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#### **Official Endorsements:**

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#### **Engagement Announcement**

Mr. and Mrs. Dean and Kristi Trask of Spirit Lake, Iowa, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Trask, to Preston Mix, son of Sara and Mike Mix of Jackson,

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Spirit Lake High School and is employed as a florist at Hy-Vee.

The future groom is a graduate of Jackson County High School and Minnesota West Community and Technical College. He is currently employed in law enforcement.

The couple is planning a future wedding.

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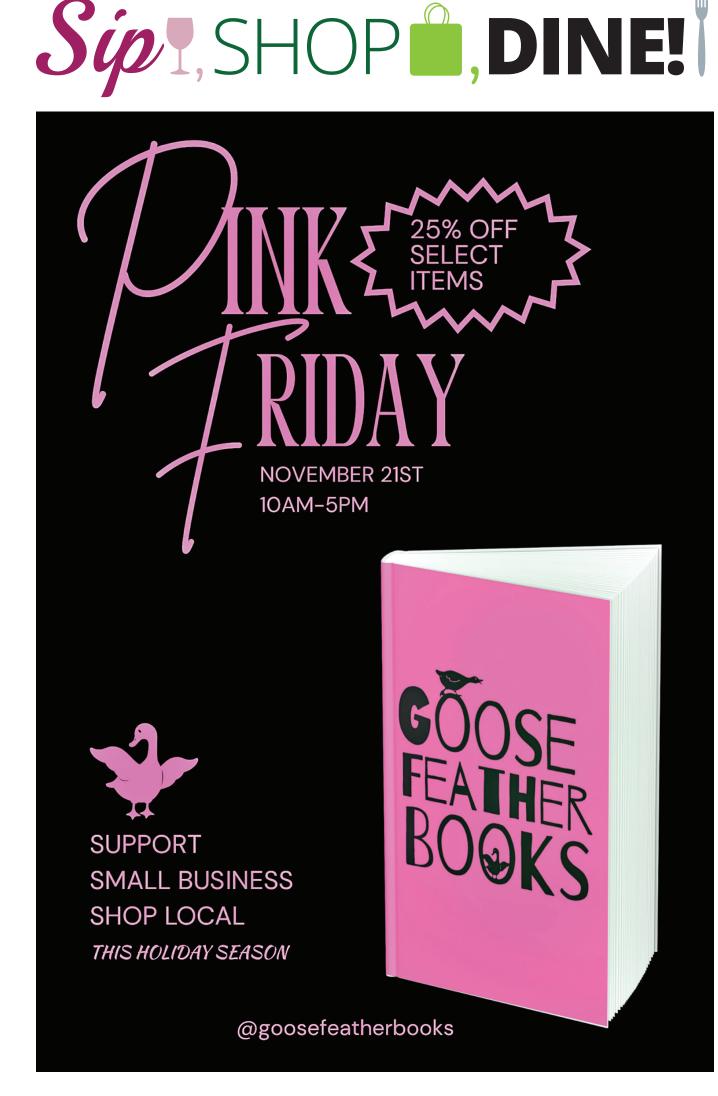
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#### Feather Party in Terril

The Sons of the American Legion in Terril will host their Annual Feather Party at 7:00pm on Saturday, November 22, at the Terril Memorial Building. Play BINGO and win your Thanksgiving Turkey!





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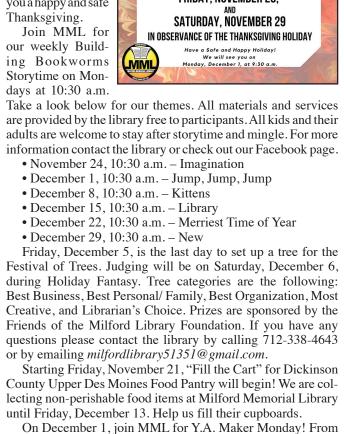


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are provided by the library.



or to go), visit with Santa, Festival of Tree voting, and treats provided by the Friends of the Milford Library. Spend some quality time with family and friends by completing a puzzle from MML. You will find puzzle sizes ranging from 300 - 1,000 pieces. Stop in and take a look.



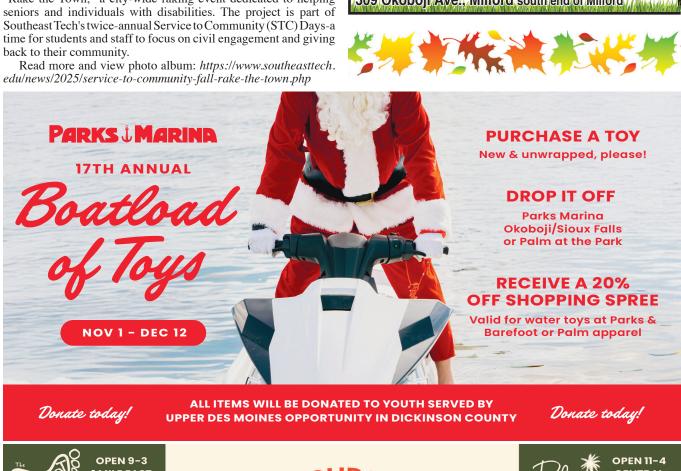


### Kurpgeweit Helps 'Rake the Town'

Meghan Kurpgeweit of Milford (51351), a Licensed Practical Nursing student, volunteered with staff and faculty to take part in "Rake the Town," a city-wide raking event dedicated to helping seniors and individuals with disabilities. The project is part of Southeast Tech's twice-annual Service to Community (STC) Days-a time for students and staff to focus on civil engagement and giving back to their community.















## **Winter Farmers Market SATURDAYS** 10am-1pm

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#### Holiday Concert To Fill The Air With Festive Music At Iowa Lakes

Celebrate the season with music and community at the annual Holiday Concert hosted by the Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department. The performance will take place on Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) on

the Estherville Campus. This year's program will feature the Iowa Lakes Handbell Choir, various instrumental ensembles under the direction of Lincoln Larsen, and the Lakes Area Community Handbell Choir under the direction of Carol Ayres. Together, these talented musicians will share an afternoon of festive selections sure to inspire holiday cheer.

The event is free and open to the public, with no reservations or tickets required. Free-

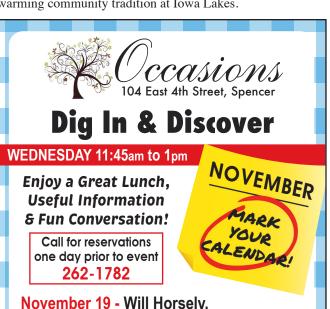
will donations will be gratefully accepted to support the purchase and maintenance of handbells and hand chimes.

Take a musical pause before the holiday rush begins, join friends and family for this heartwarming community tradition at Iowa Lakes.





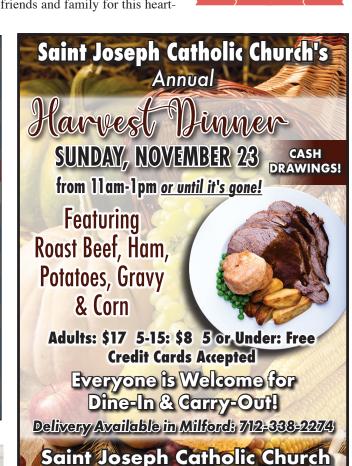












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# Festival of Giving Trees Returns to the Great Lakes Mall

The holiday spirit is shining bright once again as the Festival of Giving Trees returns to the Great Lakes Mall, December 1st through December 24th!

This heartwarming event, hosted by Upper Des Moines in partnership with the Great Lakes Mall, helps collect non-perishable food items for local families in need. Local businesses and organizations "sponsor" and decorate Christmas trees with items most needed by the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry — turning generosity into a festive forest of giving!

Each tree has its own theme, such as a Canned Fruit Tree or Instant Potato Tree, and is decorated to match. Visitors can stop by, admire the creativity, and place their donations beneath their favorite trees.

Two winners will be announced

- at the end of the event:
  - Most Creative Tree Most Donations Collected
- Both winners will receive \$200 to donate to a charity of their choice.

A big thank-you goes out to the businesses and organizations that have already signed up to sponsor trees this year, including:

- El Mariachi Canned Fruit
- Atlas of the Lakes Area Canned Soup
- Ladies of the Lake, DAR Canned Vegetables ISU Extension Dickinson County Youth Council-Peanut
- Butter & Jelly Dickinson County Democrats - Pasta Noodles & Sauce
- Hope Haven Snacks: Crackers, Granola Bars, Popcorn
- Terril Fun Committee Condiments Spirit of Harmony – Cheerios & Honey
- Youth in Philanthropy with Okoboji Foundation-Cereal
- Brown Med Instant Potatoes
- K-Kids Kiwanis Pancake Mix & Syrup

There's still room for more! Tree themes still available include Microwavable Meals, Rice Meals, Shelf-Stable Drinks, and Canned Meats.

If your business or organization would like to sponsor a tree, contact Kimberly at spiritlakesilverandgold@hotmail.com or call (712) 336-5405 to reserve your spot.

Please have trees decorated by November 30th—voting begins December 1st! (Lights and trees are provided.)

Celebrate the joy of giving, creativity, and community this holiday season at the Great Lakes Mall!





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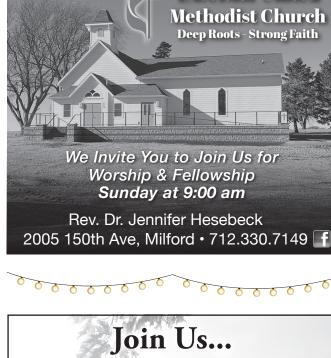
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- Randy's Pantries at Spirit Lake Senior Center Milford Blessing Box at the Harbor of Joy Church
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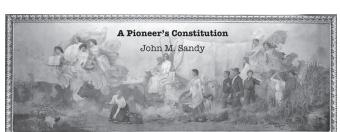




Gottsche is a familiar face to many, having grown up in Arnolds Park. For years, she worked in the medical field as a nurse for the well-known local physician, Dr. Don Rodawig.

Warm wishes for her 80th birthday can be sent by mail to: Peggy Gottsche C/O: Aspire Nursing Home 2001 1st Ave N Estherville, IA 51334





#### 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.

#### RIDES Offering Free Transportation to Food Local Banks Partner to Host Free Fraud Pantries During Government Shutdown

In response to the ongoing government shutdown,

Regional Transit Authority/RIDES has announced it will provide free transportation to local food pantries across its nine-county service region beginning Wednesday, No-

vember 12. The temporary program

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# **Awareness & Prevention Seminar**

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The public is invited to a free Fraud Awareness & Prevention Seminar on Tuesday, November 18th, at The Waterfront Grille & Event Center 610 Linden Drive, Arnolds Park. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the presentation begins at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees will hear from industry experts about:

- Common types of fraud and how to recognize scams
- Steps to protect your personal and financial information
- What to do if you suspect you've been targeted

This free event is open to everyone — bring your friends, family, and questions. Together, we can help keep our community safe and informed.

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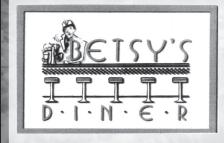
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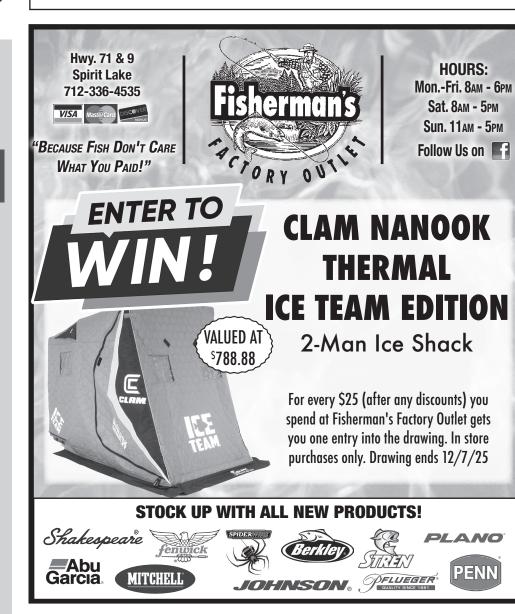
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#### Many Voices Choir Announces 2025 Christmas Concert Series

The Many Voices Choir, Northwest Iowa's premier community chorale, is pleased to announce its annual Christmas concert series, "Peace Will Come." Under the direction of Timothy Schumacher, this year's program shares the Christmas story—from prophecy and nativity to worship and joyful praise

The concert series will include performances on the following dates at these venues:

- Sunday, November 30th, 3:30 pm: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft
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The theme of peace is woven throughout the concert. The opening anthem, "Advent Peace," blends Isaiah 26:3 and Lamentations 3:22-26 to reflect the longing for God's peace in the quiet nights before Christ's birth. Schumacher describes the selection—composed by Molly Ijames—as a stirring expression of Micah 5's promise: "This Child Shall Be Our Peace." The closing anthem, "Advent Lullaby," tenderly conveys the promise, "Emmanuel, God with you. There is no need to fear, I am love, I am here." The concert features Joan Gronstal on flute and Randy Nelson on cello, with DJ Gommels accompanying the choir.

Founded in 1988, the Many Voices Choir includes 40-60 singers from more than 15 communities across northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota. Choir member Paul Peterson shares, "The Christmas concert offers a wonderful variety of musical styles that will be very enjoyable for everyone to hear."

For more information or media inquiries, contact Tim Schumacher at 712-209-0202 or visit the choir's website: https://sites.google.com/view/nwiowamanyvoiceschoir/home



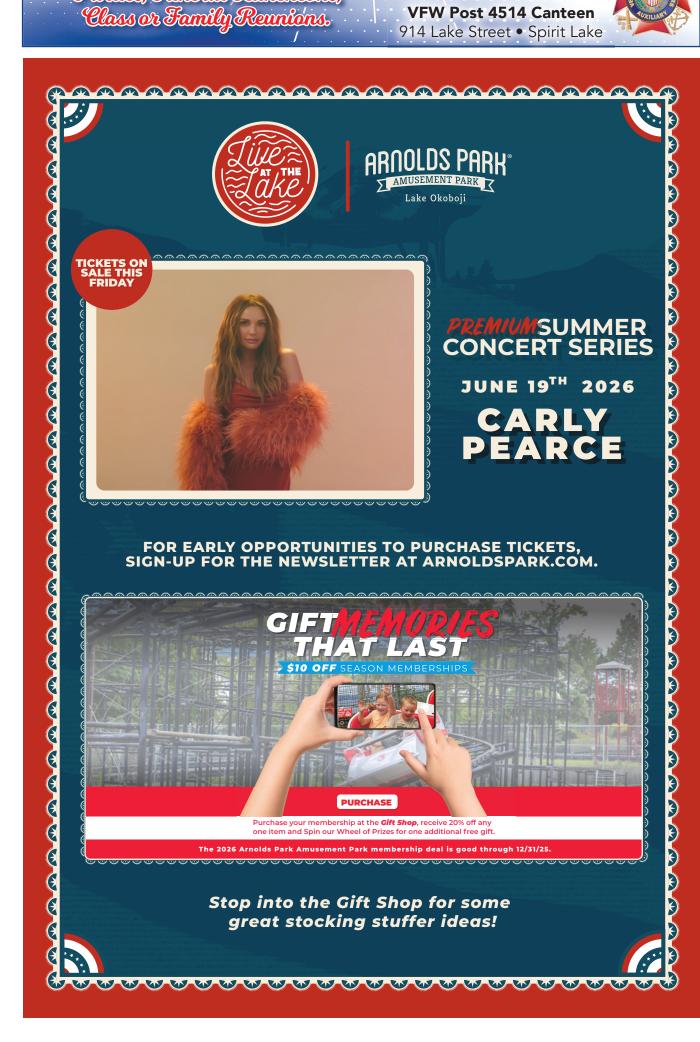




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Two meeting times will be offered—12:30 PM and 6:00 PM—at the Spencer Public Library to accommodate a variety of schedules. A virtual option will also be available for those who prefer to join online.

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

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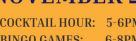




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But the more I watch leaders, companies, families, and even communities, the more one truth keeps resurfacing: The things that last the longest are rarely the things

that happen the fastest. Think about it. A tree that stands for a hundred years

doesn't grow in a season. A trusted company doesn't earn loyalty in a single sale. A meaningful career isn't built from a job title—it's built from years of consistent integrity, competence, and effort. Recently, I came across a new book by Eric Becker

titled The Long Game that studies some of the most enduring companies in history. These are organizations that remained relevant and admired for decades, not because of luck, and not because they were always the biggest, but because they chose endurance over urgency.

And what they learned applies not just to corporations, but to families, leaders, and everyday life.

Here are a few lessons that stood out.

Enduring success starts with purpose, not speed. Anyone can chase a trend. Anyone can go viral. But endurance requires a reason to exist beyond the next

financial quarter. In business and in life, short-term wins feel exciting, but they don't always build something meaningful. The most successful organizations, and the most fulfilled people, play for a purpose bigger than

Culture is a strategy.

In companies that last, culture is not a slogan on a wall. It's a lived identity. It's how people treat each other, how decisions get made, and what gets celebrated.

Products can be copied. Technology can be outrun. But culture, authentic culture, is a competitive advantage that can't be bought. If you've ever been in a company with a great culture, you know exactly what I mean.

Slow decisions. Fast execution.

One of the surprising lessons from Becker's research is that enduring companies are patient when choosing direction, but relentless once the decision is made.

Too many organizations sprint forward without thinking or overthink until opportunity passes. The best leaders do neither. They choose their path carefully, and then they move with focus.

There's a lesson in that for all of us.

Trust compounds like interest.

Enduring companies don't just create customers, they create believers. They treat people well, honor commitments, and show up consistently. Trust doesn't grow loudly. It grows quietly, and then suddenly, it's the strongest asset they own.

The same is true in relationships, parenting, marriage, and friendship.

They invest when others retreat.

This is perhaps the hardest lesson of all. In downturns, when fear is high and resources are tight, most organizations pull back. But the ones who endure look ahead. They hire when others freeze. They build when others pause. They bet on the future when the present feels uncertain.

Crisis reveals who is thinking long-term and who is not.

They measure success beyond profit. Profits matter, of course. But the companies that play the long game measure things you won't find on a spreadsheet: reputation, mission alignment, employee

pride, customer trust, contribution to community. Because profit is a result. Purpose is the reason.

They tell stories that last.

Every enduring organization has a narrative, who they are, what they believe, and why they exist. People don't follow data; they follow story. Lives change when someone feels part of something meaningful.

So, what does this mean for us?

Most of us aren't trying to build a 100-year-old corporation. But every one of us is building something: a family, a career, a reputation, a legacy. And the question becomes:

Are we playing for the moment, or for the long game?

The long game is slower. It's quieter. It doesn't get applause every day. But it produces something fast success rarely does: Depth. Trust. Legacy. Meaning.

In work and in life, the things we build carefully tend

to be the things that matter most. Success is what you achieve.

Legacy is what you leave.

And the people who play the long game make decisions their future self, and their future generations, will

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#### **JJ Dooms Vikings**

This headline has two meanings this week, one that you're probably thinking is the poor play of second-year Minnesota Vikings quarterback JJ McCarthy, as he has had back-to-back underwhelming performances in home losses. While that is very true, another JJ that is true to the headline is the John Jinx, which is once again, unfortunately, alive and well again this year. At the end of September as my Iowa State Cyclones were rolling through their schedule and coming off an impressive 39-14 win in Jack Trice Stadium over the now 7-3 Arizona Wildcats to move to 5-0 and #14 in the rankings, I wrote about how good they were looking and how they were set to make a run at another Big 12 Championship Game appearance. We all know what happened since that article, a bunch of injuries, inconsistent offensive play, and a four-game losing streak as the Cyclones now find themselves at 6-4 and trying to salvage a once promising season. Well, two weeks ago, after the Vikings got a big road win in Detroit, I wrote about how good they looked, and how they had hopefully found their future quarterback in McCarthy.

Now, fast forward two weeks, and the Vikings have lost consecutive home games to two average teams (sorry Bears fans), 27-19 to the Ravens and then 19-17 to the Bears yesterday on a walk-off 48-yard field goal by Carlos Santos. It had appeared that the Vikings may have stolen another game from the Bears that they didn't deserve to win, much like the season opener, as they rallied from a 16-3 fourth quarter deficit to take a 17-16 lead on a McCarthy to Jordan Addison touchdown with just :50 left on a drive where McCarthy threw for as many yards as he had the entire game. However, Chicago's Devin Duvernay returned the kickoff 56 yards into Viking's territory, and the Bears were able to run three straight plays to set up the game-winning field goal. In these two home losses, McCarthy has not played well at all, going 36-74 for 398 yards with just two touchdowns while throwing four interceptions. Those numbers are just not good enough for an NFL quarterback. While his receivers didn't help him on Sunday, dropping at least three first down passes, the

Bears also dropped what should have been two interceptions. Sadly, the Vikings have no other option, as backup quarterback Max Brosmer is a rookie from Minnesota, and I'm doubting he is ready for NFL action. As a Vikings fan, we should be used to disappointing seasons by now, but this one feels even worse, as you feel like they are wasting a very good roster because they made a mistake at the quarterback position. While I'm not giving up on McCarthy, I really wish the Vikings would have kept Daniel Jones. I don't blame them for letting Sam Darnold go, as he was asking for a four-year contract and a ton of money, and if they truly believe McCarthy is your franchise quarterback, which hopefully he is (just not yet), they couldn't pull the trigger on that contract. However, they could have given Jones a two-year deal, like he got in Indianapolis and had him start this year, while McCarthy learned another year while getting reps in practice that he didn't get last year because of his seasonending injury, and then let the two battle it out next season for the starting job. All Jones has done is lead the Colts to an 8-2 record while throwing for 2,659 yards, 15 touchdowns and just seven interceptions, while completing nearly 70% of his passes. Thank God it's basketball season, although I'm a bit trepid to write about my #16 Iowa State Cyclones for fear of putting the





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Thank you to everyone who has sent in nominations. We are

Thank you to everyone who has sent in nominations. We are looking forward to brightening the holidays for these deserving families!





# 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.



## LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

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.auctioneeral-

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.

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

**Tues., Nov. 25 – 10:15 AM**–Estate auction in Amboy, MN. Auctioneers: Kahler & Hartung. 507-236-7629. www.auctioneeralley.com.

Sat., Nov. 29 – 9:00 AM– Large coin auction in Windom, MN. Auctioneer: Gravley. 507-822-0403. www.auctionsgo.com.

Tues., Dec. 2 – 8:00 AM – Online auction bidding opens for 80+ acres in LaCross Twp., MN. Auctioneers: Fladeboe. 320-212-9379. www.ladeboeland.com.

Wed., Dec. 3 – 10:00 AM–113.56 acres at auction in Watonwan Co., MN. Auctioneers: Hartungs. 507-236-7629. www. auctioneeralley.com.

Wed., Dec. 10 – 10:00 AM–100 acres at auction in Dickinson Co., IA. Auctioneers: Hjelm, Sikora & Laubenthal. 712-262-3529. www.theacreco.com.

Wed., Dec. 10 – 10:00 AM– Online estate auction in Storden, MN. Auctioneers: Christopher. 507-841-3125. www.christopherauction.com.

Thurs., Dec. 18 – 10:00 AM–148.7 acres at auction in Clay Co., IA. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement. com.







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bring the conceptual plans of the Nature Playscape to life! Since its opening in 2014, the existing natural playground has been loved and enjoyed for many years, but it's time to bring new life to the imaginative outdoor play area.

Plans have been designed for the project, with the hope of construction beginning in 2026 to upgrade the space and

continue the all-natural concept, allowing children and families to climb, dig, swing, and explore.

Generous donors have pledged a \$500,000 match to encourage local donations towards the project. Currently, 32% of the funds have been raised for the match, thanks to our generous community. With continued community involvement, the Nature Center aims to make significant progress toward breaking ground in 2026.

Giving Tuesday is a national day of giving, but it doesn't have to be limited to just one day.

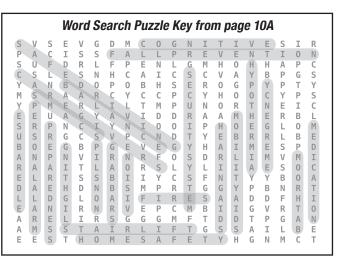
"We want to build the Nature Playscape together with the members of our community," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "Every single contribution moves the project closer to coming to life for families to explore and connect."

You can donate by sending your gift to the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County (CFDC), a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Nature Center, via mail to 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355. Gifts can also be dropped off at the Nature Center or given online at our website, www. dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/donate. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used towards the construction of the playscape.

To learn more about the plans for the Nature Playscape project and proposed features, visit www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/nature-playscape and scroll down to watch the video of the 3D fly-through of the proposed features. Contact the Nature Center at 712-336-6352 with any questions.









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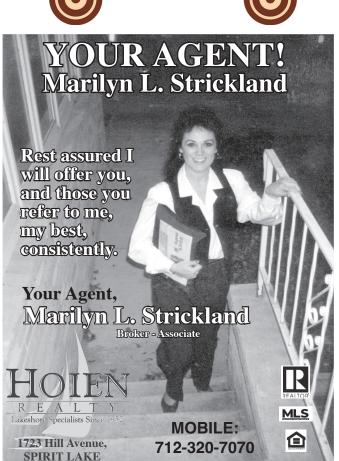
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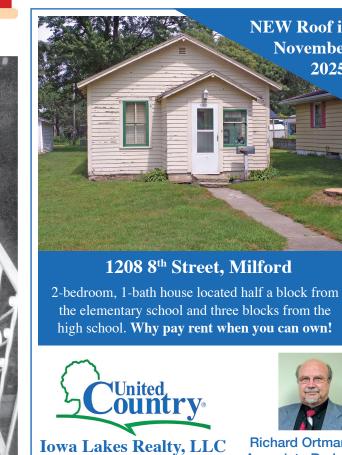
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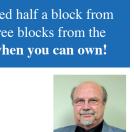
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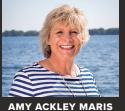


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Plan now to pay tribute to a loved one with a \$5 donation for a hand painted, wooden heart keepsake ornament. Tributes can be for a birthday, anniversary, memorial, holiday greeting, etc. Ornaments are available at the tree lighting ceremony and are also offered at the reception desk at the East Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospital throughout the season.



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Patricia Ann Christiansen, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 7, with her loving husband by her side. She was born to Frank and Anna Wagner in

Worthington, MN, on February 24, 1938. She attended Central High School in Sioux City, IA, where she met the love of her life, Gene Christiansen. They were married in 1956 and quickly started their life in the Navy, living in places like Guam, Cypress, Germany, Okinawa, Alaska, and Maine. They had three children, Skip, Vicky, and Robert. Pat enjoyed gardening, entertaining, sewing, playing bingo and card games. She especially loved spending time with her family. She had a fun-loving, welcoming, and



generous heart which drew you to her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She had a strong relationship with God and her faith was unwavering. She cherished her family more than anything and lived life to the fullest..

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bud and Sonny; her sisters, Girlie and Phyllis; and her daughter-in-law, Lisa. Left to cherish her memory are her husband Gene; children, Skip Christiansen (Lisa), Vicky Christiansen, and Robert Christiansen (Trisha); her five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sister, Nancy; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are provided by Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit







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## Obituary

A memorial service for Jeremy Erdmann, age 53, of Spirit Lake, vas held Monday, November 17, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in

Jeremy Albert Erdmann, 53, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away from cancer on November 12, 2025, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, surrounded by family.

Jeremy was born February 16, 1972, in Pocahontas, Iowa, the first of two children to Dale Erdmann and Kathleen Carlson. Shortly after his birth, they moved to the family farm a couple miles southwest of Milford, Iowa, where he spent his childhood. His sister, Rachel, joined the family in 1973.

Jeremy graduated from Okoboji High School and attended Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson, Minnesota, in

the lineman program. He worked on many construction jobs in the Lakes area, at Fillenwarth Resort, Parks Marina and HTC Inc. of Milford, Iowa. He could always be counted on by friends to help with such things as

getting their boat ready for the season. Jeremy lived life and loved the outdoors. You could find him hunting pheasants with his dog, deer hunting, fishing or boating. He enjoyed his trips to Colorado with friends downhill skiing in the winter, on the golf course in the summer, watching football, especially the Broncos, and just hanging out with friends.

He is survived by his mother, Kathy Carlson; stepfather, Rolf Carlson; sister, Rachel Schoelerman and her husband Jeff and their four children, Clare, Kate, Adam and Mathew, all of Milford. He is also survived by his step-sister, Melissa (Richard) Delany and their daughters, Hannah and Sophie, of Highlands, NC; step-sister, Kirsten (Joey) Bair and their children, Isabel, Leo and Ian; niece, Mara of Pittsboro, NC; step-brother, William Christopher Carlson of Pittsboro, NC; uncle, Paul (Sally) Erdmann of Aurora, CO; aunt, Bonnie (Mac) McEachern of Lawton, OK; uncle, Dan Mealman of Milford, IA; uncle, Joe Mealman of Tipton, IA. Jeremy was loved and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Erdmann; grandparents, Albert and Gladys Erdmann, Betty Koster Nellis and William Mealman.

Arrangements were under the care of Turner Jenness Funeral

## Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center Schedule

Tuesday, November 18 8:30 - Kiwanis

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

World War II 12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20 10:00 - Strummers

11:00 - Tai Chi

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage

4:00 - Zumba Friday, November 21

9:00 - Exercise Class

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

Saturday, November 22

9:00 - Toering Coin Auction Sunday, November 23

9:00 - Church/Card Room Monday, November 24

9:00 - Exercise

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

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date

12:00 - Blood Pressure

Check

12:30 - Speaker: Fresh

Conversations

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. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

## **AA Meetings**

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.

Afuneral service for Ron Niebruegge, age 90, of Spirit Lake, was held Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in

Spirit Lake. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. Memorials given will be used to honor Ron and will be determined by the family at a later date. Ronald Niebruegge, along with

his identical twin, was born February 4, 1935, in Hull, Iowa, to Rev. Robert and Anna Niebruegge. He graduated from high school in Willow Lake,

Ron proudly served his country in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Private First Class. He entered service in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1959.

On May 10, 1963, Ron was married to Marie Harberts in Sibley, Iowa. Ron

worked many years for Coca-Cola and recently worked part time for Rides, where he enjoyed connecting with people. In 2013, Ron was honored to receive the RIDES driver of the year award. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as both

Ron and his wife, Marie, enjoyed watching their children participate in numerous high school activities. After they graduated, Ron would still volunteer his time at wrestling tournaments and follow the Spirit Lake football team. His favorite thing to do was see if he could beat social media on telling his kids who won.

When his family expanded, Ron and Marie enjoyed many trips to Kentucky or Nebraska to visit their grandchildren and attend their activities. Ron and Marie were able to watch their grandson graduate from Basic Training at Fort Benning in Georgia, which was a dream of Ron's to visit the infantry museum at Fort Benning. As the grandchildren grew, Ron and Marie enjoyed seeing their great-grandchildren grow, again many trips to Kentucky, Iowa City and Sioux City to visit them. Ron and Marie had an amazing friend group. They loved to get together and have a mean game of cards, go out for dinner or take an occasional trip.

Ron passed away November 11, 2025, at Accura Healthcare in Spirit Lake at ninety years of age. Family was everything to Ron and they will miss him daily.

Ron is survived by his wife, Marie Niebruegge, of Spirit Lake; son, Brent (Cheryl) Niebruegge of Lincoln, Nebraska; daughter, Amy Wetzel of Lincoln, Nebraska; grandsons, Eric Niebruegge of Louisville, KY, Ryan Niebruegge of Louisville, KY, Jordan (Alyssa) Wetzel of North Liberty, IA, Peyton (Hannah) Wetzel of Clovis, New Mexico and Terry (Zulema) Jones of South Sioux City, NE; granddaughter, Sherry Jones of Louisville, KY; fifteen great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Ethel Wibben and Sharon Schultz; many nieces, nephews and their families.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Anna Niebruegge; brother, Leander Niebruegge and twin brother, Robert Niebruegge; sister and brother-in-law, Leota and Lewis Treinen; nephew, Kevin Niebruegge; in-laws, Harm and Marie Harberts; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Loren and Sylvia Harberts and Orval and Margaret Harberts; sister-in-law, Marlys Jurrens; brothersin-law, Marvin Schultz and Marlyn Wibben.

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Fund, created in support of Margarett 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 Margarett's cancer. The fund helps fulfill meaningful experiences and



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#### **Bulls & Brews Set to Return with New Reserved Seating and VIP Options**

The Clay County Fair & Events Center and Raise 'Em Rank are thrilled to bring bull riding back to the Clay County Regional Events Center on Fri-

day, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, with the return of Bulls & Brews.

This year's event will once again feature Bull Riding, produced by Raise 'Em Rank Rodeo, showcasing top bull



Families, friends, and rode of ans alike can look forward to a night of entertainment as the Events Center transforms into a highenergy arena filled with unforgettable rides and cheering crowds.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m., giving attendees plenty of time to enjoy an evening of craft beer sampling before the bull riding begins. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., guests can explore a wide selection of craft brews from local breweries. Those who prefer a full-size drink will find a bar stocked with full-size cans, along with additional drink options. Concessions will also be available throughout the night.

For 2026, Bulls & Brews will introduce reserved seating, offering guests more choice and comfort when planning their night. Instead of general admission, attendees can now select their seats at the time of purchase, ensuring they have the perfect view of the action. South Bleacher seats are priced at \$38 (\$35 ticket plus a \$3 ticketing fee), while West Bleacher seats are priced at \$28 (\$25 ticket plus a \$3 ticketing fee).

Another exciting update for this year is the expansion of VIP table options. In previous years, VIP tables were reserved for event sponsors. With the addition of more VIP tables for 2026, members of the public will now have the opportunity to enjoy the event with a premium, close-to-the-action experience. Six VIP tables will include seating for eight guests and will

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chase, and they will receive all tickets for their table, making it easy to share tickets digitally with other group members—no need to arrive together. Tickets for Bulls & Brews will go on sale Friday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m. All tickets, including VIP tables, provide access to craft beer sampling and admission to the bull riding event.

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The event will take place on Sunday, November 23, at the Lakes Area Senior Center in Spirit Lake. Coffee and conversation will begin at 9:30 AM, followed by the presentation at 10:00 AM.

Andrew Carey's second presentation on the famous 19th-century orator, Robert Green Ingersoll (known widely as "The Great Agnostic"), will delve strictly into Ingersoll's prolific body of work. Attendees can expect a deep dive into Ingersoll's famous speeches, lectures, letters, and quotes, exploring the powerful rhetoric



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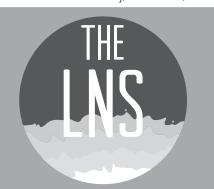
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by Krista Elmquist

Big things have been bubbling in the library's children's area! We've been busy rearranging, reorganizing, and expanding to make the space even more inviting and easier for kids

Our kids' nonfiction collections have joined forces! What was once split between "Children's Nonfiction" and "Juvenile Nonfiction" is now a single, larger Kids Nonfiction section. You'll find this collection in a freshly expanded area with low shelves perfect for little browsers. Above the nonfiction books, our Learning Resource Kits are now conveniently displayed for caregivers to browse and check out with ease.

We've also made some updates to other favorite collections: Board Books now have more shelf space—a welldeserved upgrade since these little books are some of our most borrowed items!

- Easy Reader (ER) books have moved off the wall and can now be found on the shelves behind the board books for easy access.
- Juvenile Fiction (Chapter Books) remain nearby, though they've shifted slightly closer to the adult fiction section. Young Adult (YA) books now span both sides of the

Our ever-popular Kids Graphic Novels haven't gone anywhere—but their section has grown! You'll also spot the NEW Kids Graphic Novels display right at the start of that area.

section where they originally began.

To make browsing even simpler, NEW Picture Books, NEW Kids' Nonfiction, Chapter Books, and Easy Readers are now displayed together where Juvenile Nonfiction used to live.

We're thrilled to expand our kids' collections and create a layout that makes finding favorite stories — and discovering new ones—even more fun. And that empty wall you've noticed? Stay tuned... There's a splashy new surprise coming soon!

SLPL staff spotlight: Debbie is using the Hallmark+Binge Pass on Hoopla to watch Christmas movies. Upcoming activities at SLPL:

Monday, November 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

- Tuesday, November 25, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, November 26, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters Thursday, November 27, Closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 28, Closed

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

As long as republicans put children in concentration camps it is not hyperbole to refer to republicans as Nazis. And as long as they ignore the Epstein files it is not exaggerating to call them billionaire pedophile protectors.

John Christensen Spirit Lake, Iowa



## 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

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# Dredging of Turtle Lake Underway - Community Support Needed for Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way

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It's important to note that Turtle Lake is a full public access lake while most funding for this phase was provided by members of the Lakewood Park Association along

with a generous grants from the Sherwood Foundation and the Andrea Waitt Carlton Foundation. In addition, other Lakes Area community supporting organizations and individuals across the region played a meaningful role in helping to reach this milestone. The local community leadership and shared commitment to restoring our waterways made this once-in-a-century project possible.

Expanding the Effort: Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way

The next phase focuses on restoring Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way, two DNR-owned waterways that have accumulated more than a century of sediment, restricting water flow, navigation, and ecological health. These channels connect Turtle Lake and the north canals to West Lake Okoboji and support natural water movement through Miller's Bay, Spencer Beach, and Emmerson Bay. They are also treasured public spaces viewing, and nature exploration.

Because the dredge crew and equipment are currently mobilized for Turtle Lake, this spring presents a unique opportunity to complete Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way at a significantly reduced cost and without delay.

"Kayaking through these canals is one of the most beautiful experiences in the Lakes area," said Tim Ireland, spokesperson for

> the Save Turtle Lake initiative."While local residents, donors, and grants helped make Turtle Lake restoration possible, restoring Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way will require broader community support. These waterways belong to everyone. Protecting them requires shared commitment and shared investment." Why Now?

Funding must be secured by early spring of 2026. The cost to restore Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way is estimated at \$800,000. Current dredging rates are approximately \$35.00 per cubic yard, but by acting now, we can lock in the reduced Turtle Lake rate of \$21.50 per cubic yard because the equipment

is already on site. If funding is delayed and the dredge crew must demobilize, costs will increase when they return, and an additional \$80,000 in mobilization and demobilization expenses will be required. Postponement will likely delay this restoration for years

and wildlife habitat • Keeps waterways accessible and safe

future generations

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Lake project. The donation link is the same; new contributions will be directed to Paddler's Path and Wilderness Way.

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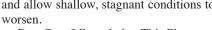
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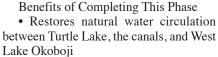
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About Save Turtle Lake Save Turtle Lake is a community-led initiative supported by the Lakewood Park Association and many residents across Dickinson County. The effort is dedicated to restoring Turtle Lake and its connected waterways to ensure clean water, healthy ecosystems, and accessible recreation for generations to come.



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## OKOBOJI TRAR TEAM took FIRST PLACE in the USA Clay Target Conference #3 Fall League!

29 Student Athletes Competed in the National (Multi-State) League against teams from Iowa, Florida, Nebraska & Utah

## OKOBOJI TRAP TEAM INDIVIDUAL AWARDS













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**Athlete** 

ADDISON MUNSON

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#### **OKOBOJI FALL LEAGUE SHOOTERS**

**Melody Collett Kade Dodge Keaton Dodge Harley Frerk** 

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**Sullie McKeen** 

Okoboji High School

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**Tate Mertens Oliver Miller Hadley Moore Addison Munson Brekken Packebush Evan Reed** 

**Matt Schoelerman Riley St John Bodhi Studer Carter Swancutt** 

Season Average

22.70

21.00

20.50

**Tayten Tanner Charlie Van Hofwegen Beckham Van Kleek Dalton Vinke Juliana Whitehead Alexander Wilken** 

**Owen Wintz Brayden Yungbluth Kolton Yungbluth** 



**Kael Mack** 



#### 25x25

**Addison Munson (3)** Juliana Whitehead (2) Sullie McKeen (2) **Charlie Van Hofwegen (2)** Dalton Vinke (2) **Brayden Yungbluth (2) Kade Dodge Kael Mack Tate Mertens** Evan Reed **Carter Swancutt** Owen Wintz **Kolton Yungbluth** 

The USA Clay Target League had a record number of 15,614 high school student athletes. The Goals of the USA Clay Target League are: Gun Safety, Have Fun, and Learn to Shoot.

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	Rank A	Athlete <b>\$</b>	Team <b>♦</b>	Season Average					
	1	SULLIE MCKEEN	Okoboji High School	23.80					
	2	BRAYDEN YUNGBLUTH	Okoboji High School	23.70					
	3	DALTON VINKE	Okoboji High School	23.30					
П	4	CHARLIE VAN HOFWEGEN	Okoboji High School	23.10					
	5	TATE MERTENS	Okoboji High School	22.80					
П	6	KAEL MACK	Okoboji High School	22.70					
	7	OWEN WINTZ	Okoboji High School	21.90					
	8	EVAN REED	Okoboji High School	21.80					
	9	JACK JENNINGS	McKeel Academy of Technology	21.70					
	10	CARTER SWANCUTT	Okoboji High School	21.50					
	10	CALVIN MOORE	South Summit High School	21.50					

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Z	2	South Summit High School	321.00	300.00	307.50	285.5	0	240.50	1,454.50	
0	3	Hemingford High School	268.50	307.50	247.50	206.0	0	296.50	1,326.00	
0	4	Keswick Christian School	189.00	214.00	277.00	279.5	0	243.50	1,203.00	
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