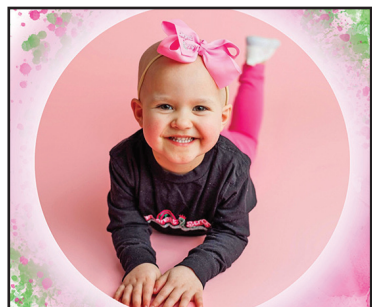


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Blink Marketing's 12th Annual Angel Tree will Support Margaret's Bucket List Fund

Blink Marketing is hosting its 12th annual Angel Tree. This year Blink Marketing is proud to support Margaret's Bucket List Fund, centering support of Margaret Travaille, whose adventurous spirit and kind heart continue to inspire those who know her. The Travaille family recently received devastating news about their sweet 3-year-old Margaret's cancer. The fund helps fulfill meaningful experiences and opportunities that reflect Margaret's passion for life and her desire to bring joy to others. We don't know the plans God has for her, but we do know... this little girl has changed many lives in some way AND has a community behind her that loves her dearly. Please continue to lift her and her family up in prayer in the days, weeks, and months ahead. One of her dreams is to meet the Disney princesses and Make A Wish is sending Margaret and her family to DISNEY in the next couple weeks! They have been gracious enough to make this trip happen quickly as Margaret's future is unknown, so, let's all come together for this family to make the financial burden a little lighter and Margaret's smile a little bigger. Donations for Margaret can be sent to Blink Marketing, 1020 10th St, Milford, Iowa, or mailed to: Margaret's Bucket List Fund, c/o Blink Marketing, PO Box 168, Milford, IA 51351. Contributions of any amount are welcome and will go directly toward supporting Margaret's bucket list.



MILFORD RAGBRAI

RAGBRAI Proceeds Support Milford Organizations

Nearly \$45,000 in payments will be distributed to 10 local organizations and businesses who provided assistance to the Milford RAGBRAI committee when the bike ride overnighted in Milford on Sunday, July 20.

The bills have all been paid and the Milford RAGBRAI Committee is pleased to announce that the 10 recipients of the proceeds will include the Dickinson County EMS Association, the Milford Commercial Club, the Campus Women's Club, FFA, the Peterson Lions Club, the Milford Boy Scouts, Clay County Fair, Little Sioux Orchard, Making Waves for Children Project and to the City of Milford to assist in the Beautify Buchanan Park Project.

"We thank all of the wonderful volunteers who planned, organized and served the community with the nearly 20,000 extra visitors on Sunday, July 20. The assistance of many made the hosting job much easier with little or no problems reported," said RAGBRAI Exec Committee Member Brad Simington.

Eight of the 10 organizations named above provided valuable service, volunteers or equipment for the event at no charge. Making Waves for Children is a program to provide a free weekend of fun and relaxation at Okoboji for families of children with serious illnesses. The Beautify Buchanan Park Project will revamp the park with new basketball courts, a fitness and yoga court, green space and playground equipment.

"While we are assisting organizations with a monetary payment, the committee felt that community projects should also be included in the allotment. Thus, the Making Waves for Children and the Beautify Buchanan Park Project were selected as recipients of proceeds," said RAGBRAI Treasurer Susan Reiser.

To officially "thank" the many volunteers, a free food event in their honor will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Milford Community Center. Anyone who volunteered or worked, assisted or planned the event is invited. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

The RAGBRAI exec committee included Brad Simington, Steve Anderson, Gillian Anderson and Susan Reiser.

YIP Students Launch Record \$80,000 Fundraising Campaign to Support Local Grants

The Okoboji Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) students have officially launched their 2025 fundraising campaign with a record-setting goal of \$80,000—the highest in the program's 16-year history. Over the next four months, students will invite support from their families, friends, local businesses, and community members to help reach this milestone. Funds raised will directly support local nonprofit organizations through YIP's competitive grant-making process in the spring.



*Peyton Bosch, Elah Brouwer, Cruz Nitchals,
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At their second meeting of the year, YIP students were reminded of the full-circle impact of their efforts when they heard from Boys Town Development Director, Melissa Steffes, and Camp Director, Shara Leetsch. Boys Town recently received a \$10,000 grant for its Campground Project, which expands outdoor learning and recreation opportunities for youth. The visit provided students with a tangible example of how fundraising translates into real-world impact and reinforces the connection between their work today and the betterment of the Iowa Great Lakes region.

Students also welcomed YIP alumnus Tyler Adams, who shared how the program continues to shape his personal and professional journey years after high school. “YIP taught me that philanthropy isn’t only about giving money—it’s about giving time, attention, and heart,” Adams said. “It’s about cultivating relationships and creating connections with people who want to make a difference.”

Adams encouraged students to aim high, listen with intention, and lead with empathy—skills he credits to his time in the program. His message echoed YIP's broader mission: to develop not only young philanthropists but also compassionate, community-minded leaders who understand how to connect, communicate, and collaborate.

Ali Schmitz, Administrative Director of the Okobojo Foundation, shared her pride in the students' growing confidence and ambition: "Each year, we see our YIP participants take greater ownership of their role as changemakers. This year's record fundraising goal shows their belief in what's possible when young people come together for the good of their community. They're learning that their actions today will have ripple effects for years to come."

This year's campaign embodies the full circle of philanthropy—raising funds, awarding grants, and witnessing firsthand how those grants improve lives right here at home.

Community members who wish to support YIP students in their fundraising efforts can send a check to the Okoboji Foundation (for the benefit of YIP, including the student's name in the memo line) at PO Box 593, Okoboji, IA 51355, or donate securely online at www.okobojifoundation.org/yip.

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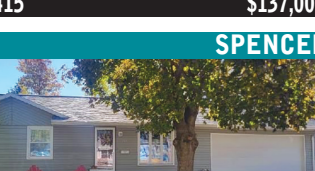
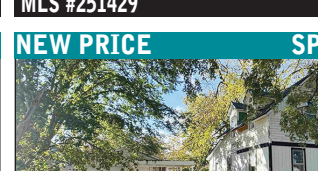
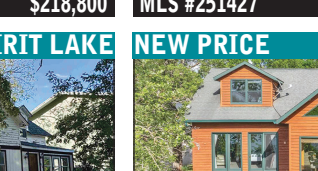
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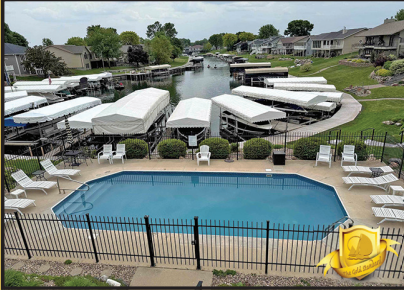
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Spirit Lake High School Students Bring New Story to Memorial Park StoryWalk

The Children's Literature class at Spirit Lake High School has added a fresh installment to the popular StoryWalk at Memorial Park. The students recently selected and placed a new book, "Leaves" by David Ezra Stein, along the StoryWalk trail for the community to enjoy.

"Leaves" is described as a heartwarming story about the changes of seasons, making it an apt choice for the autumn months. The Story-Walk, which encourages literacy and physical activity, allows visitors to read a picture book as they stroll through the park.

The Children's Literature class, taught by Marcy Toews, is responsible for selecting and installing the book, providing students with a hands-on opportunity to engage with children's literature and contribute to a local public space. The new addition offers a lovely experience for families visiting Memorial Park.



Spencer Chamber Announces Informational Meetings for 2026 Iceland Trip

The Spencer Chamber invites community members to an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 18, to learn more about its upcoming group travel experience, Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice, scheduled for November 11-18, 2026.

Two meeting times will be offered—12:30 PM and 6:00 PM—at the Spencer Public Library to accommodate a variety of schedules. A virtual option will also be available for those who prefer to join online.

The Chamber's 2026 Iceland trip includes round-trip airfare from Minneapolis (MSP), six nights' accommodations, daily breakfast, guided tours, and unforgettable experiences exploring the country's waterfalls, hot springs, glaciers, and the famous Northern Lights.

"This informational meeting is a chance for anyone interested in traveling to Iceland to learn more about what's included, review travel details and costs, and ask any questions they may have," said Sheriffa Jones, Executive Director of the Spencer Chamber.

Chris Brough from Adelman Discoveries will join the meeting via Zoom to share additional information about the trip and answer traveler questions.

Whether you've always dreamed of visiting Iceland or are simply curious about group travel opportunities through the Spencer Chamber, all are welcome to attend.

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12:00 - Dinner Date

12:30 - Bridge

Wednesday, November 12

9:00 - Exercise Class

12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, November 13

10:00 - Strummers

11:00 - Tai Chi

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards

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In every corner of the business world, competence is the quiet current that carries everything forward. It doesn't demand attention, yet when you encounter it, you instantly know. There's a calm assurance in someone who knows their craft—who has mastered both the art and the science of their work. We respond instinctively to competence, and we recoil just as quickly from the lack of it.

Think about your favorite coffee shop. You don't go there because it's the only place to get coffee. You go because you know what you're going to get. The product is reliable, yes, but the deeper reason you return is the system behind it: the trained barista who knows your order, the efficiency of the line, the consistency of the foam no matter what day you place your order. Competence has been engineered into every detail—from the layout of the counter to the design of the cup. The result is more than coffee. It's confidence.

We also know the opposite feeling: the slow checkout line, the meeting without purpose, the customer service agent who isn't prepared. You may not name it in the moment, but you feel it. Incompetence erodes trust; competence builds it.

In business—and in life—competence is magnetic. It attracts opportunity, respect, and trust. It isn't just skill. It's preparation, humility, consistency, and execution. It's the presence that makes other people relax because they know things will be handled.

I've worked with leaders who could navigate chaos with quiet precision, and technicians who could hear a machine run and know exactly what was wrong. What set them apart wasn't luck or personality. It was commitment. They cared enough to be good. They mastered their trade the way a craftsman shapes wood—not hurriedly, but with intention and pride in the details.

Mastery isn't loud. It is built in invisible hours—in the extra repetition, the late-night study, the willingness to learn one more thing. Competence compounds the way character does. Once you develop it in one area, it bleeds into everything: how you prepare, how you communicate, how you treat people, how you carry yourself. You start to notice how small things aren't small. You take pride in them.

We live in a time that celebrates talent more than diligence, but talent without discipline rarely lasts. True professionals understand that mastery requires practice, reflection, correction, and patience. Competence is earned—not granted.

And when you encounter it, you feel safe. It might be a doctor explaining a diagnosis, a teacher steadying a classroom, or a carpenter aligning a door so smoothly it closes with a whisper. Competence signals: **You're in good hands.**

So, what does that mean for each of us?

It means asking honest questions:

- Am I doing something worth mastering?
- Do I care enough to keep getting better?
- Am I honing my craft—or just getting by?

Because in the long run, competence is one of life's great equalizers. It transcends background, title, and luck. The world rewards those who bring quality to whatever they do. Whether you're serving coffee, fixing engines, leading a company, or raising a family—competence elevates the ordinary into the extraordinary.

So, this week, take inventory of your craft. Where can you grow? What skill can you improve? What habit can you sharpen? The world needs more people who take pride in doing things well.

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Spencer Chamber Announces Informational Meetings for 2026 Iceland Trip

The Spencer Chamber invites community members to an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 18, to learn more about its upcoming group travel experience, Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice, scheduled for November 11–18, 2026.

Two meeting times will be offered—12:30 PM and 6:00 PM—at the Spencer Public Library to accommodate a variety of schedules. A virtual option will also be available for those who prefer to join online.

The Chamber's 2026 Iceland trip includes round-trip airfare from Minneapolis (MSP), six nights' accommodations, daily breakfast, guided tours, and unforgettable experiences exploring the country's waterfalls, hot springs, glaciers, and the famous Northern Lights.

“This informational meeting is a chance for anyone interested in traveling to Iceland to learn more about what’s included, review travel details and costs, and ask any questions they may have,” said Sheriffa Jones, Executive Director of the Spencer Chamber.

Chris Brough from Adelman Discoveries will join the meeting via Zoom to share additional information about the trip and answer traveler questions.

Whether you've always dreamed of visiting Iceland or are simply curious about group travel opportunities through the Spencer Chamber, all are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit spenceriowachamber.org or contact the Chamber office at (712) 262-5680.

Family Services Resource Guide

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



The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 held its annual Soup and Dessert Supper Sunday, November 2. With all proceeds going toward helping others in the community, this year's event was a resounding success.

The menu featured five soups – vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut and sausage soup, chili, and ham and bean soup – as well as delicious dessert.

The Knights of Columbus at St. Mary Parish, in Council 5043, would like to thank the more than 400 who attended. The proceeds will be used to support a variety of needs in Dickinson County, including Coats for Kid at local schools, local food banks, Special Olympics and families in need. A huge thank you to all who support our charitable organization, including Lakes News Shopper, Dickinson County News, Lumen Media and KUOO.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 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.

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All applications for consideration of the current openings should be submitted to the Auditor's Office by December 15, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.

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Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, November 13 and November 27, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.



Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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

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Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Memory Cafe for November 18

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Save the Date: Turkey Dinner to Support the Lakes Area Senior Center

The leaves are turning, the air is crisp, and it's time for the comforting taste of a holiday tradition! The Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center is inviting the entire community to their annual Fall Turkey Dinner, a beloved event that serves up a delicious meal while raising essential funds for the Center.

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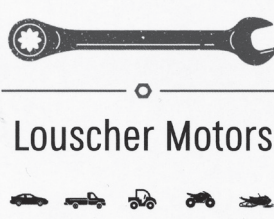


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Milford Memorial Library News

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.

- November 17, 10:30 a.m. – Harvest with special guests from Okoboji FFA
- November 24, 10:30 a.m. – Imagination
- December 1, 10:30 a.m. – Jump, Jump, Jump
- December 8, 10:30 a.m. – Kittens
- December 15, 10:30 a.m. – Library
- December 22, 10:30 a.m. – Merriest Time of Year
- December 29, 10:30 a.m. – New

Join us for MML's CrAFTER Hours on Wednesday, November 19, from 5 - 7 p.m. This month we will be a class on beginner sourdough. Cost is \$5 for this event. Call the Milford Memorial Library to register at (712) 338-4643.

MML's Book Club is happening on Tuesday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m. The featured book, James by Percival Everett, can be found in our library.

Join us on Tuesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. for Paint Night at the Library! This month we will be at the Milford Memorial Library and Kris Walker will be leading us through an acrylic painting. The cost for this event is \$15. Register at the Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, or Spirit Lake Public Library or online at <https://milford-ia.whofti.com/calendar/event/5585472>.

We are inviting all families, businesses, and organizations to create a tree for the 2025 Festival of Trees! On Friday, November 21, you can start setting up trees at Milford Memorial Library. The last day to set up is Friday, December 5. Trees will be judged on Saturday, December 6, during Holiday Fantasy. Tree categories are the following: Best Business, Best Personal/Family, Best Organization, Most Creative, and Librarian's Choice. If you have any questions please contact the library by calling 712-338-4643 or by emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com.

Starting Friday, November 21, "Fill the Cart" for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines Food Pantry will begin! We are collecting non-perishable food items at Milford Memorial Library until Friday, December 13. Help us fill their cupboards.

Milford Memorial Library will be closed Thursday, November 27, through Saturday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Milford Memorial Library will reopen on Monday, December 1, at 9:30 a.m. We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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Information shared by nutritionist Beth Samuelson from Lake Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to the Spirit Lake TOPS group.

Food as Medicine-Let Food be thy medicine. The food you eat can either be the safest and most powerful form of medicine, or the slowest form of poison. Every time you eat or drink, you are either feeding disease or fighting it. Define food as medicine: Prioritizing food in an individual's health plan with the goal of preventing, reducing the symptoms of, or reversing the disease state. Medical Nutrition Therapy is as follows: Evidence-based clinical health practice that uses a food plan for the management of disease. Because the evidence is so good, and a visit to the dietician to set up this plan can be reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance plans. Go now and get a food plan!!

The Mediterranean Eating Style is well prescribed. Vegetables: 2 per day, at least one green. Phyto-nutrients Bioactive. It's the color! Anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, anti-diabetic, anti-tumor, anti-hypertensive, neuro-protective, and more. Vitamins and Minerals. Necessary for metabolic processes. Necessary for neurotransmitter production.

Olive oil-Mostly monounsaturated fatty acids, which reduce inflammation, unlike polyunsaturated oils. Multiple phytonutrients to benefit gut health and brain health. Best used as a condiment and only at low heat. Extra virgin cold-pressed is the best.

Fruit-5 per week. Deep red, blue, or purple is the best. Look for the special blueberries that are natural from your area and not the big plump kind.

Whole grains: 3 or more servings daily. Sourdough bread is very good. Whole grains have all three parts of the grain. Fiber feeds our microbiome and helps bind environmental toxins. Gives consistency to stools. Examples are oats, whole wheat, brown rice, quinoa, whole cornmeal, etc.

Choose protein sources wisely! Beans, nuts, eggs, yogurt, cheese and chicken. Eggs curb your appetite longer. Navy beans every day is good. Protein is filling.

Eat trash food less than 5 per week- They cause inflammation to brain and body. They contribute to poor gut health, they lack adequate nutrients, and increase food craving. "You cannot eat just one potato chip!" So, it is best to have no sugar, no fat, and instead have oatmeal with cinnamon and honey.

Supper options: Salmon, roasted potatoes, and asparagus with melon. Navy bean soup, crust whole wheat grain bread, spinach salad with tomatoes and feta cheese, topped with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and tart cherry juice.

Whole grain noodles, marinara, roasted zucchini and mushrooms, Parmesan cheese, big green salad, and red wine. Day 4 eat seasoned baked chicken, sweet potato, and roasted Brussels sprouts with raisins. You can use frozen vegetable.

Breakfast options. Day 1-Oatmeal with cinnamon, berries, walnuts and flax seeds, plus a dash of Greek yogurt topped with raw honey and cup of black coffee. Day-2 let's eat the following: Omelet with omega-3 eggs and vegetable like spinach, onions, tomatoes, and half pepper with a couple slices of whole wheat toast topped with peanut butter and side of purple grapes. Next day, eat the following: Buckwheat pancakes with blueberries topped with cinnamon, applesauce, fresh turkey sausage and V8 juice. Next day eat whole wheat toast with avocado slices, Swiss cheese, drizzled with olive oil (1 tsp.) and topped with red pepper flakes plus a fresh orange. Bran flakes are okay.

Lunch options are as follows: Chicken tacos on a corn tortilla topped with fresh cilantro, tomato, and onion. Add a side of brown rice and seasoned black beans. Day 2 have vegetable and barley soup with cottage cheese and pineapple. Day 3 have green salad and vegetables topped with olive oil and light balsamic vinegar. Have a good tuna choice in water, whole grain crackers, and a dish of strawberries. The next day, have the following: A Peanut butter and banana sandwich on whole wheat bread. Add sides of carrots, cucumbers, and celery sticks with hummus for dipping. Finish with an apple.

Need a snack if you get hungry? Jolly Time popcorn is very good and healthy. Make up a mixture of raisins, peanuts, dates, cashews or pecans, and dried apricots and have ready for that snack time in between meals. Apple slice dipped in almond butter. Whole grain crackers with guacamole. Fresh vegetables with hummus. A cup of green tea. 1 ounce of dark chocolate. A cup of fruit with strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and a small ginger snap cookie.

For more information regarding TOPS-Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, contact Betty Sangel at the following number. 712-320-4458.





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Nearly \$45,000 in payments will be distributed to 10 local organizations and businesses who provided assistance to the Milford RAGBRAI committee when the bike ride overnighted in Milford on Sunday, July 20.

The bills have all been paid and the Milford RAGBRAI Committee is pleased to announce that the 10 recipients of the proceeds will include the Dickinson County EMS Association, the Milford Commercial Club, the Campus Women's Club, FFA, the Peterson Lions Club, the Milford Boy Scouts, Clay County Fair, Little Sioux Orchard, Making Waves for Children Project and to the City of Milford to assist in the Beautify Buchanan Park Project.

"We thank all of the wonderful volunteers who planned, organized and served the community with the nearly 20,000 extra visitors on Sunday, July 20. The assistance of many made the hosting job much easier with little or no problems reported," said RAGBRAI Exec Committee Member Brad Simington.

Eight of the 10 organizations named above provided valuable service, volunteers or equipment for the event at no charge. Making Waves for Children is a program to provide a free weekend of fun and relaxation at Okoboji for families of children with serious illnesses. The Beautify Buchanan Park Project will revamp the park with new basketball courts, a fitness and yoga court, green space and playground equipment.

"While we are assisting organizations with a monetary payment, the committee felt that community projects should also be included in the allotment. Thus, the Making Waves for Children and the Beautify Buchanan Park Project were selected as recipients of proceeds," said RAGBRAI Treasurer Susan Reiser.

The RAGBRAI exec committee included Brad Simington, Steve Anderson, Gillian Anderson and Susan Reiser.

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