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Many tickets were purchased this year as well as a number of direct donations received. All the proceeds (donations) go to the Michael Rohan Memorial Fund. It is 100% funded by your donations and there are no administration fees. It is so important that our children and grandchildren have some awareness of the water that they play in and swim in. This Fund is geared toward water awareness and lifesaving skills for our youth. Our kindergarten and 1st graders have that opportunity each year at the local YMCA at the end of their school year, paid for by the Fund. There is a scholarship program offered by this Fund to provide swimming lessons for a year at the local YMCA for our children in need. It also helps pay for the free Red Cross lessons at the Spencer pool in the summer. Keep this fund in mind when you are looking for something good to do to support all the children in the area. Merry Christmas to all, and thank you!!



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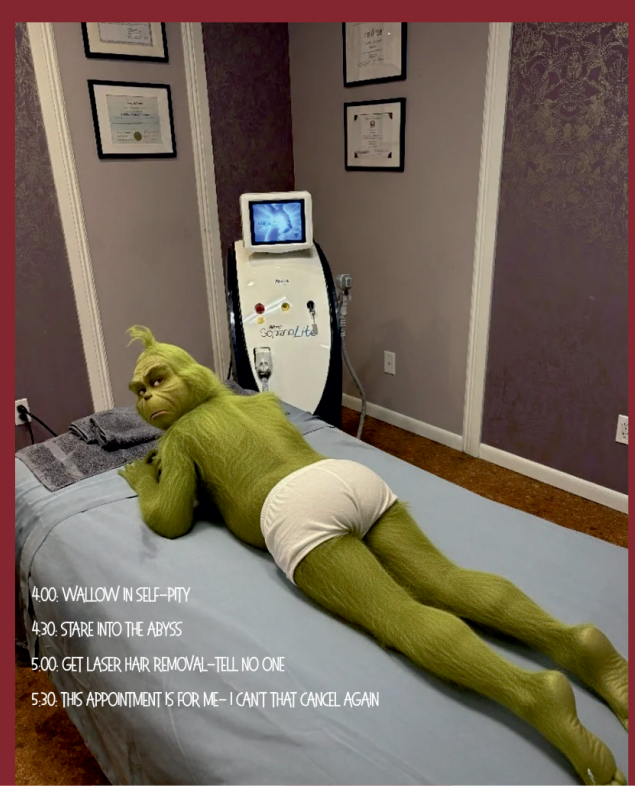
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

To The Editor:
This letter is in response to the letter composed by Donald C. Parsons from Sioux City/Orleans, Iowa.
Greetings from the northern tier of Iowa! How fair of you to point out the fraud perpetrated in Minnesota involving a small percentage of the Somalian community (criminal gang?) while ignoring the hundreds of billions of dollars in fraud committed annually in this country--much of this by your own fellow good, white residents.
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Remember Business After 5? Well, it's back, just with a new look. This event offers local professionals, business owners, and community members the perfect opportunity to connect, engage and enjoy an evening of great conversations.

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What went well this year?
What didn't?
What did I learn—about my work, my relationships, and myself?

Reflection is not about judgment. It's about understanding. It's a quiet, internal inventory that helps us make sense of the path we've walked and the one we're about to choose. And in that process, gratitude has a way of rising to the surface. We begin to recognize how many people contributed to our story this year. A mentor who offered guidance at the right moment. A colleague who stepped in when we were stretched thin. A friend or loved one who listened without needing to fix anything. None of us gets through a year alone, and acknowledging that truth enriches the meaning of our journey.

Professionally, this is the season to examine your contribution and your growth. What skills did you sharpen? What challenges forced you to stretch? Where did you find joy in the work, and where did you simply grind your way through? Equally important: What would you like to be different in the year ahead?

Personally, reflect on the moments that mattered. The conversations, the laughter, the forgiveness given or received. The ways you showed up for the people you love—and the ways they showed up for you. Life's simplest joys often hold the richest lessons.

And then there's the forward-looking part: motivation and aspiration. No one can hand you motivation; it's an inside job. You shape it by choosing goals that matter deeply to you. Goals tied not just to achievement but to identity—who you want to become in the coming year. When you clarify what success looks like in the areas that matter most, your motivation rises to meet that clarity.

A helpful practice is to create a goal-setting framework across the key aspects of your life:

- Professional** – the contribution you want to make in your career
- Community** – how you choose to engage, serve, or give back
- People you love** – the investments, time, and presence that strengthen relationships
- Self** – your health, your learning, your inner life, your sense of purpose

When you define goals across these dimensions, life becomes more in-depth, more intentional, and more fulfilling.

To help jump-start this reflection, here is a Top 10 Year-End Reset List—a simple process to guide your thinking as you close out this year and prepare for the next:

- Top 10 Year-End Reset List**
1. **Write down three things that went well this year.** Name them, celebrate them, and understand why they mattered.
 2. **Acknowledge what didn't go well.** Not with blame, but with curiosity. What would you change if you could replay it?
 3. **Capture the lessons.** Every success and every struggle has something to teach you, don't leave the year without harvesting the learning.
 4. **List the people who helped you.** Reach out to each and thank them. Gratitude strengthens relationships in meaningful ways.
 5. **Clarify what you want more of next year.** Time? Calm? Achievement? Connection? Adventure? Growth? What means the most to you and the life you are architecting?
 6. **Clarify what you want less of.** Stress without purpose, draining commitments, unproductive habits, or constant urgency.
 7. **Set 1–2 goals for each aspect of your life:** Professional, Community, Loved Ones, Faith, and Self are good categories to start with.
 8. **Define how you will measure success.** Is it a feeling? A milestone? A habit you build? A behavior you practice consistently? Sometimes a goal is a direction, not an end state.
 9. **Choose one bold aspiration.** Something that stretches you just enough to feel energizing. Call upon your dreams from when you were younger for motivation!
 10. **Commit your plan to paper.** Writing has power. It clarifies intention and anchors your motivation for the year ahead. It also creates something you can react to over time. (Pro-tip: The odds of success go way up when you write down your goals)

Reflection doesn't change the past, but it does help us shape the future. It helps us carry forward the wisdom, release the weight, and remember the moments that made us who we are today. As you move through this holiday season, may you find gratitude in the journey behind you and inspiration in the path ahead.

Tony Thelen is an executive coach and founder of The River Coaching and Consulting based in West Okoboji, Iowa. He has a new book called *Things We Desire* that is available on Amazon or any major book retailer. Contact him for signed and personalized copies at tony@therivercoach.org.

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Holiday Grand Prize Winner

Susan Reiser, treasurer of the Milford Commercial Club, presents Kathleen Johnson, right, of Milford, with her \$500 shopping spree prize. Johnson, the winner of the grand prize in the Milford Commercial Club's Holiday Fantasy raffle held Saturday, December 6, at city hall, chose Sunshine Foods in Milford for that shopping spree. Her ticket was drawn from over 2,500 tickets.



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Once inside, kids can choose their gift which will be wrapped on-site. The evening is set to be festive, featuring complimentary cookies and drinks, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Attendees will also have the opportunity to create a Christmas card for a local veteran or senior citizen.

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Local Students Spread 'Joy of Life' to Fight Melanoma

The Spirit Lake High School Key Club is spearheading a holiday fundraising effort for The Joy of Life Foundation with their "Give the Gift of Joy this Christmas" campaign. The foundation is dedicated to providing education and spreading awareness about Melanoma skin cancer.

Donors are asked to select a card from a Christmas tree to make a contribution. The suggested donation amounts are \$120 for a new Sunscreen Dispenser or \$55 for a Refill Bag of Sunscreen. However, contributions of any amount are accepted to help prevent Melanoma.

The Joy of Life Foundation ensures that 100% of donations stay local, with funds specifically directed toward:

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The foundation currently maintains dispensers across five different counties: Dickinson, Emmet, Clay, Palo Alto, and Osceola, placing them at numerous local sites, including parks, pools, beaches, and sports fields, such as Arnolds Park, Gull Point, Lake Park Pool, and several Little League parks.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Preserving the Legacy of Our Veterans Memorial This Holiday Season

As we enter the holiday season—a time for reflection, gratitude, and togetherness—I'd like to draw attention to an important effort happening right here in Dickinson County.

The Veterans Memorial Plaza in Spirit Lake holds deep meaning for our community. It is a place where we honor our local heroes from every branch of the military, and a place where families gather to remember the loved ones who served. It holds the stories of the men and women who once put on a uniform and said, "I'll go." Over the years, however, time and weather have taken a toll. Many of the engraved pavers bearing veterans' names have cracked, faded, or become difficult to read.

To ensure this memorial continues to stand strong for future generations, a restoration project is currently underway. This includes removing worn bricks and placing the existing names on granite monuments at no cost to the families. We also plan to add new benches and flagpoles to enhance the space for reflection and remembrance.

Community support is essential. During this season of giving, donations and sponsorships of new engraved names are welcome, and every contribution—large or small—helps move this effort forward. If you know someone who served in the military—whether a family member, friend, coworker, or community member—you may honor them by adding their name to the memorial as well.

For more information or to contribute, please contact the Dickinson County Veterans Office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-0883 Ext. #1.

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The reason why the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club continues to grow

by Steve Weisman

Over its 58-year history, the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club (IGLFC) has evolved from its original title of the Iowa Great Lakes Muskie Club in 1987 to its current title of the IGLFC with the vision of contributing to the environment and area communities by improving the quality of local fisheries and promoting involvement through educational/recreational activities.

At the same time, club leaders have reached out to literally thousands of youngsters in helping them realize the importance of our natural resources and to encourage them to experience the sport of fishing and help them develop a connection to the outdoors and fishing as a lifelong passion.

An additional benefit has been helping entire families become outdoor and fishing enthusiasts. This has, in turn, boosted membership numbers to skyrocket in recent years to its current membership of 450 (both individuals and families). Here is an exciting statistic. In 2025, alone, a total of 24 kids' events have been held with club volunteers reaching out to and working with over 1,000 youngsters. Through the fundraising efforts of the club, youngsters received over \$50,000 (retail value) in fishing tackle and product at these youth events.

Reason for such great success

Most definitely it comes down to the member volunteers with schools and other organizations reaching out for IGLFC's volunteers to help their youngsters enjoy the sport of fishing. Then, of course, the growing number of sponsors is an integral part by providing financial support. Their belief in the mission and goals of the IGLFC has helped continue to increase sponsorship numbers.

The IGLFC officers, board members and club volunteers provide a lot of organizational support and "feet" on the ground. Finally, there is one more piece to the puzzle: the leader!



IGLFC volunteers prepare to hand out tackle boxes during a youth fishing event.

I visited with three board members: Paul Daniels, Dean Jacobsen and Darwin Johnson. Simply put, all three agree that Terry simply has the "IT" that makes for a great leader.

According to Daniels, "Terry is extremely passionate about fishing and is willing to share that passion as the leader of the IGLFC. He is a true people person!"

Johnson agrees. "He is most definitely passionate about fishing and getting youngsters involved in the sport. He is both a good speaker and at the same time a good listener. His real passion is the kids' events."

Jacobsen reflects, "Terry is a very engaging person and makes you want to get involved." Jacobsen continues with a chuckle. "As an example, I remember when Terry invited me to go fishing with him, and then later he invited me to an IGLFC board meeting, and not long after, I became the club's treasurer!"

All three agree that Terry leads by example and as Daniels notes, "Terry appreciates the ideas of members and is willing to listen to others and then often makes decisions based on the consensus of the board."

Over the years as the club and youth events have grown, it's become more problematic to get all of the equipment to the fishing site. Johnson remembers what it was like before they got their current enclosed trailer to haul the equipment. "I remember one time specifically. My pickup was totally packed, and Terry had put more than 30 rod/reel combos in his pickup. You know how a bunch of rods/reels can get tangled up in the back of a vehicle. What a mess, and it took a lot of time to get everything untangled. Well, that was it! We both decided we had grown enough that we needed a nice, enclosed trailer to store equipment and get everything from one place to another!"

Daniels says getting all the tackle boxes filled and ready for 24 kids' events takes a lot of time. "Terry is great about having the 'tackle box stuffers' (club volunteers) meet at his farm and spread everything out in his shed. Lots of stories and joking around helps make the time move faster. He just has a great way of getting others to want to participate."

As individuals and families join the IGLFC, Terry and the board try to impart the comradery and enjoyment of the sport of fishing. As Jacobsen notes, "Being part of the IGLFC has gone from an internal focus to an external focus with Terry and the board working to make all members feel they are an important part of the club. Terry's leadership has been instrumental at expanding the outreach of the club."

As a result, youth fishing events have expanded to include youngsters across county lines, including Clay, Dickinson, Emmet and Palo Alto counties.

Protecting fisheries and the environment

Contributing to the environment and area communities by improving the quality of local fisheries continues to be important goals for the IGLFC. Johnson believes that Thomsen has really grown in his leadership skills. "He has expanded his relationship with the DNR, and when he sees an issue that is important, Terry is not afraid to be vocal and speak his peace."

A great example of this is the current battle to get a 5% increase in fishing license costs. Thomsen has personally spoken to the members of the Natural Resources Commission, called DNR leadership in Des Moines and also emailed all members of the House and Senate, along with the Governor to help them understand the importance of the license increase. That it is a user fee, not a tax increase!

Thomsen has researched the issue and found that without this increase, there will be significant cuts that could adversely impact Iowa's fisheries. Thomsen and the IGLFC board truly believe that this would be detrimental to the future of fishing in Iowa, which goes back to the negative impact it would have on the youth in Iowa.

Thomsen's leadership is now reaching out to the "Keep It Clean" campaign. Simply stated: keep the ice clean. Daniels says, "This is so important to all of us. Terry has led the charge on this and has created a partnership with the Okoboji Protective Association, the East Lake Improvement Corporation and the Spirit Lake Protective Association to create 4-foot reflective signs to be placed just on the edge of the ice at all of the lake accesses on Big Spirit, East Okoboji, West Okoboji, Upper Gar and Lake Minnewashta."

At the same time, Thomsen has worked with KUOO radio station to create a "Keep It Clean" advertising blitz so that listeners learn what "Keep It Clean" is all about!

Leadership comes in all shapes and forms

While this is true, Daniels, Jacobsen and Johnson are glad that the IGLFC leader is Terry Thomsen. Daniels adds and the other two agree, "Terry creates a positive environment that people want to be around. Now, we need to just make sure that we continue to get volunteers that are willing to help keep things rolling. It is great that the IGLFC keeps expanding, but we need to have more members become part of it!"

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Iowa Lakes Corridor opens applications for 2026 Homegrown Talent Initiative grants

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2026 Homegrown Talent Initiative beginning December 10, 2025. This growing program is designed to encourage recent college graduates who grew up in the region to return, build their careers locally, and fill the high-quality jobs available at Corridor-area businesses.

The Homegrown Talent Initiative recognizes that the Iowa Lakes Corridor region has produced many skilled and capable students over the years, students who often continue their education elsewhere and build early careers outside the region. At the same time, local employers consistently offer competitive, high-quality career opportunities with strong pay and benefits.

“One of our core missions is to strengthen our region’s workforce and communities,” said Trevor Smith, Senior Vice President of Economic Development of the Iowa Lakes Corridor. “The Homegrown Talent Initiative allows us to support young professionals who want to come home, and gives employers another tool to attract the qualified, homegrown talent they need.”

Beginning in 2025, the Corridor awarded its first two Homegrown Talent Initiative grants to Taylor Krager and Callan Townsend. Each recipient receives \$6,000 in support over four years that can be used for student loan repayment, mortgage reimbursement, rent support, or childcare expenses. In 2026, the Corridor will award four grants, one in each of the counties we serve.

Applications for the 2026 award cycle are now open, and qualifying young professionals are encouraged to apply. To be eligible, applicants must:

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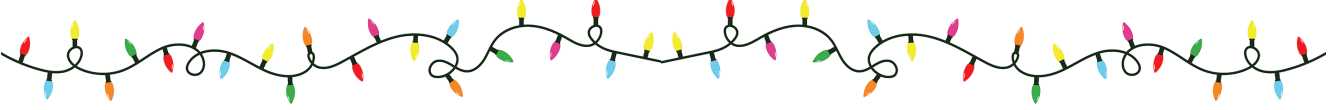
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View From The Bench

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Cy-Hawk Hoops Heaven in Hilton

During what appears to be a very cold and snowy winter it's great to have competitive basketball to watch, and this past week saw that at the highest level in the State of Iowa, as Iowa traveled to Hilton Coliseum to take on Iowa State in both women's and men's basketball in one of the best rivalries in the nation. All four of these teams are off to tremendous starts this season, entering these games with a combined record of 37-1 and three of the four teams being ranked in the Top 11 in the Nation, with the Iowa men just outside the Top 25.

Ladies first is always how this series goes, with the teams normally playing a night before the men's game. Wednesday night ESPN sent their A crew to cover this huge game of two undefeated teams, #11 Iowa vs #10 Iowa State, and the game drew a record crowd for a women's college game viewership on TV for November/December. Early on it looked like it would be an offensive explosion as both teams traded baskets in the first quarter with Iowa taking a 23-19 lead into the second stanza. The defenses turned up the intensity in the second quarter with both teams struggling to put the ball in the basket, as no team made a basket for the first three minutes of the quarter. Iowa State went on a 14-4 run to take a 33-26 lead, but Iowa would respond with a 9-0 run before a Kenzie Hare basket for ISU right before halftime tied the game at 33-35 at the break. The Cyclones came out on fire in the third quarter, as Chit Chat Wright, who was Iowa's best player all night, for some reason sat out for much of this quarter. An Addy Brown 3-pointer would give ISU a 58-42 lead and they would take a 61-48 lead into the final quarter after Taylor McCabe hit a 3-pointer at the end of the quarter. Iowa, however would not go away, quickly trimming the lead to 63-56 and then 64-60 after a 3-pointer by Wright. Audi Crooks, as she did all night long, would answer every Iowa run with two big baskets to keep the ISU lead at five points. The Hawkeyes would trim it to 72-69 and after 96% free throw shooter Jada Brown missed two free throws, had a chance to tie the game, but Hare would block McCabe's three pointer, and the Cyclones would make 2/4 free throws to put the game away for the 74-69 win in front of 14,009 raucous fans. Iowa State had three players with double-doubles, which is very impressive; Crooks, who leads the nation in scoring, had 30 points and 10 rebounds, Brown had 20 points and 12 rebounds and Williams had 11 points and a career high 12 assists. Iowa was led by Wright's 21 points while McCabe chipped in with 11 and Hannah Stuelke had a double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds. Both of these teams proved that they are worthy of their high rankings and Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly compared the game to a Sweet 16 matchup. Don't be surprised to see these two teams hosting NCAA Tournament games and advancing at least to the Sweet 16 this season.

The men's game was not supposed to be as close, as the #4 Cyclones entered the night as an 11.5-point favorite, but first-year Hawkeye coach Ben McCullom had his squad ready to play with an outstanding game plan that frustrated Iowa State on both ends of the court the entire first half. Iowa was very patient on offense, often using the entire shot clock before hitting a 3-pointer or getting a lay-up just before the buzzer would sound, and then used stifling defense to cause contested shots and uncharacteristic turnovers by ISU. Iowa took a 23-12 lead with 7:00 remaining in front of a stunned sold-out Hilton Coliseum crowd on a lay-up by Alvaro Folgueiras. The Hawks would build that lead to 30-17 on a 3-pointer by All-American Bennett Stirtz. Iowa State did finish the half strong, and was able to trim that lead to 32-25 at halftime thanks to several big plays from their own All-American, Joshua Jefferson. The Cyclones started the second half with a 16-0 run to quickly take a 41-33 lead that they would never relinquish. Iowa, however would not go away, and a 3-pointer by Bennett Stirtz cut the lead to just one at 62-61 with 1:38 remaining. Nate Heise answered for ISU with a layup on a beautiful backdoor cut and pass from Blake Buchanan. Stirtz would then hit one of two free throws while Jefferson hit both of his to give the Cyclones the 66-62 victory, their third straight of the series. Jefferson led Iowa State with 24 points and 5 rebounds while Tamin Lipsey added 14 points and 5 assists. Tavion Banks led Iowa with 14 points and 4 rebounds while Stirtz and Cam Manyawu both added 10 points. For those Iowa fans who complained about the free throw discrepancy (ISU shot 23 while Iowa only shot 5), this is due to the style that Iowa plays. They bleed the shot clock down, then take either a contested 3-pointer or mid-range jumper; while Iowa State was attacking the basket with Jefferson and Lipsey for most of the night. Iowa was even out-shot at the FT line in their 83-64 home win over Maryland (38-12) and also by Western Michigan (22-17) in their 91-51 home win on Sunday.

The one thing I took from both of these games, besides the obvious fact that it is once again a Cyclone State, as Iowa State now owns a commanding 15-2 lead in the Cy-Hawk Series (do they have a running clock in this Series at some point?), in all seriousness now, I learned that all four of these programs are in excellent shape, and it is going to be a very fun winter of basketball for Cyclone and Hawkeye fans. All four programs are run by first-class coaches who do things the right way, and that is shown by how hard their kids play. In both games, Iowa could have easily been blown out in the second half (as many teams will do in Hilton Coliseum), but they kept battling and had chances late to beat Top 10 Cyclone teams on the road. In this crazy world of NIL and the transfer portal where there is so much wrong with college sports, enjoy what we have with these basketball programs and what is right with how they play the beautiful game of basketball the right way. And Cyclone fans, enjoy this once again being a Cyclone State!!

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A vibrant new mural now greets visitors to Spirit Lake Public Library's children's area, celebrating young readers who complete the library's "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. The colorful artwork, funded by the Friends of Spirit Lake Public Library, honors early literacy and the children who achieve this important milestone.

Design firm Infuze Creative created the lake-themed mural featuring underwater characters excited about their treasure of books. As children complete the 1,000 books challenge, their names will be added to the display, creating a growing testament to their achievement.

The mural project was funded entirely by the Friends of Spirit Lake Public Library and specially recognizes two individuals whose families gave generously in their honor: Nan McClemon, a lifelong reader and library supporter, and Cliff Hinderman, a beloved Spirit Lake teacher. Both shared a deep passion for literacy and believed in the importance of sharing that passion with future generations.

The “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before kindergarten—a goal achievable by reading just one book daily for three years. Research demonstrates that children read to regularly enter school with larger vocabularies, better listening skills, and stronger foundations for academic success.

Since launching in 2013, Spirit Lake Public Library has enrolled 486 children in the program. Eleven completed the challenge in 2025 and will become the first to have their names added to the mural during a special graduation ceremony.

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting and the first 1,000 Books Graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 20, at 10 a.m. followed by refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about the honored donors and the program.

Families can register for the free program in person at the library or online at slpublib.com. The program is open to all children from birth to age five.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Krista is listening to *The Stolen Life* of Colette Marceau by Kristin Harmel.

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The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is held annually, and this year the KCs matched the funds and distributed them to Special Olympics and to Hope Haven in Spirit Lake and Estherville. The money raised helps support athletes with intellectual disabilities through sports. And the funds will also assist with the Hope Haven mission, including: "As followers of Christ, we unleash potential in people through work and life skills so that they may enjoy a productive life in their community."



Knights of Columbus members in dark blue tees are, kneeling, Hernani Nabuco, Cail Donkersloot and standing, Nile Skogerboe. They presented a check at Hope Haven, Spirit Lake, to Paula Gomez, Special Olympics Coach, and Lakes Area Champion athletes.

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, UDMO food bank, Spencer Flood Relief, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family, community, and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

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- December 22, 10:30 a.m. – Merriest Time of Year
 - December 29, 10:30 a.m. – New
 - January 5, 10:30 a.m. – Owls
 - January 12, 10:30 a.m. – Paint
 - January 19, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt
 - January 26, 10:30 a.m. – Rhinestones
- Milford Memorial Library would like to announce and congratulate the winners of the Festival of Trees.
- Best Business: Dollar Tree
Best Organization: Milford Girl Scouts
Best Family/Personal: Sofia Heithus
Most Creative: Milford Girl Scouts

Thank you again to those who provided trees and to everyone who came out to vote. Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Memorial Library for sponsoring the prizes for the Festival of Trees winners.

Milford Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who came out to create holiday memories during Holiday Fantasy. Seeing community members gathered doing crafts and spending time together is something we always enjoy. Santa was excited to hear so many Christmas wishes. Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Library for donating and serving the tasty holiday treats.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Holiday Fantasy "Fill the Cart" Food Drive for Dickinson County Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. Your donations will help fill their cupboards during the holiday and winter season.

On Tuesday, December 23, Milford Memorial Library will have a free double feature! Home Alone will begin at 1:00 p.m. and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York will begin at 2:30 p.m. Popcorn will be provided for this free event.

On Wednesday, December 24, Milford Memorial Library will be closing at 11:00 a.m. and will be closed all day on Thursday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, December 26, at 9:30 a.m. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Head to the kitchen with the Northey Girls at Milford Memorial Library. The display case is filled with multigenerational memories formed by cooking and baking together. They hope their memories will help you share your memories and to create your own.



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

Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center Schedule

Tuesday, December 16
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Bridge

Wednesday, December 17
9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, December 18
10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - 500 Cards
3:00 - Cribbage
4:00 - Zumba

Friday, December 19
9:00 - Exercise Class
10:00 - Chair Yoga
12:00 - Dinner Date

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Sunday, December 21
Facility Reserved

Monday, December 22
9:00 - Exercise
12:00 - Dinner Date
1:00 - Pinochle Club

Tuesday, December 23
8:30 - Kiwanis
12:00 - Dinner Date
12:30 - Bridge

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call 712-336-5247 by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Come for Dinner Date and hear our wonderful speakers. 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.

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Spencer Chamber Gift Cards are accepted at more than 50 local retailers, restaurants, salons, grocery stores, and service providers, allowing recipients to choose exactly what they want — all while keeping dollars in our community.

"These cards make holiday shopping simple, local, and meaningful," said Sheriffa Jones, Executive Director of the Spencer Chamber. "Every purchase supports the small businesses that make Spencer such a special place to live and shop."

In addition to the sale, several local sponsor businesses will be highlighted throughout the day for their continued support of the community.

Gift cards will be available for purchase in-person only at SMU and Fareway. Quantities are limited and available while supplies last.

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Obituary

A Funeral Service for Dennis Kintzi, age 81, of Milford, was held on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 11:00 am at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Interment was at Milford Cemetery.

Dennis Richard Kintzi, the son of Richard and Anna (Nelson) Kintzi, was born on June 6, 1944, in St. James, Minnesota. He graduated from high school and went on to attend Mankato State University. Dennis moved to Milford, Iowa, around 1968 and had made his home there ever since. He passed away on December 7, 2025.

Dennis enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1962, where he earned the rank of Spec. 4. He was a devoted member of Grace Communion Fellowship Church for 40 years.

A gifted and lifelong musician, Dennis played with numerous groups over the years, including The Chevelles, Dee Jay & The Runaways, and the Bill Terry and Denny Kintzi Duo. In 1966, the hit song "Peter Rabbit" charted for 14 weeks. He toured throughout the United States and Canada, performing at local venues such as The Roof Garden and The Cobblestone, and appearing on Dick Clark's Where the Action Is, Upbeat, and many other television shows.

Dennis was also co-owner and sound engineer for the Iowa Great Lakes Recording Co. from 1966–1979. In 1978, he co-wrote the fight song for the University of Okoboji. His contributions to music were recognized through multiple inductions into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Hall of Fame—first in 1997 with Dee Jay & The Runaways, again in 1999 as co-owner of the Iowa Great Lakes Recording Co., and in 2012 with The Chevelles. He was also honored with inductions into both the South Dakota and Minnesota Rock 'n' Roll Halls of Fame.


Dennis continued to write and perform music throughout his adult life and deeply cherished the friendships he formed with fellow musicians.

In addition to his musical career, Dennis enjoyed a 30-year career with Stylecraft as a CNC Programmer. He was active in his church and enjoyed traveling, gardening, biking, and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Allison (Jeff) Emery; grandchildren, Victoria (Wyatt) Keegan and Mitchell Emery; sister, Jayne (David) Lange; nephew, Jason (Jang) Lange and their daughter, JoJo; longtime companion, Becky Hitchcock; Becky's daughters, Crystal (Chuck) Fales and granddaughters, Railee White and Quinn Fales; and Patricia Rohmiller; as well as a host of friends and extended family.

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1) Those interested in driving (or walking) around and looking for birds will meet at 7:30 am at the Lakeside Lab Dining Hall. Coffee will be provided. We will meet back at Lakeside lab at noon to turn in counts & have some warm soup and lunch.

2) If you live within the count circle (see photo) you can report birds seen at your feeders by reporting them to Nick Blocha at the following email: nick.blocha@gmail.com

Snow date will be January 3rd or 4th, 2026. Results will be shared with all participants, compiled at a state level with other areas of the states, and sent to Audubon Society for their annual data collection efforts.

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Funds for these grants were raised through annual events, including the Estherville Sweet Corn Days Car Show, the Spectacular Car Show in Arnolds Park, and the Airport Drags in Spencer. Community sponsorships and event fees directly support these and other charitable initiatives.

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Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias to Headline the 2026 Clay County Fair

Spencer, Iowa — Christmas came early at the Clay County Fair, powered by SMU! The Fair is excited to unwrap its first Grandstand announcement for 2026 as part of the SMG Concert Series: comedy superstar Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias will take the stage on Sunday, September 13th, 2026. Known for his larger-than-life personality and unforgettable storytelling, Fluffy is set to bring a night of big laughs and can't-miss entertainment to the Clay County Fair Grandstand!



Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias - Sunday, September 13th, 2026, at 7:30 pm

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias is one of the world's most successful stand-up comedians and one of the highest-grossing touring comedians of all time. He is one of the most-watched comedians on YouTube, with over 2.4 billion views and over 34.7 million fans across social media. He was the 3rd-highest-grossing comedian of 2024, according to Billboard.

Iglesias has been included in The Hollywood Reporter's "Top 40 Comedy Players" issue alongside comedy giants Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, and Lorne Michaels, and was also honored with the cover of Variety's comedy issue. The comedian has had the distinct honor of being one of the few to headline and sell out Madison Square Garden in New York, Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, and The Sydney Opera House in Australia.

On TV, Iglesias is the star and executive producer of the Netflix original comedy series, Mr. Iglesias, which is currently streaming 3 seasons. Iglesias plays a good-natured public high school teacher who works at his alma mater. He takes on teaching gifted but misfit kids to not only save them from being "counseled out" by a bully bureaucrat Assistant Principal, but also to help them unlock their full potential. The show won best Primetime

Comedy at The Imagen Awards, which recognizes positive portrayals of Latino actors/actresses in the entertainment industry.

In addition to his comedy series, Iglesias has released four stand-up comedy specials with Netflix. The first in 2016 with I'm Sorry For What I Said When I Was Hungry, which was filmed at the sold-out Allstate Arena in Chicago to 20,000 fans. The second, One Show Fits All, was filmed in front of a sold-out audience at the Toyota Center in Houston and debuted in January 2019. The third Stadium, Fluffy premiered in October 2022 and was taped in front of a crowd of 55,000 fans at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, where Iglesias made history as the first comedian to perform at and sell out the largest MLB stadium in the US.

In April of 2024, Iglesias reupped with Netflix for a new two-special deal. The first of the new specials, Gabriel Iglesias: Legend of Fluffy, taped at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Florida last summer and premiered worldwide on January 7th, 2025, earning a top-ten spot on Netflix's global most-watched list.

On March 11th, 2025, Iglesias cemented his place in Hollywood as he received his very own handprint ceremony at the iconic TCL Chinese Theatre, where he was recognized for his impressive achievements in his career. He joins a small group of artists and talent to receive this honor. Additionally, it was also recently announced that Iglesias will receive a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles in 2026.

Last December, Iglesias co-starred with Tim Allen in the second season of Disney+'s The Santa Clauses. He can be seen on NBC's Lopez Vs. Lopez, opposite George Lopez, which premiered on NBC/Peacock. Most recently, he co-starred with Tim Allen this year on ABC's Shifting Gears.

Feature film credits include co-starring roles in Magic Mike, Magic Mike XXL, and A Haunted House 2. Gabriel's voice has been heard in many animated films, including the recent Space Jam: A New Legacy as "Speedy Gonzales," streaming on MAX. In 2017, Iglesias voiced the role of "Head Clerk" in Pixar's Academy Award-nominated animated film Coco.

He also voiced "Babo" in Ugly Dolls, "Rufus the Dog" in Sony's Golden Globe-nominated animated holiday film The Star, and "Cuatro" in Fox 20th Century Film's Academy Award-nominated animated film Ferdinand. Gabriel is one of a handful of comedians with a theatrically released stand-up concert comedy film, The Fluffy Movie.

On the small screen, Fluffy's Food Adventures, a non-scripted comedic docu-follow series, completed a 3-season run on FUSE TV in 2017. Gabriel was a recurring guest star on the ABC sitcom Cristela, and also guest-starred in an episode of ABC's hit comedy Modern Family. Comedy Central aired Iglesias' hit series Stand-Up Revolution for 3 seasons. Comedy Central also aired Gabriel Iglesias: Aloha Fluffy in an unprecedented two-night comedy special to over 15 million viewers. The special was a follow-up to his previous DVD specials, Hot & Fluffy and I'm Not Fat...I'm Fluffy, which has sold millions of copies.

Gabriel Iglesias is the youngest of six children, raised by a single mother in Long Beach, CA. It was during his childhood that he developed a strong sense of humor to deal with the obstacles he faced. In 1997, he set out to hone his comedic skills and performed stand-up anywhere he could find an audience, including biker bars and hole-in-the-wall joints. Gabriel's stand-up comedy is a mixture of storytelling, parodies, characters, and sound effects that bring his personal experiences to life. His unique and animated comedy style has made him popular among fans of all ages.

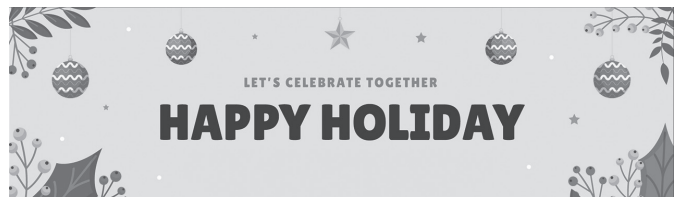
Iglesias is repped by CAA, Arsonhouse Entertainment, and Hirsch Wallerstein Hayum.

Ticket prices are \$89 (Stage Front Reserved Chair Seating), \$69 (Reserved Grandstand Seating), and \$49 (General Admission Bleachers).

Tickets for Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias will go on sale Friday, December 19th, at 10:00 am. Tickets will be available online at www.midwestix.com, by phone at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events Center Box Office. All tickets, regardless of purchase location, are also subject to a \$6.00 ticketing fee, which is not included in the advertised price.

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